

Queen Village Neighbors Association Board Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2007

In Attendance: Jeff Rush, Don Ackerman, Carla Puppini, Marlise Ellis, Mike Hauptman, Rick Cole, David O'Donnell, Andrew Speizman (except for casino discussion), Kathy Conway, Richard Wolk

Meeting Minutes: The January 2007 minutes are approved. Richard 1st, Mike 2nd, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Andrew reviewed the Treasurer's Report, and the projected budget for 2007. He said the budget should be read as a "preliminary" budget. He noted that projected fundraising income and future donations for QVNA were not included. The monthly rent for the Third Street office space is included as a monthly expense, but once Weccacoe is available for use by QVNA, the rent would be minimal. Treasurer's Report approved. Mike 1st, Dave 2nd, all in favor.

Executive Director's Report: The City has agreed to do a lot of the repair work to the Weccacoe building. QVNA will need to do minor repair work. Carla suggested that a QVNA committee should be formed. The City will install new air conditioning units provided by QVNA. The City will pay for electricity and QVNA will pay for gas and water (\$50/year). Lease will begin June 1st. A Farmer's Market will operate at the Shambles (2nd between Pine & Lombard) on Saturdays and Sundays.

Dave made a motion for QVNA to donate \$100 to P.A.L. Mike 2nd, all in favor.

Don made a motion for QVNA to contribute \$300 for a blog site to be sponsored by C.C.R.A. as part of a questionnaire created by C.C.R.A. to determine residents' interests in issues facing the City (casinos, traffic, parks, etc.). The questionnaire would be used as the basis of a forum with mayoral candidates. Richard 2nd, all in favor.

Historic Preservation: The Committee has written letters to the City about the damage the developer inflicted on the historic street and sidewalk on the 900 block of Bodine Street.

Report on Sacks Playground, by Dave O'Donnell. The community wants to save the existing swimming pool. Dave has agreed to chair a By-laws Committee to help set up a separate association for the playground.

Casino Report: Jeff stated that Penn Praxis has agreed to develop plans for the waterfront on two tracks: with and without casinos. Carla received a call from Michelle Spike, of Foxwoods, requesting a meeting with QVNA, Society Hill and other community groups. All agreed that Carla should tell Foxwoods, "we'll get back to them." Jeff noted that DiCicco had three resolutions approved by City Council: money for a lawyer to file lawsuits, money for a traffic engineer, and City Council hearings to be held on February 21st. Dave noted that the Historical Preservation Committee has information which may be useful for the Casino Negative Impacts Sub-committee.

Jeff Suggested that the March QVNA Crier should have a full page front cover that states: Stop the Casinos, It's Not Too Late. Jeff also stated that Q.V. needs to demand that the City begin enhancement to the traffic problems on Columbus Boulevard now, independent of what the casinos may have proposed. Don has been investigating different attorneys in order to hire one to file a lawsuit on behalf of QVNA.

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.