

## **Queen Village Board Meeting Minutes –October 6, 2011**

**Present:** Kathy Dilonardo, Walt Lowthian , Honey Pertnoy, Ed Bell, Jeff Rush, Bill Stewart, Carla Puppin (Executive Director) , Keith Grube, Amy Shelanski, Bill Landy, Richard Wolk, Kathy Conway (Emeritus)

**Not Present:** Ted Warren, Mike Hauptman, Jeff Hornstein

**Minutes:** There were no corrections to the September minutes. Keith moved and Honey seconded that we approve the minutes. They were approved by the board. They can now be posted on the website.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy moved and Richard seconded that we accept the treasurer's report. It was approved by the board.

### **Executive Director's Report for September, 2011**

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**Local Public Schools Update** Meredith Elementary School had their initial meeting in September re the Community Design Collaborative Grant to redesign their playground area. I attended.

**Big Bellies in QV for locations on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets?** South Philly Review article, June 23, about South of South Neighborhood Association's (SOSNA) partnership with Streets Dept.—purchased Big Bellies that the City will maintain and repair. Have had calls/complaints about trash cans/lack of trash cans on S. 2<sup>nd</sup> and S. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Is this a possible solution for locations that had regular trash cans on S. 2<sup>nd</sup> and S. 3<sup>rd</sup>, or other points in QV—shall we pursue this idea? **Yes—Amy and Carla will look into the Big Bellies.**

**November Board Elections:** I have put another article in the Crier about the elections and the call for any nominations. Will be emailing all candidates for biographies to go into Nov. Crier.

Nominating Committee needs to be at the November 17th meeting no later than 7:10 p.m. to set up, check through registration forms, and take new members' forms.

Will that meeting an elections meeting only? (no actual meeting?) We will have a meeting in November in addition to the voting. **Jeff will arrange the speaker.**

**Fiscal sponsor—use of 501 c 3:** --Jeff, Keith, Ted and Carla met to discuss the materials Carla had located on sponsorships. The group drafted a general proposal which the board agreed with. The group will now draft an agreement to be signed by anyone using our 501 c 3 status which will cover their responsibilities, limitations, guidelines. One issue needing clarification is whether they hold the money or we hold the money. The group will work on the sponsorship agreement draft for consideration at a future meeting.

**Parking:**The VFW on Front Street contacted us through Senator Farnese's office. They have difficulty parking during the day since there is a two hour limit. They wanted permission to use a couple of parking spaces during the day. The board agreed, voting that a letter be given them which clearly spells out the conditions under which they may use 2 spaces including the hours (7-5), Monday through Friday only and the condition that if there are complaints or problems the will agreement end.

**Pedestrian Plaza:** A request was sent to the Mayor's office by the South Street Business Association for \$30,000 to develop a pedestrian plaza where Passyunk Ave. meets South Street.

**Curfew:** The curfew has been helpful on South Street. It is beginning to change the tenor of the population on South Street in the evenings. Bill S moved and Keith seconded a motion to send a letter to the Mayor supporting the curfew.

**Delaware River Waterfront Corporation:** They have received \$100,000 to do a traffic management study on Delaware Ave, focusing on the traffic signals, timing, placement, etc.

**Liquor Licenses:** Four licenses are coming up.

**Sustainability Committee:** The committee is offering energy audits for \$150. Fifteen were conducted last year. The board voted to pay for an audit in the first round, so there will be a drawing of residents who have completed and paid for an audit, for 1 winner to receive a refund.

**Zoning Committee:** A request for variances was denied for property at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monroe. Mike and Jeff met with the current owner of the lot on Delaware Ave adjacent to the exit ramp from I-95. The owner wants to convert it to C3. We are not giving C3 zoning for that parcel. Councilman DiCicco agrees with that position.

**Weccacoe Building Improvements:** Ted, Walt and Carla met to consider all the ideas supplied by board members for the building. Jeff will set up a meeting with Councilman DiCicco and the Friends of Weccacoe to prioritize all improvements and discuss funding for the work. QVNA supports the proposed improvements.

The meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Dilonardo

Recording Secretary