



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

SHCA Board
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 7:30pm

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9404207576?pwd=UEVRbmU2clpuTkhjYitxQWhORzErdz09>

Attendees:

In person – Becca Geller-Puchalsky, Nicole Gawel, Richard Moore, Jamie Vann, Tony West, Libby Rosof, Evan Johnstone, Officer Taylor

On zoom – see screenshot below

Welcome and Introductions (Becca Geller-Puchalsky)

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes (September) .minutes – motion passed, evan seconded, all in favor - approved

Speakers

- No external speakers this month

Committee Updates

- **Halloween Committee** (Becca Geller-Puchalsky)
 - Position for Penn police
 - Still looking for a large vehicle for penn to transport the Penn band and their equipment. Evan will ask Kevin Kearney about his pick up truck. Several people offering small vehicles to transport students. Will talk to Gary about the truck.
 - Volunteer paperwork – Becca has these - will give to the students at the event. Jamie needs some. Becca will send electronic copy.
 - Leslie said it was Chris O’Donnell – Sugirtha will get in touch with Chris O’donnell to ask him if he wants to be parade marshall. What time would need him arrive? 3:45
 - Check for Lil Osage party – Richard will send to Jamie. \$300 – exec approved via email and confirmed via voice in meeting.
 - In Philadelphia can text 911 and tell them your name and situation.
 - Jamie – making progress on Osage a little slower than usual but not concerned, trying to have final flyer ready for distributing to PAS and Lea.
 - Straw bales
 - Tables will be borrowed

- Flyers for cars
- Other Advertising Campus copies print flyers–
 - for flyers, we can distribute
 - St francis de sales – can advertise to them as well
 - Notice to list serve – will then get picked up. West Philly Local message
- There is a block party permit, but haven't yet received the special event permit

● **Executive Committee** (Becca Geller-Puchalsky)

- Parktober – for Friends of Clark Park – requested a donation, and exec recommends - initially did not have quorum to vote. Motion to approve contribution of \$2000. Posters – at Sylvia's house. October 19th event. Passed contribution.
- Annual Meeting and Elections – motion to approve the slate as proposed was made – seconded and approved.
 - Nominations committee (Monica Calkins)
 - 2 vacancies for two year term, one for one year term – Thank you for your service Sugirtha and Ignacio!
 - 1 nominee, need two more
 - Asking board to approve the current slate of incumbents, will email for approval once vacancies are filled
 - Keep an eye out for email asking you to update your bio

2025 Board (Nov. 2024 election)

Executive Board 2025 (1-year term; only President has 2 year term limits)	Office Term	Year of next election	Notes:
Rebecca Geller-Puchalsky, President	2024	2025	incumbent
Sylvia Hamerman-Brown, Executive Vice President	2024	2025	incumbent
Anthony West, VP for Operations	2024	2025	incumbent
Richard Moore, Treasurer	2024	2025	incumbent
Monica Calkins, Secretary, Co-Chair May Fair	2024	2025	incumbent
Board of Directors 2025 (tentative)	Year current term began	Year of next election	Staying on board?
vacant	2024	2026	
Chris Bole	2023	2025	(took over 2nd year for Anthony West in 2023)
Vacant	2023	2025	
Julie Bush	2023	2025	
Frank L Chance	2023	2025	
Barry Grossbach, Chair Zoning	2023	2025	
Rich Guffanti, RichGuffanti@yahoo.com	2024	2026	incumbent
Evan Johnstone, Co-Chair May Fair	2024	2026	incumbent
Laura Line, Chair Spruce UP	2023	2025	
Vicki McGarvey, Chair Community Engagement	2024	2026	incumbent
Andrew Richman	2023	2025	
Libby Rosof	2023	2025	
Craig Santoro	2024	2026	incumbent
Eric Santoro	2023	2025	(took over 2nd year for Becca Gellar-Puchalsky in 2023)
Jenine Sanzari	2024	2026	incumbent
vacant	2023	2025	
Anne Thomforde	2024	2026	incumbent
Marta Bartholomew	2024	2026	new in 2024
Nicole Gawel	2024	2026	new in 2024
Bridget Lessner	2024	2026	new in 2024
Rolling off the Board in 2025:			
Sugirtha Stathis			
Ignacio Bunster			
Veronica Alvarez			

- Group that wants to come to do a presentation about the historic district issues –

- Annual meeting speaker – Rick Krajewski
 - Topics – neighborhood, growth, progress, anything broader, broader than spruce hill? Let him discuss what he would like
 - Becca will get slides from last year from Eric
- Resurrection – fellowship hall
 - How to set up and what to set up
 - They had a TV – large screen with powerpoint/zoom
 - Snacks – food – get whatever we get – snacks.
 - 7:30 start time
- **Spruce Up Committee** (Laura Line)
 - Got an application from the 4500 block of Pine!!! – they want to prep and plant trees - filled out a diagram with the tree spots
 - Full board – vote on the amount. \$1000. Make a motion to approve. Seconded. Passed.
 - Have them send photos of the before and after.
- **Historical Preservation Committee** (Jenine Sanzari) – see email update
- **Zoning** (Barry Grossbach) – no updates
- **Safe Streets & Commercial Corridors** (Evan Johnstone & Eric Santoro) – Evan – wanted to follow up on a business town hall that he was not able to attend. Did talk to owner of Jinxed – what drove decision to leave. Biggest issue was lack of foot traffic – not a lot of people coming in. Evan would love to know from Vince whether there is anything we can provide them from the business that. 43rd street getting painted. Speed bumps went in around PAS.
- **Operations** (Tony West) - basement – finished sweeping half the basement. By next week will have finished sweeping the bottom of the basement. Book Sale - open house – Monica said she would consider coordinating if there are other people interested in helping out (Sylvia volunteered). That we should do. Holiday season. One of the groups is paying “rent” \$15/month – will confirm with them that they are intending to make a contribution (v. that we are requiring rent). Tony will check.
- **Crosstown Coalition** (Vicki McGarvey) –
 - presentation by representative Solomon, and he is looking for people to support a disbanding of the sheriffs office in Philadelphia. Vicki will send out in an email. Crosstown has asked that everyone go back to our RCO’s and ask if we are willing to sign on to a letter asking people to examine the sheriffs office. There was an editorial in the Inquirer back in April – there will be that background. There is a draft letter in the notes that we could choose to write/edit. Due November 25th. After read all the background, can discuss by email.
- **Education** (Becca Geller-Puchalsky)
 - Marta not own tonight, but on PAS SAC meeting with Becca, not much new information.
 - Jeanette Bruegger from OTIS was there.
 - Lea – business as usual there.

All Other Business

- None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 12th, 2024, Resurrection Church, 7:30pm

Meeting adjourned – 8:50pm