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| Tuesday October 1, 2019143 West Coulter, 7:00 pmChair: Sue Patterson, Vice Chair: Brandi Levine, Secretary: Georgette Bartell, Treasurer: Russ KleinbachPresent: Sue Patterson, Brandi Levine, Georgette Bartell, Russ Kleinbach, Lou Ranieri, Irving Vaughn, Emily Erb, Maggie Manzer, Adam Kaufman, Ken Martin, Monika Brandmair, Alison Weiss, Pamela Bracey, Peggy Bishop, Margaret Wilmerding, Oliver Lopresti, David Rose, Terese Vekteris, Sue Gilfillan, Martha Savery, Tina LeCoff, Liuda Sudaris, Connie Winters, Gladys Lackey, Kathy Paulmier, Antonette Berger, Guest David Oh, guest Mark Davis 1)  Councilman David Oh, at-large, advocate for whole city, has no designated money as do district council persons, he must raise his own. See David Oh's website: <http://phlcouncil.com/councilmember-david-oh-initiatives-and-community-outreach/> and city council minutes <https://phila.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx/>. David Oh spoke at length on these topicsOffice of Property Assessment works for the mayor, assessment annually, they do not the bases for the assessments, which David Oh says is illegal. David Oh proposed that there be an audit of the methodology which is below industry standards. 10 Year Tax Abatement was to help build up underserved areas. It is in effect throughout the city. Now it is being challenged, should it be modified or ended.Philadelphia Parking Authority. In 2001 school district was in debt, the Commonwealth took over the school district but didn't have the funds to run it. So the Commonwealth took over the parking authority to pay for the school district administration. This is Illegal per Oh.  Community College of Philadelphia. Under state law, every county is required to pay 1/3 of the operation budget for community colleges. Phila paid 18%. Also, city is supposed to pay 50% of capital budget. Tuition pays 50-60% which is supposed to be 33%. Mayor appoints board members, mayor writes budget, if it's short, no board member or the mayor complains.  Department of Human Services. Mandated reporters are at risk and institutions are at risk if they don't report. There are complaints that they are over reporting. David Oh has cases of 100 women who have been hurt by their children being taken away or placed with abusers. DHS says that they have no problem and do not want to review their compliance with standards or review any of these cases.Someone brought up that there is a coalition of several hundred millennials interested in the deconsolidation of Philadelphia (see <https://philadelphiaencyclopedia.org/archive/consolidation-act-of-1854/> for background)Consolidation was put in place to increase the coverage of the police as some municipalities had no police. Protestant and Catholic riots raised the need for this in the mid 19th century. No public support for deconsolidation as yet. 2)  Mark Davis from the Juvenile Justice Center – corner of Greene and Coulter ([https://juvenilejustice.org/](https://pennknox.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=48d11f9f44566cc92b2f1c1fd&id=2c09be3b55&e=faf14efc59)), is our new partner for the Penn Knox Spring Fair. Amongst other duties, the JJC administers licensure to child welfare agencies, oversees child abuse investigations, truancy services, in home services, after school respite, foster care. They do a community day in Aug with partners and clients. Food venders, face painting, etc.Comments from neighbors: - Please tackle the problem of stones being taken from wall across from JJC.- Trash is thrown in street and people are parking in the street, not in their lot. Would the additions of trash cans help?3)  PKNA Zoning Committee Report - met on Sept. 24 to refine zoning document. It will go out in newsletter, email and you may see it on our [website.](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56d0d6f59f7266bfd0f7834b/t/5d993f6c271f6b22ef5722e8/1570324332670/PKNA%2BZoning%2BCmte%2BMtg%2BMinutes%2B9-24-2019.pdf) Please send comments. 4)  PKNA Elections & Bylaws Update. Vice chair is responsible for elections and the bylaws also need revision. Bylaw committee: Tina LeCoff and Irvin Vaughn have volunteered. We will elect new officers and their offices will be provisional until bylaws are complete and accepted: Chair: Brandi Levine- PK for 25 years, arts community, historic community, loves history Vice Chair: Irvin Vaughn- here since 1982, married 41 years, Viet Nam veteran, worked with veterans to get benefits, retired.Website: Terese Vekteris, publishing, marketing, lived in West Central Germantown before moving to PKMinutes: Grace Flisser, taught in the English Department at Community College of Philadelphia, where she was a loyal union member of the AFT, for eons. She’s been a working member at Weaver's Way coöp (usually filling her hours at the Mort Brooks Farm at Awbury Arboretum) for forty years, and would like to expand her contribution to the well-being of our city and neighborhood .Treasurer: Maggie Manzer. Bookkeeper, financial consultant, Rittenhouse square flower market for chldren's charities organizer.Records: Until someone else volunteers, Georgette will continue with maintaining the master list, attendance and mailchimp list.Motion made by Tina LeCoff to accept the proposed people for these officers, unanimously passed. Final vote at November meeting when bylaws are accepted. 5) Friends of Howell Park – Hold the Date: Love your Park workday Saturday, November 9, 2019. 10:00 – 1:00.  Coffee & donuts provided!6) Treasurer’s Report: $485 from dues and donations. We owe the lawyer, McElhatton, at least $1000. Preservation alliance donation on our behalf is still being looked for by lawyer's office. Our balance is $13797) Open Mike* 5312 Wayne is falling apart
* Thanks for notice about spotted lantern fly, tree is in PK. Trees are male and female, male tree attracts spotted lantern fly.
* 4930 Wayne: single family convert to 3 family support, RCO oppose,
* 4942 was single, wants to convert to elementary school.
* 4832 E. Penn. Was Germantown settlement house. By right can be divided, owner wanted it to be made in to 8 apts. neighbors suggested maybe a co-op.
* 5312 construction, dormer fell off, owned by someone in suburbs.
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| A neighbor at 130 West Penn Street has let us know they have found lantern flies on their property.  Their preferred host is the Ailanthus altissima, or tree of heaven.  Their neighbor has one of these in their back yard, and recommends that they check the trunk for infestation.  For more information, follow this link;  [https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants\_Land\_Water/PlantIndustry/Entomology/spotted\_lanternfly/Pages/default.aspx](https://pennknox.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=48d11f9f44566cc92b2f1c1fd&id=e5ec045b0f&e=faf14efc59) |

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| Below is an image of an ailanthus tree.  It has become a common weed tree, and it is plentiful throughout Philadelphia.  For more about these trees, and how to combat this lantern fly invasion, follow this link: [https://extension.psu.edu/tree-of-heaven](https://pennknox.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=48d11f9f44566cc92b2f1c1fd&id=90417f1563&e=faf14efc59) |

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Minutes submitted by Georgette Bartell, Oct. 7, 2019