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Barnard House (BH) Steering Committee: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 Meeting Notes

Attendees – Georgia F. Brutscher, Chair; Committee – Laoussa McNemar, John O’Neal and Mary Dugan (KURC), Jean Conary, Carol Haaf, Kris Firey-Poling, Susan Simone, Richard Jensen. Guests: Becca Poling, Ann Hutton.

Township Open House May 19th – Brutscher confirmed the Township Open House is scheduled for Sunday, May 19th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. It is cost prohibitive to do a special mailing invitation so the newsletter mailing mid-April will suffice. Simone will send an evite to volunteers and others. The 2nd floor of BH will not be open. Firey-Poling circulated a narrative from which a press release will be written. She will meet with Peggy Lennon to discuss the content for the article for the newsletter. Melton will prepare new drawings of the BH for display that will not include the meeting room addition. Jensen suggested minimum of four signs be provided at each location a week before the 19th. Collateral material will include quantifiable information in terms of the current administration building, the needs of the Township, role of Township personnel, and BH proposals.

Geothermal technology – Haaf reported J.K. Mechanical is not interested in assisting with cost estimates because the BH is considered a commercial property. Jensen will work with Haaf to review commercial mechanical plans and identify cost estimates for the purpose of the grant application.

PECO gas line – PECO representative contacted Jensen presumably at direction of Senator Pileggi’s Office. PECO expressed that they are not interested in back door services so focus remains on installation of a line. Jensen suggested continued feasibility of evaluating HVAC service supplied by geothermal, propane, or natural gas.

Grants – McNemar requested authorization to proceed with a DCNR grant application for the site work which will provide parking for the trails. Brutscher noted approval to proceed will be listed for the next Board agenda. Other potential grants for pieces of the project include: infrastructure development program for the gas line, renewable energy program grant (may be the same one Haaf is working on), H2O PA project for water supply and septic system, Greenways Trail Parks for parking lot (similar to DCNR grant), Growing Greener, and infrastructure facility improvement grant that works as a debt repayment loan program. Brutscher will provide contact info for representative from Pileggi’s Office who will provide guidance with the grant application process.

Window repairs/Four first floor front (east) – four vendors attended the pre-bid meeting. Bids are due on April 3rd at 12:00 noon.

Kennett Underground Railroad Center – Dugan reported they will apply for a Longwood Foundation grant in June. They will also participate in the open house.

Next meeting – the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at 4:30 p.m.

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