The Neighborhood Club of Bala Cynwyd (NCBC)
Board Meeting February 11, 2020
The Lower Merion Academy Building

Board Attendees
Vanessa Coke Cohen, Anne M. Greenhalgh, Aaron Gross, Ricky Guerra, Brian McGuire, Glenn Manko, Roger Moog, Randy Myer, Anita Pepper, David Rosenbaum, Dan Russoniello, Julia Salinas, Jerry Skillings, and Merle Zucker

Excused
Eric Godfrey, Maxine Goldberg, David Haas, and Linda Sagman

Officials Attending:
Commissioners David McComb and Mike McKeon

Call to Order
President Ricky Guerra called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Police Report
Officer Matt Miller reported on the death of Carter Wetherill Wilson. Past President David Rosenbaum emphasized that the death raises the issue of pedestrian safety. He also proposed that The Club send a sympathy card. Officer Miller added that once the pedestrian is established in the cross walk, Police can issue a ticket to the driver. Officer Miller also reported that six shootings took place across City Avenue last month and noted that the gun fire can be heard in Lower Merion. Officer Miller closed his report by saying that the Police Department would like individuals to report incidents even if nothing is taken from unlocked cars, for example, so that the Police can deploy more officers to the affected neighborhood.

President's Announcement
President Ricky Guerra has filled chairs for the following committees:

- Membership Committee, Merle Zucker & Co-Chair Merle Zucker
- Public Service Committee, Anita Pepper

President Guerra also raised the question of whether we should celebrate the Independence Day Celebration on July 4th. One consideration is the timing of the parade and the purchase of tickets. The Orthodox community will not purchase tickets or food on the day of the event. One suggestion was to offer the Orthodox community the opportunity to purchase tickets in advance. Another suggestion was to separate the parade from the carnival. Inasmuch as no Director moved to change the date of the Independence Day Celebration, the event will be held on Saturday, July 4th, 2020.

Finally, President Guerra talked about co-sponsoring a family event. The Friends of the Cynwyd Heritage Trail proposed a movie night on the Trail.

Treasurer's Report
Eric Godfrey, Treasurer, provided the January 2020 Treasurer's Report:

• 2019 YTD Statement of Financial Activity (January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019) indicating YTD Net Revenue of $1,736.30
• 2019 YTD Financial Position (through December 31, 2019) indicating current Total Assets of $18822.67 of which $13,131.25 are temporarily restricted funds.
• Proposed FY 2020 Budget
Randy Myer moved to approve the January 2020 Treasurer's report. Glenn Manko seconded the motion. David Rosenbaum abstained. The Board gave its unanimous approval.

Secretary's Report
Secretary Anne M. Greenhalgh presented the January 2020 minutes. Ricky Guerra moved to approve the minutes. Roger Moog seconded the motion. The Board gave its unanimous approval.

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

FRENCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PRELIMINARY PLAN
The French International School informed the board that the developer is moving forward with plans to:

- Combine 6 Bala Avenue with its existing Kindergarten through 3rd grade with its grades 4 – 8 campus at 23 W. City Avenue
- Construct a one-story detached school building and an elevator/stair addition to the existing building on 6 Bala Avenue
- Move the half-court basketball area away from a neighbor who objected to the noise
- Reserve 34 parking spaces
- And install a two-way driveway off of Bala Avenue.

See attached Preliminary Land Development Plans (Appendix #1).

Elected Officials Report
State Representative Pamela DeLissio announced her 92nd Town Hall Meeting, 7 p.m. at Belmont Hills Library, 120 Mary Watersford Rd., Bala Cynwyd. Topics include the Governor's proposed budget, repairing "toxic" school buildings, and offering Full Day Kindergarten, voting in the primary, and completing the U.S. census. Representative DeLissio also reported on a leak on City Avenue that she hopes Aqua America will address and fix.

Commissioner David McComb commends Bala Walks on the work the group did on Levering Mill Road to enhance safely. He predicted that a sidewalk policy is likely to prove controversial among Commissioners. He added that traffic safety is a critical issue, made especially clear after the death of Carter Wilson. Commissioner McComb also asked Roger Moog to send him information about the trash surrounding the liquor store on City Avenue.

Commissioner Mike McKeon reported that the Township is scheduled to vote to adopt the Zoning Code on February 26, 2020. Afterwards, the Township will take up the formulation of a sidewalk policy. Commissioner McKeon also reported on the progress of a 61-unit apartment complex proposed for 21 Rock Hill Road combined with 25 Rock Hill Road. President Ricky Guerra said he would invite the builder to present to the Board.

Standing Committee Report

Zoning Committee, Aaron Gross reported that Krain Outdoor Advertising has asked for a variance relating to an already existing 2 ft by 48 ft extension to the top of an existing billboard (Willkie Lexus) along the Schuylkill Expressway. The extension was added without the proper permits and the applicant is applying for a variance to legalize the extension. Anne M. Greenhalgh moved to oppose the application. Roger Moog seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Old Business

No report.

New Business

No report.

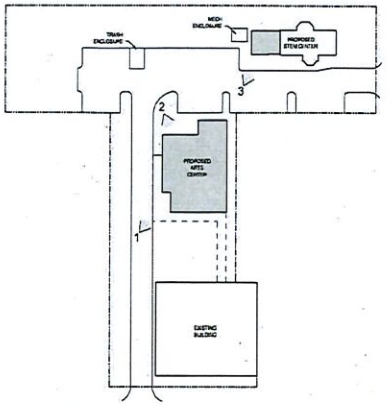
Adjourn

Glenn Manko moved to adjourn. Julia Salinas seconded the motion. The Board gave its unanimous approval.

The next meeting is March 10, 2020. Location to be confirmed.

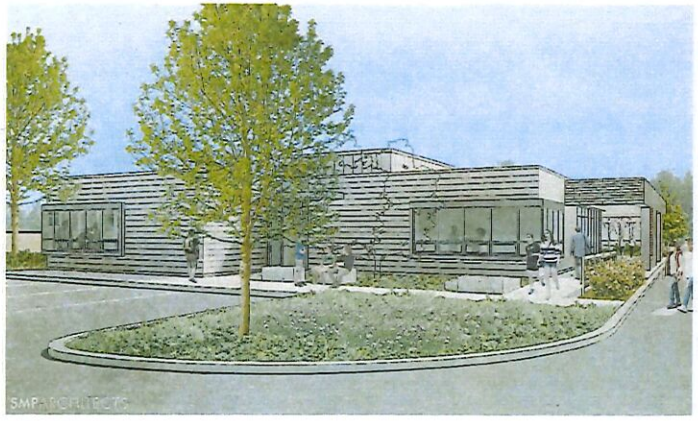
Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Greenhalgh, Secretary

Appendix #1



PERSPECTIVE KEY PLAN

3 STEM CENTER PERSPECTIVE - SOUTH



2 ARTS CENTER PERSPECTIVE - NORTH

1 ARTS CENTER PERSPECTIVE - SOUTH

FRENCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

6 BALA AVE &
23 W CITY AVE

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