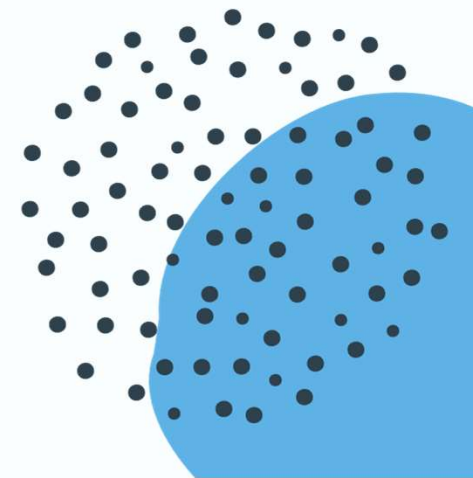
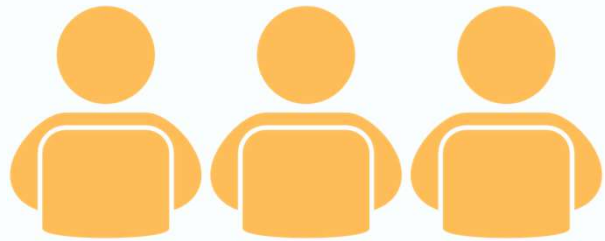


# Registered Community Organizations

2024 Info session

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# INTRODUCTIONS



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# Agenda:

## I. HOUSEKEEPING

## II. RCO UPDATES

RCO Refresher

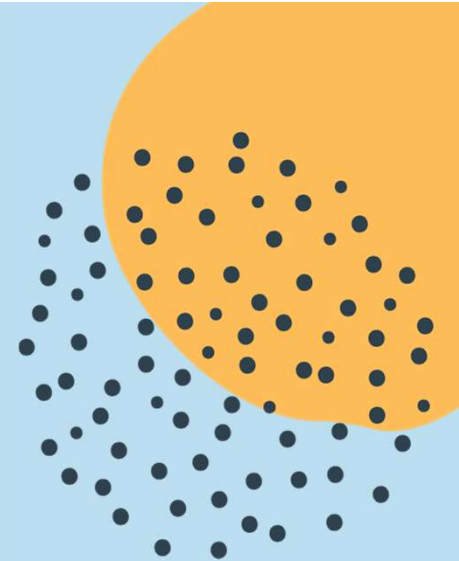
CBA reporting, boundary changes

Registration Site and Updates

RCO Sites and Resources


RCO Meetings Survey and Share Out


Question and Answers





# Housekeeping:

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Host Name: Jason Bennett  
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Meeting Chat

Reply...

Pomona Cherokee Civic Council to Everyone 11:41 AM

PC What does CDR mean again?

Collapse All ^

You 11:42 AM

CDR is Civic Design Review

Reply...

Jonathan Goins to Everyone 11:41 AM

JG CDR is Civic Design Review

CDR is short for Civic Design Review

DeBorah Giles to Everyone 11:48 AM

DG When it comes to the coordinating RCO documenting the decisions of a public meeting: 1) who enforces that and 2) What if what was decided in the meeting is not what is communicated to the developer/business owner- what is the recourse? D Giles

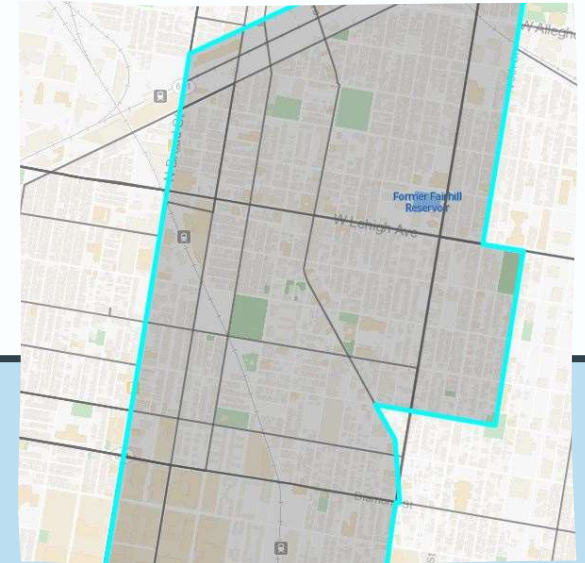
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# RCO QUALIFICATIONS



- An adopted statement of purpose
- [Boundaries](#), included in your Bylaws
- Regular meetings that are publicly-announced, and open to the public (4 in 2024)
- Leadership, chosen by members, through elections, regularly (must follow that schedule)



# RCO RIGHTS

- The right to be notified
- The right to participate in a public meeting
- The assurance that the ZBA/CDR will not issue a decision on a case until 1) a meeting has been held, or 2) the 45 days have expired
- Affected RCOs have a right to be consulted when scheduling the public meeting and to participate in that meeting.
- Any RCO or member of the public has a right to send a letter or give testimony at a ZBA hearing or CDR



# RCO RESPONSIBILITIES

- Make a good faith effort to work with the applicant to hold a public meeting
- Ensure that all affected RCOs, and the public, **can access and participate** in the meeting.
- Coordinating RCOs have the responsibility for ensuring that a written summary of the meeting is sent to ZBA\* ([RCOZBA@phila.gov](mailto:RCOZBA@phila.gov)), [pcpc.zoning@phila.gov](mailto:pcpc.zoning@phila.gov), the applicant, City Council, and other RCOs.



# RCO RESPONSIBILITIES (continued)

- If no meeting was held, Coordinating RCOs have the responsibility to send an explanation as to why not
- All RCOs have the responsibility for fulfilling all RCO-related functions regardless of an applicant's willingness to provide payments/donations to the RCO
- Coordinating RCOs have the responsibility to impartially document what occurred during\* the public meeting





# Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs)

1-- RCOs must make publicly available the terms of any benefits agreement they enter into with an applicant

2-- The terms of these agreements, if known, should be included in public advertisement of the meeting, and shared in the meeting



# Community Benefits Agreements (CBAs)



3-- RCOs are required to make an annual reporting (in January) of any CBAs they entered into the previous year

**If an RCO is asking for a direct contribution, it must be in a written agreement, and it must be reported.**

Welcome to the RCO Community Benefits Report Site

As per [PCPC regulations](#), Registered Community Organizations are required to report on, and submit copies of, any community benefits agreements, calendar year.

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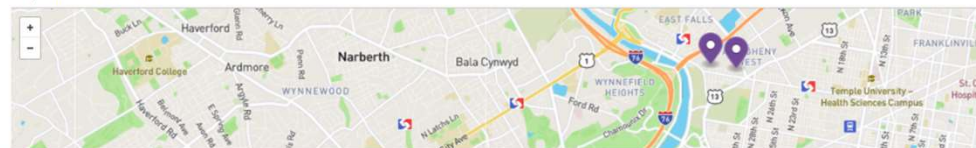
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#### Approved CBAs

Organization Name	Project Address	Development Team Name
<a href="#">Center City Residents Association (CCRA)</a>	<a href="#">1910 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103 United States</a>	Bankroll Club, LLC
<a href="#">Logan Square Neighborhood Association</a>	<a href="#">2000-24 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103 United States</a>	2000 Arch Association LP
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<a href="#">Logan Square Neighborhood Association</a>	<a href="#">2122 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103 United States</a>	Jong Soo Lee and Hyun Mi Lee
<a href="#">Center City Residents Association (CCRA)</a>	<a href="#">2300 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103 United States</a>	2300 Market Owner LLC
<a href="#">Mantua Civic Association</a>	<a href="#">3837 Wallace Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104 United States</a>	3837 Wallace St. LLC
<a href="#">People's Emergency Center Community Development Corporation</a>	<a href="#">3901 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104 United States</a>	Joi Furman
<a href="#">West Powelton Saunders Park RCO</a>	<a href="#">4209 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104 United States</a>	Penn Presbyterian Medical Cente
<a href="#">Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation</a>	<a href="#">1018 Wood Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107 United States</a>	Sidewalk Tofu Food, Inc.

#### Map of CBAs Submitted



RCOs fill out a benefits reporting form every year in January

Public Posting: CBAs are available to view for the past two years

A link to the public posting site is on the main PCPC RCO page



# RCO Boundaries and Boundary changes



In January 2023, the Planning Commission approved:

- Beginning in June 2023, RCO boundaries must follow physical features (streets, water, rail)
- Restricting requests for boundary changes to once per year during the annual registration.

# ANNUAL REGISTRATION

- Most RCOs must submit current bylaws, a meeting announcement, and a proposed meeting schedule
- You can check your [Expiration](#) Year on the RCO List



## Registered Community Organization Application: 2024

All information requested on this form is required in order to process your application. Your application will be rejected if you do not include all pieces of information on this application.

If you need help or more information, contact [RCO@phila.gov](mailto:RCO@phila.gov) or (215) 683-4646 or visit [this link](#).

Information provided to the City Planning Commission on this form will be made publicly available.

Application Type\*

Renewal



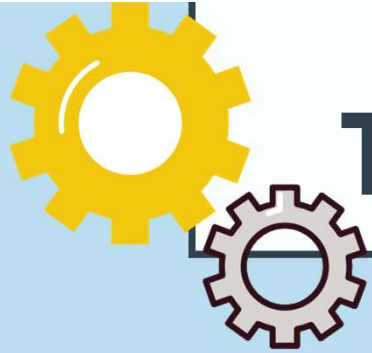
# ANNUAL REGISTRATION

## 2024 changes

- Meeting schedule, leadership list, elections schedule directly on the application form
- We ask how you advertise your meetings and provide an example meeting announcement
  - Flyer should show RCO name, and all info needed to access meeting

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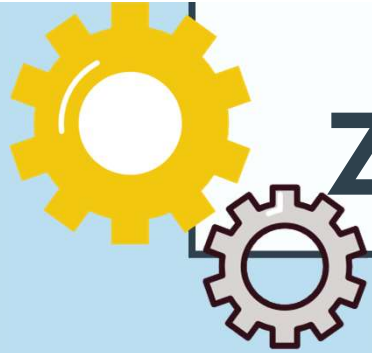


# Tools and Resources

- [Appeals Calendar](#) (upcoming appeals, past results)
- [CDR Site](#) (agendas, plans)
- [RCO Notifications Site](#) (everything notice related, code and regs)
- [Atlas](#) (permit, ownership, appeals, deeds)
- [Openmaps](#) (RCO boundaries)
- [RCO Site](#) (video of this session, zoom meeting tips, registration link)
- [RCO Videos](https://bit.ly/dpdvideos) (<https://bit.ly/dpdvideos> 10-minute videos on RCOs and the RCO process)







# ZBA Submission Tool

- **Effective Mid-July, the Exhibit Submission Tool** is the Zoning Board of Adjustment's new form of exhibit and document submission.
- **Who can utilize the submission tool?** Applicants, Registered Community Organizations, City Council, General Public
- All stakeholders can upload their exhibits, documents, and correspondence regarding an open ZBA case
- The Exhibit Submission Tool link will be located at the Zoning Board of Adjustment website



# RCO MEETING SURVEY

- Survey sent out in January 2024, over 100 RCOs responded
- Focusing on zoning meetings...
  - 41% of RCOs are hosting virtual meetings, 36% in-person, and 24% are holding hybrid
  - 14% of RCOs report alternating format depending on the meeting. 28% alternate locations



# RCO MEETING SURVEY

- Some RCOs (13%) still have health concerns with in-person, 27% are concerned with accessibility
- For virtual 26% were concerned with internet access, 22% with managing chat/interactions, 10% with voting issues
- Voting methods varied, 29% doing verbal/hand voting online, 27% electronic



# Share out

- How is your group currently meeting? What made you decide to meet the way(s) you are?
- What is one thing you've done that is working well?



# Question and Answer



- We'll answers as many Q&A questions as we can
- We'll get back to you with answers to the rest

