

Minutes for 03/02/2023 CRCA Meeting

Via Zoom 7:30pm

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

Approval of January and February minutes

Reminder for 2023 Membership Renewals

Updates from:

Tarik Khan - State Representative

- Rep Joanna McClinton was elected to speaker of the house
 - She is the first female and second black speaker of 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

Josh Cohen - Chief of staff for Councilman Curtis Jones

- The Mayor's last budget speech
 - The budget for the upcoming fiscal year will be 6.1 billion dollars
 - Funds will be invested in Public safety, street repairs,
- There will be no reassessments this year
- Budget hearings will start March 28th and then continue through the beginning of May
 - Can be watched live on channel 64 and a recording can be watched on Youtube
 - will be opportunity for public testimony
- Septa's bus revolution will brief Councilman Curtis Jones' office next week with their new plans and they will work with Rep. Tarik Khan's office in the early spring to have a public meeting
- Joshua.cohen@phila.gov
- Phone 215-686-3416

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Variance Review Presentation

577 Jamestown Ave - Roger Perry, ESQ; John Dunphy, Owner

- The Henry James Saloon est 1989
- Zoned RSA 3
- Originally there was a bar on the first floor and basement with an apartment on the 2nd and 3rd floor, John Dunphy reconfigured it after he bought the building in 2018 and wanted to eliminate the apartment and extend the bar throughout all 3 floors.
 - Seeking a variance to use the 1st floor as the bar area, the patio adjacent to the bar for outdoor seating, the 2nd floor as an event room, and to use the 3rd floor as an office
 - There is a 25 person capacity on the second floor
- Refusal for expanding the use of a sit - down restaurant, located only on the first floor, throughout the structure.
- ZBA hearing date is May 10th 2023 at 9:30 AM
- 5 near neighbors showed up
 - The neighbors were allowed to voice their opinions and ask questions
- Straw poll showed 25 out of 58 in support, 23 out of 58 in opposition, and 9 out of 58 neither support nor oppose. Due to some technical issues Not everyone was able to vote

472 - 474 Roxborough Ave - Bill O'Brien, ESQ; Baker Street Partners, Owner; Chris Carickoff, Architect

- Zoned RSA 3
- Existing house is being used as four apartments with a 4 car garage in the back
- Wants to build an addition onto the existing house with 12 apartment units and 22 parking spaces
 - seeking a variance for multifamily use
 - Seeking a variance for a 7ft yard instead of an 8 ft yard
- The neighbors were allowed to voice their opinions and ask questions
- Straw poll showed 28 out of 52 in support, 23 out of 52 in opposition, Due to some technical issues Not everyone was able to vote

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Update on Other Projects

- None

Other Discussions

Chuck Broadbent - Treasurer

- **Reminder for 2023 Membership Renewals**
 - **\$10 for individuals, \$25 for businesses**
- 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, 76 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.