

Minutes of the Old City District Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 4:00 pm
231 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA

In Attendance: Danielle DelRe, Timothy Snowden, Betsy Oliphant Ross, Donn Clendenon, Jennifer Nagle, Lynn Haskin, Patrick Shillenn, Adam Teterus, Peter Rothberg, Carlo Sena, Christopher McGill, Joseph Ritchie, Albert Taus, Josh Grimes (counsel)

Absent: Dick Goldberg, Ashley Peel, Mary Hummel, Leo Addimando, Donal McCoy

Staff: Job Itzkowitz, Brett Mapp, Kate McGlinchey, Gabriella Sacidor

Guests: Janet Kalter, Joe Schiavo

Call to Order: P. Rothberg called the meeting to order at 4:04pm.

Minutes:

- April 2019 board meeting minutes were previously distributed via email.
- L. Haskin made a motion to approve the April 2019 minutes. 2nd/ P. Shillenn. All in favor; approved.

Chairman's Report: None

Executive Director's Report: J. Itzkowitz

- J. Itzkowitz thanked everyone who attended the Community Reception, and thanked P. Shillenn, C. Sena, and D. McCoy for providing space and beverages.
- J. Itzkowitz participated in ribbon cuttings for The National apartments and Kick Axe Throwing.
- Meetings:
 - J. Itzkowitz met with Joe Forkin of the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation.
 - J. Itzkowitz met with WHYH regarding sponsorship opportunities.
- Staff updates:
 - B. Mapp is still taking an accounting management course and served as a panelist for the New Jersey Council of the Arts.
 - G. Sacidor has been working on Old City Eats and the Old City Map.
 - K. McGlinchey has been working on grants and helping scout locations for upcoming TV shows filming in Old City.
 - G. Sacidor & K. McGlinchey organized the Old City Community Reception and the annual report presentation.
- New openings:
 - V's Barbershop is open on N 2nd Street.
 - Keystone Energy Efficiency Alliance is open in the upstairs office space of 14 S 3rd Street.

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- Upcoming dates:
 - Old City Eats kicks off with a block party on June 20th.
 - There will be an RCO on June 5th at 5:15pm.
 - The next Board of Directors meeting will be on July 17th. There is no June Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: T. Snowden

- T. Snowden provided an overview of OCD's finances and assessment collection.

Committee Reports

Marketing: P. Shillenn

- The committee heard a presentation from a retail recruiter at its last meeting.
- The Community Reception went well, and P. Shillenn thanked everyone who attended.
- Old City Maps are printed and beginning distribution. OCD will be taking feedback on the map to make adjustments and decide if it should be an ongoing initiative.
- Today is the opening day for the Farmers Market at Christ Church, which will run on Wednesdays from 2-7pm at 2nd & Church Streets this summer.

Clean and Safe: T. Snowden

- 312 Market's Special Assembly Occupancy License was revoked. They are continuing to operate and have received a violation from L&I.
- 233 Chestnut applied for a liquor license for Forsythia, a new restaurant from Chris Kearse of Will BYOB. OCD has filed a Petition to Intervene and will work with the applicant and their counsel on a Conditional Licensing Agreement.
- ACAM is continuing its work with JEVS.
- OPS has started their First Friday security patrols.

Economic Development: J. Itzkowitz

- The committee heard two presentations at its last meeting. The first was from the Delaware River Port Authority regarding the Franklin Square PATCO project, and the second was from UCC First Reformed and Community Ventures about a proposed project on their property.
- OCD is reviewing a proposal for the Park at 2nd & Market from JVM Studio and will discuss it with NPS in the coming weeks.
- Independence National Historical Trust is hosting a pop-up event at Welcome Park during the First Friday in June.

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- Old City Green and OCD met with Councilman Squilla and City Department representatives about Commerce Street. Old City Green also hosted a community meeting for feedback on the concept design for the space.
- Lease negotiations for Dolly Ottey park are ongoing. OCD withdrew its DCED LSA grant application for the space in light of site ownership requirements from DCED.
- oTIS has requested a letter of support for a bike lane on 2nd Street between Spring Garden and Market Streets. The previous proposal, which OCD wrote a letter in support of, stopped at Race Street. OCD is working with oTIS to collect stakeholder feedback on the proposal.
- J. Itzkowitz and K. McGlinchey met with oTIS regarding funding options to close the gap on the Market Street project.
- Old City Green oversaw several tree plantings in the neighborhood with support from OCD.

Board Development: P. Rothberg

- A. Teterus is assuming the chair role of the Board Development committee.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- A. Teterus shared that Indy Hall will host a needle training course with Philadelphia Parks & Recreation to train volunteers to pick up needles on Commerce Street. The training will be offered on May 24th from 12-1pm at Indy Hall.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

- J. Ritchie moved to adjourn the meeting. 2nd/ A. Teterus. All in favor; approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:33pm.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 4:00pm, at 231 Market Street.