

## **Queen Village Neighbors Association Board Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2005**

**In Attendance:** David O'Donnell, Amy Rivera, , Marlise Ellis, Carla Pupin, Neville Vakharia, Edward Bell, Steve Schatz, Andrew Speizman, Walt Lowthian, Mike Hauptman, Kathy Conway, Don Ackerman

**Not Present:** Barbara Ruth-Cook, Frank Gontowski , Rick Cole

**Meeting Minutes:** The September meeting minutes were approved Walt 1<sup>st</sup>, Marlise 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carla reviewed the Treasurer's report. Only first page was available. Mike made a motion to approve, Walt 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**Executive Director's Report:** See attached report. BRT is planning a revision to taxes with increases in 2007 based on market value of house.

**Bodine street garden** – owner wants to put 2 houses on lot. DiCicco tried to condemn lot for back taxes to keep garden but failed. Gardeners want to keep the lot and have received a letter saying that there will be 2 houses built. Carla was approved to bring groups together in effort to keep garden.

### **Historic Preservation:**

- There was a Hist. Comm. Hearing for the buildings on the SW corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Christian for the laundry site. The developer wants to demolish. They fall under the demolition moratorium. Developer didn't show at hearing.
- Committee will not meet in October due to the holidays.
- Silver bldg at 6<sup>th</sup> and Passyunk has a temporary no parking restriction for ½ the block.
- David attended a lunch with the Preservation Alliance of NYC. They have 80 historic districts. Philadelphia has 6.
- Pres. Alliance got \$1 million grant to help low and moderate income households restore front facades of houses. Anyone in QV can apply.

**Recycling:** Bob Pierson of Partnership Recycling presented, telling of the City's current recycling program and talked of the pilot program called "Recycle Bank" in which all recycleable material including plastics, mixed paper, aluminum and tin would be picked up curbside in one bin on a weekly basis. The program would end up saving the city money in trash collection. Residents would earn coupon credits based on the weight of material they recycle. The Recycling Alliance is leading an effort to gain support for the program. Amy made a motion to write a letter in support the proposed program, end QVNA's participation in Partnership Recycling and allow neighbors to put coupons earned to community works.

**Sound Barriers** – Letters have been sent from Pennsport, Old Swedes Church and QVNA requesting sound barriers along I-95. Follow up calls to happen.

**Transportation** – to be discussed in November meeting. Look at changes in overall signage. Carla to re-offer spot in QV lot to Philly CarShare. Meredith lot on Monroe is not regulated. Bad behaviour on weekends in lot by South Street patrons. QVNA will look into managing lot.

**Computer:** The new website was launched. Meredith School has been added to the site.

**Nuisance Noise:** Lt McShae is ticketing motorcycles, boom boxes and bars for noise complaints. DiCicco has an ordinance on the table to consolidate noise laws which would not allow noise from a house to be heard 100 feet away. First violations will start at \$100.

### **Parks:**

- Mario Lanza – Down Home Day is on 10/29. David will man a table there on Halloween night.
- Weccacoe – Is being kept clean, has quieted down since drug house has been closed.
- Gateway – completed construction. Dedication is on October 11, 2005 at 10 am with DiCicco. David wants to reform the Gateway committee and get plans moving for area under I-95.

**Zoning:**

- New developer is looking at the site on Columbus Blvd at Catharine. They want to build 400 units. They are currently building in Old City. They were told they would have to give something back to the community.
- Dockside is presenting the second tower to the north of the first at a meeting on October 18, 2005. They do not need any approvals.
- DiCicco has legislation saying that you do not have to provide parking if you are building 4 or more units. If 80% of the block does not have garages, then you cannot build garages.
- Dominic Ward project on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, across from WaWa, was denied by the ZBA, even though QV Zoning committee gave him a letter of support.

**Conservation District** – Guidelines are written. Suggestions from John Gallery have been incorporated. Grant \$ may be available if approved. Guidelines must be presented to board and neighbors.

**QVNA Elections:** All executive board members must rerun. Barbara is resigning. Andrew will run for Treasurer. Need new VP to replace Andrew. Bob Kalalian of Christian Street has been nominated.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Fred Vidi must remove illegal structure from the rear of Fredericks Restaurant due to a court hearing.
- David would like to have a general meeting in November.
- Gayle restaurant (old Asafran) has applied for a liquor license. Frank has sent 2 petitions to intervene.
- Pennsy. Hist. Society wants trolley tours based on ethnic history in QV.
- Trash in parking lot is upsetting neighbors on Front Street. Carla will talk to LRC. Andrew to meet with the neighbors.
- National Geographic Travel magazine has named Philadelphia as the next great destination.
- Sinkhole on second street has not been repaired. Carla will call Diccico.

**QV Community Garden:** Ed asked for a contribution from QVNA for the garden's solar Power Project. The project will generate income for the garden. David made a motion, which Steve 2<sup>nd</sup> to give garden \$300 for equipment rental to break up the concrete. Ed will write an article for the Crier.

Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting, Amy 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.