

Queen Village Neighbors Association Board Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2006

In Attendance: David O'Donnell, Amy Rivera, , Marlise Ellis, Neville Vakharia, Walt Lowthian, Don Ackerman, Carla Puppin, James Markham, Steve Schatz, Rick Cole, Mike Hauptman, Andrew Speizman, Edward Bell

Meeting Minutes: David will write up his recollection of the June 2006 meeting and submit to the board. The approval of the meeting minutes has been tabled until this is submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Carla reviewed the Treasurer's report. Don made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Rick 2nd, all in favor.

Executive Director's Report: Carla presented a description of duties as well as salary and benefits for the Executive Director's position at QVNA. Carla will look for volunteers to distribute the Crier. Carla's hours at the office will be M & W:9:30 – 11:30, T, TH & F: 9:30 – 3:30.

MOTION: David made a motion to allocate \$40 for paying someone to distribute the Crier. Mike second, all in favor.

Riverfront United/Casinos Colleen Puckett gave an update to the board of the activities of the Riverfront United Coalition. Initially the RCU group agreed to be apolitical and only oppose Foxwood, not gambling in general. Colleen had met with John Dougherty and expressed concerns that the civic associations being cut out. Colleen also discussed the recent press release, written by Frank Keil and sent out on RCU letterhead which implied that Fumo, DiCicco and Kinney are involved in supporting Foxwood. Colleen asked for a retraction of the press release. Society Hill Civic Association (SHCA) asked for a public apology. SHCA has pulled out of RCU. RCU/Pennsport had no excuse as to why the press release went out without consent of all the groups. Most of the work of RCU has been completed. SHCA and QVNA can still work together to oppose Foxwood casino if they drop out of RCU. RCU is not willing to print a retraction or make the apology.

MOTION: David made a motion withdraw from RCU based on the unauthorized press release issued by RCU on approximately September 27, 2006, which misrepresented the mission of the RCU. Amy second, all in favor (Jim Markham, Ed Bell and Andrew Speizman abstained from voting).

Board Nominations: Walt requested a straw vote from the board to see if they would like him to run for the presidency of QVNA. Based on the show of hands, Walt will run for the presidency against Jeff Rush. Mike, Marlise, Jim and Steve are running for reelection.

Streamlining Board Meetings: Many suggestions were made regarding the streamlining of information/reports for the QVNA board meetings including:

- Print a time allotment on each topic of agenda
- Send meeting minutes out earlier for review
- Committees could report every third month
- Prepare motions in advance and send ahead of time for review

Carla will send out reminders asking for agenda items. She will also send out meeting

minutes, executive director's report and agenda prior to the meeting.

Bike Racks: Jim handed out a packet with a motion to approve the placement of bike racks throughout QV (see attached). David second, all in favor.

Historic Preservation: Committee held a meeting last month which was attended by Mike Tolkish of Pennsport.

Fundraising: Fundraising and financial information of other civic associations was distributed for review. David was offered the use of the sample home at Liberty Court for a holiday event. David will ask for an extension of the offer. We should change the focus of QVNA from what we need to what we can deliver.

Transportation: DiCicco will be meeting with the Mayor about funding the traffic study. Jim will asked for an update for an article in the November Crier.

Tax Reassessment: David reported that Aan Bucowitz, the city comptroller, will talk at the general meeting this month.

Parking: There will be a meeting with Rick Dixon on October 10, 2006, Visitor parking will be discussed. QV may be a pilot area for this type of parking.

Neighborhood Conservation District: City Planning Commission has written the guidelines and has to review them with legal counsel. Then they will be reviewed with the community in public meetings.

Weccacoe Building: Larry Lindsay has called city attorneys. They will redraft the lease regarding utility repairs. Carla reviewed the utility bills they quoted.

Computer: Website will go to the new host this month and may be down for a short period. Online fundraising will be on the web.

Penn Future: Carla sent out a letter. Board to review and email Carla.

Ed motioned to adjourn the meeting, Steve 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.