

ATTENDING: Honey Pertnoy, Mike Hauptman, Ed Bell, Walt Lowthian, Jeff Hornstein, Jeff Rush, Richard Wolk, Bill Stewart, Bill Landy, Kathy Conway (emeritus) Carla Puppini (Director)

Absent: Kathy Dilonardo, Ted Warren

Jeff Hornstein (newly elected to the Board) informed the Board that he intends to run in the primary for City Council in our District. The Board discussed the implications of a QVNA Board member running for elected office, and given that QVNA is an apolitical organization, felt that the best course of action would be for Jeff H. to resign.

Jeff Rush gave an update re the casinos and the SS United States proposal currently being circulated.

December minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Bill L. reviewed the 2010 financials with the Board and noted that QVNA gave out \$24,000 in grants to greening groups within Queen Village this past year. The Treasurer's Report was approved. Jeff moved to give Carla a bonus for the same amount as last year. Motion was approved.

Executive Director's Report--Carla did not submit a written report for December—only one item: Moyamensing Point Discussion as to the draft Agreement proposed by the Streets Department. Richard reviewed the history of the site. All agreed that there were major liability issues within the draft agreement and that QVNA is not in a position to sign such an agreement. Jeff noted that QVNA is here as a source of support for the Friends of Moyamensing Point. The Board looks forward to hearing from the Friends and/or the Dept of Streets. **Carla will inform Jennifer Mahar of Philadelphia Green.**

DRWC Has received a \$5 million dollar grant from the William Penn Foundation, which will allow DRWC to go forward with the Race Street Connector, to fix up other pathways to the river, and also some public spaces (specific ones still to be chosen)

Sustainability Committee Ed reported that another meeting was set for January 20th, which is to be a discussion of the goals of the committee.

Weccacoe Playground Walt summarized the Community Design Collaborative's Master Plan for the Board and distributed copies of some key concepts. He noted that the Friends really like the basic layout of the playground-the plan reflects that.

MLP Dog Run Honey stated that she had proposed the resurfacing with pea gravel, and had spoken to many people who use the run, and that they are very perturbed that nothing has been done. Carla noted that putting an article in the *Crier* (Feb. 1 deadline for submitting any comments) will cover all bases, providing a forum to notify everyone and also providing documentation of notification about what's being done and why. Honey noted that the most recent fundraiser held at the dog run went for PAWS.

Richard moved to adjourn and all supported.

Minutes submitted by Carla Puppini