

Queen Village Neighbors Association Board Meeting Minutes—September 4, 2008

In Attendance: Jim Markham , Rick Cole, Jeff Rush, Kathy Dilonardo, Mike Hauptman, Don Ackerman, Walt Lowthian, Ed Bell, NevilleVakharia, Richard Wolk, and Kathy Conway (Emeritus)

Not Present: David O'Donnell, Andrew Speizman, Bill Landy

Minutes: Richard Wolk moved we accept the minutes and Rick Cole seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rick Cole moved we accept it and Richard Wolk seconded. Report Approved.

Weccocoe Building: Paper towel and toilet paper dispensers were installed in the rest rooms.

November Board Elections: There are four general board member slots that must be voted on. One of them will be empty due to the current incumbent holding the position for the maximum 2 terms and three of them will be incumbents up for re-election. We need to announce the elections and call for nominations in the September General Membership meeting (GMM) per the By-Laws. Carla will take care of that.

Candidate Night at the GMM, October 15, 2008—Larry Farnese, (D), and Jack Morley, (R) candidates for State Senator will each be given 15 minutes to speak as well as Mike O'Brian (D) candidate for State House of Representatives. Carla will call them to arrange it.

Casinos: Foxwoods has indicated a willingness to move. We are not sure where they are considering but seems to include to 8th and Market Streets, Girard Trust Lands, and maybe other locations. Any deal would have to be worked out with the owners of the land, city, state governments and casino board. The Penn Praxis Planning has really played out well in conjunction with the casino issue. The Mayor gave us an opportunity to send the names of nominees for the newly formed Waterfront Development Corporation. Jeff sent in four nominations: Rene Goodwin, Matt Rubin, John Scorsone and Steve Wexler. Don recognized and thanked Jeff for all his efforts regarding the casino issue. Jeff recognized the efforts of Carla Puppin and Neville Vakharia in responding rapidly to numerous requests for eblasts. We just need to see how this plays out.

The Neighborhood Conservation District was passed by City Council—the first ever in the city. Jeff thanked Rick Cole and Mike Hauptman for all their work on it.

Zoning: The new ZBA granted a variance over the wishes of the adjacent neighbors and the QVNA Zoning Committee. We need to find out their rationale for doing that. We had faxed over our letter stating our position against this particular variance. We may need to consider having a representative at every ZBA meeting to read the letter into the minutes. **Jeff will find out how Center City Residents Association handles it.**

Parking: Jeff had a meeting with the Parkway Corporation about extending the current parking lot under I-95 since we need more parking in Queen Village. Parkway was to do cost estimates, determine how to market it, who potentially could use it such as neighborhood restaurants using valets (that would get

diners' cars off the street leaving more parking for residents). **Walt will call them to see where the information is.** We also talked briefly about some system for parking in front of driveways. We have a list of addresses that might make new parking spaces which was created by a subcommittee of the Parking Committee last year. We had been working with the city on that until personnel changed—we need to re-establish contact with the appropriate city officials to see if we can make further progress on converting certain spaces into legal parking.

Board Procedures: The committee identified in July had not met during August so Don and Jeff will meet to address the issues and bring them before the board.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Dilonardo

Recording Secretary