

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY, September 10, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
Brandywine BEX, 1 Commerce Square, 2005 Market Street
AGENDA

1 **Approval of the June Minutes** [5 mins.]
(see attached)

2. Finance

Treasurer's Report (Matthew Schreck) [15 mins.]

2.1 Budget vs Actual 2018-2019

2.2 Proposed 2019-2020 budget

2.3 Year to Date—August 2019

3. **Office Report** (Travis Oliver) [5 mins.]

4. **President's Report**—(Maggie Mund) [10 mins.]

4.1 Board Member Responsibilities

4.2 General Policies and Procedures

4.3 Board Resignations—Jane Epstein, Lea Oxenhandler

4.4 CCD meeting 9/5/2019 Homeless and Panhandling

5. Committee Reports

a. Streets Committee Resolution in favor of Bill NO 194067-A01 As Amended

Elena Capella [10 mins] (attached to email)

At its meeting on September 12, City Council will be voting on a bill to increase fines for parking violations. The reason for the proposed increase is that the current level of fines is ineffective at deterring violations. The bill increases a number of \$50 fines to \$75, and \$75 fines to \$100. Streets Committee unanimously endorses this Bill.

An Inquirer article about the June hearing is linked here:

<https://www.inquirer.com/transportation/parking-fines-traffic-congestion-violations-philadelphia-ppa-20190605.html>

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

The Center City Residents' Association supports Bill No. 190467-A01 As Amended on Floor 6/13/2019, increasing penalties for certain parking, standing or stopping violations. We believe that

the current level of fines is ineffective at deterring violations. We think the proposed increases are reasonable, and may help reduce congestion in Center City as part of a larger program that includes improved infrastructure, increased educational outreach to the users of the streets, and more diligent enforcement.

5.1 Physical Environment—Pip Campbell [10 mins.]

5.2 Development—Rick Gross [5 mins.]

a. Blatstein Event 5.3 Membership and Communication—Donna Cordner

a. Membership Report (attached) Michele Ettinger/Donna Cordner [5 mins.]

b. Membership Table—Friends of Schuylkill River Park Fall Festival, October 19, 2019 11am – 3 pm
5.4 Government and External Relations—Charles Robin [15 mins.]

a. CCRA Policy to Join Neighbor's Zoning Appeal—Rick Gross/Matt Schreck

[10 min]

The board will vote on adoption of this policy. (See attached policy dated September 1, 2019)

Resolution: The board adopts CCRA Policy Statement, Appeals of Adverse Decisions of the Zoning Board of Adjustment dated September 1, 2019

b. Major Development Task Forces—23rd and Market & 21st and Market (see attached)

c. Possible Medical Cannabis Dispensary in Neighborhood --Charles Robin [5 mins.]

d. Remapping Committee Report (see attached) 5.5 Ad Hoc Committees

a. Liquor Ben Zuckerman [5 mins.]

b. Strategic Planning Barbara Halpern [5 mins.]

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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1. The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:01PM. The following directors were present in person or by telephone: Maggie Mund, Guy Aiman, Michael Bowman, Paula Cohen Buonomo, Elena Cappella, Philippa Campbell, Donna Cordner, Michelle Ettinger, Kate Federico, Richard Frey, Rick Gross, Barbara Halpern, Amy Jared, Susan Kahn, Doug Mellor, Lauren O'Donnell, Harvey Ostroff, Nathaniel Parks, Paul Rathblott, Charles Robin, Nan Robinson, David Rose, Matt Schreck, Robin Sweet, Dawn Willis, Jeff Braff and Steve Huntington. Stanley Krakower was also present.
2. A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 11th was made, seconded and passed.
3. The Treasurer reviewed the Treasurer's report, including the Budgeted vs. Actual results from FY 2018-2019 and presented a balanced budget for FY 2019-2020. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Treasurer's report and the budget for the current year.
4. Travis Oliver's gave the office report.
5. The President reported on:
 - Board Member Responsibilities were set forth in the handbook and each member needed to be sure to satisfy them;
 - General Policies and Procedures of the CCRA Board including the Conflict of Interest Policy (an acknowledgement of which each member is required to sign.); and
 - The resignations of Jane Epstein and Leah Oxenhandler.
6. Various Committees reported as follows:
 - Streets Committee reported by Elena Cappella

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Committee unanimously endorses this Bill. The Committee moved the following resolution which was seconded and passed:

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- Development Committee reported by Rick Gross

The Blatstein House Tour will be on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 from 5:30 – 7-30 pm at the Blatstein Residence at 1914 Rittenhouse Square. There are 20 available tickets at \$1000@ of which 13 have already been sold and 50 raffle tickets for 5 spaces at \$100@ and ten of them have been sold. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres and sparkling wine and it promises to be a special event for CCRA. Board members are urged to provide names of potential buyers and to buy either a full price or raffle ticket as part of their Board Member responsibilities.

- Membership Committee reported by Donna Cordner and Michelle Ettinger

The Membership Report is attached to these minutes. The membership table at the Friends of Schuylkill River Park Fall Festival will be on Saturday, October 19th from 11am – 3pm and volunteers are needed to staff it.

- Government and External Relations reported by Charles Robin

- A CCRA Policy concerning joining Neighbor's Zoning Appeals from adverse ZBA decisions, revised as of September 1, 2019 and attached to these minutes, was moved for adoption by the Committee. It was seconded and passed with 20 yeas, 1 nay and 1 abstention.
- Charles reported on the work of the Major Development

Task Force on proposed developments by Parkway Corporation at 23rd and Market Streets and Brandywine Realty Trust at 21st and Market Streets. Both projects will be the subject of Community Benefits Agreements that the Task Force is working on. Each will be presented for Board consideration at upcoming Board meetings.

- A Medical Cannabis Dispensary is proposing to locate in the neighborhood and the Board discussed whether to treat it in any way other than through the normal Zoning Committee process. The executive committee recommended the following revisions to the normal zoning procedures: All Board Members be notified when a medical cannabis dispensary is on the zoning committee agenda so that they can attend to hear near neighbor concerns; the CCRA board will vote on the recommendations of the zoning committee at the board meeting following the zoning committee meeting. Thus, the final determination of the zoning hearing will rest with the board. This issue engendered a lot of discussion, with several board members questioning the need for special provisions. No vote was taken.
- The Remapping Committee Report is attached to these minutes.

- Liquor Committee reported by Ben Zuckerman

Ben reported on negotiations for a Community Benefits Agreement for a boutique hotel in the 1700 Block of Rittenhouse Square Street.

- Strategic Planning Committee reported by Barbara Halpern

Barbara reported on planning for a Strategic Planning Board retreat in early 2020.

7. There being no new business, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Gross,

Secretary