

## **Queen Village Board Meeting minutes—June 4, 2009**

**Present:** Don Ackerman, Jeff Rush, Bill Landy, Walt Lowthian, Kathy Dilonardo, Andy Speizman, Rick Cole, Mike Hauptman, Kathy Conway (Emeritus)

**Not Present:** Steve Schatz, Richard Wolk, Neville Vakaria, Ed Bell, Marian Budzek (Emeritus)

**Minutes:** There was one correction. Walt moved that the minutes be approved and Bill seconded it. The minutes were approved.

### **Executive Director's Report:**

**Open House Tour** Sunday, May 17; A success: 82 paid tour goers--approximately ½ from Philadelphia; 1/2 from surrounding counties, New Jersey, and Delaware.

Gross profits: \$2050;

Expenses: \$557.00 (includes booklet printing, postage and mailings to 300 names)

Net profit: \$1492.89

**Upcoming--Queen Village Stories with Marty Labb** Thurs., June 25, 7 p.m. at St. Philip Neri

**Property tax/rent rebate forms**—Carla helped 4 seniors this month

### **Follow up from May meeting:**

Kirsten Hungate, substitute teacher at Meredith School and a free-lance tutor, is using the community room for tutoring and is paying \$25/week.

First Community Sidewalk Sale in front of individual doorsteps will take place on Sat. June 27. We are publicizing it in the Crier and through email blasts. No fees

Community Room: 3 birthday parties in May; Used as voting place May 19

### **Proposed Grant Criteria for neighborhood projects**

1. Organized group or committee with past history of project completion  
If a new group, some kind of statement of intent and a project chairperson
2. Community Importance
3. Willingness/Ability for self-sufficiency
4. Matching funds or Ability to raise funds
5. Non-Controversial/ Non-Political/ Non-Sectarian
6. Completion Certificate, Receipts, Affidavit
7. Either 501c (3)/ own bank account – OR- QVNA pays vendors directly

**Treasurer's Report:** Don moved it be approved and Mike seconded it. The report was approved. Kathy moved we set aside \$1000 to replace the computer in the Queen Village office and Mike seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Jeff said how much he appreciated the job the treasurer, Andy Speizman had done.

**Board position:** Jeff nominated Ted Warren to fill the empty board position. Mike seconded the motion and it was approved by the board.

**New Committee:** Jeff said he would like to make the Forgotten Blocks Committee (the Christian Street corridor in the 5<sup>th</sup> St. area) a formal committee of the QVNA with Ted Warren as the Chair. Rick so moved; it was seconded by Mike and the board approved it.

### **QVNA November, 2009 Board Election Timeline and Positions up for Election**

#### **Open Positions-must stand for election**

President  
Executive Vice President  
Vice-President  
Recording secretary  
Treasurer  
4 board positions

**Officers: All officers' positions are up for election:** Of those positions, those who **can** run again for **that** position (i.e., who have not been in that office for two (2) consecutive terms):

President: Jeff  
Executive VP: Don  
Recording Secretary: Kathy

#### **Positions which will need candidates:**

Vice President—current incumbent cannot run again for this position—has served the maximum 2 terms allowed in by-laws  
Treasurer—current incumbent cannot run again for this position—has served the maximum 2 terms in this position by the by-laws  
Executive Vice-President—Don (who is eligible to run for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term) has indicated that he is not running again; therefore we need candidates for this position

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

#1 Ed cannot run again as a Board member—has served two consecutive terms-need another candidate  
#2 Rick cannot run again—ditto above, need another candidate  
#3 Bill has served one term—can run again  
#4 David resigned in May—Ted Warren has been appointed into this position as of this month and therefore can run in November for what would be his first term.

[The Board positions (#5-8) held by Steve, Neville, Richard, and Mike) are NOT up for election this year]

**Below is a time line 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.** 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 for officers and board 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

**Jeff will appoint a nominating committee in July—three people who will not be running in the fall elections.** The committee will need to contact all of those who CAN run again to see if they are willing to run for their current positions. They will then need to nominate candidates for the positions identified above as needing candidates.

**Casinos**—Foxwoods hasn't signed a lease yet. PREIT is having trouble maintaining a high occupancy rate including in Strawbridges which is one of its properties. Strawbridges is a particularly good deal for them since it does not require construction and thereby reduces their costs. The license extension and moving the license will probably be rolled into one Pennsylvania Gambling Control Board meeting rather than as separate issues. No decisions are expected before fall. Table games may wait until all the casinos are up and running. **Jeff will write a letter asking the Planning Commission for information on traffic, planning etc.**

**Grant Proposals:** We have funds we would like to make available to Queen Village organizations. Carla will draft a cover letter and make a list of organizations and forward to board members for input. We will then notify groups that we will accept proposals for possible funding. Part of the determination about how much would be available for grants is whether we spend funds to fix up the second part of the parking lot. That would cost in the \$30,000-\$40,000 range. There was some discussion about whether we needed the additional space. We would have to "sell" 30-40 spaces to break even. **Andy will bring notes from the meeting that includes lease figures to our next meeting.**

**Welcome Committee:** They are starting to prepare baskets for new residents. We want to put a letter from the President of Queen Village Neighbors Association and a current Crier. **Carla will contact the chair so we can check with him on their format (contacting new residents, delivery, etc.)** They are requesting start-up funds of \$300 for the Committee to help pay for

printing costs, paper, postcards, baskets, colored wrap for baskets etc. Don so moved and Mike seconded it. The board voted to approve the funds.

**Transportation Committee:** The Streets Department will put 25 mph speed limit signs along Christian Street from Broad to Delaware. Jeff asked the Captain to have his police enforce the speed limit as well as enforce stopping at STOP signs throughout the community. The Streets Department proposed putting STOP signs at Second and Christian Streets. Jeff told them no since it hadn't been proposed by the Transportation Committee or approved by the Board.

There was a riot west of Eighth Street along South Street. Apparently word was communicated through Tweeter and thousands of 12-17 year olds gathered on 3 consecutive weekends. Damage resulted. The police have added officers and mounted police from the state. Jeff noted that Lt. McShea is doing an excellent job. On June 11 there will be a meeting in the Managing Director's office to discuss the Greek Picnic.

**Tax Committee:** There will be a meeting on Thursday. The committee needs to identify concerns we have with all taxes—wage, property, etc. The Mayor will be at Settlement Music School on Wednesday June 24 to address tax issues and other questions. We need to sort through email questions to ask the Mayor and ask him other questions concerning his plans to replace Andy Altman, the Delaware Riverfront Waterfront Corporation and casino questions. We decided we would frame an historic reproduction print to present as a gift to the Mayor.

**CDAG-**The overlay for zoning for the waterfront is out of City Council committee. This can provide the framework for waterfront development. The Request for Proposals (RFP) is out to make Pier 11 into a public park. The RFP is narrowed to four for the Master Planning. The bike path work is in progress from Washington to Lombard and moving south.

**Licenses & Inspection**—Carla has left messages for the developer of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monroe St properties and received no replies. This is in regard to blocking the sidewalk with the construction fences. She will contact L&I.

**QV Dogs**—Walt reports that we have heard nothing back from them. The QVNA committee is working on Exhibit D to finalize a draft.

**Meetings:** There will be no board meetings and general membership meetings in July and August. The board will confer by email if there is a need.

Carla reported that repairs to Weccacoe are underway.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen L. Dilonardo