

Fairmount Civic Association
General Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2017

I. Call to order

Larry Reynolds called to order the regular meeting of the Fairmount Civic Association at 7:30 pm on 6/29/2017 at the City School.

II. Agenda Items

Meeting location: Eastern State Penitentiary

Food provided by Bridgid's restaurant

- a. Monique Wescott, DA office director of community engagement and employee enrichment.
 - A DA district office is located at 15th & Mt Vernon, and has been there for 4 years. This is part of an ongoing initiative for the DA office to be out in the community (as opposed to secluded in city hall).
 - “The DA office is there for you to feel safe.” You should contact the regional DA offices for any safety issue you have.
 - Other news: there is a new elder justice center in city hall for crimes related to the elderly.
- b. Crime report
 - Jeep battery theft is still an issue. See past minutes for more info.
 - Theft from auto is still (and always) an issue. DO NOT leave any valuables in your car.
 - 2700 Penn Ave attack / purse snatching, suspect apprehended
 - Cab shooting on 29th & Ogden, suspect has been identified is being sought out.
- c. Marc Wilken, Director at Parks and Rec, came by to discuss Parkway / Oval schedule.

- This is the 5th year for the Eakin's Oval project. It is called "Oval Plus".
- New design firm planned an interactive installation.
- Daytime activities will be same as previous years (food trucks, maze, games, etc.) and there will also be a maze.
- Movies on Fridays around 9pm: Clueless, Hidden Figures, Up, Spaceballs, Invincible.
- Sat/Sun fun days and Kids rock events in the beer gardens.
- See <http://theovalphl.org> for more information
- Thurs July 20 (w-sun) through Aug 20th, 11am -11pm. Beer Garden: 5pm-11pm (w-f), 2pm-11pm (s-s).

d. Septa Rte. 49:

- Currently on hold due to routing debates. More information tba.

e. July 4th.

- Fireworks at 9:30 pm
- Vehicle restrictions South of Poplar beginning early on the 4th
- No Parking on Pennsylvania Ave
- More information to be found on PPD website or at the following link:
- <https://philly.curbed.com/2017/6/28/15885546/july-fourth-2017-philadelphia-street-closures-events>

f. Zoning.

- 887 N Taylor St: owner seeks support for a FULL LENGTH 3rd story. Neighbors have expressed mixed concerns, owner states that most are in support. FCA has received opposition from at least one neighbor within the area. Owner to meet with FCA board and write letter for immediate neighbor approval.

- 2600 W. Girard lot proposal: combine with neighboring lots of mixed zoning.
 - i. Variances sought: (1) Height increase to 71ft vs. 55ft by right; (2) density increase from 25 units vs. 16 by right; and (3) an open space variance.
 - ii. Development will have 1 BR rental apartments
 - iii. FCA does not support proposal as it currently stands. A meeting with immediate neighbors will be held and another presentation will be made to the general FCA.

g. Flowering Plants.

- 64 entries – way more than expected.
- Judging will be done in pieces beginning July 10 due to above expected entries. You will be notified once your house was judged.

h. FCDC News: new office is at 2837 W. Girard.

III. Adjournment

Larry Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 9:16 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Scott Dressler

Minutes approved by: [Name]