

Queen Village Neighbors Association Board Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2006

In Attendance: David O'Donnell, Amy Rivera, , Marlise Ellis, Neville Vakharia, Walt Lowthian, Steve Schatz, Don Ackerman, Carla Puppini, Rick Cole, Edward Bell, Mike Hauptman, Kathy Conway

Not Present: Andrew Speizman

Neville started out the meeting noting that he will be the point of contact for the board and will share the responsibilities of the presidency with Walt until the elections. There is one open board position. Neville will ask Jim Markham to join, all in favor (David was not present for this show of hands).

Meeting Minutes: David requested documentation supporting the statement that the QVNA office, nor other board members did not receive all of the emails regarding changing the direction of Christian street. No documentation is available. Amy made a motion to approve the minutes, Don 2nd, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Carla reviewed the Treasurer's report. Steve Sitarski requested that all proceeds from the tours he led go towards Beck Park. David will ask WaWa for another \$1000 gift. Amy made a motion to approve, Marlise 2nd, all in favor.

Executive Director's Report: See attached report. Carla reviewed the OHCD requirements and proposal. Three districts which fall under the QVNA NAC have been removed. It is a OHCD requirement that the office be open 7 ½ hours a day for 5 days a week. QVNA will most likely get the NAC funding reduced. QVNA will have to review office staffing and have volunteers help out with some of the office duties. David will attend the briefing session with Carla. Amy will help prepare the proposal. Marlise will go to the drill team show on 6/17/06.

Riverfront United/Casinos: Don made a motion that QVNA will act as the bursar for the Riverfront United funds. (QVNA is a member of the Riverfront United) QVNA will only issue checks with the authorization of Riverfront United appointee. Amy 2nd, all in favor.

The demonstration at Delaware Ave and Reed streets in May was well attended. Colleen Puckett and Don attended a design forum hosted by Penn Praxis where each potential casino presented. Pinnacle was the most positively received. Foxwoods, the local site, was the most negatively received. All are urged to send comments via email (see email from Carla for email address).

Historic Preservation: Pennsylvania Historical Society conducted a prototype tour of South Philadelphia which Marlise attended. Marlise asked for board approval to have David as the co-chair of the committee.

Liquor: Office has been receiving complaints about the Lyon's Den.

Nuisance Noise: Kildares is undertaking the construction of noise control measures. Police have been metering noise.

Planning and Development: Rick and Steve attended a meeting for the development of a tower at the New Market site. There was a meeting at Palumbo 2 weeks ago regarding the zoning process. There was a document presented, “If You Build it They Will Come”, about simplifying and speeding up the zoning process.

Strategic Planning: The committee will draft a committee structure for review.

Parking: Committee is trying to work with PPA. The group has identified 50 locations of potential parking spaces. NO PARKING signs have been posted on Hancock Street. Notes from the meeting with Rick Dickson will be distributed. Group will start to explore the southern parking lot under I-95 with ILMAC and PPA. Kathy feels we should consult the neighbors first. Kathy and Walt to discuss further.

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

Web: The new online surveying tool is being utilized.

Weccacoe: Walt will meet with Mike and Carla to get moving on acquiring the building for QVNA.

The seasonal maintenance person has started trash collection, sweeping and watering at Weccacoe and Mario Lanza parks.

Zoning: Want more people to attend the hearings. There is a new ordinance that you need a certificate from the ZBA for a parking space and must go through local zoning committees. NCD guidelines have been accepted by the Planning Commission and will be turned into a city planning document. It still has to go to the public before the QVNA board will approve. The Planning Commission will also hold meetings regarding the NCD.

New committees formed – Triangle Park and the Tax reassessment committee.

Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting, Rick 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.