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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY August 4, 2020 6:30 pm
Streaming via ZOOM

Meeting was called to order at 6:35. Directors attending remotely were Maggie Mund, Michelle Ettinger, Barbara Halpern, Rick Gross and Charles Robin.

- 1 Motion not to oppose the Southern Land project at 1620 Sansom Street., MSP.
- 2 Donna Cordner has resigned. The Executive Committee unanimously agreed that Rick Gross would take over as Executive Vice President, and Maggie has asked Lauren O'Donnell to take over as Secretary from Rick.
- 3 The Murano has joined as a high-rise member. Other high rises are targeted for the next few months.
- 4 Robin Sweet discussed the idea of a socially distant party at the Mutter. The idea of a reception for the Board, the Boards of high-rise members and the Zoning Committee was discussed as well as some music.
- 5 The Executive Committee agreed to cooperate in the community effort to rename Taney Street.
- 6 The Executive Committee agreed to continue with the plans for a 2-hour remote retreat in September.
- 7 The Executive Committee agreed to nominate a member to the Controller's Community Advisory Council.
- 8 Meeting adjourned at 7:31.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Gross, Secretary

Communications Committee
Board Report 8/29/20

Facebook - we get 1-2 likes per post.
But to be honest between all the people posting, we post a lot.

Facebook Followers are increasing:

2/1/20: 109 likes

3/1/20: 271 likes

4/1/20: 406 likes

5/1/20: 467 likes

6/1/20: 504 likes

7/1/20: 523 likes

8/1/20: 532 likes

Instagram - We currently have 89 followers.
We get 10-20 likes per post.

We started with 0 followers in February.

Waiting to hear from Nancy Coleman about status of CCQ.
I've also asked Travis to figure out % of FB "likes" are from current members.

Development Committee

From: Richard Gross <RGross@bwra.com>

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:47 AM

To: Barbara Halpern <halpernlaw@gmail.com>; Matt Schreck <matt@airmail.net>; Robin Sweet <robin.m.sweet@gmail.com>; Center City Residents' Association <centercityresidents.org>; Paul Rathblott <paulrathblott@gmail.com>

Tina Breslow <tina@breslowpartners.com>; mmund.ccra@gmail.com

Subject: Development Committee Meeting Summary

At the Zoom meeting yesterday afternoon, the following was discussed and agreed upon.

CCRA 2020-21 Budget projects a \$32,500 shortfall, assuming that the Spring House and Garden Tour takes place in Spring, 2021.

Committee agreed on three development projects to raise these funds: Matching gift program; Foundation grants; and Auction.

Matching gift program:

Travis will solicit 2 gift matches at \$5,000 each;

and Travis will work to design an eblast to raise 100 gifts at \$100 @, doing this during the fall;

and Tina will work to create a reception (at the Laurel sales office or the 2110 Walnut Model Unit) to thank the donors.

Foundation grants:

Barbara will forward the list of foundations previously solicited, all of whom indicated that only capital programs were eligible;

Travis will follow up;

Barbara will reach out to SOSNA to find out about the state grant which they apparently have on a renewable basis and pursue it;

The Auction:

Travis will solicit 1 – 4 houses, from his friend, in Scotland, Tuscany, Spain and Namibia and pick an available week at each;

Barbara will work with Tina to write a lavish description of each prize, including a \$1000 cash supplement for air fare;

Travis will obtain auction software and the committee will set minimum bids, minimum increments and timing (fall).

Summary:

Committee believes that these three approaches should yield at least the \$32,500 necessary to close the gap.

Committee will meet again towards the middle of July to review our progress and next steps, including a calendar for the first and third items.

Drag Queen Bingo act will be incorporated into the next live Casino night;

Event to honor Yannick Nezet Segun will be including in fund raising plans for the future....Fall 2021 perhaps.

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9th POLICE DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PDAC)

9th Police District Headquarters
401 N 21st Street - Philadelphia PA 19130

Meeting Notes - Tuesday, July 28th, 2020
Via Zoom

PRESENT: 9th Police District: Officer Jesse O'Shea, Officer Steven Kiefer **PDAC Members:** Chester Wichowski (FCA), Colleen Walsh (LSNA and Tivoli), Wendy Gosfield (RIT-FIT), Michael Leigh (Cityview and The Cathedral), Larry Reynolds (FCA), Marc Glassman (2601 Parkway), Patricia Coyne (citizen, retired, PCHR), Jessica Tomchick (CCCVS), Jonathan Hunter (B.A.R.N. and Raven Lounge), Charles Layton (The Philadelphian), Fred Blazky (Kennedy House), Lamar Stewart (DA office), Raychan Abdallah (DA), Barbara Halpern (CCRA).

The July 28, 2020 meeting of the 9th District Advisory Council (PDAC) of the 9th District Police, was held via Zoom and called to order at 5:07 pm by Chester Wichowski, Chairman.

OFFICERS OF THE MONTH: Deferred.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes for the June 30, 2020, meeting, submitted by Colleen Walsh and previously distributed via email, were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for the period since our last meeting, submitted by Treasurer Wendy Gosfield and previously distributed via email, was reviewed. The June balances are as follows: **Total** balance of \$30,964.32, consisting of: **Bicycle Fund** \$24,000; **9th District** \$5,192.08 with receipts of \$185 for meal(s) for 9th District personnel during the COVID-19 situation; and **PDAC** \$1,772.24. C/R Officer O'Shea has collected more funds that have yet to be turned in to Wendy. They will be recorded for the next month's report. Michael L. noted that he is expecting additional funds to be sent in from an area residential building. Discussion followed re how to allocate funds specifically for dinners during difficult times, and for other events. Going forward, Wendy will allocate these contributions to the PDAC fund. The Bicycle Fund was explained for new members.

A motion was made last meeting to make a donation for Officer Tony Nieves, who was injured while on duty during unrest in the city in late May. Chet W. requested a vote on an amount. \$500 was approved.

A.D.A. REPORT. Raychan Abdullah and Lamar Stewart from the District Attorney's office introduced themselves as representatives to our community. They intend to keep communication open between their office and PDAC and will continue to attend our meetings. They described The Gun Crime Strategy Prevention & Collaboration, a new initiative whereby Assistant District Attorneys are assigned to each division as liaisons between their community and the DA's office. ADAs Meghan McDonald and Pernell Jackson were assigned to homicide and non-fatal unit for the Central District. Raychan shared her contact information: Raychan.abdallah@phila.gov. Lamar offered that the ADA on any particular case can be requested to come to a PDAC meeting to address that case. He is available to be a part of other organization meetings. Monthly town halls are held, all are welcome, contact him for invite. G.Lamar.stewart@phila.gov.

Jessica T noted that the 22nd district has a lot of shootings; she is working with victims and will connect them with the DA on each case. Lamar described the intervention and prevention work in high-crime areas, particularly 22nd district. Officer O'Shea praised the DA's office as being different now, engaging in more communication with the community.

P.A.L. CENTER UPDATE: No report.

PROJECT H.O.M.E. UPDATE: No representative. Homeless update: Colleen W. discussed meeting with Mayor Kenney and other city officials regarding the encampment on the Parkway. Negotiations continue with the Mayor attempting to try all steps necessary to come to a peaceful and amicable solution. Officer O'Shea said more police manpower will be assigned to the 9th due to increase in crime from the encampment. He advised to call 911, which is time-stamped, no matter how small to track illegal activity. Officer Kiefer noted that the calls produce data point maps to illustrate patterns of crime.

B.A.R.N. REPORT: Jonathan H: every week a new change in ordinances for bars, nightclubs, restaurants, some are very onerous, some are vague. Many smaller bars and restaurants are going out of business; times are tough for the industry. Charles L asked what control bar owners have on patrons being compliant with social distancing. Unclear, not stated in guidance. Wendy noted that some restaurants are blocking sidewalks for ADA persons. Bar owners are trying everything, using neighbors' property with permission, etc. to try and work together on it.

A.D.A. REPORT. No report.

HUMAN RELATIONS UPDATE: No report.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Officer Kiefer: Scheduled protests continue, but are smaller. Manpower is thin, but residents are advised to call 911 with any issues. June 30-July 17th Crime Report: 2 robberies with guns. One arrest on Delancy Street from bike cops. One on Chestnut St, 2 homeless suspects. 13 thefts from autos. Increase in package thefts especially by residents from encampment. One aggravated assault at encampment with scissors followed by an arrest of the suspect. Decrease in residential burglaries.

Updates: 1800 Wallace arrest on aggravate assault. 18th & Walnut stabbing in park, suspect was arrested.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

Officer O'Shea: planning a block party on 21st street in September for the 9th District. Details to follow. He is still interested in having a discussion regarding current issues to be held at a neighborhood restaurant, if there is still interest.

AREA NEEDS:

Noise on the Parkway: fireworks have decreased. Rumble strips will be installed by end of August to deter the motorcycles. Charles L asked if more rumble strips will be installed. Not known. He asked about red light noise detectors, but was told they are not as effective. The rumble strips are the first deterrent. Barbara H. noted Schuylkill Banks area is also noisy from motorcycles. Once the encampment is gone, the police will be looking for other calming strategies.

Elaine P: reported ongoing issues at 2 properties in Fairmount being used as ARBNB, parties going on. 911 called. 17th Street issues, having ongoing issues with narcotics.

Colleen W. requested that the Crime Reports be uploaded to the website again. Officer Kiefer noted they were not keeping up due to understaffing, COVID-19, etc.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held as follows:

Tues, Aug 25th 5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Colleen Walsh

Homeless Encampment

Persons in the encampment have 72 hours to vacate once notice to vacate is posted. The Police are awaiting direction from the Mayor and the Law Department. The Mayor has attempted to resolve amicably through outreach. Efforts have been unsuccessful. There is a fear that the number of people experiencing homelessness in the area may increase as a result of the area being considered “friendly” to people experiencing homelessness. It was suggested that concerned individuals reach out to the Mayor, Council, and Liz Hersh.

Safe Streets and Noise on the Parkway and JFK

Officer Kiefer noted that rumble strips have been installed on the Parkway. They have made a bit, but not much, of a difference. Motorcyclists have been on the apron of the Art Museum. There is an effort to get red-light cameras installed to capture video. President Clark’s Office is proposing legislation to more harshly penalize the motorcyclists with fines, tickets and towing. There was discussion concerning working with the Streets Department to install barriers to keep motorcyclists from getting up on the apron of the Art Museum. Additionally, the Police are pushing for installation of speed bumps. Officer Kiefer again recommended that concerned individuals should call 9-1-1. The complaints will give the Police more ammunition in their interactions with the City to resolve this issue. State Police have been helping to keep motorcyclists from entering the area from I-76.

There was also discussion of ATVs and motorcycles going up and down N and S Broad Streets. A citywide task force, including helicopter(s) and police vehicles, attempting to get ATVs off the street, is detailed for this weekend, as last weekend. Officer Kiefer reiterated that this is a citywide issue, and Police cannot chase ATV riders and motorcyclists. ATVs are considered farm vehicles and should not be in the City, in part because they are uninsured. If not registered, the ATVs can be confiscated through livestock regulations. Officer Kiefer is hopeful that the task force will help.

It was suggested that conversations should not focus on noise reduction but rather safe streets and the safety of pedestrians and other motorists.

It was suggested that the various PDACs unite to fight this issue.

ADA Report

Andreana Barefield, community engagement officer from the DA’s Office, reported that this Thursday, from 1-2:30 via Zoom there will be a discussion fostered by the DA’s Office concerning domestic violence and sexual assault, crimes which have been on the rise. Anyone residing in the districts may attend. The DA’s Office reaches out to community organizations, block captains, civic associations, PDACs, community relations folks, and Council staff. The PDAC chair will share the meeting invitation to be provided by Ms. Barefield.

BARN Report

Jonathan Hunter was not present for the discussion. There was a complaint that restauranteurs are encroaching on the roadway. Sidewalk/road restaurant seating should be approved by L&I. Any complaints should be addressed to the Police and/or L&I. Complaints regarding restaurants open after hours should be reported to 3-1-1, the Police, or L&I.

Captain’s Report

- On Tuesday, there was a stabbing of a man in the neck by City Hall. The assailants are known. The incident started out as a robbery. The victim nearly bled out.
- There were two robberies at 19th and 21st and Fairmount, at 3 p.m. The assailants utilized pepper spray.
- Additionally, there was a shooting at 17th and Wallace at 6:20 p.m. An arrest is anticipated in the next several days. It started as an argument but turned into a gunfight. Police have video surveillance.

- There have been five arrests related to residents of the encampments.
- Again, the emphasis is for people to please call 9-1-1 to report incidents and complaints!

Area Needs

- Colleen Walsh stated that the parks (Aviator and Bolum (sp)) have been inundated with people experiencing homelessness. Safety issues concerning Moore College of Art were raised. Police are reaching out to Moore College.
- Michael Leigh reported incidents of violence, people with knives, and masturbators. Officer Kiefer advised, again, that people should call 9-1-1 to report.