Queen Village Neighbors Association Board Meeting Minutes – Thursday, December 6, 2007

In Attendance: Jeff Rush, Carla Puppin, Rick Cole, Amy Rivera, Kathy Conway, Edward Bell, Richard Wolk, Marlise Ellis, Walt Lowthian, James Markham, Don Ackerman, Bill Landy (as an observer)

Not Present: Neville Vakharia, Andrew Speizman, Mike Hauptman, David O’Donnell

Meeting Minutes: Richard made a motion to approve the November 2007 minutes with noted changes, Ed 2nd, all in favor, accepted.

Treasurer’s Report: Carla reviewed the November 2007 Treasurer’s reports – Marlise motioned to accept, Ed 2nd, all in favor, accepted.

Executive Director’s Report:
Carla reviewed the Executive Director’s Report. Richard thanked all those who helped out on election night including Kathy, Amy, Rick and Audrey Juros.
Amy made a motion to increase the amount QVNA contributes for Carla’s health insurance based on a rate increase, Rick 2nd, all in favor.
The board agreed to send a plant to David for his recent loss.
The board agreed that Carla could spend $200 for paper accessories for the building as noted in her report.

Weccacoe
There was a Friends of Weccacoe meeting on Dec.5 open to anyone who uses the playground. The use of the tennis courts as a dog run was discussed at the meeting. A history of the making of the dog run at Mario Lanza Park was presented. A space use survey of green/park space should be undertaken. There was a suggestion to form a dog committee of QVNA. The board discussed the pros and cons of using the tennis courts as a dog run. Jeff then did a straw poll of board members' thoughts re use of the tennis court as a dog area. Six felt it should not be used in this way; one felt it was ok during the winter months.
It was discussed as to whether March 1 should be the date by which time the Dept of Rec. has put up the official sign and the tennis courts will be off limits to dogs. Dog owners will be given time to step up to the plate and start a dog run.

Public Safety
There have been meetings held at the Managing Director’s Office. Three neighborhoods as well as the South Street/Headhouse group are attending. Two town watch meetings/training sessions have taken place and one more is planned.

Transportation
The committee is recommending that Walt be the new committee chair. Bike racks should be installed soon.
Zoning
525-527 Fitzwater Street came through zoning for a subdivision to separate the two houses from the trinities. There was a proviso that they would not demolish the buildings. They will provide true divided light windows.

Casinos
Jeff discussed the riparian rights approval by the Commerce Department for the Sugarhouse casino.

Holiday Party
A sign up sheet was passed around for volunteering. All are to bring a dish to share. The party starts at 6:30.

Recycling
The collection of plastics and cardboard under I-95 has ended due to the Streets Department now picking these materials up at curbside. There will still be income for the last fiscal year given to QVNA for distribution to the parks which provided volunteers.

Penn’s Village
Bill Landy would like to start a QVNA committee.

Board Positions
Jeff asked the board for their approval of asking Neville to fill the board position being vacated by Marlise.

Marlise motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jim 2nd, 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.