

## **Queen Village Neighbors Association Board Meeting Minutes—October 4, 2008**

**In Attendance:** David O'Donnell , Rick Cole, Jeff Rush, Kathy Dilonardo, Mike Hauptman, Don Ackerman, Ed Bell, Neville Vakharia, Andrew Speizman, Richard Wolk, and Kathy Conway (Emeritus)

**Not Present:** Bill Landy, Walt Lowthian, Jim Markham

**Minutes:** Richard Wolk moved we accept them and rick Cole seconded. Minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Andy is getting *Quicken* set up. He will aim for it being fully implemented by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Jeff asked for a plan on where we are and where we expect to be monetarily. Carla, Don and Andy will get together to work on that and report back to the board. QVNA will hold \$10,000 received through the Department of Community and Economic Development for the Beck Park Group (BPG) who work to enhance the park. We will write checks for BPG as needed. In addition, Mike O'Brian confirmed that QVNA received \$10,000 for community use. Mike moved we accept the Treasurer's Report and Dave seconded. The report was approved.

**QVNA Board Elections:** Elections will be held in November. There are 4 board seats available—those currently held by Mike, Neville, Jim and Richard. Mike cannot run again because he has held two terms per the By-laws. The other 3 are eligible to run for another term. Carla will make the second announcement as required by the by-laws asking for nominations at the October General Membership (GMM) meeting. She will also announce it in the October *Crier*. Carla will bring resident voter registration forms to the October GMM, committee chairs can bring them to their committee meetings and Carla will register residents at the QVNA office.

**Dog issue:** QV Dogs wants to make a presentation to the board. Jeff said je had talked to ILMAC and there is no legal reason not to have a dog run at the site QV Dogs has in mind. Carla also talked to Reverend Segal regarding the location, who said she did not anticipate any problems. She will bring it up to her board. Kathy, Walt and Don will meet with the QV Dogs in a preliminary meeting to hear what they are thinking.

There will be a **Toddler Halloween Party at Mario Lanza Park.**

**Neighborhood Conservation District:** We are waiting to hear from Councilman DiCicco's office regarding the next steps.

**Welcoming Committee:** David asked that we get in touch with the committee and send it new neighbors' names and addresses whenever we get new neighbors.

**Nuisance Noise:** There is concern about the sonic boom created by motorcycles. The city is working on a law regarding it. Please get back to Jeff with any comments.

**Parkway** got back to us. Jeff will report on this at a later date.

**South Street Head house Meeting:** Ed attended this meeting. The trees are to be planted between mid-September and ml id-October. By the end of October the entire project is to be finished.

Jeff reported that L & I talked to Mako's about taking so much of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street sidewalk. Winter is coming now; they will give it a look in the spring.

**Casinos:** Jeff said he was gratified for the option of resiting. Washington Square West, close to the newly proposed Market Street site, has given no indication of their position. Society Hill Civic Association voted to oppose the new location. Jeff introduced the following resolution which was seconded regarding membership in Philadelphia Neighborhood Alliance (PNA): ***"The Queen Village Neighbors Association has, as a rule, always supported accepting new groups asking for PNA membership. In the case of the Chinatown groups, QVNA would warmly support their inclusion as well, with the following caveat: That membership of AAU or others in PNA does not impose a de facto acceptance or rejection of the as yet undefined East Market Street casino proposal.***

***We believe that issue, should it arise, would constitute a separate question which would need to be deliberated by each member civic before being considered by PNA within the normal PNA voting rules.***

***It should be understood that until there is sufficient information available, QVNA will refrain from taking a formal position on the potential Gallery re-siting issue, except to say we are pleased that Foxwoods has finally shown flexibility in it's search for a new site off the River".***

Jeff said we don't want to turn our backs on other civics because we want their support if Foxwoods comes back to the Reed Street site. The fight is not over. Kathy was concerned that PNA had always accepted new civics without a board vote and PNA has stood for "1500 feet from anyone's neighborhood" and that we should continue to stand together on that point, membership was never tied to the location but in the organization's mission to keep casinos out of neighborhoods. Jeff said he would stay with PNA until or unless it goes against the interests of this community. We will see how things play out. Don pointed out that it is good for the civics to stay unified because it will also be about other development along the waterfront. The issues will shift to waterfront development. Jeff said he did not want a linkage between PNA membership and fighting a specific location though PNA would continue to welcome other civics to join them. The resolution was passed 8 for, 1 against.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Dilonardo, Recording Secretary