

## **Queen Village Neighbors Association Board Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2005**

**In Attendance:** David O'Donnell, Amy Rivera, , Marlise Ellis, Carla Puppin, Neville Vakharia, Edward Bell, Frank Gontowski, John Sherick, Steve Schatz, Barbara Ruth-Cook

**Not Present:** Don Ackerman, Mike Hauptman, Walt Lowthian, Rick Cole, Andrew Speizman

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Carla reviewed the Treasurer's report. The Parking lot is making a profit of about \$1400/month above operating expenses. There is an abandoned Corvette in the lot, Carla to call Parkway. Neighbors on Front Street are complaining that the lot is collecting trash. New contract with LRC will have the lot cleaned weekly. Amy made a motion to approve, Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**Executive Director's Report:** See attached report. David made a motion to send Marty Labb a gourmet fruit basket due to his recent illness. Amy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

**Public Safety Committee:** Committee requested Board approval to ask Target for energy efficient light bulbs to distribute to residents to increase the amount of light on the street. Target sponsored "Town Watch - National Night Out" last month. Amy made motion, Ed 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

### **Historic Preservation:**

- 333 Queen street is trying to have the rear façade of the house removed from the Historic Register. They are to appear before the Historical Commission on Friday, 9/9/05. David will try to attend.
- 941 South 2<sup>nd</sup> street is trying to get on the register
- 309 Catharine Street may try to get on the register after they modify rear façade for future parking.

**Casinos:** John Sherrick reported on a meeting he attended with a Pennsport representative and 2 City Solicitors regarding the two proposed casino sites on Columbus Blvd. One site is at the Sheet Metal Union Hall and the other is further south near Reed St. There are currently 44, 579 cars on Columbus Blvd. on a weekday. According to a traffic study performed, the new casinos increase the usage by 25% on a weekday and 50% on the weekends. There were no planned renovations to Columbus Blvd. Other sites being considered are the naval shipyard and 8<sup>th</sup> and Market Sts. Colleen Pucket will be informed and another meeting will be held to inform the neighbors.

**Computer:** The new website is to be launched at the end of September. The new logo developed by students of The Art Institute will be incorporated. There are currently about 2000 visits to the website per month.

**Nuisance Noise:** Lt. Mc Shae has taken on the responsibility of all the nuisance noise complaints in QV. Civil Violation Notices (CVN) are being given out for various offenses. 50 CVN's were given for loud motorcycles since May of this year. Steve distributed handouts that will be available on the web.

**Parks:**

- Beck Park – Judy Wolk is heading up the park committee.
- Weccacoe – Is being kept clean, tennis camp is taking place, large tree at entrance is dead and will need removal
- Gateway – not finished, there are signage issues.

**Zoning:**

- 113 Kenilworth got approved
- Silk Screen Factory on Catharine Street will become a single family home.
- 312 Monroe – developer got a continuance
- Dominic Ward project on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, across from WaWa, has a better design to present.

**TreeTenders:** 18 trees will be added on Christian between Front and 11<sup>th</sup>, 13 trees on 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Fitzwater and Catharine and some on Mildred Street when the first round is approved. There is an article in the new Crier.

**Weccacoe Building Lease:** Lease was reviewed and comments/changes were given back to the Dept of Rec.

**Recycling:** There was a recycling collection on September 3. The August 2005 collection was the most bountiful to date, with 1200 pounds of plastic collected. October is expected to have a large turnout. The city is changing its distribution system, so it is not known when funds will be distributed for the materials collected.

**Nominating Committee:** Committee is working on getting new candidates. Carla will forward the email addresses of several prospective candidates to see if they are interested.

**Liquor:**

- There is a conditional license agreement between LCB and the former Judy's
- There is an agreement with The Black Door and LCB
- The old Pizzeria Unos was bought by a chain known as Kildares. They have a restaurant/bar in Manyunk as well as 15 other locations. They are usually problematic.

**Crime:** Amy asked for advice on dealing with problematic drug abusing people sleeping in Mario Lanza park. Carla suggested putting the park on the police's roll call as well as calling the homeless outreach coordinator and the nuisance task force.

Amy motioned to adjourn the meeting, Barbara 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.