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**Neighborhood Advisory Council  
General Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2005**

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Ann Hoskins-Brown, Chair opened the meeting at 7:35 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

The minutes from the February meeting were unanimously approved. Ms. Ann Hoskins-Brown read the zoning agenda for the upcoming SOSNA Community Zoning Meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 and encouraged neighbors to attend.

Ms. Eve Lewis read the NAC Announcements including upcoming community events. Ms Lewis informed members of a focus group being conducted by SOSNA assessing the housing needs of grandparents raising grandchildren. Ms. Lewis requested neighbors knowing any grandparents fitting those criteria to forward that information to SOSNA.

Ms. Hoskins Brown updated members on the Neighborhood Strategic Plan. Plans for a public meeting are being discussed and will be held in the near future. Residents will be notified. Copies of the Plan are available for review in the SOSNA office.

**Introduction of Guests: Ms. Hoskins-Brown introduced the following guests:**

**Larry Schaffer, Co-founder of Philly Car Share Committee and Chair of the SOSNA Safe Street/Traffic Calming Committee** – Mr. Schaeffer informed residents of the purpose of the committee and the Hometown Streets & Safe Routes to School Program. The program, funded by the State, is intended to improve the quality of life in our communities and to revitalize downtown areas to bring back commercial corridors. He previously met with engineers who he hoped would be available to give the presentation but no engineer has been actually been hired; however the engineers do have an interest in working with the committee in the future. Mr. Schaeffer gave examples of streetscaping projects in other cities i.e. West Palm Beach – changed the look of the sidewalk by investing in planters and streetlights with planters. Doylestown put in bike racks and bus shelters catering to pedestrians. Mr. Schaeffer informed residents that the committee being formed would address the School Safety Zone issue first. The committee will come up with projects and a one-page application. The biggest hurdle will be the Streets Department. The program is a reimbursement program. Once awarded a grant other agencies will underwrite the grant. There was a request for the committee to look at the traffic pattern on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Discussion ensued regarding traffic lights and flow of traffic.

**Brian Clark, Operations Assistant for Philadelphia Streets Department Citywide Cleaning Division-** Mr. Clark stated that he is willing to work with the residents of our community for street cleaning proposals. Residents want the streets cleaned with the mechanical broom. A discussion ensued regarding the issue of parking and the requirement of resident participation. Residents will be responsible for moving their cars when the mechanical broom is scheduled.

**Bill Stern, Clean Block Officer for Philadelphia More Beautiful** – Mr. Stern informed the residents of the three (3) clean ups scheduled this year, May 7<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Stern stated he would be willing to work with the block captains on organizing their blocks for street cleaning. Mr. Stern also schedules alley and lot cleanups, can assist with nuisance problems (i.e. abandoned cars) and supplies block captains with bags and brooms. The members gave Mr. Stern a list of abandoned cars and trash sites. Discussion ensued regarding trashcans, Adopt A Basket program and street cleaning. After much discussion it was resolved that SOSNA will meet with the various city entities to discuss how to go about having mechanical brooms operating in the SOSNA Service Area. A Street Cleaning committee was formed chaired by SOSNA Board member Ted Lee.

Respectfully Submitted  
Eve B. Lewis, NAC Director