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Board Meeting

At Weccacoe, December 1, 2016

Board Members Attending: Eleanor Ingersoll (Executive Vice President), Duncan Spencer (Vice President), Jeff Hornstein (Secretary), Melissa Donnelly, and Justin Fishman

Staff: Yael Levin

Board Members Absent: Lauren Leonard (President), Ben Schindler (Treasurer), Inez Green, Maria Frizelle Roberts, Joe Felicetti, Amy Grant, and Liz Grimaldi

Guests: Kathy Dilonardo (Chair Grants Committee), Amy Rivera (neighbor on Catharine St), and Marvin Factor (neighbor)

Guest Presentations

Amy Rivera, a neighbor from the 200 block of Catharine shared information on 224 Catharine St. The owner moved to a nursing home and owes 3 years of back taxes on the house. There are also L&I violations at the home including the lack of a back, upper portion of the house. Drew Palmer, a developer, is moving to become a conservator of the home and fix it for sale under Act 135 – The Abandoned and Blighted Property Conservatorship Act. Under this Act, conservators are supposed to fix the house and put it on market. The conservator gets 20% of the proceeds and the rest is meant to go to the owner after all costs are paid. There is a hearing on December 6 according to a notice on the house, but according to the Judge's office, the hearing is in February.

Grants Committee Report

Thirteen grant applications were received for the fall grants cycle. The Board allocated \$10,000 for this cycle and \$50,000 was requested in the proposals in total. The committee is recommending \$10,534 in total to award. The grant proposals recommended for awards are:

- Fleisher Art Memorial - \$2,200 for 2 internships
- Friends of Nebinger - \$2,534 for 10 chromebooks
- Friends of Mario Lanza Park - \$2,350 to trim dangerous tree limbs
- Gloria Dei - \$400 for plantings
- Frank Tavani - \$1,000 for graffiti removal in Queen Village
- QVK9 - \$1,050 for improved lighting in the Mario Lanza Dog Park
- Friends of Front Street - \$1,000 for construction documents

Discussion began around the QVK9 proposal – has the group coordinated with Parks and Recreation to determine if they are permitted to add new lighting to the park? Where would it go and did they have a proposal from a lighting vendor for the cost? Have they coordinated with Friends of Mario Lanza Park to ensure all are in agreement on the need for new lighting?

Discussion on Friends of Nebinger asking for additional funds when the group has a healthy budget in their reserved funds with QVNA. Discussion on the Friends of Front Street request as they have not spent funds from the \$50,000 grant they were awarded.

Board members questioned the Board Policy to only be able to vote up or down all grants proposals recommended versus voting down individual grants for which the Board had concerns like the ones discussed above.

Decision to discuss how grants are managed at the Board Retreat in December.

Grants could not be voted on due to lack of quorum.

Treasurer's Report

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

Financials could not be voted on due to lack of quorum.

President's Report

In Lauren Leonard's absence, Yael Levin gave a report. At the December elections, Joe Felicetti, Liz Grimaldi, Maria Roberts, and Jordan Schwartz were elected to 2-year terms. There is one additional seat to fill.

Executive Director's Report

December 15, 2016 is the QVNA Holiday Party. The theme is Winter Wonderland. There will be a silent auction where we are selling calendars and notecards of Queen Village images as a fundraising effort.

The new Parking Lot Management Agreement needs to be approved. Yael will email to the Board for feedback and voting. It includes the details of the new metal arm that will make driving a car through and breaking much more difficult, if not impossible.

Committee, Friends Group, and Task Force Reports

Quality of Life – Melissa Donnelly

Requesting funds from the Board to complete a bi-annual clean up using QVNA's street sweeping vendor, LRC. The cleanup in the fall will be focused on leaf sweeping and removal as the city no longer offers curbside pickup of bagged leaves for compost and also as a result of the port turn out last year for a volunteer, neighbors leaf sweeping. The cost would be \$3,350 and nearly the entire neighborhood would be swept for leaf removal.

Due to the lack of a quorum, a vote on this request will be taken via email.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.