



**General Meeting
Minutes**

Date: Thursday, October 16, 2014

Facilitated by: Marjorie Ogilvie, President of the Board

Location: Philadelphia Business & Technology Center, 5070 Parkside Ave., Suite 2400

Time: 8:30am – 10:00am

Attendees: Andre Andrews, Aaron Bass, Ozie Bailey, Cathy Cahill, Art Fastman, Cassandra Hayes, Lucinda Hudson, Trania Jones, Jay Ogilvie, Marjorie Ogilvie, Mitch Person, Sarah Stirzel Cuzzolina, Russell Stump, Lydia Syed

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome and Regrets :NazAarah Sabree and Regina Knecht *Marjorie Ogilvie*
- III. New Business:
 - i. 52nd Street Development *Lucinda Hudson*
 - i. The drawings of the new development on 52nd Street were presented.
 - ii. They are currently writing the RFP. It will be sent out to contractors and then to subcontractors. BAWP will receive a copy to send to members.
 - iii. Questions:
 1. Will there be restaurants included in the new retail? There are plans for a dinner and some restaurants have already reached out.
 2. Is there a plan for sidewalk clean up? Goldenburg Group will be leasing out the new property and will be responsible for sidewalk maintenance.
 3. When will the roads be closed for working and during what hours as that affects local businesses? Lucinda will ask the specifics of that and let BAWP know.
 - ii. Universoul Circus *Lydia Syed & Trania Jones*
 - i. They are hosting a community day on October 22nd from 5pm – 7pm. It will be free and open to the public.
 - ii. They will be hosting a businesses of West Parkside Night with Discount pricing. Businesses and their employees are welcome to purchase discount tickets for October 30th.
 - iii. There was a question about using local concessions. They hire people locally to work their concessions inside the tent, but are not able to bring in new concessions stands.



- iv. There was a concern about parking for the circus, as public transportation to this area is very difficult. They are currently working on making sure they offer expanded parking.
 - 1. Reminder to everyone to advocate for a local train stop at 52nd St.
- v. It was recommended that next year the circus reaches out earlier, in August, to plan a better way to engage local businesses.

IV. Old Business:

- i. Mounds of Dirt near Pump Track
 - i. Parks & Recreation are allowing a PWD project to store dirt next to the pump track
 - ii. What the project is complete the contractor will clean, clear, and grub the site. They will also plant seed for a meadow and several trees. They will supply additional screened soil for pump track. Install a swing gate at the pump track.
 - iii. Projected project completion December 2015.
- ii. Septa
 - i. The steel has arrived and Septa is back to working on the overpass.
 - ii. They have agreed to put in pedestrian safety lighting under the overpass at the end of the project.
 - iii. They are meeting with BAWP, City Commerce, City Planning, and Streets to discuss strategic improvements to the overpass.
- iii. 4724 Parkside
 - i. L&I is working with an attorney to act on the penalty provided for in the agreement.
 - ii. The owner claims he is in compliance and that the remaining piles of dirt are on parcel owned by the city, which now must be verified.
 - iii. He also claims to have removed the wall, installed a crushed stone base, and graded the lot. Inspector McDonald has been to the site several times and his photos seem to contradict the owner's statements. If anyone else has additional photos they can be sent to L&I.
 - iv. There is an appeal hearing to address the \$2,000 fine assessed by Municipal Court for failing to obtain permits.
 - v. **NazAarah is reaching out to get the actual judgment on behalf of BAWP.**

V. Area Events:

- a. October 20th - Business Association of West Parkside Golf Outing
 - i. Supporting Youth Sports in Parkside



- ii. You can still donate or join us for lunch.
 - b. Thursday, October 23rd, 2014 - Philly Parks Future Forum
 - i. 6:15- 7:45 pm
 - ii. Forum Moderated by Philadelphia Daily New's Sandra Shea
 - c. November 16th, 2014 – Philadelphia Parks Alliance Friend’s Raiser
 - i. Reading Terminal Market
 - ii. 6:00pm – 9:00pm
 - iii. Honoring John Carr
 - d. November 20th, 2014 - Up Close & Personal with Craig Ey, Editor in Chief of Philadelphia Business Journal
 - e. December 18th, 2014 – Holiday Stop- By
- VI. Round Robin – Business Introductions and Updates
- VII. **Next Meeting:**
 - i. Thursday, **November 6th** – Board Meeting, 8:30am – 10:00am
 - ii. NO MEETING - Thursday, **November 20th** – Up Close & Personal with Craig Ey