



BUSINESS ASSOCIATION OF WEST PARKSIDE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Thursday, September 19th, 2013

Attendees: Andre Andrews, Kim Andrews, Aaron Bass, Lauren Bornfriend, Paul Brauer, Michael Burch, Florence Churchill, Shonte Eley, Cassandra Hayes, Regina Knecht, Ashley Mercer, Juliana Muganza, Marjorie Ogilvie, Miller Parker, June Pelzer, Mitch Pearson, David Smith, Sarah Stirzel Cuzzolina, and Leslie Walker

Regrets: Josh Cohen and NazAarah Sabree

Meeting was called to order at 9:05am by M. Ogilvie

New Business

A. SLAPP Reform

1. An explanation of SLAPP reform
2. Motion made to support SLAPP reform by Cassandra Hayes, motion seconded by Kim Andrews, everyone in favor.
3. BAWP as a business will support SLAPP reform
4. It was also recommended that individual people support the reform as well and sign a letter.

B. Business Association Directory

1. A request was made to send the write up of business to Sarah for online directory
2. A member requested a hard copy option as well.

C. Kathleen Ogilvie from The Barnes Foundation

1. History on Albert Barnes and his push for critical thinking and education for the masses
2. Barnes moved from Merion to the parkway. It went from staff of 30 to 150, from 300 members to 25,000 members.
3. They are inviting BAWP to be Partners.
 - a. There are discounted tickets for first Fridays, which are informal & informative
 - b. Tickets for free first Sunday
4. Requirement for Partners is that the members spread the word. This means all workers at the business and their families know and are invited to participate in Barnes events.
5. This new partnership program begins in 2014. Kathleen will follow up closer to the New Year to see if we want to become partners.

Old Business:

- A. 47th & Parkside Ave

- i. Commerce organized a meeting with L&I, BAWP, and the police department to figure out how to move forward.
 - ii. Police were told that any activity on the sight is illegal and that they arrest and cite the owner.
 - iii. L&I will issue a formal letter stating the dates that the owner can be on site to remove debris. This will be forwarded to BAWP who will make the neighbors aware of when the owner can be on the property legally.
- B. Dumping behind Tennis Courts – Josh Cohen informed BAWP that Parks and Recreation has the ability to issue fines and should do so when dumping occurs.

Announcements

- A. WPSFI Founders Reception
 - a. Tonight, September 19th, 2013
- B. Business Association of West Parkside Recognition Awards
 - a. September 26, 2013
 - b. Winners: The Philadelphia Zoo, Gene Dilks, & NazAarah Sabree
 - c. Additional cost for tickets purchased day of. Can purchase tickets online or see Sarah Cuzzolina
- C. BAWP Sponsored ObamaCare Forum
 - a. October 19, 2013
 - b. Longer meeting 9:00am – 10:30am
 - c. Anyone invited, please pass information along
- D. East & West Fairmount Park Community Vision Meetings
 - a. Penn Praxis is looking for ideas
 - b. All meetings held from 6:30 – 8:30pm > flyer is available with more details.
 - c. Closest one is Monday September 30th at Discovery Charter

Round Robin

- A. Kim Andrews – Shofuso House
 - a. Cherry Blossom Festival – April 13th, 2014
 - b. Shofuso House opened from March – November
- B. Shonte Eley – WPSFI
 - a. Circle of Life workshop starting soon
- C. Paul Brauer – ShopRite
 - a. Expansion Planned
 - b. 1500 Square Feet
 - c. Towards Lowes

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:10am by M. Ogilvie

Next Meetings:

Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 3rd, 2013
9:00 AM
PBTC Main Office

General Meeting – ObamaCare Info Session
Thursday, October 17th, 2013
9:00 AM – 10:30am
PBTC Main Office