

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY June 8, 2021, 6 pm**

1. The first in-person meeting of the 2020/21 Session was called to order by the President, Maggie Mund, at 6:17 pm, although due to technical difficulties with the phone line, a quorum was not achieved and any resolutions/votes would need to be postponed.
2. The following Board members were present: Maggie Mund, Rick Gross, Jeff Braff, Elena Cappella, Michele Ettinger, Doug Mellor, Charles Robin, Nan Robinson, David Rose, Richard Speizman, Richard Vaughn, and Ben Zuckerman. Also in attendance were Travis Oliver, CCRA Operations Manager, CCRA Member Dina Childs, along with newly elected 2021/22 Board Members: Jim Duffin, Jared Gluskin, Larry Goldberg, Bill Goldstein, Richard Huffman, Wayne McFadden and Irena Wright.
3. The following Board members and Counsel were not present: Wade Albert, Tina Breslow, Pip Campbell, Kate Federico, Matt Fontana, Richard Frey, Chuck Goodwin, Barbara Halpern, Steve Huntington, Amy Jared, Lauren O'Donnell, Harvey Ostroff, Nathaniel Parks, David Rose, Matt Schreck, Susan Kahn, Robin Sweet, Ben Weinraub, and Dawn Willis. Tina, Kate, Matt, Chuck, Barbara, Susan, Lauren, Ben, and Dawn were each excused.
4. Approval of the May 11 Board of Director Meeting minutes was postponed due to the lack of a quorum.
5. Rick Speizman gave the Treasurer's report this month, noting that the P&L statement is pending. The William Penn House check has been received but several other promised corporate sponsorship commitments remain outstanding. An application is being made to request forgiveness for the current PPP loan. Expenses have remained in line with original projections and overall, CCRA is ending the year in good financial shape. Having successfully raised money in new and creative ways during this difficult time, it is anticipated that there will be some room to fund certain initiatives that are being explored throughout the summer through the Board-visioning committees. One responsibility of Board members is to understand the financials and Rick has asked Board members to do their best to learn them and ask questions where appropriate.
6. Rick Gross gave the Development Report advising that following the success of the Fall/Winter event, the bidding activity for the Spring auction campaign for the three European villas (Italy,

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Spain, Scotland) is picking up and has been extended, with the closing date now set for 6/30. Board members are not required to bid but are certainly encouraged to consider participating and sharing the auction details with friends and neighbors. It was noted that should bidders have specific dates in mind, they can check in on availability as plenty of dates remain open. Also, Rick announced that Casino Night will return in late fall 2021.

7. Travis Oliver noted that with respect to the Operations Report, CCRA's RCO (Registered Community Organization) status expires and renewal will be sought. Also, next week, Travis will be sending out the Spring Appeal, where CCRA contracts with center city to assist with sidewalk cleaning. WeWorks is open for business, although conference rooms are currently limited to 50% capacity. Travis will be out of the office for the Juneteenth holiday and for the Fourth of July holiday, returning to the office on 7/6.
8. Maggie noted that regrettably, Richard Frey has been asked to resign from the Board because of four unexcused absences. This is a reminder to all new and continuing Board members to let Travis or the President know if members are unable to attend a meeting and the absence will then be considered excused.
9. Charles Robin advised that there will be a public Remapping zoom call on 6/24, sponsored by CCRA, and all are encouraged to attend. (This will be advertised in the newsletter.) The purpose is primarily corrective zoning and the map presented will be the next step in the process.
10. Michele Ettinger shared highlights from the Membership report, including the recent news that membership has now exceeded 1200, due to the success of the high-rise initiative. Another key program currently being pursued is the Merchant Partner program, to encourage CCRA members to support local businesses, particularly in this fragile time of recovery from the pandemic.
11. A 'Quality of Life' meeting was held recently, in combination with members from Friends of Rittenhouse, to discuss various issues impacting the community and how the public can work in tandem with the police to find the workable solutions. The homeless situation continues to impact the area, be it related to addiction, mental illness or hard luck, with aggressive panhandling, people sleeping in doorways, public drinking and urination, violators need to be identified and the public can play a role. A new number will be circulated to call but for now, download the 311 app, Philly311. There are other QoL issues as well, including the ATV/dirt bike/motorcycle issue that has called for additional police resources and public assistance in reporting violations.

The solution appears to be getting the enforcement core going, identifying the violators, and then, actually responding to them, (not just tolerating them.)
12. Due to the lack of a quorum at tonight's meeting, a vote on the Meeting Rules and Appendices 1 and 2 will be postponed until September. A suggestion was made that a redlined version highlighting the changes be distributed prior to the vote, to make identifying the modifications easier.
13. The budget will be voted on/formalized by the Executive Committee in July.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nan Robinson, Secretary