

## **Queen Village Neighbors Association Board Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2005**

**In Attendance:** David O'Donnell, Amy Rivera, Barbara Ruth-Cook, Neville Vakharia, Don Ackerman, Andrew Speizman, Marlise Ellis, Rick Cole, Steve Schatz, John Sherrick, Edward Bell

**Not Present:** Walt Lowthian, Mike Hauptman, Frank Gontowski,

**April Meeting Minutes:** The April meeting minutes were not properly printed and therefore not approved. They are to be reviewed and approved at the June meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Amy motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, Rick 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

**Executive Director's Report:** A meeting has been set up with DiCicco, Captain Weaver, and the new management of Courtyard at Riverview.

**Weccacoe Park Drug House:** The house has been boarded up. Channel 6 news carried a cover story about it.

**HGTV:** Joel Spivack contacted HGTV. He has a collection of artifacts from the area kept at the Pennsylvania Historical Society. HGTV gives out \$1,000,000/year for preservation.

**Moshulu:** The restaurant is having an open house for Queen Village on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Residents must call the office to get on the list.

**Historic Preservation:** "Research Your House", will be attended by the committee at the Pennsylvania Historical Society on Thursday, May 12, 2005 at 5:30.

**Parking and Transportation:** Steve Saunders of the committee gave a brief rundown of the committee's work. David expressed that the Christian Street traffic issues are what formed the committee, yet these issues are not on the committee's agenda. Marlise suggested forming a Christian Street Traffic Committee. Don motioned to have Parkway deduct expenses for the QV Parking Lot directly from the disbursement check. Barbara 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

**Strategic Planning:** The report is to be used to raise funds and awareness.

**Web Page:** A newly enhanced website will be available in June. New graphics are needed. All committees should have an email address available.

### **Parks:**

Weccacoe Park is having a cleanup this Saturday.

Mario Lanza Park is also having a cleanup on Saturday for Spring into your Park.

Friends of Mario Lanza Park should submit meeting minutes or have a liason to keep the board informed of park events and needs, etc.

Gateway/Triangle Park at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Christian needs to be punch listed before QV takes possession of it. The park should be named.

**Nuisance Noise:** Steve Motorcycles are the committees current main focus since it is springtime. The committee will get information for the website.

**Safety Committee:** The four person committee has issued a mission statement. See committee meeting minutes.

**Zoning:**

- 119-123 Catharine Street – developer presented scheme for a 6 unit condo. Neighbors had issues with parking.
- SW corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Christian – developer came in and was approved for 13 more houses in addition to 20 already approved.
- 238 Christian and Bodine Street – Large house in which neighbors didn't want a house on Montrose Street was not supported.
- 312 Monroe – currently a garage from Pemberton to Monroe in which a developer wanted to build two 4 story houses with underground parking. Was not supported.

Neighbors should be made more aware of what zoning meetings are about. David will mention it at the General Community Meeting.

**Recycling:** There will be a drop off on Saturday, 5/7/05 for plastics 1&2, and mixed paper from 10 am until 12:30 on Washington Ave. Under I-95. The co-sponsor of the site, Friends of Jefferson Square Park have dropped out of the program due to lack of volunteers. Each group was to provide 3 volunteers for the 3 hour drop off period. QVNA will take over the site and now has to provide 6 volunteers on each of the collection days. The volunteers have decided to dedicate the funds raised to the various parks they have chosen in the neighborhood including Shot Tower, Weccacoe, Mario Lanza and Beck Park. A plea for volunteers was made. Amy is the coordinator.

**General:** May General Community Meeting will have committee reports. All board members are asked to attend and speak for their committees. All committees should have sign in sheets and file meeting minutes at the QVNA office. David asked if you could still plant trees through the Fairmount Park Commission.

Don motioned to adjourn the meeting, Steve 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.