

Passyunk Square Civic Association  
General Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, March 5, 2019

President Sarah Anton began the General Membership Meeting of the Passyunk Square Civic Association (PSCA) at 6:32 PM in the South Philadelphia Older Adult Center. Board members in attendance included Sarah Anton, Suzanne Tavani, Bill Gross, Henry Sullivan, Christine Knapp, Alysea McDonald and Jeff Brown. Absent were: Theresa Rose, Kristi Buchholz, and Monica Montiel, Andrew Stober.

Sarah turned the meeting over to Police Sergeant Hanley who provided crime statistics in PSA 3 for the period of February 25 to March 3. There were three robberies, three burglaries and seven thefts from auto. She reminded the neighbors to lock their cars and not leave any valuables in sight. If residents want to receive a copy of the crime bulletin they can get it on-line. Jeff mentioned that hypodermic needles have been found in the Capitolo Community Garden at 10<sup>th</sup> and Federal Streets. He said that gardeners clean up the trash and asked what they should do if they see any needles. Sgt. Hanley suggested that they not pick up the needles but call a police officer or 311.

Sarah asked people to sign the sign-in sheet going around. She indicated that the monthly newsletter just went out for people to see. The link for the newsletter is on the agenda and it is <http://www.passyunksquare.org/about/newsletters/>. PSCA has a monthly language exchange where residents get to speak and improve their English and Spanish. It meets on the third Thursday of each month in a different Mexican restaurant. Sarah mentioned that there are greening activities in the neighborhood. On March 24 Passyunk Gardens will be having a clean-up day. There is also neighborhood tree planting.

Christine stated that a Spanish language meeting is being planned by PSCA and EPX for May.

Sarah explained that there will be no PSCA Art Auction this year; they want to give the artists a break. However, there will be art activity on Percy Street as well as a Happy Hour.

Suzanne reported that there will be three cases at the March 12 Zoning Committee meeting. 713 Dickinson Street, 1340 Reed Street and 1145 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street. 1340 Reed Street had an informational meeting last month but this month a vote will be taken. 1145 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street is proposing a sit-down restaurant on the first floor with a two family dwelling above. Suzanne stressed that it was very important for people to attend the next meeting.

Sarah stated that elections for half the PSCA Board occur every year. Nick Ventrola from the election committee was introduced. He stated that there are two forms for people interested in running for Board positions: one to nominate someone and the other to nominate yourself. Nick indicated that being a Board member was intense in terms of time. A Board member has to attend ten membership meetings and twelve Board meetings each year as well as participate in PSCA events. Nominations are due by March 24. There will be a meet and greet for Board candidates at the Tuesday, April 2 PSCA Membership Meeting. The election will be held instead of a Membership Meeting on Tuesday, May 7. Six Board positions are up for election. Currently five positions are filled, four current Board members will run for re-election but one will not.

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There is also one unfilled Board position up for election. Nick mentioned that people can find the nominating petitions at [nominatingcommittee@passyunk.org](mailto:nominatingcommittee@passyunk.org).

Sarah explained that there are other ways that neighbors can participate in PSCA without being on the Board. Committee chairs with the exception of the Zoning Chair, do not have to be on the Board.

PSCA runs a street sweeping program Sarah explained. We partner with another organization (PARC) and they recently switched street cleaning contractors. So PSCA decided to try to improve the street cleaning by having all the numbered streets cleaned every other Friday, which was all that we had the money for. The contract began in January and will continue every other week throughout the year with the exception of the month of April. April was excluded because the City is doing a Philly Spring Clean Up that month. The contract does not include the Italian Market (9<sup>th</sup> Street) since that is too much to handle. In order to evaluate the street cleaning contract Sarah asked residents on the other numbered streets to check their block at 5:00 PM every other Friday afternoon. If has not been cleaned send PSCA photos. She mentioned that there is a link in the newsletter to raise donations for this contract.

Sarah reiterated that the City is having a City-wide Philly Spring Clean Up on Saturday, April 6. PSCA is supporting neighbors that want to clean their block and she encouraged neighbors to do so. Nick said that neighbors can apply directly to the City to get supplies for a block clean up. The City will also send their trucks around to pick up the garbage collected.

Sarah reported that neighbors want to turn Percy Street between 9<sup>th</sup> and Reed Streets, into an art walk. On April 6 there will be a block clean up in the morning. In the afternoon Theresa Rose and David Guinn will have a paint play day.

Sarah indicated that many projects are happening in the neighborhood. The development at 9<sup>th</sup> and Washington Avenue is going to the Civic Design Review. There will be a repaving of 11<sup>th</sup> Street. PSCA is keeping abreast of the proposed development of the municipal services complex around 11<sup>th</sup> and Wharton Streets. All of the local parks are being renovated. The playground at Capitolo should be completed this month while the renovation of Columbus Playground and Gold Star Park have gone out to bid.

Jeff asked when work to repair the water/sewer line on 10<sup>th</sup> Street will be complete and 9<sup>th</sup> Street begun but Sarah didn't know. She said that she could invite a representative of the Water Department to the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Submitted by Jeff Brown