



Community Stewardship. Advocacy. Service.

Board Meeting Minutes

Date:	December 1, 2021	Location:	Videoconference via Zoom
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Attendance

Voting Officers	Name	Present	Absent	Voting Directors	Present	Absent
President	Eleanor Ingersoll (EI)	X		Cait Allen (CMA)	X	
Vice President	Justin Fishman (JF)	X		Matt Atkins (MA)	X	
Treasurer	Mike McPhilmy (MM)	X		Joe Brin (JB)	X	
Secretary	Meredith Piotrowski (MP)	X		Mark Grabarits (MG)	X	
Ex Officio				Michelle Grimley (MEG)		X
Executive Director	Lucy Erdelac (LE)	X		Rosamond Howard (RH)	X	
				Chris Mullen (CM)	X	
Newly-elected Director	Don Finley	X		Noah Swistak (NS)	X	
Newly-elected Director	Phil Holzhauer	X				
Newly-elected Director	Dan Doyle		X			

Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. 11 Voting Board members were in attendance therefore a quorum existed, and Board action could be taken.

II. Minutes

Director Chris Mullen presents the October and November Board minutes. Director Rosamond Howard objected to lack of detail in the minutes.

Motion:	JF motions to approve the minutes and EI seconds the motions.
Vote:	9 members vote to approve. 1 opposes. 1 abstains.

III. Financials

Treasurer Mike McPhilmy presents the October financial statements. We are within 5% of budgeted income for the year.

Motion:	MM motions to approve the October financial statement. CM seconds.
Vote:	Motion passes unanimously.

IV. Proposed Budget for 2022

MM presents the proposed budget for 2022. Donations are projected to increase. The fee to park in the lot will be increased \$25/month starting in March, which will still be significantly below market value. QVNA will also invest money into improving/updating the parking lot lights.

Motion:	CMA motions to approve. JF seconds.
Vote:	10 vote to approve. 1 vote to oppose.

V. Membership Committee Update

Director Cait Allen presents an update on the Membership Committee whose mission is to increase paid membership in QVNA and increase community engagement.



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Motion:	CMA motions to approve the membership committee as an official QVNA committee. JF seconds.
Vote:	Unanimously approved.

MM left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

VI. Update: Zoning Committee

Director Noah Swistak presents an update of the Zoning Committee’s recent activities:

- 335 Pemberton St.: application for approval of a variance after the structure was already built. Zoning Committee issued a letter in opposition.
- 524 S. Front Street: held a public meeting with Society Hill Civic and SSHD. QVNA Zoning Committee and SHCA opposed. SSHD wrote a letter of support. ZBA approved the variance. SHCA wants to appeal the ZBA’s decision but only if QVNA joins in the appeal and it’s cost. Discussion ensued. A copy of SHCA’s powerpoint presentation will be circulated to the board for review. A vote will be taken on action.

Motion:	EI motions to get the information from Society Hill and vote on this topic in January. JF seconds.
Vote:	Unanimously approved.

VII. Update: Affiliate Organizations

A. Friends of South Street Police Mini Station

Director Joe Brin presents an update

- Mini Station does not currently need any infrastructure improvements.
- Lt. believes blocking off South Street over the summer improved the situation.
- Mini Station is currently running their annual toy drive for the holidays.

B. Philadelphia Crosstown Coalition

Director Matt Atkins presents an update on topics discussed:

- Council President Clarke discussed his bill to reform the ZBA (council approval of candidates and increase in board number).
- New noise ordinance against vehicles creating noise in excess of 5 decibels above background level when measured from a distance of 25 or more feet .

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

VIII. President’s Report

President Eleanor Ingersoll summarized changes to the liquor code.

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



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IX. Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Lucy Erdelac provides highlights from submitted report:

- The addition of security cameras and a glass-paneled front door added to the office for security measures.
- Philadelphia Water Department will start giving small grants to RCOs for volunteer-driven maintenance efforts with remediating the stormwater issues.

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

X. Other Business

Washington Avenue Project: From 4th St going west to Broad will be changed to 3 lanes. A letter is circulating to garner support from local civics -BVNA and SOSNA have given support.

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

XI. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Meredith Piotrowski on January 3, 2022.