



CALL FOR INTEREST & APPLICATIONS: 13 JUNE 2019

Do you have an interest in zoning and development issues in Garden Court? Our neighborhood (boundaries are 52nd Street, Cedar Avenue, 45th Street, and Locust Street) has over nine thousand residents living in a variety of building types, household formations, and socioeconomic conditions, in addition to civic institutions and several mixed-use commercial areas. The Garden Court Community Association is looking to expand the voices and knowledge we have at the table. We have two ways for you to get involved:

1. Apply to join the Zoning and Development Committee. The Garden Court Community Association (GCCA) has established a Zoning and Development Committee to formulate positions, communicate public sentiment on relevant topics, and to exercise the GCCA's responsibilities as a Registered Community Organization within the city of Philadelphia. The Committee meets monthly (in public and closed session) and calls special meetings on an as-needed basis. Non-binding public polls are conducted to submit to city agencies as required and inform the committee's position on public matters. In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Committee's role is to recognize that there are trade-offs between equally valid individual interests and do its best to represent the collective interests of all current and future residents and businesses. Members should be of diverse backgrounds and perspectives, and each offer relevant knowledge or expertise applicable to the workings of the committee. The GCCA Board of Directors appoints an odd number of at least 11 voting members.

2. Sign up to be an "interested neighbor." Some people don't have time or desire to commit to committee membership or feel they will always be prepared to take a position on issues that shape our community, but still want to be involved. By signing up as an "interested neighbor" with the GCCA's Zoning and Development Committee, you'll receive agendas for our meetings (you're welcome to come to the public session of any meeting) and a heads up when important public agenda items come up, so that you can make your voice heard on issues you care about and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same. If the committee takes on any proactive initiatives (surveys, planning activities, etc), you'll be among the first to know.

To be eligible for either option, you must be:

1. A resident, business owner, or employed in Garden Court (proof of address may be requested)
2. Age 16 or older
3. A member in good standing of the Garden Court Community Association (don't let that dissuade you! Membership is simple - www.gardcourtca.org/get-involved-1)

Don't be intimidated! If either of these options appeal to you, please flip over the page and fill out the simple application. "Interested neighbors" applications are accepted on a rolling basis. **Committee applications are due 31 July 2019.** We will confirm receipt and do our best to keep you abreast of the process. Interviews, if necessary, may be scheduled in August. Appointments of accepted applicants are expected to be made at the September meeting of the GCCA Board.

For more information please visit www.gardcourtca.org/zoning



Zoning and Development Committee

Name: _____

Address (if not a resident, please use your business or place of employment):

- ☐ Check here if you are age 16 or over; Year of Birth: _____
- ☐ Check here if you are a GCCA member in good standing.
- ☐ Check here if you'd like to be an "INTERESTED NEIGHBOR;" please leave your email:

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The GCCA seeks diverse perspectives and skills. The following questions will help us convene a committee capable of conducting its business and representing our community.

Do you have a working knowledge of Philadelphia's zoning process? YES / NO

If not, are you willing to learn? YES / NO

How long have you lived in the neighborhood? _____

Do you RENT / OWN your home? (circle one)

What relevant skills or knowledge would you bring to the committee? (attach up to 300 words on a separate page if you wish)

☐ **Check here to acknowledge basic Committee member responsibilities:**

- Be prepared for and participate in regularly scheduled meeting and special meetings when called as necessary; 3 unexcused absences in a calendar year warrants dismissal at chair's discretion.
- Orderly, respectful, and non-argumentative conduct; member may be removed by chair with consultation with the board.
- Members will recuse themselves from any vote in the case of any conflict of interest.
- Committee decisions address complex issues that impact broad segments of the community; it is essential that committee members work cooperatively and that once decisions are made by a majority, they speak with one voice.
- Members will do their part to attend ZBA hearings on the Committee's behalf from time to time.
- Other duties as required by workings of the Zoning Committee.

Please email this completed form or any questions to zoning@gardencourtca.org