

## Minutes from 1-3-12 PSCA General Meeting @ SPOAC

Attendance: Approximately 20 people including Board. Board members: Knapp, Zenzola, Morris, Emma, Pohlig, D'Ippolito, Wilder, Anton, DeCapua. Absent: Bongiovanni.

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. Announcements

- a. **New Board Members**—Ilene Wilder (fundraising) and Chris DeCapua (parks) introduced. Board of Trustees forming and will meet Jan. 17.
- b. **Fundraising appeal letter** has been sent out and neighbors should look for it in their mailboxes.

### 3. Committee Updates

- a. **Zoning**—John DiGuilio gave an overview of the zoning committee, which hears two to four cases every month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.
- b. **Events**—Upcoming events include:
  - i. MLK Day of Service—Pam Zenzola meeting with Principal Lisa Jackson from Jackson School to discuss possible service project on Jan. 16.
- c. **Education**—Christine Knapp mentioned that we hope to work with Kirkbride School this year, in addition to our ongoing work at Jackson.
- d. **Trash and Recycling**—Christine highlighted the following:
  - i. Weekly street cleaning service continues, supplemented by PARC cleaning. Neighbor commented about problem PARC trash cans that are overflowing after three-day weekends (with no collection). PSCA will talk to PARC about, recognizing that it's not a matter of short dumping with these cans, rather lack of service over the long weekend. It's something to monitor. We have redeployed cans in problem locations where dumping has occurred.
  - ii. Also, tree recycling will take place on Sat Jan 7 at 13<sup>th</sup> and Reed (Columbus Square) from 10am-4pm. Trees should not have lights, ornaments or tinsel on them. \$5 donation covers the cost of the chipper and personnel to run the chipper. Neighbors are welcome to the mulch created. Bennett Compost will also haul your tree there for an additional \$5.
  - iii. Recycling bins are available through PSCA.
- e. **Beautification**—Andrew Emma mentioned that seven new trees have been planted on 9<sup>th</sup> Street btwn Wharton and Federal. Next planting will be in April. Pruning club forming. Garden continuing to go well.
- f. **Planning**—Karin Morris highlighted the recently completed local business directory and gave an update on the neighborhood signage project.
- g. **Parks**—Chris DeCapua discussed events at Columbus Square, including Tuesday night yoga and a tot recreation program. Their advisory council meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month.
- h. **Town Watch**—Next one is Jan. 14 at 11am at Police Station at 11<sup>th</sup> and Wharton. Still looking for a leader to take this over, or a co-leader to share duties.

### 4. Other:

- a. EnergyWorks is still looking for applicants for low-cost energy audits from PSCA.
- b. PSCA is participating in the Bicycle Coalition's Safe Streets for Healthy Neighborhoods Project in South Philadelphia, investigating what streets might accommodate bike lanes, such as 10<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting is Feb. 1.
- c. PSCA was selected to participate in PWD Green Streets Rain Check stormwater incentives pilot program.
- d. PSCA is forming an outreach committee (Angel and Chris) to better involve non-English speakers, the elderly, long-time neighborhood residents, the faith community, etc.
- e. PSCA is also interested in initiating more public arts/arts projects. Neighbor suggested contacting POST (Phila Open Studio Tours) to find local artists and add to the local business directory. Ilene's husband is a member. Another resident suggested we do painting of doors/trim on houses during the citywide spring cleanup day.
- f. A survey on problem parking spots will be sent out next week, to assist the police in enforcing safe parking.
- g. A neighbor asked about vacant/abandoned properties, which we hope someone who takes over Town Watch might tackle. The survey asking for problem properties is still active on our website, and we submitted the list to L & I recently, as well as hosted a speaker in November from L & I about fines for vacant properties without windows or doors.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm. Submitted by Karin Morris on 1-4-12.