

Fairmount Civic Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
May 25, 2017

I. Call to order

Larry Reynolds called to order the regular meeting of the Fairmount Civic Association at 7:33 pm on 5/25/2017 at the City School.

II. Agenda Items

Meeting location: City School Fairmount Campus.

Food provided by ERA Restaurant

- a. City Commissioner Lisa Deeley spoke to the FCA to thank those who worked the polls and to give updates on the poll worker position: (1) A small raise to poll workers is proposed; and (2) A test is proposed which will open the job up for students. The main goal is to increase voter participation (15<sup>th</sup> Ward turnout doubled city average). Lisa has visited schools and gave voter machine demonstrations to students to get them familiar with the voting process.
  - Important dates: October 10<sup>th</sup> is last day to register for upcoming election in November. Absentee ballots available until October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- b. Route 15 work: Congressman Bill Greenlee addressed the FCA regarding the scheduled work on the Route 15 trolley. Girard to be closed 'until further notice' is not as major as it sounds. College will connect Girard at Corinthian, and will have a minimal effect. During construction, Route 15 will become a bus route and use the same detour.
- c. Kelly Yemen (from Complete Streets) came to talk about streets projects in our area. Complete Streets is tasked with making our streets safer and more beneficial to all forms of transportation (from trails to car to pedestrian). Some of her efforts at the moment:
  - Vision zero: a project designed to zero street fatalities throughout the city. Signed in November. Much work to be done regarding traffic safety in Philadelphia (fatalities above other city averages).

- Penn Ave repaving from Spring Garden to 26<sup>th</sup> this summer. Opportunity will be taken to make area safer. Turning lanes, striping, etc. Project will require a couple of weeks, but there will be no street closures. Happening this summer. See [OTIS@phila.gov](mailto:OTIS@phila.gov) for more information.
- d. Condo development proposed in lot behind Rodin museum. More information needed, but the plans presented to other CAs were reportedly met with opposition.
- e. Crime & Safety: PDAC meeting next week. In regards to last week's discussion on identifying yourself when calling 911: a 'verified call' will provide police with ability to stop individuals matching descriptions.
- f. Dog Park in Spring Garden: (19<sup>th</sup> & Green) is out of our jurisdiction (Spring Garden) it will be private and space is limited / full. We do not have any further information regarding this.
- g. Zoning & Development:
- 922 N 29<sup>th</sup> Street: ZBA continuance...
  - 706 N 24<sup>th</sup> Street: A row home existing between a two-family home and a single family home seeks a zoning change. The residence is currently zoned for 2 units mixed (residential and commercial) and wants it changed to 2 units residential (only). No structural changes are proposed. Hearing date scheduled for July 18.
- h. Church mural on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street: SGCA turned down the project.
- i. Committee report updates.
- j. Announcements:
- Flowering Fronts of Fairmount: gardening contest now seeking entries. See FCA website for details.
  - PHS gardening and greening contest (community flowerbeds / gardens, school gardens, rooftops, backyards, etc.) – see website for info.
  - Art museum restaurant week coming in June.

- Rembrants is closing (July 31<sup>st</sup>).
- Rybread is moving down Fairmount (May 31<sup>st</sup>).

k. Open Forum:

- Amanda (3-yr Fairmount resident) spoke to the FCA about Fair districts PA, is a group designed to fix gerrymandering. Local working groups meet every other week at Paris wine bar. May 31<sup>st</sup> meeting at Free Library (main). See [fairdistrictspa.com](http://fairdistrictspa.com) for more information.

- l. Postcard Design: project proposed to get a postcard out to residents to better promote the FCA. Any interested parties are welcome to submit entries. More information coming.

m. Next Meeting: June 28, 2017 at ESP!

### III. Adjournment

Larry Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 8:46 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Scott Dressler

Minutes approved by: [Name]