

South Orange Village Center Alliance

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Board of Directors

Matt Glass	Steven Pedigo	Matt Wonski	Mark Murphy
Leslie Pogany	Beatrice Elie-Pierre	Deborah Engel	Nureed Saeed
Trustee Schnall	Tom McLaughlin	Danny Harrison	Sonny Uberoi
Fahim Abedrabbo	Fred Arsenault	Mark C. Hartwyk	

Open Minutes July 18, 2018

A regular meeting of the South Orange Village Center Alliance was held at Village Hall offices at 76 South Orange Avenue on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 and called to order by Chairman Glass at 8:07am. The meeting was certified by Director Hartwyk as being duly advertised.

Meeting Notice Statement:

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the press in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A 10:4-6. In addition, notice of this meeting was posted in Village Hall and on the Village's website, and has been filed by the Office of the Village Clerk. Official action may be taken.

A roll call of those in attendance was taken.

Present: Chairman Glass, Trustee Schnall, Directors Engel, Pogany, Saeed, Murphy, Pedigo, Wonski, Harrison, Elie-Pierre, Abedrabbo, Arsenault and Hartwyk.

**Note: SOPAC representative is Freddy Arsenault who replaced Mary Whithed, Fred is the Director of Development for SOPAC.*

Also Present: Village Liaison Adam Loehner (DA), Bob Zuckerman (ED) and Melissa Hodge (EOA).

Absent: Directors McLaughlin and Uberoi (on vacation).

Public: Alyssa Aronson (resident) and Cat Fisher (owner of Sadie's).

Next Meeting Date: There will be no meeting in August the next meeting date is Wednesday, September 26, 2018.

**Note this meeting date was adjusted from September 19th to the 26th because of Yom Kippur.*

**Monthly meeting start times have been changed to 8:30am – 10:00am.*

Adoption of the Open Minutes for June 20, 2018:

A motion was made by Trustee Schnall and seconded by Director Saeed to approve the Open Minutes for June 20, 2018, all were in favor.

Business Retention:

- Business Summit – Oct. 8, 7-9:30pm at 1 South
- Board Member Business Visits
 1. Boccone South - Sylvia out of town
 2. Indulgence Spa – Spoke about Lustbader project, month to month lease
 3. SO Pharmacy – didn't connect with Joe
- New Board Business Visits
 1. Boccone South
 2. SO Pharmacy
 3. D&I fitness

Beautification:

- Transition plan for taking cleaning in-house
Bob retained Jamal and hired two additional part-time candidates

The Executive Committee will finalize the next steps with Bob and move this forward

Place Making and Special Events:

- Parklet – should be installed by end of this week
- Play Day – Stop n Shop is a corporate sponsor, Bob is pursuing others, Play Day paint project put on hold
- Mural – Design Review Board is reviewing a new rendering

Advocacy and Outreach:

- Lustbader Project – Trustee Schnall will work to set up a meeting.

Administrative:

- Election of New Board Officers –
- A motion was made by Nureed Saeed and seconded by Steve Schnall to appoint Steven Pedigo Chairman, all in favor.
- A motion was made by Mark Murphy and seconded by Matt Wonski to appoint Mark Murphy Vice-Chairman, all in favor.
- A motion was made by Steven Pedigo and seconded by Mark Hartwyk to appoint Deborah Engel Secretary, all in favor.
- A motion was made by Matt Wonski and seconded by Leslie Pogany to appoint Mark Hartwyk Treasurer, all in favor.

The Board will be seeking new candidates for board positions going into August/September.

Good News:

Bob and Melissa arranged for a send off breakfast for outgoing Chairman Matt Glass. Matt thanked the Board and the community for their support and stated he will remain involved in events and looks forward to the future direction of the Village Center Alliance. On behalf of the Board, Bob and Melissa - Bob presented Matt with a going away gift, a painting by Dan Fenelon.

In addition Director Nureed Saeed informed the Board that she will be leaving the Board to move to San Francisco in September.

Public Comment:

TJ's store on South Orange Avenue is planning on converting to a Trampoline Fitness store like the one the owner's daughter owns and runs in LA.

SHU – Fahim touched on the SO map/locations, Involvement Fair in August, and Homecoming weekend in October.

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Schnall and seconded by Director Saeed all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:45am.