

Montclair Center BID Improve Downtown Lighting Resolution

Whereas Montclair Center is a thriving retail, restaurant, entertainment, and residential neighborhood, it is imperative that the District be well lit to promote pedestrian safety and reduce Township liability.

Whereas Montclair Center BID was formed to advance the activities and interests of downtown Montclair, the Montclair Center BID Board considers the improvement of downtown lighting essential to its mission.

Downtown Montclair currently lacks sufficient lighting to properly support downtown activities and promote public safety at our current level of foot traffic. Several new developments coming online will exacerbate this problem as pedestrian traffic will increase significantly. We have dark blocks, inconsistent lighting, and aging lighting infrastructure that detracts from safety, discourages visitors and commerce, and is contrary to the image we hold for our town.

Whereas PSE&G has not been consistent maintaining lamps, bulbs and services within Montclair Center. The Township of Montclair and PSE&G have a legal requirement to provide adequate lighting for safety and security in the District.

Whereas many alleys are dark, many sidewalks are significantly under lit, and storefront windows go dark during high pedestrian hours. The BID Board calls for additional Township lighting instruments, ordinances and voluntary cooperation from constituents to remedy these three issues.

The Board hereby resolves that staff, Board and constituents should exert maximum pressure on the Township, PSE&G, building and business owners to increase public lighting and private light spill onto Montclair Center sidewalks and alleys to best promote safety at night and in hazardous weather conditions.

The Board of Montclair Center BID calls on the Township to promptly resolve this issue by

- 1) Require PSE&G to repair or replace nonfunctioning downtown public lights as quickly as possible.
- 2) Invest, along with PSE&G, the BID, and owners of adjacent property, in new alleyway lighting.
- 3) Work with the BID, property owners, and business owners to increase private light spill onto sidewalks.

**Sharda Ramharack moved to adopt the lighting resolution.
Sue Schultz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**