

BCNC

Minutes Board Meeting of 9/14/10

Meeting was called to order by President Greenhalgh. Members in attendance were Greenhalgh, Grugan, Briggs, Moog, Russoniello, Wertheimer, Goldberg, Haas, Toole, O'Bannon, Foy, Zucker, Smith, Kocent, Zimmerman.

Announcements; Hayes Manor Flea Market scheduled 9/18/10. Township Issues Report, Part of Comprehensive Plan, distributed.

Minutes; May and June meeting postponed.

Treasurers Report. Revenue of \$6,500 has been received. July 4 cost and revenue were similar to last year. Membership is down and expenses are on budget. Tiered memberships are working. Barry Polis said his block of 300 members on Bala Avenue area are looking for zoning support from the Board to continue membership.

Police Report Thefts from vehicles continue and some burglaries. Arrests have been made. Call 642-4200 with anything suspicious.

Solicitors: Mrs. Zimmerman has done research on the legal creation of the Club, by court decree in Montco in 1912.

Commissioners Report - Reed and Manos. Cynwyd Station renovations complete, funded by Montco, Lower Merion and the Historical Society. A caretaker will live on the property. Construction on the Cynwyd Trail will start in the spring and may include the Manyunk Bridge. Sept 29 is the date of Township Budget hearings which will include a tax increase and not include 39 township staff vacancies. Township has passed an anti discrimination ordinance. Aqua, PA is doing road work in Belmont and Lodges Lane.

Presentations Brian Martinelli, T-Mobile is installing antennas on a roof at City Avenue and 54th Steet to correct gaps in service. Antenna will not be visible but will improve service.

Fred Fromhold - Fred decribed proposed ordinance change which would allow certain expansion at Merion Mercy Academy, by qualifying as a accredited institution. Change would effect numerous schools and non-profits, township - wide, some in residential areas. The Board did not decide on support pending a public hearing on 9/20.

Ken Brier- Past president of NCBC, warned of unintended consequences of City Avenue zoning change to permit more density. Since Bala Cynwyd is an inner ring suburb, we need to protect ourselves from density to insure continued residential quality. Bala Cynwyd should not be the community where revenue is raised, with traffic, to support the entire township. Zoning code changes should be moderated to permit less density. The BCNC should take the lead in opposing the new ordinance as written.

Citizens present agreed with Mr. Brier. Mr. Haas said balance of residential and commercial must be maintained in Bala. Mr. Reed said that he doesn't think the new zoning will be adopted as now written, however PR should not stop all zoning changes, and that new zoning should have "aspirational" impact. Mr. Manos replied to Mr. Brier that more residents need to attend public hearings to participate in the process. Dates of hearings are; 9/20, 9/27, 10/25, and beyond.

Nominations Casey O'Bannon reported on the nominating committees selections for 2011. They are officers: Grugan-Pres, Greenhalgh-Past President, Briggs-Treasurer, Litvin-Secretary, Zimmerman-Solicitor. New Board Members-Sarah Pevaroff Schuh, Alison Munos. The full slate of new and continuing Board members will appear in the October newsletter.

Independence Day Celebration Ann Greenhalgh requested more Board participation in the July 4th committee. The Committee needs a new chair with kids in the district schools, to recruit volunteers.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 p.m.

Roger Moog, Acting Secretary