

Queen Village Neighbors Association Board Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2007

In Attendance: James Markham, David O'Donnell, Jeff Rush, Carla Puppin, Mike Hauptman, Walt Lowthian, Neville Vakharia, Rick Cole, Don Ackerman, Richard Wolk, Marlise Ellis

Not Present: Andrew Speizman, Edward Bell, Amy Rivera

Meeting Minutes: They are not correct. They will be revised and resubmitted at the May board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Reverted to old format on document. \$15000 came out of PNC account for the casino lawsuit. Added \$12000 from casino fundraiser to the Commerce account, on top of the \$5000 that was already there to start the account. David made a motion to approve. Rick seconded it.

Executive Director's Report:

- The Casino Free Philadelphia group wants to use the QV backroom for office meeting space. Board agreed.
- Carla needs help writing thank you letters to people who donated to the casino fund. A committee should be organized.
- Philadelphia Forward requests donations to their event for reform proposals. Board rejected.
- Historical Society of Pennsylvania grant application for the Neighborhood History Project was accepted by the PEW foundation.

Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning: Committee guidelines are needed. Review and comment via e-mail. Incorporate comments and present at the May meeting.

Casinos: We are making progress. Briefs have been submitted. Oral arguments are May 15th, same day as the referendum.

Gateway: Trees will be planted around Triangle Park .

Historic Preservation: Bodine Street needs to be addressed by Frank DiCicco.

NCD: There was a good turnout at the last neighborhood meeting. Every house hold will get a letter describing the program and if the homeowner disagrees, then need to send the letter back. 51% of the votes need to be yes for this to pass.

Nuisance Noise: Complaints can be registered on line at QVNA.com.

Liquor: Carla is leading this committee

Parking:

- Meeting with Rick Dixon for a 1 day pass program is proceeding. DiCicco will propose a bill whereby one would buy 1 or 5 passes for less than \$10/day. Can be done online if one has a neighborhood parking permit. The hanger tag will go on the rearview mirror.
- Philly Car Share wants 2 spaces in our lot on a semi-temporary basis (one year). Board approved until end October only.
- Garage front parking will be discussed at the May general meeting.

Safety: Letter to Nick Shemanic to request a neighborhood walk around to review the low light areas.

Transportation:

- Christian Street group is meeting weekly.
- Development at end of Catherine Street and Delaware Avenue is up for review again on April 24th. It is to be a 24 story condo tower with adjacent townhouses.

Tree Tenders: April 28th is volunteer day

Website: Online giving link is almost done.

Weccacoe Playground: Saturday April 14th is clean up day. 9am – 1pm

Zoning: April 24th meeting on condo.

New Business:

- April general membership meeting will include casino updates and candidates for the May election.
- There is talk about QV sponsoring its own mayoral forum.

Dick made a motion to adjourn. Rick 2nd.