



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

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AGENDA

Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 7:30pm

Meeting location:

257 S 45th St and by zoomed

[Attendance sheets to be attached as amendment).

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes (October)

Motion to approve – Richard, seconded – Evan. Motion to passed.

Welcome and Introductions (Becca Geller-Puchalsky)

- **Officer Taylor –**
 - Pushing people to come to the PSA3 meeting – need community presence there – come to the meeting so your voice can be heard. 19 S 38th street inside the cathedral – 6pm. Third Thursday every month. Really need people to come to express concerns. Know who is coming and who is patrolling – the community relations for the 18th district. 311 may not get the results you are looking for. Evan will commit to attend those as the SHCA rep.
 - 18th District officer
 - Let her know about any events

Committee Reports

- Exec – (Becca) – started an audit of last year’s budget – Tony, Becca, Marta – looked through the QuickBook. Feel they need to know about the Trust. So reached out to Michelle Robinson. Will know a bigger picture once they see what is available there.
- Historical Preservation Committee (Jenine Sanzari)
 - There is a lawsuit against the City – it’s an appeal of the quadrant that passed
 - We will proceed with the other quadrants
 - Eric volunteered to help from a legal standpoint as he has litigation expertise
 - Jenine will have a timeline
- Zoning (Barry Grossbach)
 - SJU – there is another information sharing session – they may have sold some parcels, this will be 2 weeks from now, he will get back to us
 - Mill Creek Tavern – new 4 story apartment buildings

- Safe Streets & Commercial Corridors (Evan Johnstone & Eric Santoro)
 - Put our stake in the ground for May Fair – Evan reached out to Barrett – Evan will put him the list. Permit application will be submitted.
- May Fair (Monica Calkins/Evan Johnstone)
 - Will attend First Thursday – seek support for May Fair – Glenn Bryant – Vice President of Community and Government Affairs
 - Committee Launch meeting later this month or early February
- Operations (Tony West)
 - Things stable on the rental and the user group front.
 - Focus to propose a the open house event here on the weekend before valentines day
 - Get rid of books
 - Conjoin it and turn it into welcome space and give information about Spruce Hill
 - Setting up this event would involve –
 - Light decorating
 - Mood improvement
 - Music
 - Slides of activities on a loop
 - Literature
 - Need Couple of volunteers
 - Asia
 - Sylvia
 - Bridget
 - Monica
 - Volunteers now – get going now
 - Feb 8th is the day
 - Tony will arrange with the groups to meet at some other time or to ensure no overlap
- Crosstown Coalition (Vicki McGarvey)
 - Vicki will send along the letter – State Rep Jerry Solomon – advocating for city/sheriffs office be examined. Those ways are summarized in the letter of support. 15 RCO's have voted, 12 have signed on, 3 are abstaining. The remainder are issues in the sheriffs office. Seems close to politics? Need our response before their next meeting later this month. Vicki will send this out. Richard – is it about a particular issue? Vicki – sheriff sales, general citizen. Richard – if there is a specific issue because something to be signed onto. Tony – councilwoman's stand on this? Vicki – reread the background. Vicki will get the pdf to us, and we will vote by email.
- Education (Becca Geller-Puchalsky) – SAC, doing great, Lea HSA family chili kickoff. New principal has been a great improvement, and they hope she will stay a long time.
- Spruce Up Committee (Laura Line) – always welcoming more people – last year had an application for a block grant from the 4500 block of Pine. A lot of sweat equity. Leah Finnegan who spearheaded. Sent photos to Rich G for updates for the website and to Evan for Facebook. Can do a lot through UC Green for free, help you clean out and prep the tree. Can get a free tree through the city. Deadlines for the trees – Laura will make sure that folks are aware. Rolling deadline – if you know if anyone who is interested – contact Laura Line she will walk

through it. If you have ideas and just want to flesh it out. Application on the SHCA website.
Underutilized – bring block members together, consensus around the project as well.

Open Discussion

- NONE

Concluding Remarks (Becca Geller-Puchalsky)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:31pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 11th, 2025