

# **Minutes for 11/02/2023 CRCA Meeting**

Via Zoom 7:30pm

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

## **Updates from:**

### **David Rivenbark from Tarik Khan's office - State Representative**

- There was a good turn out at the shred event in east falls
- There will be a Health for the holidays event on December 16th at 11am - 2 pm at North Light where you can get a free screening for diabetes, eye exams, etc
  - There will be a flier going out to the neighborhood.
- At the state level an anti SLAPP bill was passed in the House which allows Judges to throw out SLAP suits faster and allows the RCO to counter sue for a SLAP suit.
- Funding for State Colleges passed in the house with a tuition freeze
- The house passed a bill for a grant program that provides money for security for places of worship, i.e. cameras, better doors, etc
- LIHEAP - Home Energy Assistance Program opened November 1st 2023, it is an income based home heating assistance program, they have different grants for different needs and home sizes. Does not need to be repaid.
  - <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx>
- You can contact Tarik Khan at:
  - [RepTarik@pahouse.net](mailto:RepTarik@pahouse.net)
  - [www.RepTarik.org](http://www.RepTarik.org)
  - Office is located at 4001 Main St Suite 101
    - Mon - Fri 9 AM - 5 PM
  - Phone 215-482-8726

### **Josh Cohen - Chief of staff for Councilman Curtis Jones**

- Councilman Curtis Jones introduced a bill on behalf of Councilman Darrell L. Clarke
  - Bill will change the city's charter that will indemnify RCOs to help even the playing field with developers.
    - Will be on the spring primary ballot and if it passes it will be applied sometime in 2024.
- [Joshua.cohen@phila.gov](mailto:Joshua.cohen@phila.gov)
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## **Variance Review Presentation**

- None

## **Update on Other Projects**

John Carpenter - CRCA President

### **Update about the 6174 Ridge ave development project**

- There has been a new development plan proposed by the Developer
- The new meeting for this development project will be November 27th at 7pm on zoom.
- There should be a new design package posted to the website for people to look at before the meeting.

## **Other Discussions**

### **Liz Robinson - Member**

#### **Presentation on residential solar power**

- The Inflation reduction act has an unprecedented amount of incentives for switching to clean energy.
  - There are tax credits for people who switch to solar
  - If you dont want to buy your own unit you can rent a system from places like Posigen
- Presentation can be found on the CRCA website
- Solarizephilly.org/
  - Will vet contractors and help you along the way for residents of Philadelphia

### **Chuck Broadbent - Treasurer**

- There are 6 district rep seats open for districts 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, and 13 if you are interested in filling those spots please contact the CRCA board
- We now have 128 members for the 2023 year VS. only 82 members for the 2022 year
- Donations are very important to help us meet the financial demands to keep advocating for the neighborhood.
- You can donate online on the website

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## **Update on the Village on the Ridge - Chuck Broadbent**

- The draft bylaws are with the lawyer
- Should have its 501c3 status by the end of the year
- Their first activity will be a historic tour of the Leverington Cemetery on Saturday November 4th at 10 am with Don Simon.
- Meetings will be held in a new coffee shop that is taking the place of the bike store on Ridge ave across from Stanley's

## **Roxborough Manayunk Stair Walk - Elliott Duhan**

- There will be another Roxborough-Manayunk stair walk on December 16th at 10 am, they will be meeting and ending the walk at Pretzel park.
- Will be 3 hours long and will cover 4.5 miles
- Requires walking up and down 16 of the 17 staircases in Roxborough-Manayunk with some breaks in between.
- Looking for a geologist or historian to assist with the walk.

## **Meeting conclusion**

Throughout the meeting, 28 people were in attendance, including presenters. People were able to raise their hands to speak or use the Chat function.