

## **Queen Village Neighbors Association Board Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2006**

**In Attendance:** David O'Donnell, Amy Rivera, , Marlise Ellis, Neville Vakharia, Rick Cole, Walt Lowthian, Andrew Speizman,

**Not Present:** Steve Schatz, Don Ackerman, Frank Gontowski, Edward Bell, Mike Hauptman, Carla Puppini

**Meeting Minutes:** The January 2006 meeting minutes were reviewed, Rick 1<sup>st</sup>, Andrew 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. David suggested writing an article about LRC's street cleaning for the next Crier.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rick made a motion to approve, Marlise 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**Executive Director's Report:** See attached report. Amy made a resolution that Andrew would be the third authorized check signer, Marlise 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. Andrew will email budget. Walt made a resolution that park committees should submit proposals for matching grants for improvements, Amy second, all approved. Walt will help Carla in her efforts to get work done at the Weccacoe Park building.

**South Street Alliance Report:** Attached report was reviewed.

**Historic Preservation:** The committee is forming a list of contractors/service vendors to be made available to residents. The list is not supported by QVNA. The March Crier will ask for recommendations for the list. The Historical Commission (HC) will give QVNA 5 working days notice of hearings. The committee proposed to have the HC request QVNA support, similar to what is currently done with the QV Zoning committee and the ZBA. A house on the 400 block of Catharine was recently supported by the HC's Architectural Committee to fill in the rear 'L'.

**Sound Barriers** – Independence Court has sent an independent letter to Brady requesting barriers. David will follow up with a phone call.

**Computer:** Neville has been debugging the email issues that have been plaguing the system as well as the problems with hackers infiltrating the QVNA webpage Open Forum section.

**WaWa:** Tractor trailers have been parking on Christian Street and unloading during the evening rush hours. They have been told that they cannot do it during the night. The presence of the trailers has caused people to run red lights and drive recklessly. David will work with WaWa to change the times to when there will be less traffic. There have been complaints from Howard Street residents about the load exhaust equipment at the rear of the store.

### **Zoning/Planning and Development**

- CREI, a developer, had an informal meeting with the concerned neighbors and the zoning committee for their proposed 2 towers and townhouses at Columbus Blvd. and Catharine Street site. They have not applied and received a zoning refusal as of yet.

- House in the 400 block of Catharine Street currently has a curb cut and front yard parking. They will be coming before the zoning committee to request support for a front addition with a garage. This would be the only garage front on the north side of this block if approved.
- David attended a meeting with the Society Hill Civic Association regarding a new high rise at the New Market site.
- The buildings at the SW corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Christian have been demolished for the new development at this site.

**Parking and Transportation:**

- Independence Court on Christian Street, is renting 15 spots in the QVNA lot. 71 of the 90 spots are rented. Parkway has requested a \$250/month increase in their parking fees, which are currently about \$500/month. Andrew will continue discussions with them regarding this.
- A discussion took place about QV obtaining the use of the lot under I-95, north of Washington Ave., 'South Lot'. There would be a set up fee in the range of \$20,000 to start. QVNA would want the lot to be accessible on a short term basis.
- The Parking and Transportation has created a task list and has been in contact with the Streets Department.
- Orth Rodgers has performed a traffic study for the CREI development and is assembling a report of proposed improvements to Columbus Blvd. based on their studies. Jim Markham and Walt will review. CREI has proposed that they will provide some funding to help with the traffic congestion.
- There is a car that often parks on Howard Street behind WaWa and blocks the street for periods of time.

**Strategic Planning:** The group recently had a meeting and discussed parking issues. There also was a discussion to form a Clean Streets Committee. The group wants to have a brainstorming session for 5 and 10 year plans. Walt suggested the idea of creating a retirement community type setting in QV where seniors could stay in their homes, but have the amenities of this type of community available. Boston has a system for seniors where they donate their cars and a service provides rides for them.

**Recycling:** Group will be collecting on Saturday under I-95 from 10 am until 12:30 pm. Volunteers are needed. Weight of the plastics collected during 2005 has been submitted to the Streets Department by Partnership Recycling. QVNA should be receiving a check in the near future for the collected materials.

David motioned to adjourn the meeting, Rick 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

We believe that these minutes accurately reflect what transpired during this meeting. Unless we are notified in writing to the contrary within ten days after receipt, we will assume that you concur the foregoing accurately reflects the substance of our meeting.