

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MERION CIVIC ASSOCIATION
JUNE 28, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Merion Civic Association was held on Tuesday, June 28, 2011, beginning at 6:15 p.m. at the Merion Tribute House with President Kevin Murphy presiding.

Directors present were Blakeney, Browne, Eisenberg, Feuer, Flaks, Fratis, Gordon, Greenberg, Hill, Kalner, Lam, Lavoritano, Marmon, Murphy, Piltch, Potok and Seiden

Directors absent and excused were Bagley, Ettelson, Lapes, Mudrick, Quinn, Stevenson and Wylonis.

Other attendees included Jane Ryan, Rhoda Piltch, Warren Browne, Ellen Eisenberg, Roz Seiden, Darryl Boyle and Barb.

The Meeting was called to order by President Murphy at 6:15 p.m. and the May minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report -- Treasurer Bob Marmon reported.

President's Report – President Murphy introduced the speaker of the evening, Officer McCormack of the Lower Merion Police Department. Officer McCormack who summarized the area crimes and cautioned residents to be aware and to report unusual activities in their neighborhood.

President Murphy began his report with a discussion as to whether a second dues mailing should be sent during the summer. It was decided that it is important to make every effort to bring in dues to assure the finances of the Civic Association.

President Murphy announced that the Executive Committee had decided at it's June 20th meeting to send Jim Stevenson a letter notifying him that he is no longer a Director of the Merion Civic Association because he has not attended any meetings this year or for the past year, either. A motion was made and seconded, to approve the Executive Committee action, there was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to change the date of the Annual meeting from October 23 to October 16. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Arts and Education — No report.

Botanical — Judith Flaks reported a tree has been planted in memory of Abe Freedman.

Commissioner — Commissioner Brian Gordon announced that Abe Freedman left a bequest of \$2,000 to the Botanical Park for the installation of a water fountain.

Commissioner Gordon reported that he had arranged for social gathering at the Barnes Foundation for the Commissioners.

On the subject of the Bala Avenue/City Avenue District, the height of new buildings being proposed for the district has been scaled back. Commissioner Gordon is hopeful that this is a sign that the opinions of the neighborhoods abutting the district are being listened. He encouraged all to send him and Township staff their opinions and recommendations, and he would like to build consensus among the Commissioners to form a voting bloc.

President Murphy noted that Township staff, when challenged about proposed plans for the City Avenue district claim that enough talk has gone on in the past few years, so why is there a challenge at this point in the discussions. Neighbors with negative opinions about development are seen as obstructionists.

Community Action, Zoning & PR – Les Greenberg reported on the various community meetings he has been attending, including TSAAC and the City Avenue Districts.

Federation of Civic Associations — President Murphy distributed the minutes of the Association.

Finance – Marty Piltch announced the Finance Committee will meet to decide how to invest the \$20,000 CD owned by the Civic Association. Scott Kalner proposed discussing at the next Finance meeting the possible use of funds for the restoration of the historical Merion lamp post. A motion was made and seconded and unanimously approved to open discussion of the restoration of the lamp post.

History — No report.

Membership – No report.

Newsletter — No report.

School Board – Tami Fratis attended the School Board meeting and reported the FY '12 budget will be cut by about \$1.4 million. Budget cuts are coming from the State, as expenses have increased and revenues decreased.

Social – No report.

Station and Grounds, Postal Affairs — Scott Feuer reported that he and Carol Lavoritano met with a representative of SEPTA. They reached an agreement that four of the new signs will be removed; the need for painting was discussed as well as blacktopping on the the inbound platform.

Streets, Lights and Traffic – No report.

Website -- Michael Seiden asked the Directors to send him articles for the website.

Barnes – Carol Lavoritano reported that the Barnes Community Day event was a successful, sold-out event.

Community Watch — President Murphy will be reviewing the list of participants to determine who is still active.

Merion Community Coalition – No report

Narberth Fire Company – No report

St. Joe's – No report.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

There being no more new business, the meeting, on motion made and seconded, was unanimously adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the Merion Tribute House on Tuesday, September 27, 2001 at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Guy, Secretary