

# Friends of Rittenhouse Square Board of Directors Slate

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# Dominique Casimir

- Enterprise Vice President of Real Estate for Thomas Jefferson University & Jefferson Health
- Former Deputy Commissioner of Real Estate Management Division overseeing and managing the real estate portfolio for the City of Philadelphia
- Former first vice president of transaction & advisory services for the largest global real estate firm, CBRE
- Prior to entering the commercial real estate industry, Dominique started her own consulting firm where she facilitated economic development opportunities for businesses and nonprofits.
- Earned her Executive MBA from Villanova University and a BA in Philosophy from Temple University
- Proud mother of two young ladies. Loves traveling (visited over 35+ countries to date), competes in triathlons, and has a strong interest in the arts



# Ramnik Chopra

- Managing Director and Lead Investor at Coldwell Banker India
- Founded a successful business, LiveNRI, which helps reputed Indian developers market their properties to NRIs in the suburbs of Philadelphia, USA
- Held leadership positions from Technical Consultant to managing M&A activities in India
- Worked for several prestigious technology and financial services companies in various capacities
- An electrical engineer by profession, he started his career in Mumbai before moving to the USA
- Ramnik is an NRI settled in the United States of America for the past 15 years



# Brian Emmons

- Vice President at Southern Land Company, where he currently oversees two major developments in Rittenhouse Square - The Laurel and their newest project at 1620 Samson.
- Has lived and worked in Philadelphia for the last 14 years.
- Included in Philadelphia Business Journal's *People on the Move* list
- Graduate of Purdue University with a B.S. in Building Construction Management



# Steve Gartner

- Executive Vice President, CBRE
- Former President and Partner of Metro Commercial Real Estate
- Former Chief Operating Officer of Michael Salove Company (now MSC Retail)
- Expert contributor to The Wall Street Journal, Fox's Good Day Philadelphia, and as a guest lecturer at The Wharton School of The University of Pennsylvania, and Columbia University
- Founding Board Member, Jewish Federation Real Estate (JFRE); Board of Trustees, Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia; Chairman, State of Israel Bonds, Real Estate Division, Philadelphia
- BA in Finance from George Washington University



# Rick Gross

- President of CCRA
- Senior Manager of his company, BW Realty Advisors LLC, which finances large public/private projects throughout the country
- Chaired the Stakeholder groups for The Harper (Pearl Property's project on 19th and Chestnut) and The Laurel (Southern Land's project on Walnut Street at Rittenhouse Square)
- Was active in developing and negotiating Community Benefits Agreements with developers of major projects proposed for Center City West
- Winner of a Tony in 2013 for co-producing the revival of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* on Broadway.
- Rick and his wife, Roberta, have been residents of Rittenhouse Square for ten years.



# Ken Mallin

- President & CEO of MPN Realty, two-time winner of Philadelphia Business Journal's fastest-growing companies in Philadelphia
- Named a CoStar Power Broker several times
- Specializes in sales of investment properties, development deals, and commercial real estate
- Philadelphia native, attended Central High, Temple University (BS in Business) and University of Pennsylvania (MS in Organizational Dynamics)
- Resides in Philadelphia with his wife, Toby.
- Active member of the Jewish Federation, his synagogue, The Union League of Philadelphia, Center City District, Apartment Association and various other real estate organizations



# Harvey Ostroff

- Developer, Center City Development
- Father-son team serving the Philadelphia metro area for more than a decade to provide quality construction, innovative design, and custom fittings for clients
- Current developments in Rittenhouse, Graduate Hospital and Point Breeze





# Matt Pestronk

- President and co-founder of Post Brothers Apartments, a real estate investment, development and management company
- Previously was a real estate financing executive in New York City prior to forming Post Brothers
- Part of Philadelphia magazine's *20 Best Philadelphians* list in 2013
- Chairman of Jewish Federation Real Estate of Greater Philadelphia (JFRE) and is a trustee of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation and Beat the Streets Philadelphia.
- Earned a B.S. in history from Drexel University in 2001



# Missy Randolph

- Former head gardener at Wyck House, a national historic landmark in Germantown
- Helped start the community garden in what ultimately became Schuylkill River Park
- Together with her husband, she resides in a historic Center City townhouse



# Ryan Sanders

- Principal, RB Development
- Named “Who’s Next Politics: 17 young people shaping the Philadelphia political scene” by media outlet Billy Penn
- Serves on the Board of Directors of the PA Legislative Black Caucus Foundation.
- Former regional manager for the Republican National Committee
- Former VP of Economic Development and Government Relations, African American Chamber of Commerce of Central PA
- Served on the Transition team for Harrisburg, Mayor Eric Papenfuse (Economic Development) & the PA Auditor General Defoor Transition team (Government Relations).
- Philadelphia native, earning his BS in Organizational Science from Eastern University



# Ismail Shahid

- EVP Of Finance at Supra Office Solutions, Inc., a Philadelphia-based, 100% minority-owned business
- Experience with major companies, suppliers, and trade associations in the office products industry
- Member of the Philadelphia Housing Authority Board of Commissioners
- Serves on the boards of various non-profit organizations as well as that of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission, as appointed by Governor Tom Wolf
- A Philadelphia resident, Mr. Shahid earned business law and accounting degrees from Pierce College



# Ken Sharples

- Founder/Owner of Xtraordinary Events, a full service event design and production company
- Managed five-star properties, high end country clubs and prestige resort properties
- Career launched at the Barclay Hotel and the Union League of Philadelphia, the old guard, where he quickly rose to then Maître D'Club
- Graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and the Le Cordon Bleu of Paris



# Donna Slipakoff

- Past member of the Friends of Rittenhouse Square
- Former Committee member for the Barnes Museum Art Ball
- Former Committee member for Penn Medicine's Alzheimer's research fundraiser
- Former Trustee at Rock School of Dance Education
- Graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business



# Wayne Spilove

- CEO of Rittenhouse Management Corp.
- Diverse and prosperous career in real estate as a result of cost effective property development and innovative management
- Former chairman of the Philadelphia Historical Commission, the Pennsylvania Historical Society and Museum Commission, and Historic Philadelphia
- Former board member of the Friends of Rittenhouse Square with specific interest in the preservation of the guard house, given he was involved in bringing it to the Square

