

THE RESIDENT



SOCIETY HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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HOW MUCH CAN WE ACCOMPLISH IN 1966?

1. Can we provide more information to our members on the important issues that come before our General Meetings? Can we inform *all* our members . . . and interested observers of our association's activities and goals?

We will try. This first modest issue of our Newsletter will face up to this challenge . . . with your contributions and assistance.

2. Can we establish a full and harmonious partnership with The Redevelopment Authority and the many city agencies that play so great a part in our community's growth?

We will try. Your Board has invited TRA to supply it directly with early and adequate information regarding all projects in our area so that potential problems can be dealt with promptly. TRA has agreed to cooperate fully.

3. Can we add to the cultural, educational and artistic life in Society Hill?

We will try. Committees have been established to improve *school liaison between the community and its schools . . . to initiate a campaign to bring a branch of the Free Library to Society Hill . . . to improve minor nuisances such as untidy housekeeping by our own residents, city agencies and absentee landlords . . . to organize our many creative residents into a committee to suggest cultural projects . . . to expand the parking question into the broader problem of parking and traffic.*

And finally . . . but by far the *most important try . . .* will be to increase our membership and the participation of all members in these and many more positive contributions to Society Hill living.

How much can we accomplish in 1966?

How much time and specialized experience can you contribute?

FRANKLIN ROBERTS,
President

EDITORIAL

This is a new effort at a newsletter for the Society Hill Civic Association. It is a modest beginning, but we hope to improve the format and content of future issues with your help. The Newsletter will be issued **two weeks prior to every Association meeting and will serve as notice for that meeting.**

The primary objective of the Newsletter is to give background information on subjects **that may be discussed** at the upcoming meeting. This could include proposed zoning changes, parking **problems**, plans for new developments, etc. Whatever space is left over will be crammed with committee reports, news from The Redevelopment Authority, people and places in the news, and anything else we stumble across.

The Newsletter will be distributed to non-member residents in the Society Hill area in order to make them aware of our activities and of our desire to have them join the Association. In addition, copies will be sent to individuals and organizations that are involved with Society Hill.

In the thinking stage is a plan to publish a word and picture history of Society Hill, with all articles and pictures contributed by residents. This can be used to publicize the area and perhaps to bring some revenue to the Association. The success of The Resident and of the proposed history will depend on the response we get from the many talented people in the Association. There just happen to be openings for reporters, artists, typists, photographers and just plain workers. Hopefully the chores can be spread among many so that working on the Newsletter will be fun for everyone. If interested, please call either Merrill Barr (WA 5-0782) or David Stevens (WA 3-1349).

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIBRARY

Mr. William Eiman is in the process of forming a committee to launch an effort to get a branch of the Philadelphia Library located in the area.

NEW COMMITTEE

An as yet unnamed committee is being formed by board member Mr. Peter Zambelli to work on neighborhood projects or problems, including street lighting, landscaping, and anything else that can be done to spruce up the area. In addition, the group will work with OPDC in trying to show prospective home buyers what has been done and what can be done in restoring houses. At press time the following people had agreed to work on this committee: Mr. Charles Peterson, Mrs. Ian Sym-Smith and Mrs. Charles Schober.

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING

A Transportation and Parking Committee is being organized to analyze the needs of the area and come up with specific recommendations. Discussions will be held with The Redevelopment Authority, Parking Authority, Old Philadelphia Develop-

ment Corporation and the Planning Commission. Anyone interested in working on this important committee is urged to call Mr. James Kise (WA 5-4927).

Messrs. James Kise and James Crumlish have agreed to serve. Anyone who would like to bring problems, or ideas to solve problems to the committee are urged to do so.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mrs. McCarraher, board member and newly appointed Chairman of the School Committee, reports that McCall School will offer adult night courses starting next September. The only requirements for these free courses are: 1) that the subject be taught in the Philadelphia school system and 2) that at least twenty people sign up for any one course. Possibilities include Cooking, Painting, Languages, Math, Current Events, or anything else the community wants. Please give this subject some thought since you will be asked at the membership meeting to participate in a poll that the school staff is conducting in order to determine what courses should be offered next fall.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1966

8 P.M. at OLD PINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THIRD AND PINE STREETS

BRING A PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER

WHAT IS THE SOCIETY HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION?

As stated in the by-laws, the purposes of the Association are "to promote the improvement of the Society Hill area of Philadelphia, including its cultural, educational, and civic activities, and the preservation and restoration of its historic buildings; to represent the residents of Society Hill in matters affecting the City of Philadelphia generally and Society Hill in particular; and to interpret the value and significance of Society Hill to the public."

Membership is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who resides in the area bounded by the middle lines of Front, Walnut, Eighth and Lombard Streets in Philadelphia. Annual dues are \$2.00 per person or \$3.00 for a husband and wife.

The Association is anxious to increase membership so that it can expand its work in the area. Society Hill is different things to different people, but to the residents it is first and foremost a neighborhood. Each resident can contribute to making this a better neighborhood through participation in the activities of the Association.

If you know someone who would like to participate or if you are not a member yourself, please fill in the information below and mail it to Mrs. Stanhope Browne, 210 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

I suggest you contact the following people about membership in the Association

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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I am interested in joining the Association

NAME _____

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signed _____