

Executive Committee Copy, Real Property Section

Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, January 12, 2010

In attendance: Brad Begelman, Harper Dimmerman, Paul Schmidt, Neil Rubin, Markita Morris Louis, Jason R. Sieminski, Rachel Friedman, Rachel Gallegos, Mike Balent, Kathy Keyser, Cheryl Gaston, Al Fuscaldo, Mark DePillis, Wally Zimolong, Bill Keffer, Judy Berkman, and Richard Vanderslice.

Chair Al Fuscaldo called the meeting to order.

The minutes for their last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sheryl Gaston reported to the Committee that she is waiting on the Philadelphia Bar Association to provide her with the information necessary to complete her last treasurer's report.

Chair Goals: Chair Al Fuscaldo discussed his goals for the coming year for the session. They are in no particular order, to keep the section relevant to the members, find ways to get information out to the members, a newsletter, additional CLEs, work with lawyers in transition, offer more networking opportunities, update the website, solicit ideas for new committees and volunteers to head those committees, and to bifurcate the listserv.

Social: Rachel Friedman and Rachel Gallegos volunteered to coordinate the planning for the Spring Social. Keeping the Spring Social in the first part of June was also discussed.

Report from The Philadelphia Bar Chairman's meeting: Chair Al Fuscaldo reported on his attendance at the Philadelphia Bar Chairman's meeting. He indicated that Chairman Scott Cooper intends to be more active on resolutions and to streamline the resolution process. Mr. Cooper also called for suggestions to improve the function of the Board of Governors in considering resolutions. He indicated that he would seek greater involvement from the legislative liaison on issues important to the Bar Association. Mr. Fuscaldo also reported that the PBA Chair intends to create a Historic Preservation Committee as well as an Academy to offer non-legal educational opportunities.

Zoning Code Commission Update: Ralph Pinkus advised the Board that the commission has not had any activity since the last meeting. He will endeavor to summarize the minutes from the last zoning commission meeting and report them to the Board. He made note of the dates of January 19, 2009, for a developer's meeting to comment on the proposed zoning code in addition to January 23, 2010, for a community meeting for comment on the proposed code. The former is at the Union League and it is assumed that the latter will be at the same location.

Resolution on LEED related bills: Paul Schmidt advised the Board that there has been no activity since the last meeting. Additionally, he advised the Board the Water Department will be changing its method of calculating the amount of storm water discharged from an

estimated discharge to a calculation based on the square footage of impervious surfaces. The Board was advised to expect more sustainable issues from City Council in the future and efforts to internalize costs.

BRT Restructuring: Cheryl Gaston and Judy Berkman advised that a Memorandum of Understanding had been reached, which would transfer most of the functions related to appeals to the Mayor's office.

Old Business: Cheryl Gaston advised the Board that she will be conducting CLE on Borders and Fencing Law on January 28, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned.