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MNC Board Elections will take place at the April 2 meeting. Come early, it's the first order of business. The office of president is contested so there will be an election. Only individual and family members, paid up by last month's meeting, will be eligible to vote. Nominees for president are

Kevin Smith (incumbent)
Joy Griffin

The remaining positions are uncontested and will not be voted on: John Hunter, vice president; Mark Turtle, treasurer; Keith Newman, recording secretary; Jane Glenn, corresponding secretary; Rob Lamendola, sergeant at arms; Susan Shimp, trustee; Charlie Hewins, trustee.

Mayor Nutter's Philly Spring Cleanup - Manayunk Neighborhood Council, Friends of the Manayunk Canal, The Schuylkill Project, and Northlight Community Center are sponsoring a cleanup along the Manayunk Canal, Saturday **April 5, 9:00 AM**. Meet at Canal View Park at Main Street and Connaroe. Register at <http://www.phillyspringcleanup.com>. Registrants will also receive a red wrist band entitling them to free rides on SEPTA from 6 am to 6 pm, on the 5th, and access to the bbq at Eagles stadium from 2 pm to 5 pm. Our cleanup is listed under Friends of the Manayunk Canal. Central Roxborough Civic is painting the fence at the Kendrick Rec Center. There are, as of this writing, 144 cleanups being organized throughout the city. Lets make our town sparkle!

Attention Neighbors on Gay and St. Davids.

Three homes are proposed for the empty lot at 132-134 Gay Street. This is the corner of Gay and St. Davids. streets. The proposed homes will be about 39 feet tall with three floors and a partial basement for a total of 2500 square feet. Each home will



St. Davids side

have a garage opening onto St. Davids. The developer will be presenting his plan at our April 2 meeting at the Venice Island Rec Center at 7:30 pm. If you are interested in this development, come to the meeting, get all the details and let us know what you think.



Gay Street side

Zoning

4365-4367 Main Street - Jake's. As described in the minutes, we were unable to reach an agreement with Jake's and we opposed their variance request to expand the restaurant. The variance was granted. The agreement was sought, to protect the neighborhood against unknown future circumstances. Despite our opposition, we wish Mr. Cooper the best of luck in his new venture. We believe it will be a valuable addition to Main Street.

228 Hermitage - We are opposed to the proposal to convert this single family home to multi-family. There zoning hearing is Monday April 1 at 9:30 AM.

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106-110 Grape - Maximum Development is proposing to demolish three existing garages and a home in order to build a four story office building. They have come up with a new design, more consistent with the Manayunk Historic District. Nevertheless four stories is still too tall and out of place in the district and on the block. MNC believes that a three story building could be made to work but we have not seen any three story designs. The developer



has indicated they must build four stories. They have



106-110 Grape Street

They have applied to the Historical Commission for demolition of the existing garages and home. They had a hearing with the Architectural Committee of the Historical Commission. The Committee voted to recommend denial of their application for demolition. They can proceed to the full Commission for a final decision. The next Commission hearing is April 11. If they get past the Historical Commission they will go to zoning.

105-107 Cotton - Maximum Development is also proposing a four story office building for Cotton Street. They premiered a new rendering at the last Historical Commission meeting and received *conceptual approval*. This means the Commission felt the design has merit but should go back to staff and the Architectural Committee for refinement. MNC feels the new design is an improvement but four stories is still out of place. Members voted decisively to oppose four stories, when the developers presented their plans last December.



105-107 Cotton Street

104 Wright Street - This four home project is going to zoning April 23 at 2:00 PM, Calendar No. 5030. This project was presented to us last March (a year ago) and is supported by Manayunk Neighborhood Council.



4648 Fleming - Last June, a single family home was proposed for this site, with a garage. The developer never made a presentation. We objected to the garage and recommended a the home be situated consistent with the adjacent homes. Apparently that application was withdrawn and a new application has been made. We have emailed the architect for information. The zoning hearing is scheduled for April 22 at 9:30 AM. Calendar No. 4778.

4648 Umbria - Helix Motors presented their project at our February meeting and members voted to support them. Their zoning hearing will be April 2 at 2:00 pm, calendar no. 4868.

Other News

Main Street Bike Racks - Much needed, and much delayed, bike racks are (may be) finally coming to Main Street. Kay Sykora, from Manayunk Development Corporation, has been working on this for some time. The project is part of a City wide program to install 1500 bike racks. The project should be going out to bid this spring (i.e. very soon) and bike racks are expected in the summer.

Spring Into Your Park - Last spring Eric and Garret organized around 60 volunteers for the Spring Into Your Park 2007. Lets top that number!

Show up in Pretzel Park Saturday, April 26, 10 AM to 2 PM and help get our park in shape for the Summer.



JUST A FEW MINUTES . . .

March 5, 2008

Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:45.

Nominations from the nominating committee were announced

President: Kevin Smith; Vice President: John Hunter; Treasurer: Mark Turtle; Recording Secretary: Keith Newman; Corresponding Secretary: Jane Glenn; Sergeant at Arms: Rob Lamendola; Trustees: Susan Shimp, Charlie Hewins, Erika Orsulak, Hilary Langer, Joy Griffin

Joy Griffin was nominated, from the floor, for President and Joy released her Trustee nomination.

Mayor's cleanup: Stay tuned for information regarding local neighborhood cleanups.

Zoning Liquor

228 Hermitage: Will return to zoning on April 1st. We are opposed their plans to turn the single family home into a multi-family home.

Sheldon Crossing: MNC previously approved their plans but they also went before Ridge Park Civic, which did not approve them. We will be supporting them at the hearing on March 12

4365-4367 Main St. Jake's Restaurant: We were not able to get an agreement with Bruce Cooper, of Jake's, on the expansion of his restaurant. Mr. Cooper did not agree to the "no new patrons after 1:30 am" clause. Mr. Cooper also insisted on a self-destruct clause that would void the agreement if we did not seek the same agreement from any future restaurants/expansions. We opposed the application at zoning. The Zoning Board granted the variance with Manayunk Development Corporation's 10 point list of restrictions as a proviso.

Liquor Committee: The MNC Liquor Committee met to create guidelines and a standard agreement for anyone seeking to open a bar/restaurant. Work is progressing.

228-236 Krams: The zoning committee will review this proposal at their next meeting

227 Krams: Dan Neducsin is proposing 33 one-bedroom units with parking for 33 cars on this 18,000 sf lot. The

project is located at the end of Krams Avenue below Silverwood. The plot is zoned L4 (light industrial). The plan meets height and density requirements for L4 but needs a variance for residential use. The building would be four stories high. The developers are proposing a green roof. The main source of concern was the construction of a building totally out of character with the neighborhood. The concept of 33 one-bedroom units angered neighbors. The current retaining wall, supporting the rear yards of homes on Dupont Street will be retained and reinforced. Neighbors voiced their opinion that the height would change views and be an eyesore. Questions followed concerning building materials and the green roof. The roof is not accessible except for maintenance. More questions followed about traffic. No satisfactory answers were given. Krams is a two way street with parking on both sides and a single traffic lane. This project would drastically increase traffic on Krams. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to contact Councilman Jones and the planning commission about this and other projects. More conversation followed about the traffic flow. It was generally assumed that this type of development would be primarily used by college students. There would likely be more that one car per unit and therefore inadequate parking on site. There is already insufficient parking on the block and in the area. A member expressed the desire to see the neighborhood use greater diversity in its design and planning. The developers hope to begin building this summer.

Other News and Information: Sam Kroungold from Propper Brothers, and MDC executive board member, spoke to the group about his impressions of our meeting. He cited the need for MNC and MDC to work together. Sam mentioned he had formed an opinion of the MNC from others, but left with a different opinion of MNC based on what he had seen. Neighbors expressed their appreciation of Sam's visit and his remarks and expressed a willingness to maintain a dialogue with MDC.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15

MANAYUNK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP FORM January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

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April 5, 9:00 AM - Mayor Nutter's Philly Spring Cleanup (see page 1)

April 12, 12:00 PM - Join Friends of the Manayunk Canal, on Main Street, at Canal View Park (Main and Connaroe) for a fun spring inspired children's scavenger hunt along the Towpath.

April 16, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM - Rain Barrel Workshop at Glenside Weldon Elementary School; 423 N Easton Rd., Glenside, PA. The first 50 households to pre-register will get a free rain barrel. RSVP: Sarah RobbGrieco, sarah@ttfwatershed.org/215-208-1613

April 26, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Historic & Environmental Walking Tour led by expert guide Sally Willig, Ph.D. Meet at Bucks County Coffee on Main Street. Join Sally for a walking tour of the Towpath. Learn about the natural environment that helped shape the history of Manayunk. Learn about current issues and initiatives.

April 26, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Spring Into Your Park Pretzel Park cleanup--See page 2

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Next Meeting:
Wednesday, April 2
7:30 PM
Venice Island Rec Center

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