

Queen Village Neighbors Association Board Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2006

In Attendance: David O'Donnell, Amy Rivera, , Marlise Ellis, Neville Vakharia, Walt Lowthian, Don Ackerman, Carla Puppin, Edward Bell, Andrew Speizman, James Markham

Not Present: Steve Schatz, Rick Cole, Mike Hauptman

CCRA: Steve Hunnington of the CCRA joined the meeting to discuss having the center city communities unite on issue to form a questionnaire for residents to determine critical issues to present to mayoral and council candidates for upcoming elections. He asked that one representative from each neighborhood association to help create the questionnaire. They will then process the data with Zoomarang software. Walt volunteered to be QVNA's rep.

MOTION: Don made a motion to join this center city coalition to develop a survey of concerns to present to mayoral candidates and to appoint Walt as the representative for QVNA. David second, all in favor.

Meeting Minutes: (See discussion on published Crier's in Old Business) Amy made a motion to approve the July, 2006 minutes, David 2nd, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Carla reviewed the Treasurer's report. Carla clarified the TR regarding Riverfront Communities United and Gateway funds. Junes Parkway funds reflect the rental of many spots by the developer of Independence Court. David made a motion to approve the June and July reports, noting that the date noted for Parkway should be June, not May, Jim 2nd, all in favor.

Executive Director's Report: Carla suggested giving John Sherrick a leaving bonus. His last day will be September 30th. Carla will discuss tax implications of giving John a bonus in the range of \$1000 or three weeks pay (1 week vacation and 2 weeks severance pay). Carla's husband is reviewing the lease for the Weccacoe building. \$15,000.00 grant which was received has been paid out. Carla will inquire about reapplying.

MOTION: Jim made a motion to notify John in letter form that his last day will be september 30, 2006. Don second, all in favor.

Riverfront United/Casinos: Don spoke of a recent article in the Inquirer regarding casinos. Jim will be recusing himself from casino issues due to a conflict of interest related to his work. RCU is against the Foxwood casino. Carla will ask Coleen Puckett to write an article for the September Crier to inform and activate the neighbors.

Historic Preservation: There will be a meeting this week. .

Liquor: Cynthia Lyon and Chris Coyne are interested in taking over this committee. They have attended South Street Headhouse district's meeting. Tori's Brickhouse is moving to South Street. Their former building on Front street will become residential. Cynthia and Chris will met with Fumo's office. Black Door Restaurant was cited for

outdoor seating. Copa Cabana has outdoor seating. Bar complaints now go to the Nuisance Noise committee.

South Street Headhouse: Ed attended a planning meeting to discuss summer events. The group wants to meet with our liquor committee. Bainbridge Green has started construction and will pick up again in the spring. .

Planning and Development: The zoning committee did not support the restaurant Ansil's request for outdoor seating due to opposition by the neighbors. The zoning committee did support the new coffee shop at the corner of 4th and Fulton.

Strategic Planning: Group has been focused on the NAC proposal. Jim has been asked to sit on the committee.

Transportation: Jim has asked Nick Schimmanick about funding for a traffic study. He will also contact DiCicco's office for an update on funding. The City can install 50 bike racks in our area. We will have to sign a contract to "adopt" the bike racks. Walt will review the contract.

Parking: The City is not responding to Walt's efforts of contacting them.

MOTION: Walt made a motion that QVNA look into the feasibility of using the South Parking lot for short term or long term parking. David 2nd, all in favor.

Recycling: We will be collecting this Saturday. Volunteers are needed.

Safety: National Night Out was a success. There was a meeting with Captain Weaver. He suggested a Town Watch on wheels. He gave one and three month crime reports. Crime is down in this District.

Tax Reassessment: A houses new reassessment can be looked up on www.philadelphiaforward.com. There is a 1.9% millage rate based on the new market values. All decisions about taxes will be made after the elections. This topic should be brought up to the new CC coalition. Neville will set up a link to the website. James suggested that the group define their goals and mission in a formal statement.

Web: Will build a space for the Property Tax Committee and will post the results of the meeting.

Weccacoe: Society Hill is looking at starting a senior living community in which the residents will live in their own houses. Jim will talk to Society Hill about info they gathered.

General Meetings – Topic for August will be the Tax reassessment. Carla will need an update for the September meeting. She will ask Colleen Puckett to talk about casino issues.

Old Business: David expressed concern about printed material available on the web about individuals. The Crier and QVNA board meeting minutes need to be public. David also asked about printing a clarification to the Crier. The Board is to review the

June 2006 Crier. David is to be more specific about what he would like clarified. The discussion was tabled.

Don motioned to adjourn the meeting, Ed 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.