



Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 28, 2011

Meeting Begin: 7:00 PM

Meeting End: 10:09 PM

Board Members Present: Jon Adler, Kristen Albee, Kevin Gray (Chairperson), Brian Lawson, Jennifer Leupold, Desarrie McDuffie, Mark Scott, Gus Scheerbaum (Corporate Secretary), Betty Seymour (Controller), Paul Toner, Lauren Vidas

Board Members Absent: Aaron Cohen, Jocelyn Hill (Vice-Chairperson), Michael Showell (Secretary), Peg Talbott-Lane (Treasurer).

Others Present: Andrew Dalzell (Staff)

Mr. Gray called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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Mr. Scott made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Ms. Leupold seconded the motion. One (1) abstention. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Lawson reviewed the treasurer's report as written, enclosed in the SOSNA Board packet. PNC signature cards have arrived and await Ms. Talbott-Lane's signature. Mr. Lawson and Ms. Talbott-Lane will meet in the New Year to review organization's financials.

Initiative Reports

Clean & Green

Ms. Vidas presented the Clean & Green Initiative update as written and enclosed in the SOSNA Board packet.

Mr. Lawson made the motion to write a check to the "Fund for Philadelphia" for \$4,500 by end of year 2011 for the Big Belly at 16th and Christian Street. Mr. Toner seconded the motion. The motion was approved with one (1) abstention.

Mr. Dalzell will submit detailed accounting of Phase II of the Big Belly Campaign at the January 2012 Board Meeting.

Community Impact

The update was reviewed by Board members.

Ms. Seymour made a motion to allocate \$350 to fund the completion Friends of Chester A. Arthur's non-profit registration, specifically to publish notice of their application in local newspapers. Ms. Vidas seconded the motion. The motion was approved with one (1) abstention.

The Board discussed the need for written criteria and protocols for supporting the founding and incorporating of neighborhood-based organizations.

Safety

The update was reviewed by Board members.

Economic Development

The update was reviewed by Board members.

Development & Planning

Mr. Toner reviewed the Development & Planning initiative update as written, enclosed in the SOSNA Board packet.

Mr. Toner reviewed the process and results of the 2400 South Street redevelopment project by Toll Brothers.

Funding Ratifications

Mr. Lawson made the motion to spend \$414.42 to pay Divan Turkish Kitchen for the 2011 SOSNA Board retreat. Mr. Scott seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Scheerbaum made the motion to allocate \$600 to cover previous medical expenses for the full-time employee. Ms. Vidas seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Program's Coordinator's Report

Mr. Dalzell presented the Program Coordinator's report as written, enclosed in the SOSNA Board packet.

Mr. Dalzell will disseminate the posting for hiring a spring semester intern to the Board of Directors.

New Business

Mr. Toner suggested hosting a general meeting, likely in March, to discuss the impact of commercial businesses on residential blocks and to neighbors. The Board agreed with this idea by consensus.

Mr. Adler asked what more SOSNA can do to fight the potential closure of the E.M. Stanton Elementary School. Mr. Scott updated the Board the Supporters of Stanton's activities. Mr. Scott will circulate letters for Board members to sign individually protesting the closure.

Mr. Lawson made a motion for SOSNA to support the efforts of the Supporters of Stanton to keep E.M. Stanton School open because the SOSNA Board believes every child deserves the opportunity for a quality education, such as is provided at Stanton. Ms. McDuffie seconded the motion. The motion was approved; Ms. Vidas and Mr. Toner abstained.

Adjournment

Ms. Leupold made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Albee seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.