

December LSNA Board Meeting

via Zoom

December 13, 2022

Present: Dennis Boylan, Ed Dougherty, Susan Berrigan, Colleen Walsh, Bill and Lynn Armstead, Kate Ballengee, Autumn Bayles, Karen Belding, Maria Bourassa, Suzanne Danayim, Sandie Farrell, Jim Fennell, Jovida Hill, Frank Janitor, Sean Kardon, Rich Leimbach, Fran Levi, Francine Pollock, Louise Quattrone, Mike Reed, Diane Sales, Jeff Scafaria, Robert Strunk, Bob Sutton, Pat and Andy Toy, Michael Volpe, Linda Wong.

Absent: Mandy Bucceroni, John Carden, Christine Conley, Joan Decker, Eilene Frierson, Leanne Hirsch, Sheryl Johnson, Daniel McElhatton, Hessam Mirsaedi, Drew Murray, Sven Schroeter, Joe Sirbak, Robert Strunk, Tara and Alan Williams, Earl Wolf.

Meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Quorum Report: Attended by 29 Board members within a total attendance of 92.

Approvals: November 2022 Board Meeting Minutes and Consent Agendas. FY 2022-2023 LSNA Membership Report.

Above minutes/reports were unavailable at meeting time due to technical issues. Anticipated publication before the January 2023 meeting.

Announcements:

LSNA Holiday Party - Sunday, December 18, 2022, 4pm–7pm, will be held in the event space on the top floor of the new One Cathedral Square, 1676

Race Street, Philadelphia, PA.

Contact **Project Home** at 215-232-1984 for both questions and bequests. Check their Amazon Wishlist for suggestions for charitable donations.

Thanks to Pat Toy for Membership maintenance and support.

City Holiday Trash and Recycle Schedule:

12/27/22 instead of 12/26/22; 1/3/23 instead of 1/2/23.

Tree Recycling January 9, 2023. Probably at Boy Scouts building.

Photo review:

Building at 23rd and JFK next to Septa tracks, building at 23rd and Cherry, Edgewater prefab on 23rd.

Ben Franklin Parkway with marathon runners.

Clean up at Friends of Rob Stuart Dog Run on Winter Street.

All traces of construction materials gone from the Hamilton.

Construction continues at the Baldwin on Callowhill Street.

Truck ignoring the “no turn” warning at 19th and Hamilton... Turning anyway and getting stuck!!!

Presentation by Luisa Fernandez, University of Pennsylvania

Senior thesis: Investigation on the association between the development of the Schuylkill Banks from 1998-2006 and the physical, mental, and social health of older adults living in the 19103 zip code.

Looking for volunteers to be interviewed in conjunction with her project of linking aging and environment. Working with an epidemiologist, Dr Stephanie Mayne, at University of PA.

Volunteers must have lived in 19103 between 1997 and 2007. Must have been at least 50 years old in 1998.

Participation Includes an approximately one-hour interview, in person or virtual. History of physical, mental and social health. All data will be deleted after six months, and NONE will be shared.

Contact Luisafer@sas.upenn.edu or 267-357-6853 (calls can be for any reason or question tied to her research).

Zoning Report: (Report is not attached due to technical difficulties; will be published along with the November minutes.)

There was a short discussion (led by Rich Leimbach) regarding the interest by PMC Corporation in building three townhouses at 21st and Van Pelt St, next to the old Ortlieb's Electric garage. There have been several zoning variances over the years regarding the land's use, eg, industrial, commercial, residential. Currently the property is not zoned for PMC's intentions; therefore, a variance would be required. Also mentioned were the previous issues regarding the primary entrance to the property, ie, Van Pelt and/or 22nd Street. It had come to Dennis' attention that the "near

neighbors” were under the impression that the project was a “done deal” but Dennis promised nothing had been decided!!!

President’s Report/Updates:

Dennis has been attending the regular meetings of the **Parkway Council**.

Re-imagine the Benjamin Franklin Parkway project is running behind schedule. Nothing new to add.

Issues surrounding the potential movement of the *antique gas station currently on the property at 20th and Arch* to **Aviator Park**, and converting it to a café have yet to be resolved as to (a) who - the city, the cultural institutions, etc - would maintain the building, (b) whether moving the building there would become a hangout for indigent and homeless, (c) the intrinsic safety of the area considering the current violent occurrences in the city, (d) vandalism, etc... PMC, the owner of 20th/Arch property is due to break ground there on a high-rise office building before the Christmas holiday.

Controversy continues regarding **Portland Loos** constructing permanent bathrooms outside of the MSB... Concerns regarding maintenance, homeless persons, vandalism, and safety permeate the discussion.

There have been two meetings regarding the traffic pattern on **Cherry Street** between 21st and 22nd Streets.

Project to convert **1801 Vine** (Family Court) into the African American Museum is delayed.

Dennis continues to attend meetings and work with the group at the

Philadelphian Condominiums seeking remedy for the **loud and unauthorized and illegal vehicles** causing noise pollution and safety concerns on the Ben Franklin Parkway and around Eakins Oval. Putting together a list of questions to ask the candidates who will be running for mayor of Philadelphia in 2023.

Drew Murray continues to hold meeting of the **Crosstown Coalition** of which he is president.

Dennis has officially requested remedy for the elimination of several blocks of **Zone 6/Franklintown parking spaces** (~~commandeered for official use in conjunction with the Police Department's move to Broad Street~~) by both meeting with Council President Clarke as well as writing a letter - with supporting map - to the PPA. He has requested an allocation of at least 30 additional spaces for Zone 6.

Dennis suggested that LSNA put together a program to **meet the candidates running for mayor in 2023**. Jovita Hill volunteered to coordinate and organize, including developing a list of questions and inviting them to speak to us.

Dennis noted that **Penny Bach**, major influencer in public sculpture display in the city, is retiring. Also, there is a new **Director for the PMA**. Dennis is going to see if she would like to come speak to us.

Old Business: NONE

New Business: NONE

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.