



Spruce Hill Community Association
257 South 45th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

SHCA Board
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 7:30pm

Meeting location: SHCA Center, 257 S 45th St or remote via Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9404207576?pwd=UEVRbmU2clpuTkhhYitxQWhORzErdz09>

Attendees:

In person – Sylvia Hamerman-Brown, Tony West, Jamie Vann, Nicole Gawel, Police Officer Nickol Taylor (UPENN PD), Gary Williams (UPENN PD), Marta Bartholomew, Jenine Sanzari, Libby Rosof, Vicki McGarvey, Becca Geller-Puchalsky

On zoom – see screenshot below

Welcome and Introductions (Sylvia Hamerman-Brown)

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes (May and June) **both approved**

Speakers

- No external speakers this month

Guest

- Officer Nicole Taylor – UPENN police - said they would like to get involved and help with the Halloween parade.

Committee Updates

- **Historical Preservation Committee** (Jenine Sanzari) – the first historic district quadrant was approved!!!
 - Many kudos and congratulations to the committee and all those who worked so tirelessly to push this forward.
 - There is ongoing deliberation on which quadrant is next

- At first, the northeast quadrant was under consideration, but recommended that hold on that, and pivot to northwest quadrant and southwest quadrant. So would combine two for submission, the timeline would potentially be may or June of next year. If remain with northeast, would be sooner, the end of this year. Investigating how many are owned by particular owners. Jenine will be meeting with the consultant next week, will send a link. Another consideration, Philadelphia historic committee has the wash west nomination pending for several months, so even if we move forward, we may be delayed in review.
- **Zoning** –
 - SEPTA trolley station – there are still some local objections but SH zoning approved it
 - 4422 – was another case – asked for revisions
 - There was another case that I missed
- **Safe Streets & Commercial Corridors** (Evan Johnstone & Eric Santoro) – no report from the committee. Becca – 43rd and Spruce – there is a mural, and will start to see things happening in about 8 weeks or so. Planters. They are waiting for other planters to be installed.
- **Operations** (Tony West) – multiple external users. Working on basement. Have cleaned out or resolved all the mystery stuff. A book plan for dispersing the books. Internet working again. Could consider asking groups who use the internet to contribute to the costs. Our space is being used by a group that helps people with disabilities. Sat 11/14, 11-4.
- **Spruce Up Committee** (Laura Line) – met with someone who wants to submit a block grant application, should get it soon. If they apply, Laura will review the application and then submit it to the board, for a vote. Free tree deadline – is coming up.
- **Crosstown Coalition** (Vicki McGarvey) – quick update, will send the rest by email. There is a subcommittee on bicycle safety – they have made a motion, write a letter asking the city to take action, separate bike lanes, more no parking signs, and more. Motion will be for all over the coalition members to approve the letter. Will keep an eye out for the email, will need to vote/approve by email.
- **Education** (Becca Geller-Puchalsky) – Becca is not sure she will be able to be the SHCA rep on the School Advisory Council. At least one Monday a month. Helpful time to share information. Marta can attend in Becca's stead. The official SAC rep will still be Becca, and she will see what she can do officially, may consider transferring official SAC representation. There is an effort to commute together on a bicycle – chaperones needed. Sugirtha – Lea – there is new leadership. There was search, new principal, new assistant principal. Communication is great. SAC meetings start next week

Weds at 5pm, we are not their designated community member (Walnut Hill is) but Sugirtha will still keep tabs.

- **Executive Committee** (Becca Geller-Puchalsky)
 - Summer Open Projects Updates -
 - Drug and rehab center proposed – no updates
 - Foreclosed house on little osage – has been boarded up and is quiet – 4231 Osage





















 - Tot Lot Parade
 - Spruce Hill committee to help with the parade/block party. If you know of a neighbor who is not on the block but would like to help, please connect. Form a committee, solicit list serve. Richard M. is happy to volunteer. Ask neighbors along Larchwood. Select a date for the meeting – Jamie – has done more on the party side. Leslie had previously done more on the parade side. Should be something happening right now with the parade permit. Will need some lead time with the city. Someone to pick up the Penn band. Becca can reach out for to Leslie guidance – and via email will pick out a date for the committee meeting. Insurance/permit, ad hoc committee, \$300 donation. And another contribution from the police? They would like to set up a trunk or treat/table, as part of the community outreach – want to know - where should they be set up? Richard will give something to Jamie. Richard M - Is there a flyer for the block party/parade?
 - Annual Meeting and Elections
 - Need a topic – could be a cool update on the historic district, but how about a featured speaker?
 - Nominations committee – need to also see if people will be staying/going. Becca will email out to exec.
 - Jeff – wants to make a presentation to the board
 - Cash layout – should have enough money in the trust to cover the remaining – Barry G gave consultants the green light to continue.

All Other Business

None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Meeting adjourned 8:38PM

-  Monica E Calkins (me)  
-  Spruce Hill (Host) 
-  ROM  
-  Anne Thomforde Thomas - lung  
-  Bridget Lessner  
-  Laura Line  
-  Sugirtha Stathis  

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