

Queen Village Board Meeting Minutes –June 2, 2011

Present: Honey Pertnoy, Jeff Rush, Bill Stewart, Amy Shelanski, Bill Landy, Mike Hauptman, Richard Wolk, Ted Warren, Kathy Dilonardo

Not Present:Walt Lowthian,Ed Bell, Carla Puppin (Executive Director),Keith Grube,Richard Wolk,

Minutes: There was one addition to the May minutes. Mike moved and Ted seconded that we approve the minutes with the addition. They were approved by the board.

Treasurer’s Report: There was no Treasurer’s report this meeting. The financials were not all in by May 20 when Carla went on vacation so **she will complete it when she returns on June 10 and send it via e-mail to Board members.**

Executive Director’s Report for May 2011

Office–Carla will be back in the office on June 10th. The **June Crier** will go to printer on June 14 and be distributed on June 23, rather than during the 2nd week of June. If you have any blurbs, articles, send them in.

Open House Tour was Sunday, May 15-- It was very successful (the rains held off) and we had a wonderful range of homes. We had 57 tour goers, almost half of whom were from the area (19147 zip code); the others were from New Jersey, and from surrounding suburbs. Gross profits were \$1425, and after expenses, we should clear about \$1000.00. Not only is it a fundraiser, but it really is a very nice community event. The board gave a unanimous “Good Job” to Carla for a successful house tour/fundraiser.

Fundraiser for Dog Run: As of May 20, \$2940 has been raised (about 25 contributors)

Latin Roots Festival hosted by RaicesCulturalesLatinoamericanas, Inc. will be a 3–day festival at Settlement Music School, Fri–Sun, June 24th through 26th. A Latin “street fair” will be at Weccacoe Playground on Sat. afternoon, noon–5 p.m. It’s a ticketed event—the Weccacoe Playground event will be a requested donation of \$5.

Here is a repeat of the November Board Election Timeline:

Re: QVNA November, 2011 Board Election Timeline and Positions up for Election

Officers: All officers’ positions are up for election:Of those positions, those who **cannot run again for their specific position** (have served 2 consecutive terms):

President: Jeff Rush

Recording Secretary: Kathy Dilonardo

Those who **can** run again for **their specific** position (i.e., who have not been in that office for two (2) consecutive terms):

Executive VP: Richard (has served one term)

Vice-President: Ed Bell (has served one term)

Treasurer: Bill Landy (has served one term)

4 Board positions are up for re-election (#s 1-4)

#1 Walt cannot run again as Board member—has served 2 consecutive terms

#2 Honey can run again as Board member—has served one term

#3 Bill Stewart has served one term—can run again

#4 Ted can run again; He was appointed in June '09, and has served one term.

Board position #5 is vacant.

Board positions #6, #7, and #8 held by Keith Grube, Amy Shelanski, and Mike Hauptman are NOT up for election this year.

Below is a timeline leading up to the November elections. This outlines the procedures in the organization's by-laws.

From the bylaws: "The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three (3) board members not less than three (3) months prior to the Election meeting." "The Nominating Committee confers and shall make its report at the September meeting."

Sept. 3 QVNA Board Meeting (Meeting changed to September 12). Nominating Committee presents nominations for board positions up for election. Nominations accepted by the Board.

September Crier:Article informing community on the voting eligibility requirements, procedures for nominations from the floor, dates of general meetings, and the election.

Sept. 17 QVNA General Meeting: Nominations presented and nominations are also taken from the floor.

October Crier Election, voting and nominating procedures are again announced.

October 15 QVNA General Meeting—nominations again taken from the floor

November Crier: Biographies of all candidates are put in the Crier.

November 19. Elections

End of Executive Director's Report

Nominating Committee: Jeff said he would appoint a nominating committee as per the by-laws in preparation for a report to the September Board meeting: "The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three (3) board members not less than three (3) months prior to the

Election meeting.””The Nominating Committee confers and shall make its report at the September meeting.”

Zoning Code Commission (ZCC): The ZCC sent their rewrite of the new code to City Council for consideration. Council is considering remapping before they approve it or only have the new code apply to areas rezoned already. There will be neighborhood meetings in the fall. Laura Spina is the area planner on the Planning Commission.

Upcoming General Meetings: Jeff wants to hold a 15 minute ceremony recognizing outgoing City Councilman Frank DiCicco’s contributions and assistance to the Queen Village community over the years. The board agreed.

As per the by-laws, the board agreed that there would be no July and August board or general meetings unless something unforeseen came up at which point a special meeting could be called.

There are bills currently introduced into City Council by Councilman DiCicco allowing the police to clear the homeless off city sidewalks and regarding signage (bill boards-digital) especially along Delaware Ave. We will keep an eye on these as they move through Council.

Casinos: Nothing to report

Zoning: Concern about a head shop at 3rd and South which Mike will check into

Parking Lot: We need to follow up on hiring an independent account to review the current arrangements. **Kathy will send Jeff several names of accountants for non-profits** so he can follow up.

Tax Committee: The Mayor is looking for money to fund the school deficit. The tax committee needs to start meeting, also get something in the Crier. Richard will be the chair of the Committee.

CDAG Meeting: Richard will represent QVNA at the next meeting. There is a public meeting on June 13 at Festival Pier to discuss the river community’s future

Amy brought up the problem of the trash cans overflowing at 2nd and Queen—this is one of many. **Amy will report it to the Sanitation Department and Jeff will ask the police what can be done.**

Kathy brought up concerns about so much of the plant material dying along Sound Barrier Park and not being replaced. **Jeff asked Kathy to send him a list and he will forward it to ILMAC.**

A discussion followed about the drop-off in attendance at the QVNA general meetings. The board tossed ideas around about how to increase attendance: each board member come, each of us bring two people, introduce board members at the meeting and encourage people to talk to board members about issues during, before or after the

meeting. Amy suggested a survey to see what residents are interested in. **She will get a price on conducting such a survey, work on possible questions**—might be done as an e-blast or some other way. Board members noted that there is confusion and uncertainty about what the board can do and can't do. How do we let them know what we do? The Crier is a good vehicle but might benefit from a new format or changes in graphic design.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Dilonardo
Recording Secretary