

Queen Village Board Meeting Minutes –December 3, 2010

Present: Mike Hauptman, Ted Warren, Kathy Dilonardo, Walt Lowthian , Richard Wolk, Honey Pertnoy, Ed Bell, Steve Schatz, Kathy Conroy (emeritus), Carla Puppini (Executive Director)

Not Present: Don Ackerman, Neville Vakaria, Bill Stewart, Jeff Rush, Bill Landy,

Nebinger School: Richard Wolk opened the meeting by introducing guest Debbie Stewart who is the QVNA Representative to the Nebinger Elementary School Stakeholders committee. She gave us a summary of the types of changes the new principal, Dr. Burnley is trying to make to improve the school. He has identified two areas for improvement—student achievement and community involvement.

As a member of the committee, Debbie was recommending that the Board send a letter supporting Dr. Burnley's position for Nebinger to have 100% full site selection (i.e. the right for the school administration to choose teachers for the school based on the school's needs and the teachers' strengths rather than just having them assigned to the school). We wanted to know more about it before we endorsed it so Ted will call the principal to get answers to our questions and follow-up with an email to all board members. We also felt that it would be good to extend an invitation to Dr. Burnley and Debbie Stewart to speak at a General Membership Meeting sometime in 2011.

Minutes: Ted moved and Ed seconded that we approve the minutes. The board approved the minutes. They can now be posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Mike moved and Ed seconded the treasurer's report. It was approved by the board.

Executive Director's Report for November, 2010

Holiday Party: Sign up sheets for cleanup going around. Need a volunteer to purchase wine. (4 bottles each of white and red ---125 liter size) and two 10 lb bags of ice.
I will order sandwich trays from Gaetano's.

QVNA's 990 return: The 990 has been submitted. I would encourage the Board to form a small committee now to look into the parking lot income, so that the Board is clear about how it wants to proceed going forward in filing future returns.

DCED Grant (000048161) of \$5000 for sidewalk cleaning program has been received and deposited (Closeout date is June 30, 2012).

DCED grant application for sidewalk cleaning project for next year: The application has been preliminarily recommended for funding in the amount of \$10,000.

DCED GRANT of \$5000, designated for upgrades to the dog run in Mario Lanza Park. We have already been granted one extension to June 30, 2011. We can request one additional

extension (to June 30, 2012), but that's it. I can also request to change the parameters of the grant, but need to do both requests in writing asap. Please advise.

Sidewalk Cleaning Program A resident of the 200 block of Christian Street questions the limitation of the sidewalk cleaning program to the north-south streets and asks that the Board consider expanding the weekly pickup to the 100 and 200 blocks of Christian St. His comment: "The Board's methodology to determine Queen Village's litter burden may be flawed. I think by anyone's standards, Christian Street is probably only second to Washington Ave. re: car and pedestrian traffic, heightened by the presence of a mini strip mall containing a convenience store and Chinese restaurant."

The board **asked Carla to find out the cost per each additional block for street cleaning** and will consider extending the cleaning. She should particularly concentrate on the cost of blocks between Front and 6th on Christian St.

Next Great City Initiatives for 2011 (QVNA is a partner organization) "We asked Next Great City members to vote on their top 5 recommendations for City Council to implement in 2011. We also hired Terry Madonna to survey voters on their top priorities for 2011.

The top 3 vote getters for NGC members and the three top priorities for Philadelphia voters were:

1. Reform vacant land policy. Create opportunities for urban agriculture, community gardens and other green uses.*
2. Provide incentives to Increase fresh local food access in "food desert" neighborhoods.
3. Recycle and reuse organic and construction waste.

The final two 2011 recommendations were selected based on their significant level of support by Philadelphia voters. Both received over 85% support from voters and relatively strong interest from members. They are:

4. Create mandatory complete streets requirement to accommodate cyclists and pedestrians.
5. Mandate provision of energy efficiency information to the buyer of real estate property.**"

Fundraising: Fundraising coupon brought in \$195 in November.

Board Elections November 18: Mike Hauptman and Jeff Hornstein were elected to the Board. There will be two vacant Board positions as of Jan. 1 2011. .

QV Tree Tenders-TreeVitalize planting Sat. November 20: 14 trees were planted, led by Dan Gibbon and Dave Genter.

End Executive Director's Report

Honey reported gathering information for getting a new surface for the dog park at Mario Lanza Park. It would consist of 36 tons of pea gravel placed about 2 inches deep. Kathy suggested that the Mario Lanza Park Dog Run Committee follow up to discuss it and get back to the board on the committee's recommendation.

Sustainability Committee: Ed is proposing this new committee. There is interest in the community. A meeting was held in which 20 area residents participated. There is interest in composting leaves from our streets, residential solar panels, tree planting and care and other sustainability issues that challenge residents in an urban environment. Jeff has endorsed the idea of the committee and suggested that Ed serve as chair of this new committee. Steve Schatz so moved and Ted Warren seconded it. The board voted to approve the motion.

Casino: The chances are looking better and better that the license may be revoked.

The Board recognized that Steve Shatz's term on the board was ending and thanked him for his service to the community.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Dilonardo
Secretary