Fairmount Civic Association

General Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2015

I. Call to order

Larry Reynolds called to order the regular meeting of the Fairmount Civic Association at 7:31 pm on 01/28/2016 at the City School.

II. Agenda Items

Refreshments provided at a discount by Luigi's Pizzeria.

a. M&M Partners present plan for Taney & Poplar Project:

- Presentation was cancelled; postponed until next meeting

b. Rep. Donna Bullock addresses the FCA:

- Elected last August 11 during a special election
- Have been working to pass budget in Harrisburg; noted sufficient revenue sources, as well as adequate and equal funding for schools are top priorities.
- Other issues Ms. Bullock is working on include an increase minimum wage, equal pay, and universal pre-K.
- Has put forth a bill to give residents a 'second chance' by having minor offenses expunged from their record.
- Office is located at 2839 W Girard Ave. Come by to make your needs heard. There will also be some pop-up offices will be around district. See website (www.Pahouse.com/bullock) for more information.
- In response to questions: opposed to sales tax increase; in favor of shale tax; Proposal for free Community Colleges have not been addressed in several years; SRC is still an open issue – proposals suggesting more state control is on the table; Gerrymandering is still an open issue.

c. PDAC update:

- PDAC advises citizens to remain diligent (as always)
- Jack's Firehouse generously donated gift certificates for recipients (12 dinners for two) of the Officer of the month award.
- Chestnut & 17th: recent after-school student activity (violence); 15-20 bike officers have been added to area to reduce incidences.

d. OCF Realty presents plan for corner of Brown & Taney Project:

- OCF & JKRP Partners (architects) purchased vacant lot and plans to develop 7 single family homes
- Permit Refusal triggered due to desire to provide parking – insufficient open space due to inability to county driveway and parking spaces. All other attributes are within code guidelines. (e.g. roof height still considered 38ft although pilot house would bring height to 48 ft).
- Contact Ori (215.760.1651) with suggestions and concerns.
- A general vote for a continuance was passed. Larry to send an opposition letter to ZBA regarding project for board hearing schedule Feb. 3, with request for developers to address issues raised from participants.
- UPDATE: The development plans have been updated to reflect items discussed at meetings. Link is available below.
- http://www.ocfrealty.com/naked-philly/fairmount/seven-homes-instead-of-blight-at-taney-brown

e. Zoning Issues:

- 776 N 26th St.: multi-family house w/o proper licence. FCA has opposed permitting multi-family use.
- 2601 Pennsylvania Ave.: meeting next Friday to change 1st floor zoning (allowing commercial space).
- 28th St. & Cambridge: no new information on development of warehouse into rental properties. Parking has been added to original plans

- Issue: 2333-45 Fairmount – zoning issue

f. Winter Social recap, Jan 11: deemed success; vocal support for having it there again.

g. Committee Reports:

- Neighborhood committee: Spring clean up scheduled for April 9th; $100 raised so far, more fundraising tba.

Adjournment

Larry Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 8:56 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Scott Dressler

Minutes approved by: [Name]