

Meeting Minutes

January Meeting Minutes – 1/12/16 - meeting began at 12:10p.m. until 1:00p.m.

Attendees: Marian Kornilowicz, Alexander Barth, Terry Garfinkel, Joyce Sun, Rebecca Solarz, Jill Jenkins, Rachel Gallegos , Cheryl Gaston, Wendy Bookler, Lindsay Schoonmaker, Eileen Quigley, Marjorie Stern-Jacobs, Rick Vanderslice.

December's Meeting Minutes were approved with one change noted, the inclusion of Dawn Tancredi and Steven Pollock to be acknowledge them in the in the December Zoning Meeting report.

November's Treasurers report was approved. Rachel Gallegos will determine if the donations where sent out on behalf of Real Estate Section.

Rachel proposed changing the date of the monthly meeting from the second Tuesday of each month to the first Thursday of each month to avoid existing conflicts with other bar association meeting.

Eileen will confirm if Ballard Spahr can accommodate the new meeting date. Alex will determine if Cohen Seglias can be used as an alternate meeting space.

VIP: Has no cases to present at this monthly meeting. VIP will be offering Landlord/Tenant training occurring on January 29, 2016. Contact Lindsay Shoemaker with any questions regarding sign up.

Wendy Bookler advised that the Senior Law Center has a need for pro bono voluntaries to assist in probate/deed transfer work. All volunteers are welcome.

Committee reports:

A. Social Media Committee members: Jill Jenkins and Wendy Bookler

No Report

B. Eminent Domain Committee Members: Marjorie Stern-Jacobs and Lawrence Rosenwald.

Marjorie stated that she and Lawrence will be meeting with the Bar Association Committee tasked with amending Pa. Rule of Civil Procedure 1028.1 and will be providing an update shortly. Marjorie and Lawrence will be conducting their semi –annual CLE update on recent eminent domain rulings in May or June of 2016.

C. Zoning Language and Code Enforcement Members: Cheryl Gaston, Stephen Pollock and Dawn Tancredi – members will remain the same.

Cheryl Gaston reported that the new Mayor will has appointed Anne Fadullon as the Director of Planning; Dave Perri as the L&I, Commissioner. The Mayor is currently looking at the possibility of establishing two Zoning Boards and City Council is presently moving to have the appointment of a cabinet level position to oversee Planning and Zoning.

D. Legislative Liaison Committee Members: Eileen Quigley, Wendy Bookler, and Jennifer Kates.

E. CLE Committee Members: Rick Vanderslice, Alex Barth and Jeff Spann:

Rachel will be preparing a working list of CLE's to be put on by the group this year. The planned CLE's will include: the Land Bank (possibly part of the spring social) Conservatorships; Eminent Domain; Hot topics in Construction; Insurance Coverage for Property Owners, Developers, Contractors;

F. Sustainable Land Use Committee Members: Marian Kornilowicz and Rueben Asia

No Report

G. Affordable Housing – committee Members remain the same.

H. Construction Law Committee Members: Alex Barth and Max Friedman

Alex will contact Tara Phoenix of the Bar Association to set-up the Hot Topics in construction law for April of 2016.

Working Groups: The Land Bank working group reported that The City transferred the first set of properties to the Land Bank. The Board will continue to investigate whether we want to propose resolution recommending that the new administration to continue the prior administration's support for the Land Bank effort.

CLE: The Philadelphia Bar Association has separated from PBI and will be conducting its own CLE program. You will need to contact Tara Phoenix who is now at the Bar Association to set up all CLE's. Marjorie Stern-Jacobs proposed that we attempt to prepare an all-day CLE similar to the PBI Real Estate Institute, having multiple one hour CLE's that people can mix and match and include ethics credits

Old Business: None

New Business: Eileen and Rachel provided a report from the Board of Governor's Retreat

Philadelphia Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Division program is providing Judge Pro Tem training on Tuesday, January 26 and it is for six CLE credits and will be taking place in Room 380 of City Hall. Notice will be circulated to the entire Real Estate Section.