

QVNA Board Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2012

Board Members Present: Jeff Hornstein, Cindy Elliott, Brent Chavis, Kathy Dilonardo, Michael Hauptman, Kim Maialetti, Leslie Patterson–Tyler, Honey Pertnoy, Carla Puppini (Executive Director), Cathy Conway (emeritus)

Board members Not Present: Amy Shelanski, Bill Landy, Rich Miller

1. Approval of June Board Meeting Minutes

***A motion to approve the draft minutes, as amended, was made by Honey Pertnoy, seconded by Michael Hauptman and approved by unanimous voice vote.**

2. August Board Retreat Minutes

Corrections were proposed to the draft August Board Retreat meeting minutes concerning the appropriation of \$1700 for the Weccacoe project manager. Kim Maialetti asked that any objections to matters that come before the Board be reflected in the minutes and noted that she had objected to voting on the Weccacoe appropriation prior to receiving adequate background information. There was also some question about whether a vote to approve the expenditure was completed.

***A motion to approve the minutes, as amended, was made by Michael Hauptman, seconded by Kim Maialetti and approved by unanimous voice vote.**

3. On–Line Board Voting. Future Board Minutes will reflect on–line voting, including a record of who votes and who does not. Kathy Dilonardo noted that there was an on–line voting policy. Carla Puppini will circulate the policy if it can be located. Jeff Hornstein suggested that the policy be reviewed and adopted, if appropriate, at the next meeting. He noted that the by–laws should also be discussed.

4. Treasurer’s Report. In Bill’s absence, Carla Puppini submitted the August statement and noted that the June and July statements will be circulated at a later

date. Carla noted that the Quick Books balance sheet shows donations for restricted funds as liabilities. QVNA is working to re-set these amounts so that donations are appropriately reflected in the balance sheet and the accountant can read the balance sheet properly for purposes of preparing the I-90s.

***A motion to approve the Treasurer's report for August 2012 was made by Jeff Hornstein, seconded by Kathy Dilonard, and approved by unanimous voice vote.**

5. Bainbridge Green. Jonathan Rubin addressed the Board to explain his vision for the area of Bainbridge Street between Third and Fifth Streets. Plans would include renovating the lighting, providing a water line for plants and an art garden. He has created a website and wants to begin fund-raising efforts. Friends of Bainbridge Green is also on FaceBook. Jonathan has also planned a meeting with the Philadelphia Horticultural Society to solicit its involvement. Kathy Dilonardo noted that any plan needs to preserve the parking spaces. Carla noted that the area is still under the umbrella of the City Department of Parks and Recreation/Fairmount Park. Jeff noted that Friends of Bainbridge Green is formally asking that QVNA lend its 501(c)(3) status for fund raising. Kim asked if there were any issue with lending that status to a number of organizations. In response, Carla noted that any group that requests to receive funds through QVNA must sign a form agreeing to comply with the rules of the fund. In this respect, Friends of Bainbridge Green will need to provide its mission statement. A more detailed plan and mission statement will be presented at a General Meeting.

***A motion to approve Friends of Bainbridge Green's request to use QVNA's 501(c)(3) status was made by Brent Chavis, seconded by Kathy Dilonardo, and approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

6. President's Report

- a. South Parking Lot Update. Carla has talked with Parkway about terms for managing the additional lot. There have also been discussions with South Street Headhouse (SSH) regarding partnering opportunities and with local residents about their concerns. QVNA has applied to ILMAC for a lease and Jeff expects approval at a meeting to be held at the end of September.

Parkway is now claiming that the costs to open the south lot are a lot higher than QVNA expected. For example, Parkway claims it will cost \$50,000 just to put in the card readers. We need to rent 40-45 spaces to break even and SSH is desperate for valet spaces and may be willing to lease all 40-45 off the top.

Brent asked whether Parkway was the only option for managing the south lot. Jeff noted that QVNA isn't wedded to Parkway and is interested in talking with other possible managers. Cathy Conway noted that if Parkway gives QVNA a break, it may get a tax break itself. She also noted concern about valets racing cars through the neighborhood and that we should have some controls in place. Jeff noted that SSH would lease the spots at QVNA's cost and make its own deal with the valet services. It was agreed that the valet lease issue would be presented at the October or November Board Meeting.

- b. Weccacoe Playground. There will be a meeting on October 3rd with Parks and Recreation Director DiBernadinis and Councilman Squilla to decide a time-line for the renovations and identify any funding gaps. There are a number of face and torso plaster casts located at the lot on the northeast corner of 5th and Catharine that will be lost when the currently vacant property is developed. QVNA will rescue the casts and work them into the Weccacoe renovations. Jeff noted that QVNA will need interim office space while the renovations are under way.
- c. Actual Value Initiative. A public meeting will be held at Settlement Music School on September 27th at 7:30 pm, where the head of the Office of Property Assessment will discuss the impact of the initiative on residents.
- d. Voter ID Law. Stephanie Singer of the Board of Elections will be at the September general meeting to discuss the voter ID law and will bring registration forms. Jeff asked the Board its thoughts on inviting representatives of all political parties to bring materials to the meeting. Following a general discussion, the Board declined to invite any representatives, preferring to focus on the voter ID issues.

- 7. **Executive Director Report.** Executive Director Carla Puppini reported that the summer tennis program was a success. She will be attending a workshop on Thursday, September 13th on how not-for-profit organizations can maintain 501(c)(3) status.

8. Committee Reports

- a. Beautification. Linc Slipakoff noted that there would be a committee meeting in October and that a weeding initiative is being held on September 16th at 10:00. The committee requests a budget of \$100 for equipment. Kim insisted, and the remainder of the Board agreed, that organic weed killer be used and noted that white vinegar works best. Carla suggested that the committee hand out flyers to residents in targeted areas and solicit their help. Weeds collected will be composted at the community garden. Kim suggested that we look into removing street cleaning signs to reduce visual clutter, since street cleaning ceased a number of years ago. Carla said she will contact the Streets Department above the sign removal.

- b. Dogs. Honey Pertnoy reported that the Dog Committee proposal has been submitted to the Streets Department, but no response has been received yet. Since the proposal was sent to Commissioner Paulsen's attention, Jeff suggested the committee find out who in her office handles these types of requests.

- c. Schools and Youth. Leslie Patterson-Tyler reported that school starts tomorrow, September 7th. She was pleased with the number of supplies collected and available at Weccacoe for give-away. Flyers will be handed out at Nebinger and Meredith schools in the morning and upon dismissal, notifying parents of the program. The summer school program at Mother Bethel AME was a success. Twenty-five children enrolled. Jeff reported that the Philadelphia Coalition Advocating for Public Schools will hold a conference on September 22nd from 9-4:00 at Kensington High School for Performing Arts to support public schools.

- d. Zoning. Michael Hauptman reported that the Committee met with the developer of 134 Catharine Street this morning and reached a compromise over variances from the approved plans: the parapet will be lowered 4 feet and the pilot house will be removed. The deck will be retained, but with limits.

The new zoning code became effective on August 22nd.

A new Delaware avenue apartment building next to Dockside has been proposed. QVNA, CDAC and DRWC were present at the City Planning Commission meeting and

raised several issues. The City Planning Commission noted that it would not approve the project until the associations' issues had been addressed.

e. Grants. Kathy Dilondardo noted that there are three requests before the Committee:

i. Fulton Street Mural Project: The project has requested \$5,000 and the Committee recommends approval.

***Kim Maialetti moved that the grant be approved, it was seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

ii. Meredith School: Meredith's principal sent QVNA a letter requesting \$2500 for math and science materials. The Committee recommends approval.

***Kim Maialetti moved that the grant be approved, it was seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

iii. Nebinger School: Nebinger's principal sent QVNA a letter requesting \$2500 in stipends for a lab assistant and a librarian. The Committee recommends approval.

***Kim Maialetti moved that the grant be approved, it was seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

9. New Business.

a. Board and Committee Appointments.

i. Honey Pertnoy was proposed for the open Vice President position and accepted the appointment.

***Kim Maialetti nominated Honey for the Vice President position, Brent Chavis seconded, and the nomination was approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

ii. Linc Slipakoff was proposed to chair the Beautification Committee.

***Kathy Dilonardo nominated Linc for the position, Michael Hauptman seconded, and the nomination was approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

iii. Kim Maialetti was proposed to chair the Public Safety Committee.

***Kathy Dilonardo nominated Linc for the position, Michael Hauptman seconded, and the nomination was approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

b. Membership Drive. The issue of proposing QVNA membership dues was raised. Old City has a closed membership and participants must pay dues in order to vote. Northern Liberties just holds an annual fund raiser, which yields about \$10,000. It was agreed to discuss the issue further at the next Board meeting.

c. Bella Vista RCO. It was noted that up to three Registered Community Organizations cover Queen Village: QVNA, SSH and Center City. Vern Anastasio has now extended the Bella Vista boundaries to include a large part of Queen Village. Michael Hauptman and Jeff Hornstein will co-sign a letter to the Zoning Commission, requesting that the Bella Vista extension be rejected. The letter will be circulated for review.

d. Historic Preservation. The Historic Preservation Committee has requested \$100 for [?].

***Michael Hauptman moved that the request be approved, Kathy Dilonardo seconded, and the request was approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

The meeting was adjourned.

10. Post Meeting Activity.

a. On September 7th, Jeff circulated additional information regarding the ask to expend \$1700 to fund 50% of the fees for a project manager, Keilah Spann, for the Weccacoe/Burial Ground project.

***Voting “yes” to approve the expenditure by email: Jeff Hornstein, Amy Shelanski, Honey Pertnoy, Cindy Elliott, Kathy Dilonardo, Michael Hauptman, Rich Miller and Leslie Patterson-Tyler.**

No response received: Brent Chavis, Bill Landy and Kim Maialetti.

b. On September 21st, Carla requested permission to expend \$300 to reserve Old Swede’s hall for the annual QVNA holiday party.

***Voting “yes” to approve the expenditure by email: Jeff Hornstein, Amy Shelanski, Honey Pertnoy, Cindy Elliott, Kathy Dilonardo, Michael Hauptman Bill Landy and Leslie Patterson–Tyler.**

No response received: Brent Chavis, Kim Maialetti and Rich Miller.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Elliott
Recording Secretary