

Queen Village Neighbors Association Board meeting Minutes – January 5, 2006

In Attendance: David O'Donnell, Carla Puppini, Steve Schatz, Don Ackermann, Rick Cole, Edward Bell, Andrew Speizman, Walt Lothian. O'Donnell called meeting to order, once quorum had been determined: 7:45 pm.

Not Present: Amy Rivera, Marlise Ellis, Neville Vakharia, Marian Bucek, Kathy Conway, Mike Hauptman.

Meeting Minutes: The November Meeting minutes were approved, motion by Rick, seconded by Don, passed by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Carla reviewed the Treasurer's report showing available cash balance of \$30,700. Motion to approve: Walt, seconded by Rick.

Executive Director's Report: See attached report. Note: approval letter of DCED Grant for sidewalk cleaning program received by Carla: \$15K.

Bainbridge Green area Cleaning: Discussion on whether to support Bainbridge Street neighbors in their efforts to clean the Bainbridge green areas from 3rd to 4th Street: Motion to contribute \$100 to effort made by Schatz, seconded by Walt Lothian, unanimous voice vote affirmative. Request that neighbors submit receipts for reimbursement.

Year-end Bonus 2005 for Carla Puppini and John Sherrick: Discussion by board whether to repeat the 2004 bonuses of \$1,000 each. Motion to approve: Dave O'Donnell, seconded by Ed Bell, unanimous voice vote affirmative.

Casino Updates: Don Ackerman mentioned one new proposal for a Casino on the waterfront around Federal Street. Discussion ensued about problematic traffic patterns, crime, congestion.

Liquor: Carla discussed the ongoing problems concerning the Lion's Den, the bar/restaurant on 2nd Street, near Christian. She explained they had applied for a beer take-out license that was being opposed by neighbors, due to the noise and disruption, and unneighborly behavior of the bar owners and patrons. Carla reported a meeting with the owner and his lawyer, which resulted in promises to decrease the level of noise. Don mentioned the need to find a replacement for Frank Gontowski as chair of the Liquor Committee.

Noise: Steve reported that DiCicco's new noise ordinances had moved through committee, with little opposition expected for passage. He reported, however, that the new ordinances do not and cannot deal with the issue of motorcycle noise, an issue that comes under the purview of the state Motor Vehicles department.

Zoning: Rick talked about the potential new development on Columbus Blvd, a potential 47 story tower, with alternative design for 2 mid-rise towers. Developers have hired a traffic engineer, as traffic flow is the primary impediment to the project. He also talked about Dockside II plans, which do not need QVNA approval. The new design involves a 40 story pointed tower, with a marina. QV Zoning suggested the new building have dedicated retail space. He further talked about a proposed development on the 100 block of Christian Street with the discussion that rather than garage parking, a solution may be to dedicate two or three rented spots in the QVNA parking lot to the new construction.

Transportation and Parking Committee: updates by Walt included discussion about the feasibility of making Christian Street one-way, with one lane dedicated on on-street parking as a way to increase parking in Queen Village. He further reported that the Parking Committee was weighing different ideas on dealing with the difficulty of finding on-street parking in QV, and encouraging usage of Philly Car Share, which is an increasingly visible option for QV residents.

Don motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm, seconded by Rick.