

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

In Attendance: Jeff Rush , Amy Rivera, Neville Vakharia, Walt Lowthian, Don Ackerman, Carla Puppini, James Markham, Marlise Ellis, Rick Cole, Edward Bell, David O'Donnell,

Not Present: Andrew Speizman, Richard Wolk, Mike Hauptman

Meeting Minutes: The February 2007 minutes are approved. David 1st, Marlise 2nd, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Carla reviewed the Treasurer's report. \$20,000 went to the attorney's for the Casino defense fund.

Don made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, David 2nd, all in favor.

Executive Director's Report: Carla is able to sign the Commerce Bank checks. Carla will be giving notice to the landlord of the office space that we will be vacating sometime in June. A post office box may be required.

MOTION: Don made a motion to present a Visa gift card for \$250.00 to Larry Lindsay for his legal services. Jim 2nd, all in favor.

Historic Preservation: Letters went out to DiCicco, the Streets Dept and the Historical Commission regarding damages done to the historically certified Bodine Street. The response from the HC was that the curbs were not part of the historic cartway and the developer is not required to replace the Belgian block, but it would be put on a list to be repaired by the City.

Parking: Committee is finding drawbacks to garage front parking. They are surveying blocks with garages. They are to have a meeting with Rick Dixon regarding one day visitor parking passes, as well as looking at existing visitor parking program. An additional 500 feet of parking has been gained by moving signs in the neighborhood. Phillycarshare is looking for more on street parking in the neighborhood. Carol Campbell of city council is trying to make parking permits free – the QV committee does not agree.

Transportation: Christian Street is still being worked on and the committee will have a recommendation next month. They usually have their meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month, but will be rescheduled due to other committee meeting conflicts. The signed contract is in for the bike racks.

Committees: All committees should have sign in sheets and mission statements as well as be recommended by the QVNA president.

MOTION: Jeff made a motion to make Friends of Shot Tower and the QV Recycling Committee official committees. David 2nd, all in favor.

NCD: The Planning Commission Representative has to be rescheduled for the general meeting this month.

Zoning: A developer wants to tear down the mini-mart at the corner of 4th and Catharine and construct a 6 story condo building with commercial space on the first floor.

Nuisance Noise: Fat Tuesday was a non-event this year.

Headhouse Square: QV will sit down with Paul Levi and Tanya Rourke to discuss 2nd Street and Headhouse Square planning.

Web: Neville is setting up online giving via credit cards. There will be a 4.5% fee. Donations can be designated for Casino defense fund. .

MOTION: Neville made a motion to implement online giving. Rick 2nd, all in favor.

Casinos: DiCicco has a traffic engineer onboard. Fran Hanney from the 6th District, PENNDOT is handling the casino traffic. The petition is being filed tomorrow. QV, Society Hill, Pennsport and Whitman donated \$80,000 for legal funds. Individual plaintiffs will be named in the lawsuit to give it better standing. An environmental lawsuit is being filed – QV will not be joining as a plaintiff. Delaware River Neighbors Alliance is having Monday meetings for 18 civic groups. March 5, 2007, is the end of the moratorium of negotiations. Some of the northern civic groups may start to negotiate. Southern civic groups do not plan on negotiating at this time. Referendum will be voted on tomorrow about getting casino issue on the ballot. David asked if he should recuse himself from casino matters because some of his clients are attorneys connected to the casinos. The board did not feel it was necessary for him to recuse himself due to a conflict of interest.

Fundraising: Don reported for Richard. There will be a fundraiser at Bridget Foy's on March 29, 2007. The cost will be a minimum of \$100 per person. Board members should be contributing. Each board member should give names of possible donors. QVNA has to replace money we already paid out. Contributing will make people feel more connected to the issue. Ed thought there should be more press releases and will prepare an article for the Crier. There could also be a function at Liberty Court.

Amy motioned to adjourn the meeting, Don 2nd, all in favor.

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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.