

**PRAC Board of Advisors Candidates
2018 Elections**

President

❖ Leroy Fisher

Leroy Fisher has played an integral part in Hunting Park's revitalization project which was also supported by the Fairmount Park Conservancy's \$5 million investment. Fisher began his activism in 1992 after becoming involved in the Hunting Park Aztecs after-school program, and continued his activism to the Hunting Park United's president and co-founder. August 18th, 2016 Leroy Fisher received the TD Bank Activist of the Year Award in the inaugural, SustainPHL. Read more at: <http://citizensplanninginstitute.org/citizen-planners-in-action/leroy-fisher>

❖ Artiss Smith Harrison

A community leader/activist for over 25 years. He's strong believer in the challenge of revitalizing of Nicetown/ StentnPark which is built on its richness and diversity of the City of Philadelphia. His focus has been to develop and improved means for government and varied interest's groups to work together in addressing the many need of the residents and in this case for our parks/recreation centers. If we are to work toward widespread cooperation, a great deal can be accomplished to make progress in the years to come.

Vice President

❖ James A. Gordon

Service has been a part of James A. Gordon life from his youth. I have served as PRAC's Vice President for the past 8 or 9 years and have committed myself to youth programming for over 35 years, which includes: Former Finance Committee Chairman & Secretary, Albert W. Christy Recreation Center Advisory Council; Former Treasurer & Vice President, Support Community Outreach Program (SCOP) Advisory Council; among others. My Present & Future Goals Are: To continue meeting with current and future Mayors to assure our Youth & Recreation Centers receive their fair-share of any monies allocated to Philadelphia, continue resolving all disputes between City Recreation Center Employee & our Volunteer Advisory Councils & Boards, and continue working closely with our PRAC Advisory Board to assure our REBUILD Promises & Commitments are fulfilled. Lastly, to assist our New PRAC Advisory Board in finding money(s) that will create more Youth Programs & Upgrade the Computer Labs in our Recreation Centers.

❖ Antonio Hunter

Antonio Hunter is deeply rooted with over twenty years of servant-Leadership throughout his professional, personal and business career. I will bring a different mindset filled with innovation and vision designed to change communities with positive and productive results. My goal is to help structure PRAC to be one the most successful organization in the history of Philadelphia. There is only one way of achieving this goal and that is through hard work. Vote for Antonio Hunter and Let's get to work!!!!

Secretary

❖ Eileen O'Donnell

I'm energized by the opportunity to give back to my community, and will be proud to represent my city as PRAC Board Secretary. I'm a volunteer at Palumbo Recreation Center – coaching soccer, basketball, and flag football – and am president of the Advisory Council. I'm a long-time South Philly resident and grew up in Fox Chase. I also volunteer with the South Philadelphia Senior Center, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Philadelphia Reads, and Independence Blue Cross Blue Crew. Our organization does great things, and will do all I can to showcase that within our communities and beyond.

❖ George Tilghman

During the past seven years I've actively advocated to improve the educational and recreational resources and opportunities available to the children and members of our community by volunteering in various leadership roles in multiple organizations. Currently, I'm the Treasurer and Correspondence Secretary for the Christy Recreation Advisory Council and have been an active participant for over five years. Prior to my election as the Christy Treasurer I was the Chairman of the Mastery Charter Schools Harranty School Advisory Council where I also served as the Treasurer of the PTA. As a community activist and advocate, two of my favorite quotes that I try to remember are "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter" Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, and "It's never wrong to do the right thing" Mark Twain. My name is George Tilghman and I humbly ask for your vote for the PRAC Board Secretary position, Thank you.

Finance Committee Chair

❖ Curtis Alton McCallister

Hello my name is Curtis Alton McAllister, running for office of Financial Chair person for P.R.A.C. My focus has been to develop and improved means for government and varied interest's groups to work together in addressing the many need of the residents and in case for our parks/recreation centers. If we are to work toward widespread cooperation, a great deal can be accomplished to make progress in the years to come. We must work diligently to "Rebuilding Philadelphia Neighborhoods/Parks 'Back to Greatness" for all communities.

Current Affiliations: Treasure for Stenton Park Advisory Council, President of Philadelphia 2010 Revitalization CDC, Nicetown/Logan Against Drugs, Young Men Under Construction, Nicetown Breath Taker Drill Team, PUSH FOR RECOVERY, Philadelphia Interfaith Action (PIA) Trustee for Harold O. Davis, Baptist Church, Stenton Park a Kids Fun Day Event, Citizens Congress of Nicetown Organizations, Nicetown Family Reunions.

❖ Aaron Roberts

Aaron Roberts serves on the advisory council of Carousel House.

Advocacy Committee Chair

❖ Ilene Wilder

I am a former Environmental lobbyist in DC with a passion for green spaces. I have been involved with Columbus Square for the past 11 years - the past 6 being President. I have been the project manager for the upcoming \$3M park renovations. I also currently sit on the Board of the Passyunk Square Civic Association where I created a very successful Sponsorship program, and I serve on the Executive Committee of the Philadelphia Crosstown Coalition as Treasurer. I am a Realtor by profession working at Berkshire Hathaway Fox and Roach. I live in Passyunk Square with my husband and two cats.

Programming Committee Chair

❖ Michael Guglielmelli

Michael serves on the advisory council of Guerin Rec Center.

Governance and Compliance Chair

❖ Ray Jackson

My volunteer involvement at Morris Estate spans 15 years before officially joining the council about 30 years ago. I traveled with the young people for many years as they participated in various citywide competitions. I've been involved with and initiated activities to bring the community together, such as Annual Family Day, Annual Senior Holiday Dinner, Community Summer Jazz Concerts, and Annual Halloween Party for kids. I have and continue to help the center with neglected maintenance tasks, such as, cleaning, cutting grass, minor repairs, painting, etc. As the current council president, we have reviewed the previous and current manuals in order to maintain compliance, and found conflicting connotations of which we have expressed our concerns.

❖ Mr. Thomas J. Henry.

Thomas J. Henry, a native of Cambridge Maryland, was raised in Georgetown Delaware, where he attended the public school system. After receiving an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, Tom moved to Philadelphia, PA and later attended the Franklin School of Sciences and Arts, graduating as a Medical Technologist. He retired from the University of Pennsylvania, March 9, 2004 after being employed for 38 years as a manager in the ULAR department. Tom has a long history of community involvement, especially in the area for young parents (he was a young parent himself). He is presently serving as the President of the Kingsessing Recreation Center Advisory Board. Tom is the Founder and Director of Total Commitment, a father and family support group. Although the list of his many cultural civic and community activities and achievements is staggering and his accomplishments are too numerous to mention, he is especially proud of the following appointments: Member of the Apache and Navajo Father Projects, President and dedicated member of the Kingsessing Recreation Center Advisory Council and Past Master of the Richard Allen Lodge #30.