

Board Meeting

At Weccacoe, January 7, 2016

Board Members Attending: Lauren Leonard (President), Eleanor Ingersoll (Executive Vice President), Duncan Spencer (Vice President), Ben Schindler (Treasurer), Jeff Hornstein (Secretary), Amy Grant, Melissa Donnelly, Maria Frizelle Roberts, Joe Felicetti, Sharnell Croom, Justin Fishman, Frank Tavani, and Inez Green

Staff: Yael Levin

Board Members Absent: None

Guests: Todd Kelly (Graffiti Removal Business Owner), Barry Perrin (Neighbor), Debbie Stewart (Friends of Nebinger), Paul Fonatine (Realtor)

Visitor Presentations

Todd Kelly presented on the services he provides to other neighborhoods in Philadelphia. Frank Tavani is interested in QVNA contracting with Kelly to provide services to Queen Village. Kelly will provide a proposal and pricing.

Treasurer's Report

Ben Schindler presented December financials to the Board.

Motion to approve December financials. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Lauren Leonard presented on the status of the 4th Street lighting project and mentioned the new crosswalks on Bainbridge that are improving pedestrian traffic. She also shared that the project the developers proposing a new project at 6th and Christian streets did not receive approval from the Zoning Board of Adjustments. She is not sure if they will submit a new plan for approval.

Lauren suggested that Sharnell, Justin and Kandi join a committee. Jeff Hornstein will lead up a Fundraising Committee. The Government Relations Committee will oversee liquor licenses and Jeff Hornstein will chair.

Executive Director's Report

Yael Levin reported on a fundraiser for QVNA to be held at Painting with a Twist on February 21 for \$35 a ticket. The dog waste container pilot has been retired. The container in front of Queen Village Animal Hospital will remain as the business is happy to maintain it. Friends of Gateway Green is working on grant proposals for PECO and the Philadelphia Horticultural Society.

Yael completed her mid-year performance review with Lauren and Jeff.

Committee, Friend's Groups and Task Force Reports

Friends of Weccacoe – Duncan Spencer

Duncan gave an update on the playground renovation. Expect project to begin on January 18 and the area that makes up the Bethel Burial Ground will not be impacted. There was a discussion about rental fees for parties, etc. at Weccacoe and if the amount being charged now is covering all of the expenses, like cleaning fees, and if the funds should go toward Friends of Weccacoe or to QVNA. Ben and Duncan will discuss further.

Schools and Youth Committee – Eleanor Ingersoll

The Courtyard After School Program is beginning next week. The Summer at Courtyard budget has been confirmed. Brief update given on the Friends of Neighborhood Education.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.