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Board Meeting

At Weccacoe, May 5, 2016

Board Members Attending: Lauren Leonard (President), Eleanor Ingersoll (Executive Vice President), Duncan Spencer (Vice President), Jeff Hornstein (Secretary), Joe Felicetti, Amy Grant, Maria Frizelle Roberts, Justin Fishman, and Frank Tavani

Staff: Yael Levin

Board Members Absent: Ben Schindler (Treasurer), Melissa Donnelly, Sharnell Croom, and Inez Green

Guests: Cathy Conway (Emeritus), Joel Palmer (neighbor near 6th and Christian), Ruth Krieger (neighbor at 6th and Christian), and Dan Rosin

Visitor Presentations

Joel Palmer and Ruth Krieger came to discuss the development project at 601 Christian St. – they are both neighbors who live nearby the proposed project. To date, the ZBA rejected 4 variance requests and the developer now has a proposal to build within the zoning code and without variances requested for a 53 foot tall building using the provision in the zoning code pertaining to fresh food markets to allow for the extra 15 feet of height. Joel, Ruth and some nearby neighbors are opposed to the project height and the lack of open space the lot. Questions also remain around if the food market is never built or a tenant for the market isn't secured, does the developer still get the additional height allocation?

Treasurer's Report

In Ben Schindler's absence, Yael Levin presented the April financials to the Board.

Motion to approve April financials. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$750 to cover 3 months of graffiti removal in Queen Village at \$250 a month and then revisit in 3 months to determine if the Board can continue to fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Work continues on developing a neighborhood survey. Amy Grant is piloting a new project management software tool with Yael Levin. The Interstate Land Management Corporation (ILMC) changed its landscaping vendor to Moon Landscaping and neighbors have reported improvements to the maintenance of the plots on Front St from South St to Washington Ave. The Board will host a retreat on August 13 from 10am to 2pm.

The NextDoor website was discussed and it was agreed that this website should not be used for QVNA business and we should discourage QVNA vendors from posting on this website in reference to QVNA.

Executive Director's Report

The Zoning Committee will be sending the neighborhood zoning survey out soon. Three applications for the spring grant cycle have been received. Lauren Leonard and Eleanor Ingersoll will be added as signatories to the QVNA bank accounts and Yael Levin as the administrator. For board member, Amy Shelanski, and former employee, Carla Puppini will be removed from the PNC account.

Committee, Friend's Groups 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.

Friends of Gateway Green – Maria Frizelle Roberts

Gratitude to the QVNA Magazine Committee for a beautiful issue featuring the potential Gateway Green project. The group is hoping to break ground in the fall on the project and is planning additional fundraising activities.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.