

Minutes for 02/02/2023 CRCA Meeting

Via Zoom 7:30pm

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

Approval of January minutes

Reminder for 2023 Membership Renewals

Updates from:

Tarik Khan - State Representative

- February 9th from 6:30 PM - 8 PM there will be a town hall meeting at Roxborough High School in the auditorium.
 - Topic will be gun violence and it will be moderated by ceasefire
 - Will have the family of Nicholas Elizalde and another family of a victim of gun violence
 - Dr. Terry Richmond, a researcher at University of Pennsylvania will be a speaker about potential interventions.
- Special election will be on tuesday February 7th to fill open democratic seats in the house
- Potential grand opening will be in March 2023
- You can contact Tarik Khan at:
 - RepTarik@pahouse.net
 - www.RepTarik.org
 - Office is located at 4001 Main St Suite 101
 - Mon - Fri 9 AM - 5 PM
 - Phone 215-482-8726

Variance Review Presentation

- None

Update on Other Projects

6174 Ridge ave

- CDR Met on December 6th 2022
 - Many negative comments about the way the design looks
 - Developer is considering changing the look of the design
 - Was not received well at all.

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- CDR was continued until February 7th 2023 in the afternoon
 - 2nd time the project will go through review with CDR
 - Opportunity for public input
- Has been talking to the CRCA Zoning committee and RDC about the possibility of continued revision of building plans.
- Talking to post office to see if they can retain them as tenants
- There is a demo permit on the property but no demolition will happen until at least the end of this calendar year.
- Developer wants to get new plans together before the end of march

NCO Update

- NCO - Neighborhood Conservation Overlay
- Effects ridge ave only
- Designed to put further restrictions on development along several blocks of Ridge Ave
- Last June a very tight overlay was put through by Curtis Jones in response to input he received from the CRCA, Ridge Park, Wissahickon, and the RDC.
 - New development will have to have 1:1 parking instead of 3:10
 - Did away with height bonuses unless actual affordable units are built.
- One restriction loosened limiting commercial space to 8,000 ft. that the RDC wanted to do away with.
- The planning commission is going to look at NCOs across the city to see if the changes we want to make can be applied to other neighborhoods in the city and also to give us feedback.
- A rough parking survey done by the CRCA showed that 1/3rd of the blocks off of ridge ave are solidly parked by 8 pm and 2/3rds seem to have 2 or 3 parking spots by 8 pm.
- Continuing to meet with the planning commission about the NCO, next meeting will be mid to late March to fine tune the overlay that was passed last June

Other Discussions

Financial Review

- Went over 2022 Financial Report
 - Broke down finances and showed CRCA income via membership vs donations vs other income
 - Showed CRCA expenses - Legal fees, insurance, CRCA property maintenance, etc
- Treasurer position will be transferred to Chuck Broadbent
- We raised a little over \$5,000 during 2022

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- Donations are very important to help us meet the financial demands to keep advocating for the neighborhood.
- You can donate online on the website or send your donation to our P.O. Box at
 - % John Carpenter, President CRCA P.O. Box 25859 Philadelphia pa 19128

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, 27 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.