

Minutes for 02/03/2022 CRCA Meeting

Via Zoom 7:30pm

Welcome by Mike Katra, Vice President, Central Roxborough Civic Association

Approved January Minutes

Important Announcements

- Reminder to renew membership if you haven't already
- SEPTA will be hosting an informational meeting for the Wissahickon transfer station on Thursday February 10th 2022 at 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Updates from:

Pam DeLissio - State representative

- Congressional districts, state representative, and State senate districts are redrawn every 10 years.
- The new congressional map is in the courtroom and on February 18th the Pennsylvania supreme court will be holding a hearing.
- We will be losing a congressional seat in Pennsylvania, going from 18 members to 17 members.
- Final State senate and State house maps will be released tomorrow on February 4h 2022 at 1 pm by the Legislative reapportionment committee.
- The Commonwealth Court deemed Mail-in ballots unconstitutional on January 28th 2022; it has been appealed.
- There have been 70 state constitutional amendments introduced in this legislative session starting January 2021 and ends November 2022
 - There will be a town hall meeting with Pam DeLissio on February 22nd 2022 at 7 pm that will cover the 70 constitutional amendments
- You can contact Pam DeLissio at:
RepDeLissio@pahouse.net
215-482-8726

Vicki Riley - Public information Officer with the Department of Revenue

- If you are a homeowner real estate taxes are due on March 31st 2022
- Homeowners can apply for the Homestead exemption at their permanent residence and will receive a deduction of \$629 a year from their real estate taxes.
 - Homestead does not apply new construction with a tax abatement
- Senior citizen tax freeze program; must be 65 years of age or older and if you are a single person your income must not exceed \$27,500 a year and if you're a married couple your income must not exceed 35,500 a year in order to qualify
 - the year you apply for the program and are accepted your real estate taxes are frozen and will not increase as long as the person is living in that home.
- a person can have their primary residence Homesteaded AND have the Senior citizen tax freeze program applied to their account.
- There is an Installment plan for low income households where you can pay monthly payments for real estate taxes instead of yearly. There is an age requirement of 65 years or older.

- Owner Occupied payment agreement plan which is an agreed monthly payment based on income, will stave off foreclosure.
- Water bill
 - There is a tiered assistance program which is payments based on income not your consumption
 - There is a 25% discount on water bills for senior citizens who make less than \$35,000 a year
 - You can contact Vicki Riley at: Vicki.Riley@phila.gov

Variance Review Presentation

4215 Boone St - Rachael Pritzker - Lawyer; Colin Coppola - Owner;

- Looking to legalize current use for parking
- Wants variance to add 3 accessory parking spots in the side yard.
- Side yard is already paved. The owner paved it before knowing that he needed a variance
- Straw poll showed 100% support for variance.
- Near neighbors expressed concern with development and traffic flow/safety on the small dead end street.

Update on Development

4112 Pechin St - ZBA scheduled for 2/15/2022 9:30AM on Zoom, will need to pre register for the meeting. Instructions can be found on the website at [www. CRCA.us](http://www.CRCA.us)

Other Discussions

Roxborough Historic District Update

- A detailed public meeting about this will be on February 23rd.

Community Announcements

Two On Tuesdays - Group of volunteers from across the community who take care of public spaces not maintained by the City.. Cutting back foliage, weeding, planting trees and flowers, removing trash, etc; they go out for pizza and beer afterwards. It's a good way to get to know people in your community.

- Email 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, 49 people were in attendance, including presenters. People were able to raise their hands to speak, or use the Chat function.
- Meeting was administered by multiple board members.