

## **Queen Village Neighbors Association Board Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2005**

**In Attendance:** David O'Donnell, Amy Rivera, , Marlise Ellis, Carla Pupin, Neville Vakharia, Steve Schatz, Walt Lowthian, Don Ackerman, Rick Cole

**Not Present:** Barbara Ruth-Cook, Frank Gontowski, Edward Bell, Andrew Speizman, Mike Hauptman

**Meeting Minutes:** The October meeting minutes were approved Marlise 1<sup>st</sup>, David 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carla reviewed the Treasurer's report. Amy made a motion to approve, Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

**Executive Director's Report:** See attached report.

**Casinos:** Mayor's Task Force final report has been issued. It seems to lean towards having a casino at the old incinerator site on Columbus Blvd. near Spring Garden Street. No final decision has been made. QVNA should focus on Paul Levy's Greenway project for the waterfront.

**Historic Preservation:** There is a meeting next month to discuss houses that are applying for renovation grants.

**Sound Barriers** – Brady's office is moving on getting sound barriers.

**Computer:** Neville will work on getting a map of district on the web. Neville is training Carla on updating the web page.

**Nuisance Noise:** House Bill #1330 has been presented. There were 14 noise violations presented last month. Lt. McShea has 11 bike police now. Don questioned the legal hours of operation for trash trucks.

### **Parks:**

- Mario Lanza – Down Home Day was a success. Grass has been planted.
- Weccacoe – Furnace isn't working. Elections will be held there on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Arborists are coming to look at two troubled trees.
- Gateway – Ask Steve Sitarski for potential name for Triangle Park.

### **Zoning:**

- Dockside II was presented to the community as a courtesy. DiCicco came.
- New Wave Café presented requesting an extension of hours for their outside service until midnight and for outdoor seating on Catharine Street. Some neighbors opposed. They will work with the neighbors and apply again.
- Jean Madeline School must remove an illegal trailer from the back of the campus in order to put on a small addition in rear that will include a garden area.

**QVNA Elections:** Elections will be this month.

**Trash on 4<sup>th</sup> Street:** Merchants are setting out trash at 5 pm and getting ticketed since trash can not be set out until after 7 pm. Society Hill Civic Association would like to change from 7 pm to 5 pm. QVNA supports working with Society Hill for this change.

**Safety Committee:** The group is working on the light bulb project, pushing for more lighting on house fronts.

**Transportation Committee:** The parking committee will present at the November General Meeting.

**TreeVitalize:** 5 households must apply for new trees on a block for the spring distribution. The trees are free, but the homeowners must plant and take care of trees. There are volunteers willing to take care of trees at Meredith School. Don made a motion to allocate \$2400 to Tree Tenders to facilitate the planting of 8 trees along Monroe and Fitzwater along Meredith School. Walt 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Don made a motion to support the court's judgement made stating that Frederick's must remove the illegal structure on public land from the rear of the restaurant. Rick 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. Carla will send letter to Fumo's office.
- Amy made a motion to give \$300 to Meredith School for beautification.
- Walt invited board members to brainstorm about the future of QV with the strategic planning committee.

Don motioned to adjourn the meeting, David 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

We believe that these minutes accurately reflect what transpired during this meeting. Unless we are notified in writing to the contrary within ten days after receipt, we will assume that you concur the foregoing accurately reflects the substance of our meeting.