



### **Board Meeting**

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

Meeting Begin: 7:00 PM

Meeting End: 10:09 PM

Board Members Present: Jon Adler, Kristen Albee, Aaron Cohen, Kevin Gray (Chairperson), Jocelyn Hill (Vice-Chairperson), Brian Lawson, Jennifer Leupold, Mark Scott, Gus Scheerbaum (Corporate Secretary), Betty Seymour (Controller), Michael Showell (Secretary), Peg Talbott-Lane (Treasurer), Paul Toner, Lauren Vidas

Board Members Absent: Desarrie McDuffie

Others Present: Andrew Dalzell (Staff), Andrew Tague, Loretta Tague

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

### **October 26, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

*Mr. Scott made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Toner 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.

### **Evaluation of Meeting Schedule**

The Board approved the meeting schedule.

### **Initiative Reports**

#### ***Clean & Green***

Ms. Vidas reviewed the Clean & Green Committee initiative report as written, enclosed in the SOSNA Board packet.

Ms. Vidas reported the November 19, 2011, SOSNA tree-planting went as planned and was well attended.

Ms. Vidas reminded the Board to attend the December 3, 2011, hyper (2X2 block area) clean up event. The city will send 15 volunteers and pick up the trash at the end of the day.

Ms. Vidas reminded the Board of the SOSNA board challenge to raise \$100 per Board member to be contributed to the Big Belly Campaign, mini campaign for two Big Belly trashcans, by the end of the calendar year.

*Mr. Lawson made the motion to allocate the maximum of 1250.00 for the additional Big Belly campaign expense. Ms. Talbott-Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Ms. Vidas discussed the need for more public green space in the east portion of the SOSNA catchment area.

Ms. Vidas discussed the Clean & Green Committee's aspirations to form a workgroup to identify and implement a plan of action to negotiate with the City of Philadelphia for the release of the RDA NW corner lot on 17<sup>th</sup> of Carpenter, to form a public green space.

*Ms. Vidas made the motion to allocate \$425.00; \$125.00 for the park rendering, \$75.00 for the printing costs of the park rendering, \$225.00 for the legal formation of the group for the preservation of the green space, on the condition that SOSNA be a board member of the legal entity for the purpose of the preservation of the green space. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. One (1) abstention. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Ms. Vidas made the motion to allocate \$500.00 to sponsor a SOSNA Year-End Volunteer Thank you Party and Fundraiser at Side Car Bar & Grill (22<sup>nd</sup> and Christian Streets, Philadelphia). Ms. Albee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Ms. Vidas invited the Board to attend the Bloktoberfest Check Presentation, December 6, 2011, at Bob & Barbara's (1509 South Street, Philadelphia), to the recipients of the proceeds from Bloktoberfest 2011.

*Mr. Lawson made the motion to allocate \$2500.00 to Mighty Writers (1501 Christian Street, Philadelphia), \$2500.00 to Bainbridge House (1520 Christian Street, Philadelphia), \$2500.00 to Shiloh Baptist Church (2040 Christian Street, Philadelphia) and \$2500.00 to the Friends of Chester Arthur (2000 Catharine Street, Philadelphia), from the Bloktoberfest account, with the remaining balance to be allocated at the December SOSNA Board of Directors meeting. Ms. Seymour seconded the motion. Two (2) abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Community Impact**

Ms. Seymour presented the Community Impact Committee initiative update as written, enclosed in the SOSNA Board packet.

### **Safety**

Ms. Albee presented the Safety Committee initiative update as written, enclosed in the SOSNA Board packet.

The Better Blocks Campaign online survey remains available. A paper copy of the survey has been available at the SOSNA office.

### **Economic Development**

Ms. Seymour presented the Economic Development Committee initiative update as written, enclosed in the SOSNA Board packet.

### **Development & Planning**

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

Mr. Toner presented the update on the PHA negotiations.

Mr. Toner presented the update on the 2301 Washington Ave. application.

Mr. Toner presented the update on the Toll Brothers project (2400 Bainbridge Street, Philadelphia).

*Mr. Toner made the motion for the Board to approve the change in the letter to the ZBA from non-support to non-opposition. The letter will be written upon presentation to the community during the regularly scheduled Zoning workgroup meeting, the Board authorizes the chairperson of the Zoning committee and/or the chairperson of the Board of Directors, to advise Toll Brothers, by December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011, that a letter of non-opposition will be written by SOSNA, and further authorizes the zoning chairperson in conjunction with the SOSNA program coordinator, to draft a public statement setting forth the reasons for the changes in SOSNA's position. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. One (1) abstention. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **December Board Meeting Discussion**

A discussion ensued about the scheduling of the December SOSNA Board of Directors meeting. The meeting will be scheduled for December 28, 2011.

### **Board Retreat Recap**

Mr. Gray formally thanked the Board for full participation and thorough participation during the retreat.

Mr. Gray requested Board members from each initiative committee outline projected initiative goals for 2012, to be submitted by December 28, 2011.

Mr. Gray requested that each initiative committee plan and facilitate one of the six (6) generals meeting to be held during the 2012 calendar year.

### **Program's Coordinator's Report**

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

The Board discussed exploring, utilizing a weekly update of initiatives' progress to vet updates on a weekly basis.

Mr. Scheerbaum suggested the Board consider having the 2010 and 2011 Tax 501(c) 3 tax renewal applications, combined and modified to create an annual summary.

### **New Business**

Mr. Gray recognized Loretta Tague, to address the Board about pet ownership related incidents at Julian Ablele Park (22<sup>nd</sup> Carpenter Street, Philadelphia) on behalf of the Friends of Julian Ablele Park.

Ms. Talbott-Lane discussed the Bloktoberfest Committee's future role and the partnership with SOSNA.

*Mr. Lawson made the motion to allocate the remaining balance in the Bloktoberfest bank account as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, to the Bloktoberfest entity, with the understanding that the New Bloktoberfest entity, shall indemnify SOSNA for any future arising liability or obligations from the 2011 Bloktoberfest event. Mr. Scott seconded the motion. This discussion satisfied all prior obligated tabled motions and discussions pertaining to the rolling over of all Bloktoberfest funds in the Bloktoberfest PNC bank account. Three (3) abstentions, two (2) opposed. The motion carried.*

### **Adjournment**

*Mr. Scott made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 Pm Ms. Vidas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*