

QVNA Board Meeting

April 2, 2015

Present: Jeff Hornstein, Amy Shelanski, Ben Schindler, Cindy Elliott, Amy Grant, Lauren Leonard, Peter Ross, Duncan Spencer, Frank Tavani

Not Present: Eleanor Ingersoll, Jonathan Rubin, Maria Roberts, Sean Edwards

Guests: Sharnell Croom, President of the Home & School Association at Nebinger; Barry Perrin, Social Services Director, Courtyard at Riverview

1. Minutes. The draft minutes for the March 9, 2015 Board meeting were reviewed and additions/corrections were noted.

***Amy Grant moved that the minutes be approved as amended, Lauren Leonard seconded the motion and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

2. Financials. Ben Schindler reported that the parking lot receipts are becoming more consistent and generating around \$12,000 per month, yielding around \$3500 in receipts over expenses. March was the opposite of February: the QVNA Magazine receipts look smaller because expenses have been paid, but ad receipts have not yet been received. There's been a general increase in the amount in restricted funds. There has been a decrease in the Dog Committee Fund due to payments for refuse collection.

***Frank Tavani moved that the financial statements be approved as presented, Duncan Spencer seconded the motion and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

3. President's Report.

a. Liquor License Updates. 99% of the community supports the Hungry Pigeon and the original Community License Agreement ("CLA"). The CLA draft that came back from the Liquor Control Board ("LCB") used different language, which caused confusion and last minute issues: the CLA used the term "closing", but the LCB used "cease operations" and "vacate premises". An agreement was reached today which provides that the Hungry Pigeon would cease operations at 11:00 and vacate the premises at 11:30.

Jeff noted that we need to work on the review and CLA process. For instance, there might have been wider distribution of BeerLOVE hearing notices. Jeff wants to establish a standing committee, something like Zoning, to handle liquor license issues. Zoning requires our participation if we want to have a stake in the process. We don't have same formal role in connection with liquor licensing, but do it on a more casual basis, as a community service. Many communities, especially newer ones, have more robust meetings for zoning and liquor. Lauren would like to explain the formal process and the role that QVNA is willing to play voluntarily. Peter thinks we should be sure people know that we don't have control over the liquor license process or outcome.

The question was raised whether QVNA has another BeerLOVE meeting. Jeff said BeerLOVE needs a regular liquor license. BeerLOVE hours of operation will be 11:00 am to 8:00 pm, but owner Kristen Cevoli wants the license to be open until 12:00 am, in case she sells the business later. There was a consensus among the Board that we are still working to formalize our role and will work on that going forward, but there will not be another BeerLOVE meeting.

There are two meetings scheduled for next Wednesday with South Street HeadHouse (“SSH”): one to finish the BeerLOVE CLA and one to meet with the owners of Plenty over Meredith’s issues. Participants will include Mike Harris (Executive Director of SSH), Cindy Farlino (Meredith’s principal), Jeff Hornstein and the Mascieri brothers (owners of Plenty). Jeff requested and received Board agreement with the process of having the Mascieri brothers and Principal Farlino meet and negotiate initially, then have community meeting two weeks later.

b. Crosstown Coalition Education Meeting. Deputy Mayor for Environmental and Community Resource, Michael DiBernardinis, was involved in the program. Jeff believes that the William Penn Foundation will fund the schools’ efforts. The coalition is working on how to interface with the School Reform Commission (“SRC”), City Hall and Harrisburg. It will also work on branding the school district. SRC has asked to be briefed on the initiative.

4. Committees

a. Transportation. Frank Tavani reported that he finally received the Washington Avenue restriping report that QVNA has been asking for. He stated that there were many deficiencies in the plan, noting especially the use of stale data and failure to consider (i) land use and (ii) the impact on traffic in surrounding areas. The Transportation Committee is asking for consideration of these issues and that a more comprehensive study be conducted before giving its support to the plan. We will send Frank’s summary to Councilman Squilla.

b. Quality of Life. Lauren Leonard reported that its April 11th event will be held from 10am-2pm and will provide shredding and collection of electronic waste (e.g., light bulbs, batteries and electronic equipment), clothing and children’s book for the Courtyard. Lauren asked what the Restricted Fund called Partnership Recycling is for and noted that it was used in February. Ben will check into the disbursement.

c. Communications. Amy Grant asked for the Board’s agreement to do a Summer issue of the Magazine and noted it would be revenue neutral. The Board approved.

d. Schools & Youth. Ben Schindler noted that Friends of Nebinger had a successful fund-raising event at Royal Tavern recently. Sharnell Croom, new Nebinger Home & School president, noted that she likes very much the investment of QVNA and Friends of Nebinger in Nebinger School. She resides in the Courtyard and is involved in that parent base, too. Jeff thanked her and Barry for their involvement with QVNA, noting that QVNA has been trying to build a connection with the Courtyard.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy A. Elliott, Esq.
Recording Secretary