MINUTES OF THE QUEEN VILLAGE
NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

The meeting was held on March 4, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. In attendance were Jeff Rush, Carla Puppin (Executive Director), Honey Pertnoy, Ted Warren, Kathy Conway (Emeritus), Don Ackerman, Neville Vakaria and Walt Lowthian.

President Jeff Rush presided. He asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes from the February 4, 2010 meeting. One correction was noted with regard to the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation (DRWC) which was incorrectly identified in the previous Minutes as the Central Delaware Advisory Group. This correction was approved. There were no other corrections. Motion was made by Jeff to approve the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Honey Pertnoy and unanimously approved.

Next the February QVNA check detail, balance sheet as of February 28, 2010 and Profit and Loss Statement for February, 2010 were reviewed. Carla noted that the Deposit Report had not yet been prepared and it would be e-mailed. She also noted that she was arranging to transfer excess cash from the checking account into the money market account. Ted Warren made a motion to approve this transfer. Bill Stewart seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

Next Carla presented her Executive Director’s Report.

She reported that the Census Department had requested the use of the community room for two weeks for training purposes. The Board advised Carla to request remuneration.

Next, Carla reported on the TreeVitalize spring planting scheduled for April 24 and requested $250.00 to cover the truck rental and the purchase of soil and mulch. Ted Warren made a motion to approve this expenditure. Honey Pertnoy seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Next Carla reported on the scheduled Open House tour for May 16.

Next she reported on a project which she was working on with a student teacher at Meredith School for the planting of trees in the neighborhood.

Next Carla reported on the proposed expansion of the QVNA parking lot. There was subsequent discussion among the Board Members about the reaction of the neighbors to this proposed expansion.

Next there was discussion about the distribution of the Crier, the publication of letters to the Crier and the use of the website.

Next Carla described the proposed children’s tennis program at Weccacoe Park.

Next Ted Warren made a presentation on behalf of the Forgotten Blocks Committee. He reported on discussions with the Jefferson Square Association regarding the possible acquisition of remaining JSCDC funds to go towards infrastructure redevelopment in the forgotten blocks area, as well as expanding QVNA’s street cleaning program to cover all streets and empty lots in the area. The Board was supportive of the committee’s efforts in this regard.
Next Jeff proposed that the Board consider Rick Cole for emeritus status on the Board of Directors. There was some discussion about this particularly in view of Rick’s current non-resident status. No decision was made.

Next Jeff Rush made a presentation on behalf of the Liquor Committee. He reported on proposed license transfers at the former Coquette Restaurant at 5th & Bainbridge, the former Ansil Restaurant at 2nd & Bainbridge and the former Frederick’s at Front & Fitzwater.

Next there was discussion about the status of the Foxwoods casino development and Steve Wynn’s involvement.

Next, Walt Lowthian reported that Community Design Collaborative has accepted QVNA’s plan for improvement of the Weccacoe Playground.

Walt also discussed plans for a community picnic at Weccacoe on June 12. He asked for a $500.00 expenditure from the QVNA budget to provide games for the children to try to make it a fun event. Walt proposed a motion approving this expenditure which was seconded by Ted Warren and unanimously approved. Walt said he would supervise the organization of the festival.

Neville Vakaria brought up concerns he had about a license transfer for the restaurant Vesuvio which is in Bella Vista but is close to Queen Village. He said that an effort will be made to let neighbors in Queen Village know about the Bella Vista zoning hearing in regard to this transfer.

At approximately 9:30 P.M. the meeting adjourned.