

**The Neighborhood Club of Bala Cynwyd (NCBC)**  
**Virtual Board Meeting**  
**April 14, 2020**

**Board Attendees**

Vanessa Coke Cohen, Eric Godfrey, Maxine Goldberg, Anne M. Greenhalgh, Ricky Guerra, David Haas, Glenn Manko, Brian McGuire, Roger Moog, Randy Myer, Anita Pepper, David Rosenbaum, Dan Russoniello, Julia Salinas, and Merle Zucker

**Absent**

Aaron Gross, Linda Sagman, and Jerry Skillings

**Officials Attending:**

Commissioners Gilda Kramer, Mike McKeon, and David McComb

**Call to Order**

President Ricky Guerra called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**Police Report**

No report.

**President's Announcement**

President Ricky Guerra thanked everyone for attending our first ever virtual meeting. He raised the issue of reviewing and revising the by-laws because of the need to conduct remote meeting for the foreseeable future. David Haas is reviewing the by-laws, and Brian McGuire volunteered to assist. In addition, President Guerra reported that the Club has had to postpone or suspend planning for two upcoming events, one with the Friends of the Cynwyd Heritage Trail and the other for Township Officials. Finally, President Guerra expressed concern for the ability of local businesses to survive the pandemic. In response, he asked that the Club put a list of local businesses on the website and promote a "Take Out Tuesday" for local business and a "Thank You Thursday First Responders" on an email blast. Commissioner Kramer added that the Township is going to set aside grant money for small business struggling to survive the pandemic.

**Treasurer's Report**

Eric Godfrey reported that financial activity has been low.

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary Anne M. Greenhalgh presented the March 2020 minutes for review and approval. Dan Russoniello moved to approve the minutes. Glenn Manko seconded the motion. The Board gave its unanimous approval.

**Elected Officials Report**

**Commissioner Gilda Kramer** reported on the COVID-19 pandemic. Lower Merion Township has reported 231, 4 deaths. Six cases have been confirmed in Narberth. 61% of the deaths in

Montgomery County have occurred in long-term care facilities. The peak may have occurred on April 5 and 6; nonetheless, social distancing must continue until wide-spread testing and treatment are available. On April 16, a new drive-through testing site will open at Montgomery Community College. She strongly recommended that individuals using public parks and trails use masks. She added that the Township may postpone some capital projects until next year. For more information, residents should see the Township website page devoted to COVID-19. Commissioner Kramer made special mention of an initiative called Penn Wynne Cares, an organization designed to help those in need of extra help and support during the pandemic.

**Commissioner Mike McKeon** reported that the Lower Merion Township Transfer Station is closed in order to protect the public works staff members. He also mentioned the plan to find a long-term location for Welsh Valley Middle School buses.

**Commissioner David McComb** fielded a concern from Glenn Manko about break-ins at the Royal Athena.

### **Standing Committee Report**

**Nomination Committee, David Rosenbaum** reported that committee members met with Edwin Altman, a candidate for Treasurer, and are in full support of his candidacy.

**Federation, Maxine Goldberg** added to the Commissioners' report by mentioning that residents are concerned various uses of the property on City Avenue purchased by Lankenau Hospital. She added that residents are also concerned about the School District's lighting of Arnold field.

**Membership Committee, David Rosenbaum reported for Merle Zucker** that a good number of dues have arrived in response to the President's letter. President Guerra asked Merle Zucker and Glenn Manko to meet before the next monthly meeting to discuss ways to expand membership in these difficult times. Vanessa Coke Cohen volunteered to assist.

**Independence Day Committee, Anne M. Greenhalgh** reported that she and President Guerra are keeping open the possibility of holding a scaled down parade. Anita Pepper volunteered to help with fundraising.

### **Old Business**

In response to Roger Moog's question about the AutoZone project, and President Guerra reported that the project is by-right.

### **New Business**

David Rosenbaum reported that he has been appointed for the Planning Commission. He will not vote on projects before the civic that are also going before the commission.

President Guerra raised the issue of the civic underwriting the cost of a traffic engineer for projects for organizations other than the civic.

**Adjourn**

David Haas moved to adjourn the meeting. Brian McGuire seconded the motion. The Board gave its unanimous approval.

The next meeting is May 12, 2020. The meeting will be virtual.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne M. Greenhalgh, Secretary