SHCA Special Board Meeting September 2, 2026 via Zoom

Attendees:

Board Members: Paul Boni, Jay Borowsky, Denise Colliers, Brandon Engelhardt, Bernard Gelman, Rick Herskovitz, Ramona Johnson, Judie Koss, Bob Kramer, Nancy Lanham, Martha Levine, Priscilla Lo, Brooke Marshall, Kathy McAfee, Mike Miele, Vince Parlegreco, Mary Purcell, Nelie Shah, Larry Spector, Mary Tracy, Karen Wildau, Kim Williams, Debbie Zak-Cohen; **Administrator** Samantha Brown

Absent: Antonio Atacan, Tanya Brassie, Nick DeGregorio, Ellen Geller, Helen Grady, Bernice Koplin, Joe McLaughlin, Kevin Yoder

Minutes:

1. **WELCOME** – Following the Secretary's confirmation that a quorum existed, President Bob Kramer called the meeting to order at 5:51 PM
2. **MOTION - Jay Borowsky, Chair of Streets Committee** introduced the following motion which was seconded and passed following discussion:
    a. **I move that the board approve the Proposed Society Hill Complete Streets Study Update dated August 25, 2026 by Dewberry Engineering, Inc, that the board further authorize its execution by an officer of SHCA and further that the board designates the streets committee to serve as its representative on the project and the committee will report at board meetings with relevant developments.**
    b. **The vote was 21 Yes, 0 No and 2 Abstaining.**
    c. **Voting Yes** were: Paul Boni, Jay Borowsky, Denise Colliers, Bernard Gelman, Rick Herskovitz, Ramona Johnson, Judie Koss, Bob Kramer, Nancy Lanham, Martha Levine, Priscilla Lo, Brooke Marshall, Kathy McAfee, Mike Miele, Vince Parlegreco, Mary Purcell, Nelie Shah, Mary Tracy, Karen Wildau, Kim Williams, Debbie Zak-Cohen;
    d. **Abstaining** were Brandon Engelhardt, Larry Spector
3. **DISCUSSION BEFORE VOTE:**
    a. Jay Borowsky stated he was speaking on behalf of the Streets Committee, which recommended approval of the Society Hill Complete Streets update to be performed by Dewberry Engineering. He stated that Dewberry is a nationally recognized transportation, engineering, and urban planning firm with expertise in evaluating complex city streets and transportation systems. He also stated that there is no current independent data assessing traffic, safety, access, and mobility conditions in our neighborhood streets, and that the study will build on the 2018 study of Pine and Spruce, to include

additional streets and to reflect changes since 2018. He stated that this study will provide an objective baseline and a comprehensive assessment that considers the needs and safety of all community members, including pedestrians, cyclists, residents with disabilities, seniors, emergency services, and others, that we have sufficient funds and that the findings will be shared transparently with our members and used to advocate for solutions based on evidence, not assumptions.

b. A number of board members spoke in strong support of the motion, agreeing that the study was needed and the right step for the civic association to take
c. A board member expressed concern about whether the study would help us to have safer streets, noted that the city had not heeded recommendations from the 2018 Howard Stein Hudson study, notably intersection improvements such as daylighting and curb extensions. He advocated for SHCA to fundraise to implement study recommendations and take other actions based on the report. President Kramer stated that SHCA could not yet state what actions it will take until we have the updated study, but in general, President Kramer said the SHCA's actions will be guided by the report recommendations and future board votes. President Kramer also noted that only the City, and not SHCA, can implement street improvements such as curb extensions.

4. President Kramer adjourned the meeting at 6:43 PM

Draft Submitted to SHCA Officers by Mary Purcell on September 2, 2026 and again on October 1, 2026; Bob Kramer comments added October 2, 2026; Brooke Marshall's comments added October 19, 2026 and October 21, 2026

Minutes Approved by SHCA Board October 21, 2026

Respectfully submitted October 23, 2026,

Mary Purcell

Secretary