



Board Meeting Minutes

Date:	March 4, 2020	Location:	Joynture 417 South Street
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Attendance

Voting Officers	Name	Present	Absent	Voting Directors	Present	Absent
President	Eleanor Ingersoll	X		Caroline Allen	X	
Vice President	Inez Green*	X		Joe Brin	X	
Treasurer	Tom Bonney	X		Anita Brook Dupree		X
Secretary	Meredith Piotrowski	X		Rosamond Howard	X	
Ex Officio				Mike McPhilly	X	
Executive Director	Lucy Erdelac	X		Mike Seidenberg	X	
Guest				Noah Swistak	X	
Chair, PCC	Jeff Hornstein	X				
Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church	Rev. Mark Tyler	X				
QVNA Zoning Committee Chair	Peter Piven	X				

*by phone

Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. 11 voting Board Members were in attendance therefore a quorum existed, and Board action could be taken.

II. Guest Presentation – Philadelphia Crosstown Coalition

Jeff Hornstein, Chair of PCC and the Delegate from Northern Liberties neighborhood presented background and history of the PCC. The presentation included one of PCC’s current goals to get the City to approve a group insurance policy to cover all or most of the member associations D&O Insurance. QVNA to consider rejoining PCC.

Motion:	Presentation only. No motion made.
Vote:	No vote taken.

III. Guest Presentation – Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church: Annual Conference

Reverend Tyler presented on the annual conference at Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church that hosts about 80 Congregations that will be held from Monday, May 25 through Friday, May 29. Discussion also included possible neighborhood accommodation of parking needs for attendees similar to 2008 and 2012.

Motion:	Presentation only. No motion made.
Vote:	No vote taken.

IV. Nightclub RCO Meeting Update

Peter Piven, Chair of the QVNA Zoning Committee, presents an update on most recent Zoning Committee meeting to discuss The Palms 431-35 South Street, location entrance on South 5th Street, application for a



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variance on the event space. This meeting was jointly chaired by QVNA and SSHD Zoning Committees. The use is not permitted for more than 50 people. Neighbors made statements and asked questions not readily answered by the applicant. Mike Harris of SSHD stated he would present a list of questions from neighbors to the applicant to answer and PP supported this course of action. As of the time of our Board meeting, there has not been a response from the applicant. PP stated that without a response to these questions, the QVNA Zoning Committee would not support the variance. Discussion ensued of process for who submits letter to ZBA. EI states each RCO gets equal standing with regards to submitting a letter to ZBA. CA suggests we should have an additional board meeting to decide on the issue of the Palms. There is unofficial majority agreement. Task force will be formed to clarify process including Peter Piven, MG, NS, MM, MS, and RH. The task force will present their findings to the Board and then disband.

Motion:	No motion.
Vote:	No vote taken.

V. Minutes

Secretary Meredith Piotrowski presented minutes from the March 2020 Board meetings that were also provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.

Motion:	MP motioned for the Board to approve the minutes of the February Board meeting and seconded by TB.
Vote:	Unanimously approved.

VI. Financial Statement

Treasurer Tom Bonney presented that financials were not ready so they would be presented next month along with March's financials.

Motion:	No motion.
Vote:	No vote taken.

VII. Fundraising: QVNA Gala

Director Caroline Allen presented an update on the Gala fundraiser, including location, decorations, banners, sponsorships, band, alcohol, graphic design, event date of September 24th, ticket price set at \$150 each, and phone banking to sell tickets.

Motion:	CA motion for the event date of September 24. TB seconded.
Vote:	Unanimously approved

VIII. CSPR Discussion

Director Mike Seidenberg presented on and distributed handouts on Comprehensive School Planning Review of the School District of Philadelphia (CSPR). Results/reports should be completed within the next couple of weeks. MS to present on those findings when report becomes available to the public.



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Motion:	No motion made.
Vote:	No vote taken.

TB exits at 9:12 p.m.
CA exits at 9:17 pm.

IX. Zoning Variance Update for Counter Culture

EI presented the variance update. We are awaiting a draft of the CLA with the provisos QVNA requested. The use zoning permit has not yet been granted by L&I. A discussion of zoning and its attendant procedures and processes ensued.

JB exits at 9:31 p.m.

Motion:	No motion made.
Vote:	No vote taken.

EI exits at 9:34 p.m.

X. Updates

No updates were presented at this meeting.

Motion:	No motion made.
Vote:	No vote taken.

XI. Meeting Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm by Vice President Inez Green.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Meredith Piotrowski
March 31, 2020
Revised and resubmitted April 1, 2020