

Queen Village Neighbors Association Board Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2006

In Attendance: Amy Rivera, , Marlise Ellis, Neville Vakharia, Walt Lowthian, Don Ackerman, Carla Puppini, James Markham, Steve Schatz, Rick Cole, Mike Hauptman, Edward Bell

Not Present: David O'Donnell, Andrew Speizman,

Meeting Minutes: The October Meeting minutes are to be revised to remove “against Jeff Rush” from under Board Nominations. Walt 1st (as noted), Mike 2nd, all in favor. The September minutes were tabled.

Treasurer's Report: Carla reviewed the Treasurer's report. The board will look into consolidating the accounts. Steve suggested one checking and one money market or short term CD account. Carla and Andrew will look into this. Currently all checks require 2 signatures.

MOTION: Walt made a motion that all checks \$200 or above, require 2 signatures, Amy 2nd, all in favor.

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

Executive Director's Report: Amy will help Carla compile a list of eligible voters. Neville and Rick will help out checking people in on election night. There will be provisional ballots available for people who want to vote but are not documented as having attended 2 meetings. Provisional ballots will be set aside unless the vote is close. The envelope will have a name on it and be opened and the envelope discarded if valid. Their eligibility will be checked with committee heads. There will be a sign in sheet at the elections. Walt urged the board to be present during the election hour. Amy asked if the recycling volunteers were eligible to vote. Unfortunately, they are not because it is not an official QVNA committee with sign in sheets. Don noted that Mario Lanza Park members were also not eligible because MLP if not an official QVNA committee (by their own choice).

Penn Praxis: This advisory committee has one year to develop a 20 year plan for the Delaware water front. QVNA will give PP the Washington Ave. study compiled by U of P students as well as the NCD document. Walt and David will attend their meetings.

MOTION: Don made a to elect Walt and David to attend the Penn Praxis meetings as QVNA representatives until the new QVNA presidency is in effect in January, Mike 2nd, all in favor.

Neighborhood Conservation District: Mike reported that the NCD has come back from the City Planning Commission and has become an official document. There will be a meeting for the community on November 30, 2006 at 7:30 Pm at St. Philip Neri Church in which the City Planning Commission will present the NCD. There will be a write up in the January Crier and it will be the topic for the January general meeting. We will ask for feedback on index cards made available.

Historic Preservation: Marlise expressed concern that realtors do not alert potential buyers that a home is on the Historic Register.

Nuisance Noise: Steve presented a motion to let the police know that QVNA wants them to enforce the noise laws, particularly as they pertain to motorcycles. The number of violations issued has dropped since Dave Hammond issued a letter.

MOTION: Queen Village Residents have experienced numerous disturbances from motorcycles racing through our neighborhood. Many of these vehicles do not have proper mufflers (i.e. baffles) and are producing levels of noise that are at least disturbing, and at the extreme frightening and startling residents. QVNA fully supports police efforts to enforce the noise ordinances particularly as applied to motorcycles which are not in compliance with the Motor Vehicles Code and which are clearly producing noise exceeding that allowed by City ordinances, Don 2nd, all in favor.

Transportation: Jim reported that DiCicco emailed him stating that the Penn Praxis study would cover the traffic study requested and would save QV the expense. The board discussed that we were promised a traffic study and that we would like it sooner than one year from now. Jim and Walt will request a meeting with DiCicco's office to discuss. Jim needs a better response to bring back to the traffic committee. The QV Transit guide will have a roll out event. The guide is on the internet. Jim will solicit for people interested in committing to be on a committee for one year and report back to the board.

Head House District: Ed expressed concern about not being notified of meetings and on goings of the Head House District. He questioned whether he should attend meetings.

Mayoral Candidates: Michael Nutter has requested to come and talk to the community at a general meeting. Carla asked for guidelines about the allotment of time. Board discussed allowing 15 minutes for a talk and 15 minutes for questions and answers per candidate.

Ed asked about using our QVNA positions in responding to political issues. The decision was not to use the title unless approved by the board.

Fundraising: There will be a coupon in the end of the year Crier for contributing. Carla asked for help. Steve and Jim will spearhead this committee.

Holiday Party: December 21st at Old Swede's.

SCRUB: Carla received a call about public furniture and what is board's position on adverstiing.

Kauffman Street Garden is getting their trees trimmed.

Don motioned to adjourn the meeting, Amy 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.