MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING OF
THE NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB OF BALA CYNWYD ("NCBC")
February 3, 2026

Attendees:
Kay Sickles
Juan Rodriguez
Vanessa Coke Cohen
Bryan Capone
Jillian Dierks
Maxine Goldberg
David Haas
Joe Hirsch
Margaret Hunting
Bill Krebs
Brian McGuire
Roger Moog
Randy Myer
Mark Prudente
Dan Russoniello
Merle Zucker

Absent:
Jason Goodman Landau
Marion Williams
Aaron Gross

Elected Officials Present:
Commissioner Louis Rossman
Jhonas Dunikin (on behalf of State Rep Mary Jo Daley)

Kay Sickles, President, called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

POLICE REPORT
There was no police report this month.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT
Commissioner Louis Rossman reported that the results of the traffic study of Montgomery Ave throughout the Township were presented to the Township and that a copy of the report is on the Township's website. He noted that a survey was being distributed to Township residents and he urged the NCBC to spread the word so that residents' voices can be heard.

Commissioner Rossman also mentioned that there will be a stakeholders' meeting on April 9, 2026 regarding the decision about the Belmont Ave/St. Aspah's Road intersection. He noted that this meeting is not open to the public, but just for township and government officials. David Haas expressed concern

that the public was not invited and pressed Commissioner Rossman for the Township's "plan B" option if PennDot makes a determination to move forward with the hotly contested roundabout option for the intersection. Dan Russoniello reminded Commissioner Rossman that the NCBC has asked for the commissioners to develop a "plan B" prior to the stakeholders' meeting in April.

Commissioners Jeremiah Woodring and Gilda Kramer were not present and thus did not provide a report.

Jhonas Dunikin, a representative for State Rep. Mary Jo Daley, reported that they are trying to get Conshohocken State Road repaved, but the timeline is still unknown. However, it is not likely to be completed any time soon because the temperature fluctuations will create new potholes. Mr. Dunikin also noted residents' complaints about noise from the City Ace bridge construction that occurs on weekend mornings. He stated that Lower Merion's noise ordinance prevents work before 9am, but in Philadelphia it is 8am. Nonetheless, he said that they will ask PennDot to be mindful of the complaints and be as quiet as possible. He also provided his email for further discussion: jdunikin@pahouse.net

FEDERATION REPORT

Margaret Hunting reported that the Federation meeting discussion was focused on zoning with respect to the use of seminary property located in Wynnewood.

TRAFFIC REPORT

Roger Moog reported that he attended the traffic safety meeting about the results of the Township's study of Montgomery Ave (from City Ave all the way to Spring Mill Rd). The study was conducted by Penoni (consultants on retainer with the Township) and was funded through the Safe Streets for All grant. The results of the study are available on the Township's website, but one key takeaway affecting Bala Cynwyd residents is that the report indicated that the stretch of Montgomery Ave from City Ave to the Conshohocken State Road/Bala Ave intersection was identified as the most dangerous portion of Montgomery Avenue.

Roger Mook restated that residents have an opportunity to have their voice heard about their experience with Montgomery Ave throughout the township as a pedestrian, driver or biker by completing a survey provided by the Township. He encouraged everyone to spread the word about this opportunity.

JULY 4th

Bala Cynwyd residents Alan Borowsky and Maria Wells are spearheading the plans for the July 4th celebration. Vendors have been contacted already, but we will need all directors' help to ensure that sponsors are lined up and that they fulfill their pledges. Also, nominations are being accepted for Merchant of the Year and Citizen of the Year (with former NCBC director Anne Greenhalgh being a leading contender for Citizen of the Year).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President's Report: Kay Sickles noted that Bryan Capone will work on the next NCBC newsletter which is slated for distribution in late April. She encouraged the directors to consider writing a piece for the newsletter. Proposed ideas so far are: the president's letter, the Cynwyd Heritage Trail extension, the "main street" designation for Bala Ave, movie night, a neighbor spotlight on one of the NCBC's

longstanding members and a recognition piece about former directors Anne Greenhalgh and Jim Remsen.

Treasurer's Report: Marion Williams was not present to provide a report but it is expected that the NCBC's budget will be presented at the next meeting.

Secretary's Report: Vanessa Coke Cohen reported that the January 2025 meeting minutes were not prepared in time (due to a transition in the role of Secretary) for approval at this meeting and will hopefully be available at the next meeting.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2026 at 7:30 pm at the Union Fire House and via Zoom. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Vanessa E Coke Cohen, Secretary