

# **Minutes for 06/02/2022 CRCA Meeting**

Via Zoom 7:30pm

Welcome by Mike Katra, Vice President, Central Roxborough Civic Association

## **General Updates:**

- Approval of April and May meeting minutes
- Call for volunteer board members in 3 vacant districts (#3, 10 & 12)
- Call for PHS volunteers; <https://phsonline.org/volunteer/for-individuals>

## **Updates from:**

Damian Caggiano - Community Relations Officer

Email [Damian.Caggiano@phila.gov](mailto:Damian.Caggiano@phila.gov)

- Crime Report
  - Warmer and summer weather brings up the rate of theft from autos on Churchview and Forbidden Drive lots
  - Package thefts
- Park rangers have increased personnel
- Friday and Saturday patrols of Main Street, when staffing permits
- Flyers available about theft and catalytic converters, Catalytic converter theft is city wide.
  - Most frequently targeted cars are Kia Sportage, Mitsubishi, Honda CRV & Accord, Toyota Prius & Tacoma
  
- Parties are being thrown for youth in the neighborhood
  - Party at Kendrick Rec Center
  - Another party at June 17 900 Gracken Lane Houston Playground
- St Johns Church Rector Street “Designer Bag Bingo”
- Eventbrite  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/5th-districtpdac-designer-bag-bingo-fundraiser-tickets-355220533177>

## **Town Hall every 3rd Thursday with the 5th District**

- To address abandoned vehicles please file 311 report and email P/O Caggiano
- Email [Damian.Caggiano@phila.gov](mailto:Damian.Caggiano@phila.gov)

## **Pam DeLissio - State Representative**

- Budget time of the year, lots of meetings about budget; Currently the state is \$9B over projected revenue
- 118th Town Hall on Jun 16 - Wolcott Auditorium 7pm - also via Zoom
- Update on the Henry Avenue safety improvement project
  
- You can contact Pam DeLissio at:
  - [RepDeLissio@pahouse.net](mailto:RepDeLissio@pahouse.net)
  - 215-482-8726

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## **Variance Review Presentation**

### **6216 Ridge Ave - Sal Vacchiano - Property owner**

- Special exception application for using space as an office
- ZBA Hearing is June 16th
- Discussion about size of signage to be in compliance with Ridge Ave overlay
- Straw poll shows 24 votes in support

### **4353-55 Lauriston St - Joe Console - Attorney, Owners Frank Basara & Kristen Scudder**

- Legalization of 2-car parking in rear yard
- Refusal - rear yard parking & curb cut overlay states max of 12 ft wide - proposed 18ft
- Discussion of 12' vs 18' curb cut options, near neighbors not opposed to 18' curb cut as it doesn't reduce overall street parking
- Straw poll taken, 20 in support, 1 in opposition, 1 not opposed

## **Other Discussions**

### **Victorian Roxborough Historic District**

- May 18th - PHC officially considered and approved the Victorian Roxborough Historic District 350 houses in the district and the largest new district in many years
  - Thanks to all those who contributed!

## **Community Announcements**

**Two On Tuesdays** - Group of volunteers from across the community who take care of public spaces not maintained by the City.. Cutting back foliage, weeding, planting trees and flowers, removing trash, etc; they go out for pizza and beer afterwards. It's a good way to get to know people in your community.

- Email [johnmcarpenter@msn.com](mailto:johnmcarpenter@msn.com) if you would like to get involved.
- John Carpenter is also involved with the Roxborough Manayunk Conservancy, a group that is focused on preserving the open space in Roxborough and Manayunk.

## **Meeting conclusion**

Throughout the meeting, people were in attendance, including presenters. People were able to raise their hands to speak, or use the Chat function.

Meeting was administered by multiple board members.