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## Board Meeting

At Weccacoe, April 7, 2016

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

Staff: Yael Levin

Board Members Absent: Amy Grant, Joe Felicetti, Sharnell Croom, and Inez Green

Guests: Barry Perrin (Courtyard), Julie Snell (TEND), Lisa McDonald (TEND)

## Visitor Presentations

Julie Snell and Lisa McDonald presented on plans for the Friends of Gateway Park (Friends of Gateway Park). The group's goal is to add park-like amenities to the area along I95 on Front St from Christian St to Washington Ave. The group has developed a 3 phase plan. Grant money has been secured for phase 1, but a process is needed to pay for this phase as the grant requires that expenses are covered out-of-pocket and then reimbursed by the grant. The Interstate Land Management Corporation (ILMC) may need to approve the plans.

## Treasurer's Report

Ben Schindler presented March financials to the Board. The Finance Committee call that was supposed to take place at the beginning of April has not yet. Ben said it will take place soon. Snow removal costs were higher than expected in the last month. Eleanor Ingersoll noted that the Schools and Youth Committee funds didn't look correct - \$4500 has been approved but not allocated yet.

A discussion began on where committee funds should sit versus those of friends group, for which QVNA is holding funds. Decision was made to separate committee funds out.

**Motion to approve March financials. Motion passed unanimously.**

## President's Report

**Motion to approve donation in the amount of \$500 to the Central Delaware Advocacy Group (CDAG) that were requested by Richard Wolk in April's QVNA Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

Lauren Leonard shared information about the "Night Life Task Force". South Street Headhouse District and the South Street Mini Station are involved.

Lauren shared information about the proposed development at 601 Christian St. The developer plans to build a 53 foot tall building with 0% open space. Bella Vista Neighbors Association (BVNA) is the designated RCO for this project.

Proposed neighborhood survey questions are due by 4/15.

The zoning survey will go out this spring and the Zoning Committee will take recommendations to the city.

## **Executive Director's Report**

Yael Levin presented on the status of the spring grant cycle. Yael spoke with Kathy DiLonardo, Chair of the Grant's Committee. The intent is to open the cycle for proposals in April, close the cycle in May and determine grant proposals to be funded in June. The Treasurer is working to determine an amount for recommendation.

Discussion began on what happens when a Board member is an applicant? Does the process need oversight? Should the Board audit the Grant Committee's process? Does the Board need more input into the process? Right now, the Board can only vote on all the grant recommendations from the Grant Committee or none of them – it cannot vote down specific grant proposals for recommendation by the Grant Committee. Should we have more thematic grants? Decision to maintain the process as is and revisit the subject at the Board Retreat in August.

## **Committee and Task Force Reports**

### **Government Affairs – Jeff Hornstein**

A candidate forum is scheduled for 4/21, 7pm. All candidates for 175th and 182nd are confirmed, Committee of 70 will moderate. QVNA invited SHCA and BVNA to attend. Liquor license updates

Plenty Café's CLA is signed regarding their liquor license. Beer Love filed a PTI against Essene's petition for a liquor license. CLA discussions are in progress.

### **Graffiti Task Force – Frank Tavani**

South Street Headhouse District (SSHD) spends \$1,000 a month on graffiti removal and maintenance, Washington West Neighbors Association (WWNA) spends \$400 a month, Society Hill Neighbors Association (SHNA) spends \$750 a month. This year, QVNA spent \$250 a month as a pilot. Proposal to extend this pilot and budget for \$250 per month for graffiti removal and maintenance. Decision to vote at the May Board meeting.

### **Quality of Life – Melissa Donnelly**

Due to weather, the community cleanup was canceled. Will work to reschedule for next week if there is capacity within the committee. Supplies for the cleanup are stored at Weccacoe and can be used at a later date if not next week.

### **Schools and Youth – Eleanor Ingersoll**

Friends of Neighborhood Education Summit was a great success and interest is growing. Planning for Summer at Courtyard has started.

*There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.*