

Minutes of **CRCA General Meeting**

Thursday October 5th 2023

Virtual via Zoom - 730pm

Welcome and meeting introduction from Vice President Mike Katra

Announcements

- **RoxtoberFest update** - 10/7 on Ridge Ave this year
- **Porchfest update** - 10/14 at various locations around Manayunk/Roxborough. See Facebook page for details

Membership Update - Chuck Broadbent

- Continue to see new members signing up
- Reminder to renew for 2023 if you have not done so yet
- Thank you to everyone for their continued support

Village for Seniors - Chuck Broadbent

- Planning stages continue to move forward for The Village with drafting of bylaws and setting up 501c
- The goal of the Village is to help seniors age in place, create opportunities to socialize within the community and create a network of connections between people
- 96 people have shown interest in Rox/Myk, East Falls has a similar group with ~230 members
- Chestnut Hill, Mt Airy etc have the Northwest Village in place already

Quiet Clean Philly - Anne Dicker & Michael Dunn

- Grass roots campaign to socialize the impacts of gas powered lawn equipment
- Initial focus in on leaf blowers
- More information at www.Quietcleanphilly.com

Tarik Khan - State Representative updates

- Anti SLAPP legislation sponsored and passed the House
- Pep & Prep - supporting health insurance for HIV at risk people
- Legislation introduced allowing Nurse Practitioners to practice individually and without a doctor supervision
- 10/9 from 4-7pm meet and greet at Cathedral Village with Tarik
- Shred event - 10/28 10a-12p in the New Courtland parking lot (3232 Henry Ave)
- Hosting a disability summit 11/8 from 10a-1p (3232 Henry Ave)
- Health for the Holidays event - 12/16 11a-2p at North Light

Zoning and Variance Updates

6174 Ridge Ave - new plans submitted and a review will be scheduled in the coming weeks

5542 Ridge Ave - Nate Turock

- Application for a variance to allow 21 parking spaces under the nearly completed apartment building
- Refusal because current zoning requires 45 parking spaces vs 21 provided
- Several near neighbors asked questions about how the parking would be used for move in/out, deliveries and trash collection
- Concerns over the noise the garage door will make to adjacent neighbors
- CRCA zoning committee asked Mr Turock to look into providing parking within a reasonable distance to increase the amount of parking required
- A straw poll was taken:
 - 6% supported the variance
 - 74% opposed the variance
 - 19% were not opposed

4433 Fleming Street - Rob Klein

- Application for a variance to allow an airbnb at this address for the 2 units
- Josh Cohen informed the meeting that the change in the Cities zoning code was to help get the airbnb's throughout the City registered, not to stop them. All airbnb's now require a variance to continue operation if not in a specific subset of zoning classifications
- Owners are a husband and wife who manage these locations and live just outside the city
- Near neighbors spoke up and have no objection to this location remaining an airbnb
- Any variance approved would stay with the property in perpetuity
- Concerns that a short term rental takes away from an already short supply of rental units in the MYK/Roxborough area
- A straw poll was taken:
 - 23% support the variance
 - 58% oppose
 - 19% not opposed

There were 48 people in attendance throughout the meeting who were able to ask questions and submit feedback via the chat.