



Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2011

Meeting Begin: 7:00 PM

Meeting End: 9:50 PM

Board Members Present: Kristin Albee, Aaron Cohen, Kevin Gray (Vice-Chair), Jocelyn Hill (Corporate Secretary), Brian Lawson (Treasurer), Janet Lorenz, Gus Scheerbaum (Chair), Betty Seymour, Michael Showell (Secretary), Paul Toner (Controller)

Board Members Absent: Ryan Donnell, Desarrie McDuffie, Mark Scott, Peg Talbott-Lane, Lauran Vidas

Others Present: Jim Campbell, Andrew Dalzell (Staff)

Mr. Scheerbaum called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mr. Scheerbaum welcomed new Board Member Kristin Albee who was appointed by Board members last month and ratified by the general membership at the recent SOSNA general meeting.

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Ms. Lorenz made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Gray 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 informed the Board as to the logistics of connecting the Blocktoberfest bank account to the SOSNA main bank account.

Ms. Hill reiterated the Board's need for sufficient liability insurance for SOSNA's diverse interests going forth and suggested the Board retain outside council to advise SOSNA on liability and appropriate coverage.

Mr. Lawson presented to the Board the quote for liability insurance for special events from CSI Special Events insurance for Blocktoberfest 2011.

Ms. Lorenz made the motion to allocate \$ 1644.00 to cover our annual comprehensive general liability policy starting September 27, 2011 through midnight September 26, 2012. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Bylaws Changes

A discussion ensued pertaining to the bylaw changes that had been brought up at last month's Board meeting.

Ms. Hill made the motion to table the discussion pertaining to Article VI until further view.

Mr. Toner made the motion to table the discussion pertaining to Article XIII until further view.

Mr. Toner noted the need for additional discussion pertaining to the Notice of Committee Meetings articles.

A discussion ensued pertaining to the logistics of the processes to finalize the bylaw changes to be ratified by the SOSNA membership.

Mr. Toner made a motion to authorize Mr. Dalzell to schedule a special meeting for the Board of directors solely to the purpose of finalizing the amendments to bylaw articles VI and XII. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Regarding Article VII; Paragraph III; Sections D,E, the Board agreed to the changes by consensus and agreed that these would be voted upon after having resolved the other proposed changes.

Initiative Reports

Development & Planning

Mr. Toner reviewed the Development & Planning initiative update as written in the SOSNA Board packets.

Mr. Toner informed the Board to the outstanding payment owed to Fineman, Krekstein and Harris, PC.

Mr. Toner made a motion to approve a payment to Fineman, Krekstein and Harris, for \$1205.49. Mr. Gray seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously.

A discussion ensued pertaining to the status of the 2301 Washington Ave. case and the validity of going forth.

Mr. Toner made a motion to suggest Ms. Hill to make an overture to Joe Bellored about the possibilities of beginning negotiations for the 2301 Washington Ave case going forth. Ms. Lorenz seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention.

Mr. Gray made the motion to approve the SOSNA Zoning Workgroup's guidelines; with careful attention to all language included in the guidelines. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion carries with one abstention.

Economic Development

Ms. Seymour presented the Economic Development Committee initiative update as written in the SOSNA Board packets.

A discussion ensued pertaining to the promotion of the commercial property database and the need for additional questions answered.

Safety

Ms. Ablee presented the Safety Committee initiative update as written in the SOSNA Board packet.

Ms. Albee reminded the Board to remember the upcoming Better Blocks Philly project, and said that the committee is in the midst of delegating specific tasks to volunteers.

It was noted that the property owners involved in the pop up stores and the additional parking for Better Blocks would be included as additional-insured in our insurance policy.

Clean & Green

Mr. Scheerbaum presented the Clean & Green Committee initiative update, in light of Ms. Talbott-Lane's absence.

The Board was updated on the Streetscapes competition awards, which is to take place at the October General (Elections) meeting.

Community Impact

Mr. Gray presented the Community Impact Committee initiative update.

All discussed securing the non-profit status to have reduced mailing policy. Mr. Gray informed that the Board might not be applicable for the reduction status.

Mr. Gray discussed the revival of the Michele Cutner award and the possibility of developing a new SOSNA award for local students. Such an alternative would create a refreshed and transparent community award to augment the Michele Cutner award.

Program's Coordinator's Report

Mr. Dalzell presented the Blocktoberfest update for the Board's information.

New Business

Blocktoberfest Update:

Clean up: Ready, Willing and Able, LLC. was discussed as a possible service to be utilized.

Security: The Board inquired and discussed the particulars regarding the security details; 35 drinkers pub, police presence, and additional security needed.

The Board's inquired about the logistics of the drinking area distinction, ticket process, and communication with Mr. Gamble about the drinking area.

Donation/Sponsorship: The Board discussed the processes and proceeds from Blocktoberfest as well as distribution to which entities and how.

Mr. Dalzell stated, that the Blocktoberfest committee will take these concerns in to account during the next two meetings prior to the Blocktoberfest event.

Mr. Showell made the motion to retain all monetary proceeds from the Blocktoberfest event, to be distributed, with the Blocktoberfest committee's formal recommendations for distribution.

Mr. Toner seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously.

The Board will revisit liability insurance for the Blocktoberfest event by calling the broker as soon as possible.

Mr. Scheerbaum offered a formal thank you and a general farewell on behalf of SOSNA to the SOSNA Board members leaving the Board, including Janet Lorenz and Ryan Donnell as well as Board member who are running for reelection and may or may not be returning for second terms including Ms. Hill, Mr. Showell, and Mr. Toner.

Mr. Dalzell suggested that the Chester A. Arthur develop a Junior Neighborhood Ambassador program with a rewards program to recognize high achievement.

Mr. Showell made the motion to allocate \$ 300.00 Junior Neighborhood Ambassador reward fund. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session

The Board discussed retaining outside counsel for liability issues.

Mr. Toner made the motion to allocate \$ 2500.00 to obtain a retainer for the purpose of general SOSNA Board responsibilities. Ms. Lorenz seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously.

The Board also discussed PHA and Greater Saint Matthew's Church.

Adjournment

Ms. Seymour made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM. Ms. Lorenz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.