

# **Minutes for 06/03/2021 CRCA Meeting**

Via Zoom 7:30pm

**Welcome by Celeste Hardester, president, Central Roxborough Civic Association**

**Approved minutes from April and May meeting**

**Guest Speaker: Pam DeLissio**

- June 17th Town hall zoom at 10 AM, open mic style
- Gave overview of budget negotiations
- 2021 is a redistricting year, Losing 1 congressional seat.
- Contact Pam DeLissio for more details
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  - 215 - 482 - 8726
  - RepDelissio.com

**Variance Appeal Presentation**

**4112 Pechin St - Brian Crocodilos - designblendz, Rachael Pritzker - Counsel, Scott Woodruff - Architect.**

- 36 dwelling units, 25 accessory parking
- “Price conscious housing”
- 5 refusals from L&I
  - Multi Family unit in RSA 5
  - Steep slope variance
  - Height Variance
  - Drive Aisle width variance
  - Parking space size variance

At least 10 neighbors made comments and asked questions. All expressed concern about various problems they would have with this project being built.

When asked if anyone supported this project as proposed, no one said they did.

**Update from Josh Cohen**

**5542 Ridge Ave - Roc Development**

- He met with Nate from Roc Development on Tuesday, June 1
- By right development
- Developer is interested in meeting with Josh Cohen, Celeste Hardester, and Curtis Jones
- Will seek getting answers from Planning Commission to questions re site before meeting with Roc Development

### **City Budget**

- Fiscal year starts July 1st
- City is submitting their balanced budget

### **Backyard Chickens**

- Were prohibited in 2004
- Proposal to allow backyard chickens again
- No more than 6 hens, no roosters  
#Chickendelphia

### **Other Discussions**

Discussion of Moratorium on new construction of multi - tenant housing in Roxborough; observation was made that this worked well on Main St years ago. Need to get data on number of units permitted and built in last 10 years; need to build conversation among all civics.

### **Future CRCA meeting formats**

- Discussion of Zoom VS. In Person VS. Hybrid; no decision made; perhaps alternate

### **Community Announcements**

**Two on Tuesdays**, hosted by Roxborough Manayunk Conservancy, a group that is focused on preserving the open space in Roxborough and Manayunk. Volunteers pick up litter, cut back foliage, plant trees and flowers, etc., and then go out for food and refreshments. It's a good way to get to know people in your community.

- Email [johnmcarpenter@msn.com](mailto:johnmcarpenter@msn.com) if you would like to get involved.
- John Carpenter is also involved with the Roxborough Manayunk Conservancy, a group that is focused on preserving the open space in Roxborough and Manayunk.

### **Meeting conclusion**

- Throughout the meeting, 68 people were in attendance, including presenters. People were able to raise their hands to speak, or use the Chat function.
- Meeting was administered by Celeste Hardester.