



**LSNA General Membership Meeting
The Barnes Foundation
June 14, 2022**

Present: Dennis Boylan, Ed Dougherty, Karen Belding, Colleen Walsh, Autumn Bayles, Susan Berrigan, Maria Bourassa, David Cardy, Suzanne Dayanim, Jim Fennell, Eilene Frierson, Frank Janitor, Sheryl Johnson, Sean Kardon, Daniel McElhatton, Drew Murray, Fran Pollock, Louise Quattrone, Diane Sales, David Searles, Sven Shroeter, Joe Sirbak, Bob Sutton, Bob Strunk, Kylee Tedesco, Pat and Andy Toy, Michael Volpe, Alan Williams, Earl Wolf, Linda Wong.

Absent: David Allon, Bill and Lynn Armstead, Mandi Bucceroni, Joan Decker, Sandie Farrell, Jovida Hill, Bijan Pashanamei, Takedda Sia, Matthew Walker, Nancy and Don Weinberg.

Light refreshments at 6 pm. Meeting called to order at 7 pm. Thank you to our hosts at The Barnes Foundation and thank you Peg Smigna.

Quorum Report. Number of association members this evening: 55.

Welcome to our special guests: Officer Jesse O Shea, Officer Steve Kiefer, Captain Colleen Billups, Ms. Candace Player from the Hub of Hope, and Councilperson Helen Gym.

Presentations: *City Council President Darrell Clarke.* Councilman Clarke shared some of his own personal history. He said that the city nearly “went under” during covid, but was able to tap into a significant reserve. Tourist dollars and tax dollars were greatly suppressed during the pandemic. The next budget will need to replenish the reserve. This budget season is quite challenging, with sky high property assessments averaging a 32% increase city wide (both commercial and residential). City council is debating

homestead , loop, and senior tax support. We will have a new superintendent of schools in the next few days, and schools need to be on sound fiscal footing. The city budget must be balanced. Crime in the city is the number one problem. 100 cameras will be placed around 19 schools directly feeding into the crime center in Philadelphia as an attempt to prevent crime. A new museum, the Calder Cathedral, will be coming to the Parkway. 1801 Vine – an announcement will be coming in about 2 weeks. They will be selecting developers for an upcoming project at the old Family court. We need greater support of the neighborhood schools. We have a new library director, a new director of the PMA.

Councilman Clarke took questions from President Boylan and the audience. The 2100 block of Cherry directional change happened without neighborhood input – Councilman Clarke had promised a neighborhood hearing last year to revisit this decision in a more transparent way. He agreed that we should have one this year. 15th Street bike lanes: Councilman Clarke has not supported these in the past. He would like to see traffic studies done not during covid to get a more realistic assessment of traffic flow and use. OTIS needs to consider bicycles, pedestrians, parking, and other concerns. CSX trains and maintenance issues continue to cause blockage of the Race street crossing. Councilman Clarke has little control or influence over CSX's actions. Motorcycles, ATVs, and dirt bikes continue to be a dangerous nuisance. Red light cameras will be installed along the parkway to catch the racers. We may be able to next install speed cameras. The police have been diligent in trying to address this serious issue. How will security be addressed at the next two large parkway events in light of the serious shooting incidents? There will be a large police presence at the Welcome America and Made in America events as well as other events. The PA supreme court needs to examine the gun laws in the state. The city struggles with a lack of support at the state level. Could the Cherry street area flooding be addressed? One member complained about potholes and the lack of communication among departments in the city such as the Streets Department, 311, and Septa. We appreciate Councilman Clarke's attention to our neighborhood concerns and thank him for his presence this evening.

Approval of May 2022 Board Meeting minutes. *Motion to approve, so moved, approved.*

Announcements:

Juneteenth Holiday, Monday June 20, 2022

Oval event starting: Wednesdays through Sundays, June 17-August 21,
Welcome America events on the Parkway June 19- July 4
Made in America September 3
LSNA block party September 18
Parks On Tap at Baldwin Park week of September 21

Consent Agenda (see below).

Nominations and Election of Officers, Directors, and Announcement of Building Representatives

Election conducted by Joe Sirbak, Judge of Elections, and Drew Murray, chair of the nomination committee. Drew reviewed the names from the nomination committee (see below). Joe reported that we have complied with our bylaws in conducting this election. *Joe called for a vote on the nomination committee slate of candidates. Passed by unanimous "ayes".* Thank you to those members who have served and who are stepping down to welcome new faces and voices.

Rob Stuart Award: Presented by Sarah Clark-Stuart: This year the award goes to *Jim Fennell* who has served LSNA on the Planning and Design Committee. He is president of the Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park. He is a gifted photographer and steward of the neighborhood.

Year in review in photographs.

New Business: none

Next Meeting will be held on July 12, 2022. The meeting will be hybrid (in person and via zoom).

Adjourn : The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. We had 55 association members in addition to other guests.

2022 Officers , At Large Board Members, and Building Reps:

Dennis Boylan, President; Ed Dougherty, Vice President; Susan Berrigan, Secretary; Colleen Walsh, Treasurer.

At Large: Bill and Lynn Armstead, Kate Ballengee, Autumn Bayles, Karen Belding, Maria Bourassa, John Carden, Christine Conley, Suzanne Danayim, Eilene Grierson, Jovida Hill, Leanne Hirsch, Sheryl Johnson,

Rich Leimbach, Fran Levi, Daniel McElhatton, Hessam Mirsaedi, Francine Pollock, Mike Reed, Diane Sales, Jeff Scafaria, Joe Sirbak, Robert Strunk, Pat and Andy Toy, Tara and Alan Williams, Linda Wong.

Building Reps: Mandi Bucceroni, Joan Decker, Sandie Farrell, Jim Fennell, Frank Janitor, Sean Kardon, Louise Quattrone, Sven Shroeter, Bob Sutton, Earl Wolf, Michael Volpe.

CONSENT AGENDA



LOGAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
P H I L A D E L P H I A

JUNE 14, 2022

Treasurer's Report

PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS

Logan Square Neighborhood Association			
May 2022 Financial Statement			
P&L			
	May 22	Jul '21 - May 22	
Income			
4000 · Revenue			
4100 · Membership Dues			
4150 · PayPal Transfer	0.00		100.00
4100 · Membership Dues - Other	120.00		14,340.00
Total 4100 · Membership Dues	120.00		14,440.00
4300 · Patron-Block Party	0.00		580.00
Total 4000 · Revenue	120.00		15,020.00
4400 · Contributions LSNA CARES -flood	0.00		4,578.00
Total Income	120.00		19,598.00
Gross Profit	120.00		19,598.00
Expense			
5000 · Events & Activities Committee			
5200 · Fall Block Party			
5210 · Wine and Beer	0.00		663.14
5220 · Food	0.00		577.24
5230 · Honorariums	0.00		300.00
5260 · Entertainment	0.00		650.00
5270 · Paper Products	0.00		231.16
5200 · Fall Block Party - Other	0.00		99.07
Total 5200 · Fall Block Party	0.00		2,520.61
5300 · Halloween Party	0.00		850.07
Total 5000 · Events & Activities Committee	0.00		3,370.68
6000 · Communications Committee			
6200 · Website	0.00		5,125.02
Total 6000 · Communications Committee	0.00		5,125.02
7000 · Health & Safety Committee			
7200 · 9th District PDAC Contribution	0.00		1,474.90
Total 7000 · Health & Safety Committee	0.00		1,474.90
9200 · Beautification & Maintenance Co	0.00		921.21
9900 · Executive Committee			
9930 · Insurance			
9931 · Director & Office Liability Ins	0.00		1,928.00
9932 · General Liability Insurance	0.00		2,312.00
Total 9930 · Insurance	0.00		4,240.00
9960 · Office Expense	4.26		2,848.12
9970 · Other Discretionary	0.00		2,500.00
9975 · LSNA Cares	0.00		5,000.00
Total 9900 · Executive Committee	4.26		14,588.12
Total Expense	4.26		25,479.93
Net Income	115.74		-5,881.93
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
1000 · Cash- TD Bank Checking			45,512.70
3000 · Pay Pal Account			423.09
Total Checking/Savings			45,935.79
Total Current Assets			45,935.79

LSNA Membership Report FY21-22

May 8, 2022 – June 10, 2022

June 14, 2022

FY21-22 Members – 426

Residential – 403 (65 NEW; 321 Renewals; 17 Carry-over)

Commercial – 23 (2 NEW; 20 Renewals; 1 Carry-over)

- 12 Bldg./Condo Assoc. (- NEW; 11 Renewal; 1 Carry-over)
- 11 Businesses/Institutions (2 NEW; 9 Renewals; - Carry-over)

FY21-22 Membership Income – Total \$15,825

Residential – \$12,025

Commercial – \$3,800

- Bldg./Condo Associations - \$2,050
- Businesses or Institutions - \$1,750

Submitted by Pat Toy
Chair, Membership Committee

PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS

FY20-21 Members Final Report

Total Members – 433 (Residential – 411; Commercial – 22 (12 Bldg./Condo + 10 Bus/Inst)

Total Income – \$18,583 (Residential - \$12,283; Bldg./Condo - \$2,100 + Bus/Inst - \$4,200)

FY19-20 Membership Final Report

Total Members – 390 (Residential – 370; Commercial – 20 (12 Bldg./Condo + 8 Bus/Inst.)

Total Income – \$12,935 (Residential – \$9,885; Bldg./Condo Assoc. - \$1,950 + Bus/Inst - \$1,100)

FY18-19 Membership Final Report

Total Members – 392 (Residential – 370; Commercial – 22 (10 Bldg./Condo + 12 Bus/Inst.)

Total Income – \$14,375 (Residential – \$10,825; Bldg./Condo Assoc. - \$1,600 + Bus/Inst - \$1,950)

FY17-18 Membership Final Report

Total Members – 383 (Residential – 360; Commercial – 27)

Total Income – \$14,280 (Residential – \$10,080; Bldg./Condo Assoc. - \$1,650; Bus/Inst - \$2,550)

FY16-17 Membership Final Report

Total Members – 372 (Residential – 341; Commercial – 31)

Total Income – \$15,520 (Residential – \$9,835; Bldg./Condo Assoc. - \$2,500; Bus/Inst - \$3,185)

FY15-16 Membership Final Report

Total Members – **336** (Residential – 310; Commercial – 26)

Total Income – **\$13,505** (Households/Individuals – \$9,555; Bldg./Condo Assoc - \$2,750; Bus/Inst - \$1,200)

FY14-15 Membership Final Report

Total Members – **309** (Residential – 278/Commercial – 31)

Total Income – **\$16,365** (Households/Individuals - \$9,445; Residential Buildings - \$3,700; Commercial Members - \$3,220)

Health & Safety Sub-committee Minutes from JUNE 6, 2022 via Zoom

- Crime Report Officer Kiefer - Theft from Auto remains our largest concern with 14 Auto Burglaries from May thru June 6, and 5 Catalytic Converter thefts in our neighborhood.
- Shooting at 17th & JFK on June 1st at 11 PM was drug related. Detectives have video from COMCAST CENTER. Victim remains in hospital in stable condition
- Car Jacking at 15th & Arch at 1 AM on May 22nd
- Shooting on June 3rd in City Hall SEPTA Concourse. Septa Police have the shooter.
- One residential burglary – Bike stolen from 400 Block of North 18th St
- ADVICE: Please be aware of your surroundings at all times. DO NOT STARE at Cell phone or have ear buds while walking. If you think you are being followed, go to a WELL LIT AREA, or duck into a store or restaurant, and call 911

Questions for Darrell Clarke on June 14th Annual Meeting

1) Mike Volpe will ask about Cherry St directional change from November 2020. Why did we not have a meeting of Near neighbors, and Poll LSNA residents?

2) Bike Lanes on 15th Street from VINE ST to JFK BLVD – Why is Darrell opposed to this safety measure ?

3) CSX Train crossing – Why is gate locked and for how long, MAJOR INCONVENIENCE for neighbors

PORCH PIRATES – Taking boxes from front steps, - if you are not home, ask a neighbor to gather your Packages to hold for you

ATV's / Motorbikes - Do we have cameras for the Parkway and JFK BLVD. Speeding and Drag racing concerns. Cameras have helped Roosevelt Blvd, why not in Center City ?

PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS - Lock all doors and Windows when not at home. Make it hard for intruders to break in to your home. Police have flyer to distribute on June 14th.

GRAFFITI - CLIP will assist. [https://www.phila.gov/services/streets-sidewalks-alleys/report-graffiti/or call 311](https://www.phila.gov/services/streets-sidewalks-alleys/report-graffiti/or-call-311). Report graffiti, If you see graffiti in your community, you can request its removal for free. The Graffiti Abatement Team can usually remove or cover up graffiti in 4-5 days, except in cases of adverse weather

PARKING ON CALLOWHILL/FRANKLINTOWN BLVD for # 6 Parking stickers – Eilene, Dennis and Fifth District Council Office, along with PPA with walk the neighborhood to address the parking space shortage in JUNE, hopefully before the Annual Meeting.

Eilene Frierson has agreed to co-chair this sub-committee with Dan for 2022-23 LSNA year.

The committee is always open for new members and additional ideas. We would very much like to hear your views and concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Solis-Cohen

LSNA H & S sub-committee co chair

ZONING REPORT

1. 1776 Benjamin Franklin Parkway- An application has been made for signage at 'The Terrace on 18th'. The variances needed refer to the size of three flat wall signs and their location above the second floor windowsill. The formal RCO meeting will be at our January 2022 Board meeting.

The Applicant presented plans and photos of the signs that have already been erected without complete approvals.

A Motion was made to OPPOSE the request for a variance after the fact, as it violates both the spirit and letter of the law and the non-compliant signs should be removed by the Applicant and replaced. The Board voted unanimously 30-0. The ZBA hearing is scheduled for March 16th, 2022 at 2:00PM.

The Applicant has requested that the Board reconsiders the vote taken at the January Board meeting and has been granted a continuance of their ZBA hearing. A discussion will be held on the Tuesday April 12th Board Meeting.

After discussion at the April 12th Board meeting, the Board agreed to continue to oppose the request for a variance. This information was provided to the Applicant's attorney along with a request to schedule the ZBA hearing. The date is TBD.

2. 500 N 18th Street- An application has been made for signage for 'Thrive Affordable Vet Care' in a commercial space at the corner of 18th and Spring Garden. Spring Garden Civic Association is the Coordinating RCO for this variance and held a public meeting on Monday June 13th SGCA had been the Coordinating RCO last year when the Applicant had sought and received a Use variance for the space previously occupied by 'Golden Chopsticks', to be used for 'Animal Services With No Overnight Stays'. Th ZBA hearing is scheduled for August 24th, 2022 at 2PM.

