



SOSNA Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

Meeting Begin: 7:05 PM

Meeting End: 9:15 PM

Board Members Present: Daniel Chung, Aaron Cohen, Ryan Donnell, Kevin Gray (Vice-Chair), Jocelyn Hill (Corporate Secretary), Brian Lawson (Treasurer), Janet Lorenz, Gus Scheerbaum (Chair), Mark Scott, Betty Seymour, Michael Showell (Secretary), Paul Toner (Controller), Lauran Vidas

Board Members Absent: Desarrie McDuffie, Peg Talbott-Lane

Others Present: Andrew Dalzell (Staff), Christopher Durham

Mr. Scheerbaum called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

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Mr. Lawson made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Scott seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Lawson reviewed the Treasurer's Report enclosed in the SOSNA Board packets. Mr. Lawson reported that additional Board members' time and energy will enhance efficiency of "the account" work as well as reducing the cost of the service.

Ms. Hill proposed the Board explores developing a 'counter signature requirement' over a certain amount allocated.

Ms. Hill made the motion to require a counter signature requirement for checks over \$1000.00 assuming PNC can provide checks with counter signatures. Mr. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Initiative Reports

Clean & Green

Mr. Dalzell noted that the Streetscape Contest was underway and that judging is to take place early next month.

Community Impact

Mr. Gray spoke to the lack of Community Impact Committee meetings and set dates for the meetings. The Community Impact Committee will begin meeting every third Tuesday of the month starting in August.

Development & Planning

Mr. Showell reviewed the Zoning Workgroup initiative update as written in the SOSNA Board packet.

Mr. Chung reviewed the Zoning Meetings update for particular zoning applicants.

Mr. Chung discussed the Zoning Committee being contacted directly regarding a special meeting with Toll Brothers pertaining to the 2400 Bainbridge project. It was noted that interested CCRA representatives and zoning workgroup members are also invited to participate.

The meeting is planned for August 4th, 2011 at the SOSNA office. The Board resolves to table further discussion until New Business portion of the agenda.

Safety

Mr. Donnell presented the Safety Committee initiative update as written in the SOSNA Board packets.

Mr. Donnell presented a plan for a barbeque event for National Night Out planned to be held at Chester A. Arthur School to be held on August 2, 2011.

Mr. Donnell made the motion to allocate \$750.00 for the “Light Up the Night Bar-b-que.” Ms. Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dalzell and Mr. Scheerbaum updated the Board on the Better Blocks Philly traffic calming demonstration project in partnership with Design Philadelphia, WRT, and Brown & Keener scheduled for October 13-23, 2011.

Ms. Hill made the allocate 275.00 for the printing of the posters and flyers and 75.00 for DesignPhiladelphia registration. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously.

Mr. Donnell spoke to the increased interest in the Rally for the Alley initiative. The competition requirements and the disclaimer “to receive the prize is clearly stated”.

Mr. Donnell made an allocation for an additional \$400.00 for Rally-for the Alley initiative to the initial allocation to cover up to nine registrations. Mr. Chung seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously.

Economic Development

Mr. Showell presented the Economic Development initiative update as written in the SOSNA board packets.

Mr. Scott made the motion to allocate \$250.00 towards Barbara Karp’s printing cost and \$250.00 for the design of the Economic Development Committee’s ‘Slick Sheet.’ Ms. Seymour seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously.

Mr. Chung suggested a threshold for when we are looking to get competitive bids for allocations. Mr. Scheerbaum said that this discussion is tabled until further notice.

Mr. Scheerbaum reviewed the Triangles update as written enclosed in the SOSNA Board packet. Mr. Scheerbaum described two possible funding resources for the realization of the triangles project in the near term and in the longer term. The City has issued an RFP for their Pedestrian Plaza Program. This grant could fund near term physical improvements. DVRPC has advertised and RFP for their TCDI grant. SOSNA volunteers have initiated efforts to pursue both grant opportunities.

General Meeting

A discussion future General Meeting topics was be tabled to be discussed via email on the SOSNA Board Google group.

Mr. Scheerbaum suggested the Board continue to utilize the Google group to discuss topics or issues between Board Meetings.

Mr. Gray noted that all Board members are to be cognizant of the tone expressed (intended / unintended) in emails and that if members feel in any way that the true meaning of an email is not coming across, that members should not hesitate to follow up with one another.

Zoning Committee Appointments

Mr. Scott recommended the Board should circulate for completion a conflict of interest form for the Zoning Committee.

Ms. Hill made a motion to revises our Conflict of Interest Form, to be applicable to the SOSNA Board and the Zoning Committee, to be reviewed during the August SOSNA board meeting. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Scott made the recommendation to request the Zoning Workgroup discuss the policy of no more than two term limits. Ms. Hill requested the formal response in writing.

A discussion ensued about the validity of the candidates for the Zoning Committee appointments and the viability of a Co-Chair position.

Mr. Scheerbaum called the Board into Closed Session for a discussion of the Zoning Committee appointments. Paul Toner and Jocelyn Hill also stepped out since they were both nominees for the upcoming Zoning Committee.

The Board was called back into Regular Session. The appointments for the 2011-12 Zoning Committee are as follows: Ann Hoskins-Brown, Murray Spencer, Paul Toner, Logan Ferguson, Michelle Ashley and Charlie Williams.

Program Coordinator's Report

Mr. Dalzell reviewed the Program Coordinator's Report as written enclosed in the SOSNA Board packets. He noted that the Blocktoberfest committee suggested the 2011 Blocktoberfest be held on the East South Street.

Board Retreat

Mr. Scheerbaum suggested that the upcoming Board retreat consist of more team building instead of a planning forum as has been the model in recent years. He suggested that this strategy could enhance the Board's efficiency. Ms. Vidas, Mr. Gray, Ms. Seymour, and Mr. Scheerbaum all resolved to develop team building concepts for the retreat.

2301 Washington Update

Mr. Dalzell informed the Board of the update to 2301 Washington Avenue.

PHA Update

Mr. Toner gave the Board an update for the PHA property.

New Business

Ms. Hill reported SOSNA is shopping for Comprehensive Liability Insurance with the quotes enclosed in the SOSNA Board packet. She has solicited additional quotes as well.

Ms. Hill made the motion to allocate \$373.00 for the new Worker's Compensation Policy. Ms. Seymour seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the protocol for formal messages to the community. The Board resolves to delegate further detailing of this protocol to the Community Impact Committee.

Ms. Seymour reported the website company needs payment via Debit Card only. The Board resolves to

move the payment plan to the website company to the PNC Debit card.

Mr. Lawson suggested the Board move to online banking.

Ms. Vidas made a motion to pay core bills electronically. Ms. Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Vidas reported the Stanton K-8 school is facing closure by the School District of Philadelphia. The Keep Stanton Open core group has contacted SOSNA and requested SOSNA assist in the petition process. The Board decided by consensus to support the petition to keep Stanton School open.

Adjournment

Mr. Chung made an announcement, that tonight's meeting will be his last, since he has decided to resign from his position on the Board. All thanked Mr. Chung for his volunteerism and contributions to SOSNA.

Mr. Chung made the motion to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Ms. McDuffie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.