

QVNA Board Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2012

Board Members Present: Jeff Hornstein, Amy Shelanski, Bill Landy, Cindy Elliott, Kathy Dilonardo, Rich Miller, Leslie Patterson-Tyler, Honey Pertnoy, Carla Puppin

Board Members Not Present: Brent Chavis, Michael Hauptman and Kim Maialetti

1. Approval of October Board Meeting Minutes

***A motion to approve the draft minutes, as amended, was made by Leslie Patterson-Tyler, seconded by Kathy Dilonardo, and approved by unanimous voice vote (*Rich Miller not present at the time of this vote).**

2. Treasurer's Report. Net income for October was -\$5700. There was a donation to Meredith for the Study Island computer program materials of \$2500 and miscellaneous expenses of \$2600 (including \$1700 for the Weccacoe historical consultant/project manager and \$300 to Gloria Dei for the QVNA holiday party). QVNA received \$5500 in parking revenue. There is \$90,000 in total equity, with \$7500 in grants that have been promised to the Fulton Street Mural Project (\$5000) and the Nebinger School (\$2500).

*** Leslie Patterson-Tyler moved that the treasurer's report be approved, Amy Shelanski seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote (*Rich Miller not present at the time of this vote).**

3. President's Report.

- a. AVI. Councilman Squilla and State Representative O'Brien are actively working to build a consensus that the AVI tax rate should be 1.4-1.5%, to allow for lowering the wage tax rate. They are trying to schedule a bigger tax forum to engage the entire Philadelphia community. O'Brien is concerned that the bill Mayor Nutter pushed through the house on the last day of the session might be illegal and a challenge is under way. Jeff asked Amy Shelanski to write up her experience in being denied

refinancing based on the new, but not-yet-effective assessment, and how she combated the situation so that it can be sent as an email blast to others who may face the same situation.

- b. **Parking Lot.** Jeff Hornstein and Leslie Patterson-Tyler attended an ILMC meeting on October 23rd. Some neighbors living on Front Street across from the proposed second lot and Old Swedes expressed concern that a second lot would cause more crime and pollution. Carla is collecting data from the parking company with respect to those concerns. Old Swedes uses the parking space about 10 times a year and wants to make sure it can continue to do so. Jeff asked the neighbors to propose alternative measures that might generate the \$50,000 per year additional revenue QVNA expects to realize from using the space as a second lot. Jeff raised the question of whether QVNA wants to move forward with ILMC at this time or give the neighbor group time to come up with an alternate proposal; a decision needs to be made by December. Bill Landy asked what would be the start-up costs for the second lot. Jeff noted that the current lot generates \$75,000 a year in revenue, \$50,000 of which is needed to operate QVNA. Jeff will circulate to the Board for comment a draft response to address Old Swedes and the Front Street neighbors concerns, along with detailed financial information.
- c. **Weccacoe.** Keilah Spann has started her contract as project manager to come up with an appropriate memorial for the former burial ground. Friends of Weccacoe will be doing a fund-raiser for the community center part of the project on December 2nd and have a strategy for providing recognition for donors.

4. Executive Director's Report. Carla Puppin provided a written report detailing various administrative matters:

- a. Four Board positions are open for the November election. Candidates are Kathy Dilonardo, Leslie Patterson-Tyler, Lauren Leonard, Jonathan Rubin, Peter Ross and Amy Singh.
- b. QVNA CPA has recommended that we update Quick Books and move from the internet-based version to the laptop version so that we can more accurately reflect accounts by class. This will make it easier to track how funds are spent through the fiscal sponsorship program. Rich Miller will assist Carla in making the transition to the new program version. Carla noted that we also need to modify the sponsorship agreement to require more detailed accounting of how funds are spent. Amy Shelanski will prepare a form for groups to use.

***Jeff Hornstein moved that we approve the expenditure of \$200 to acquire updated Quick Books laptop version, Rich Miller seconded, and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

5. **Old Business.** With respect to fiscal sponsorship fees, Carla will track the time she spends administering these programs so that Board will be in a better position to determine whether a fee should be charged. It was suggested that the sponsorship form to be revised to note that QVNA reserves the right to review the fee policy every six months and adjust, if appropriate.

***It was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote that the sponsorship form be so revised.**

6. New Business.

- a. **Absentee Voting.** Carla advised that for the last Board election, 30 absentee ballots were requested and were handled on a case-by-case basis. Until the Board has the opportunity to fully consider a policy on absentee voting, it was agreed that we would follow previous years' precedent: announcing in The Crier and via an email blast that absentee ballots may be picked up at Weccacoe during Carla's normal work hours. There will be at least one week's notice and a reminder sent via email.
- b. **Annual Appeal.** Jeff would like to send out an annual fund-raising appeal in December. Jeff drafted a column for the September The Crier, which needs to be further discussed and refined. Jeff asked for more comments from the Board.
- c. **Old Swedes Fund Raising.** Old Swedes has asked QVNA to sponsor a fund-raising event. QVNA has not contributed to this event in the past. Carla noted that the event is already covered in The Crier.

***Jeff moved that we sponsor the event, Rich Miller seconded, and the motion was defeated by voice vote: one aye, the remainder nays.**

7. Committee Reports

- a. **Dogs.** The proposal for the new waste stations has been submitted to the City, but the committee is still waiting on a response.
- b. **Beautification.** A clean up campaign will be held on November 12th and bags will be distributed.

c. Safety. The first meeting will be held on November 14th at Weccacoe at 7:00 pm.

8. Pre-Meeting Activity.

- a. On November 6th, Jeff circulated an email asking for the Boards thoughts on the following: Food & Water Watch, an organization that opposes “fracking” is showing a documentary film called “Dear Governor Cuomo” at Nomad Pizza on Nov 14 and they have asked QVNA to help get the word out and be a sponsor.

***Replying “no objection” to publicizing the event, but without endorsement or financial sponsorship by email: Kathy Dilonardo, Cindy Elliott, Michael Hauptman, Kim Maialetti, Leslie Patterson-Tyler, Honey Pertnoy and Amy Shelanski.**

Replying “no objection” to publicizing and sponsoring the event: Rich Miller

No email reply received: Brent Chavis and Bill Landy.

- b. On December 3rd, Jeff circulated an email asking whether there were any objections to the Board sending a letter in support of a bill that will increase penalties and tighten enforcement for litter produced by the fliers stuck in everyone’s door.

***Replying “no objection”: Jeff Hornstein, Michael Hauptman and Honey Pertnoy. No email reply received: Brent Chavis, Kathy Dilonardo, Cindy Elliott, Michael Hauptman, Bill Landy, Kim Maialetti, Leslie Patterson-Tyler, Honey Pertnoy and Amy Shelanski.**

- c. On December 3rd, Jeff circulated an email asking whether a dog run should be part of the next Board meeting discussion regarding the new parking lot.

***Replying “no”: Cindy Elliott, Michael Hauptman, Jeff Hornstein, Rich Miller, Leslie Patterson-Tyler and Amy Shelanski.**

Reply “yes”: Brent Chavis, Bill Landy, Kim Maialetti and Honey Pertnoy.

- d. On December 6th, Jeff circulated an email asking whether the Board should approve or reject a counterproposal received from Olde Swedes regarding the offer previously made by QVNA regarding Olde Swedes use of the new parking lot.

***Voting to reject the counterproposal: Brent Chavis, Kathy Dilonardo, Cindy Elliott, Michael Hauptman, Jeff Hornstein, Kim Maialetti, Rich Miller, Leslie Patterson-Tyler, Honey Pertnoy and Amy Shelanski.**

No email reply received: Bill Landy.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Elliott
Recording Secretary