

**REGENT SQUARE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 8, 2001**

The Regent Square Civic Association Board of Directors met on January 8, 2001 at 7:00 pm. Terri Rosen, Bill Wiemer, Kelly O'Brien, Jon Danzak and David Pollack attended. Also attending as guests were Katie Scherer, a Regent Square resident, and Rob Horne, Edgewood Boro Code Enforcement Officer and Officer Tom Kusinsky, Edgewood Boro PD. Ms. Rosen acted as chairperson of the meeting and Mr. Pollack as secretary of the meeting. A quorum of the Board was not present for this meeting.

Because the December meeting of the Board was also the holiday party, minutes were not taken. President Rosen briefly reviewed the matters discussed at the meeting, including the Board's review of RSCA's accomplishments and the visit from John Marquat, Edgewood Boro manager.

Old Business

Jon Danzak reported that the Summerset housing development is about to begin construction, with model homes to be completed in 6-8 months. The Frick Park/9 Mile Run initiatives are currently uncertain because the former project leader has resigned.

Bill reported that Jay Costa's office has made efforts to bring the Regent Square signage for the Westbound Parkway ramps to completion.

Treasurer's Report: Bill reported receipts of \$1700 from memberships, including memberships from 32 businesses. Jon circulated a list of the business members and stated that he will print them in the next newsletter. Bill also reported receipt of \$2400 from the Run Around the Square. A story on Run Around the Square will also appear in the next newsletter. Bill also noted RSCA's support for, among other things, the Edgewood and Swissvale VFDs, and noted that RSCA had received a thank you from the Edgewood Symphony for past support.

Terri reported on the holiday lighting contest. Four contributions will be made to charities selected by the winners in the total amount of \$180. (list of winners and recipients of contributions to be attached). Terri also reported that a local family has offered to sponsor an annual award for a resident of the Square. The Board members present resolved to address selection criteria at a later meeting. Terri will contact Edgewood and Swissvale boros for recommendations/nominations.

New Business

Mr. Horne described an initiative Edgewood and Swissvale boros are undertaking to undertake a study on street and amenity needs for the Square's business district and putting together a revitalization plan. No specific action was asked or volunteered on the part of the RSCA.

Officer Kusinsky noted that Edgewood boro PD will be trying to send a representative to each monthly RSCA meeting. In response to questions from the Board, Officer Kusinsky reported that Edgewood Boro now has 6 full time police officers, that a car is assigned to the Regent Square business district, and that Edgewood's 911 system is operational. Note that 911 calls to Edgewood route through Edgewood's police dispatch rather than centrally. Edgewood PD can also be reached at 244-9990.

President Rosen read a letter from the Edgewood and Swissvale Boro Managers applying for assistance in repaving Braddock Ave from the Parkway to the Wilksburg line.

The next meeting was discussed. The February RSCA meeting (2/5/01) will include both election of 4 new Directors to serve three-year terms to replace resigning Directors, and an informational meeting with representatives of Pittsburgh Councilman Bob O'Connor's office. 4 candidates have presented themselves for election as directors, including Ms. Scherer. The suggestion was made that members attending the February meeting be invited to sign up for committees/task forces to increase member involvement in the organization.

It was suggested that municipal contact information be included in the next newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted
David Pollack
Secretary of the meeting