



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Streaming Via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by the President, Maggie Mund. In addition to Maggie, Executive Committee members present were Rick Gross, Pip Campbell, Michele Ettinger, Barbara Halpern, Charles Robin, Matt Schreck, Rick Speizman, and Nan Robinson. Wade Albert, CCRA Legal Counsel, joined as well.

1. Maggie asked if there were any objections to the minutes from the previous month and after none were noted, the minutes were approved.
2. Wade Albert joined the meeting for the opening discussion about a serious of complaints over the past month from residents in the Savoy and Rittenhouse Plaza over a band, Snacktime, playing in Rittenhouse Square. Rick Gross noted several residents had aggressively complained to him that they were considering leaving Center City over this issue. Rick and Travis had joined a meeting to discuss this with the band's lawyer and it had not gone well. Given there are specific city ordinances, including sound regulations, subject to city enforcement, Wade was brought into the situation and his separate communications with the band's lawyer were also not successful, despite best intentions. At this stage, Allan Domb has been approached and he is trying to go through the appropriate legal channels to address the issue and CCRA will have no further comment at this time. Wade then departed the meeting.
3. With respect to Bylaws, a revised provision has been reached with respect to the Non-standing Committee appointment provision and revised materials will be going out tomorrow. The voting process on the amendments is getting organized by Travis and is expected to be in order in time for the Annual Meeting. It was noted that some people are not receiving all emails and it was suggested that a review be done to ensure that all emails are up to date.
4. Again this month, Matt Schreck advised that CCRA's finances are in good shape. Rick Speizman mentioned one thing that is different now is a liability is being shown, since the \$9,275 PPP loan came through. It is likely this will ultimately be forgiven but it nonetheless is still shown as a liability on the books. Overall, however, the outlook is continuing to trend upwards.
5. Rick Gross provided the Development Report, starting with the Auction website, which looks great, including the pictures and write-ups. The auction information will be posted for at least 30 days and Tina Breslow is planning to put related notices up at various locations, as the auction is open to non-members as well. Rick S. will plan to review all associated language for any potential tax implications, as these are bids, not contributions. The winning bids are to be announced at the Annual Meeting.

Rick S. then raised several confidential issues for the consideration of the Executive Committee and it was determined that one of the issues would be raised during an Executive session of the Board Meeting next week, after all of the guests have been excused.

6. With respect to the Operations Report, the eNews update is terrific and some of the material is expanding outside of the neighborhood, as that is resonating with the membership.
7. For the Presidents Report, Maggie has heard from reliable sourcing that there continues to be a reasonable chance that Josh Shapiro can join the Annual Meeting as guest speaker this year, although this remains unconfirmed to date. Two more volunteers are needed to co-chair the Trash and Diversity & Giving groups connected with the Visioning Session held last month.
8. Michele Ettinger reported that the Membership Committee is in good shape, as outlined in the monthly report, with members coming in from a broader range of categories this month, which is interesting and potentially exciting. Michele and Nan will be meeting with Travis to determine any specific areas for follow-up.
9. Barbara Halpern advised that the Communication Committee is trying to create a budget as various advertising approaches are being evaluated. Emphasis is currently being placed on the upcoming On-line Auction but next up, the team will be shifting to the 75th Anniversary Quarterly Issue, due out this winter. Ideally, it will include content by decade, including interviews if possible. Anyone with ideas should contact the Communications Committee.
10. There was a brief discussion about an initiative brought by Steve Huntington and the Center City Coalition to join in formally supporting a “Ready, Set, Philadelphia” proposal, to get Philadelphia back to pre-pandemic shopping and dining levels. The Executive Committee agreed to formally bring this Resolution to the Board for a vote at the upcoming meeting.
11. As per their report, the Streets Committee has approved a proposal by the City to build a two-lane bike lane on the south side of Market Street between 20th and 23rd streets. The intention is to improve traffic flow and increase safety. A vote on this is being arranged for the next Board meeting.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38.

Respectfully submitted,
Nan Robinson, Secretary

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