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## Board Meeting

At Weccacoe, May 3, 2018

Board Members Attending: Eleanor Ingersoll (President), Jordan Schwartz (Vice President), (Treasurer), Liz Grimaldi (Secretary), Maria Frizelle Roberts, Dahvia Dalton, Mark Grabarits, Jeff Hornstein, Emily Perschetz. Staff: Lucy and Jake.

Board Members Absent: Melissa Donnelly, Justin Fishman, Inez Green, Latasha McKnight.

Guests: Kathleen Marquez.

Eleanor called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

### Treasurer's report:

Mark presented on behalf of Justin.

Financials attached. Financially, an unremarkable month, most income as expected or slightly above.

Lucy introduced the board to Amazon Smile as a fundraising tool.

**Motion to approve April Financials. Motion passed unanimously.**

*End of treasurer's report.*

### President's Report

**Weccacoe Memorial.** Memorial Day announcement. Building closed to the public. Fall is the time for community engagement. Can't dig, so fence will be cut to the ground. Potential for name change from Weccacoe. The topic 'what is sacred ground?' is proposed as a future meeting or discussion. (Bethel Burial Ground Historic Site Memorial Committee.)

QVNA needs to find a new home, Mike Harris of SSHD is helping. Discussion ensued on a taskforce to handle the move. Duncan, staff, Eleanor are involved.

Lucy requested strong board attendance for the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, at 6pm. Agenda: Weccacoe Q&A, property tax.

QVNA has been requested to close facilities to public use at earliest possible convenience. Effectively, May 21<sup>st</sup> will be the final day that its open to the public. Discussion on informing public about the closure of the Weccacoe Building. Stress that the purpose of communications: here's what's happening, here's what to expect, and here's how you can give your input – need to clear up misperception that this is QVNA's decision. In regards to new home – looking for a temporary answer for one year, because we're actively pursuing Shot Tower. Communications

efforts will include: eblast, web site, facebook, physical signage, and finally, the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting for public comment. **Motion to close Weccacoe to public on May 21<sup>st</sup> passed.**

## Executive Director Report

QVNA's by-laws were too heavily centered on policies and procedures, and not at the high-level governing. Mark, Eleanor, and Lucy have been working on them; together, they presented the proposed amendments. Lucy will follow up on instructions for giving edits if needed.

For the June general meeting, we're going to vote on the revised by-laws, as well as approve the dates of all the meetings.

Led by Lucy, the board spent some time reviewing the proposed amendments one-by-one.

## Committee Reports

### Quality of Life (Public Safety)

Emily shared a proposal for intersections at 5<sup>th</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> and Bainbridge. Not the role of the zoning committee, the Zoning Committee only reviews variances. Also a proposed traffic stop at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monroe. Recommended that QVNA make a contribution to support the South Street Performers, to show support of SSHD.

### Jeff H.

Reminded board that we had submitted proposal to Senator Farnese for DCED funding to support moving tennis courts. Contract for \$115K arrived in June 2017. Proposed – if we cancel the contract for the tennis court (because we would need to raise another \$100,000), then the board of QVNA could pursue \$115K for a different improvement. If we rescind now, it would likely be earmarked for a future, more economical need such as a dog run.

Jeff read a proposed resolution for QVNA to rescind the grant contract.

The group agreed that both (tennis courts and dog run) were amenities that the neighborhood would utilize and appreciate, and that we're unlikely to complete a tennis court within one year.

Motion to rescind grant based on likelihood of resubmission passed.

Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on 5/16/18 by Liz.