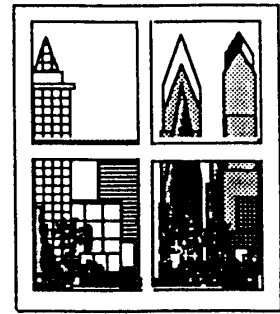


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**Neighborhood Advisory Council
General Meeting
September 8, 2004
-- Approved --**

Interim Chairperson Laura Blanchard called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM noting that we were not able to get into the room to set up until 7:30 PM.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2004 meeting was duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried.

Elections: Members of the Elections Committee present at the meeting stood and identified themselves as such. Ms. Blanchard asked for three additional members to volunteer for the Elections Committee and reminded the membership that no one serving on the Elections Committee is eligible to run for a position on the Board. Stephen A. McIntire, Alan Mandel, and Aaron Rodgers agreed to serve as members of the Elections Committee.

Ms. Blanchard reviewed the changes to the bylaws that pertain to the election process noting that the NAC Board will consist of 15 members who will serve three-year terms. She pointed out that this year is a transition year to establish a structure whereby one third of the Board (or 5 seats) will turn over each year. To achieve this structure, 10 seats will be up for election this year with 5 seats carrying three-year terms and 5 seats carrying 2 year terms to establish the appropriate rotation schedule. She noted that any of the current SOSNA Board members whose terms were previously set at 5 years will be eligible for re-election but will only be eligible for one 2 year term. Current SOSNA Board members whose terms were previously set at one year will be eligible to run for a three-year term. Current Board members whose term is one year must run for re-election if they desire to continue to serve on the Board. The seats held by this group make up five of the available seats in the 2004 election. The remaining five seats available in the 2004 election are five of the former "five-year" seats currently held by those "five-year" board members with the longest total tenure on the SOSNA Board. Those seats are the seats currently or formerly held by Alan Mandel, Angela Richardson, Jennie Robbins, Marni Showell, and Doerte Smith. The one-year seats are those held by Rich Gliniak, Gloria Jackson, Theodore Michael Lee, Anthony Moretti, and William Pearson. Ms. Blanchard identified those board members up for reelection who are currently serving as officers of the Board (Theodore Michael Lee, Anthony Moretti, and Doerte Smith) and noted that William Pearson is not seeking re-election.

Ms. Blanchard opened the floor to nominations and the following were nominated pending validation by the Election Committee:

- Markey Ferreira
- Richard Gliniak
- Stephanie Green
- Gail Harrington
- Gloria Jackson
- Marc Jaffe
- Andrew James
- Juanita James
- Theodore Michael Lee
- John McHugh
- Sharon Melvin
- Shawn Moffit
- Anthony Moretti
- Hiram Precise
- Stacey Redmond
- Charles “Les” Robbins
- Jennie Robbins
- Kelli Richards
- Marni Showell
- Doerte Smith
- Bernard Woodard

Gary Spahn was nominated and declined the nomination.

Candidates for the Board were given an information sheet to complete and return to the SOSNA office so that their statements and neighborhood priorities could be assembled and disseminated to the community. It was noted that any personal information would be kept private. Ms. Blanchard reminded the membership that one need not be a member of the board to serve on a committee and that anyone not elected will be actively solicited for committee membership.

NAC Update: Eve Lewis, NAC Director, gave an update on NAC activities and community events. She announced that the Elections Committee would meet and verify that all candidates are eligible and verify that any candidates who were nominated in absentia are interested in running. Other neighborhood events include a meeting on September 14 at 6:30 PM on Safe Corridors (strategies to create safe pathways between home and school) held at Greater Saint Matthew’s Baptist Church; a “Day of Caring” Health Fair to be held on September 11 at Marian Anderson Recreation Center sponsored by Better Days; the SOSNA Fall Fair to be held at St. Anthony’s Senior Residences at 23rd and Carpenter Streets on September 18th with a rain date of October 8th. She noted that the Fair will include a Happy House Clinic, children’s activities, and entertainment. In addition, Ms. Lewis announced that Seconds on South, the SOSNA

thrift shop, reopened and had many Grand Reopening specials as well as “new-to-you” fall items. Ms. Blanchard encouraged Board candidates to come to the SOSNA Fall Fair to meet their neighbors and noted that Town Watch would have a table at the Fair for those interested in safety issues.

General Meetings: Laura Blanchard asked what the community would like to see as topics for future General Meetings. Once suggestions were made, they were posted and those in attendance were able to choose their priorities from the suggestions by placing colored dots next to the topic. The results will be available at the next General Meeting. The following were suggested as topics:

- Street trees
- Trash
- Zoning procedures and enforcement
- Positions on behalf of the Community
- Monthly Zoning Committee reports
- Getting regular street cleaning
- Street safety
- Truancy
- Vacant, overgrown lots
- Organized children’s programs
- New residents welcome
- Neighborhood communications
- Better SOSNA committee reporting
- Graffiti removal and mural creation
- Networking – community “yellow pages”
- Predatory real estate buying
- Developing commercial corridors

New Business: Juanita James reported that she has been meeting with Arthur Potts about organizing new Town Watch groups and asked anyone who is interested to please sign up.

Laura Blanchard adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM and invited attendees to stay for refreshments and meet the board candidates.

Respectfully submitted
Ann Hoskins-Brown
Interim Recording Secretary