

Attendance

Voting Officers		Present	Absent	Voting Directors		Present	Absent
President	Eleanor Ingersoll (EI)	x		Matt Atkins (MA)	x		
Vice President	Justin Fishman (JF)		x	Joe Brin (JB)	x		
Treasurer	Cait Allen (CA)	x		Dan Doyle (DD)	x		
Secretary	Chris Mullen (CM)	x		Don Finley (DF)	x		
Ex Officio Officer				Michelle Grimley (MEG)			x
Executive Director	Lucy Erdelac (LE)	x		Philip Holzhauser (PH)	x		
Guests				Mike McPhilly (MM)			x
				Noah Swistak (NS)			x

Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Eight voting Board members were in attendance therefore a quorum existed, and Board action could be taken. Eleanor started a brief introduction of new board members and old.

II. Meeting Minutes

Secretary Chris Mullen presented the January and February board meeting minutes for approval. No updates or changes were requested for the January minutes. Director Matt Atkins requested that the February minutes include his request that the City’s Washington Avenue traffic changes be added to the March agenda.

Motion:	CM motioned to approve the January board minutes as presented and the February minutes with the addition of the Washington Ave discussion to be included in the Other Business. DD seconded.
Vote:	Motion passes: unanimous

III. Financials

Treasurer Cait Allen presented the January 2022 financials. She also has established the Finance Committee, which will meet in March.

Motion:	Cait moves to approve the February financials. DF seconded.
Vote:	Motion passes: unanimous

IV. Membership Committee Update

CA presented an activity concept to be scheduled in May, describing it as “an art gallery crawl.” It will be planned in conjunction with the South Street Headhouse District. It will include light refreshments and possibly artists talking about their works.

President Eleanor Ingersoll suggested that if there is a planning meeting with galleries, that an invitation be sent to board members in case any of them are interested in attending it.

V. Updates: Zoning Committee and the Coalition Community Council for Interstate Management

Director Noah Swistak recapped activities:

- Zoning: There was not a public zoning meeting in February. The March meeting will include 1027 S Fairhill. The applicant is requesting a zoning variance for height.
- CCIM:
 - ILMAC Board meeting will happen in two weeks.
 - The brick sidewalks on Carpenter’s Walk outside of the parking lot (between the grassy areas) are in need of repair. These areas are outside of QVNA’s parking lot, not in QVNA’s leased area. QVNA will get written confirmation of this (hopefully) in or around June.
 - The Queen Street tunnel (under I95) needs cleaning, painting and lighting upgrades. CCIM is working with the City and ILMAC on that.

No action:	For information only.
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VI. Update: Friends of South Street Police Mini Station

Director Joe Brin shared:

- Crime statistics for the past month.
- The March Captain’s Town Hall and PSA 1 meetings were canceled.

EI discussed car jackings and asked Joe to have Lt. Long provide ways that carjackings actually occur so that safety tips can be added to QVNA’s eNews. In addition, EI will try to get updated plans for street closures.

Executive Director Lucy Erdelac discussed QVNA’s annual donation to Friends of the South Street Police Mini-Station. This year \$2,000 is budgeted. Monies support maintenance and improvements of the station’s office space and items (like computers) that are needed by the officers. She suggested that the board consider making an additional \$1,000 donation to FSSPMS in honor of Joe Alkus, President of the Police Advisory Committee, who passed away in February. Joe was a long-time volunteer who focused on community safety.

Motion:	CA motioned to donate \$1,000 to the Friends of the South Street Police MiniStation in honor of Joe Alkus for his many years of volunteer service. DD seconds
Vote:	Motion passes: 8 votes to approve. 1 vote against.

VII. Update: Final Plans for Washington Avenue

Director Matt Atkins reviewed the City’s final decision to reduce Washington Avenue’s current five-lane configuration to a mixed lane plan of three and four lanes between 4th Street and Grays Ferry Avenue. This replaces the 2020 plan of three-traffic lanes throughout. (QVNA submitted a letter to Councilman Squilla acknowledging the engagement of QVNA by OTIS; however, the Board could not agree to a vote.) MA requested that despite the City’s final decision, that QVNA submit a letter opposing the mixed-land final decision. Discussion ensued.

Motion:	MA motioned for QVNA to submit a letter to the City opposing its four-lane decision for Washington Avenue, and instead advocate for three lanes. CM seconds.
Vote:	Motion does not pass: 1 vote to approve. 8 votes against.

VIII. Executive Director Report

LE provided key updates from her written report:

- Spring magazine ad sales were strong; however, magazine expenses will increase beyond our budget due to the substantial increase in the cost of paper due to supply chain problems that impact the printing industry.
- Parking lot:
 - Monthly parking rate increased by \$25 (\$150 monthly) beginning March 1, 2022. Only one customer canceled his contract.
 - Comcast internet service is being installed to support our new Flash Technology. New equipment will be installed mid-March. Customers will continue to use their access pass (update will be invisible to customers). Parkway upgrades access cards behind the scenes.
- New Friends of Bainbridge Green Group has formed. Its first cleanup will be on March 19th (9am to noon) between 4th and 5th streets.. SSHD will hire a crew to cut back roses and other plants so that volunteers have the ability to rake, sweep and clean up inside the fences.

IX. President Report & Strategic Discussion

Prior to the meeting EI provided a copy of the President’s Letter that will appear in the spring issue of the *Crier*. It promotes the topic of having a more clean and safe Queen Village, inviting neighbors to take proactive measures on their own blocks to help improve cleanliness and safety. The key activities involve:

- Meeting your neighbors and obtaining email addresses and phone numbers.
- Selecting a point person to contact when issues arise involving cleanliness and safety.
- Organizing block cleanups, promoted by the point person via email.

The goal is for QVNA to promote a grassroots movement of block leaders taking responsibility for:

- Removing litter, leaves and debris from their sidewalks, curbs and storm drains.
- Reporting problems on their block to 311 (examples: broken city street lights and potholes)
- Keeping outdoor lights on (or placing lights in windows) to increase lighting on the block.
- Contacting QVNA for advocacy when neighbors’ 311 complaints are not addressed.
- Having social events (i.e., block parties) to promote neighbor relationships on their block.
- Using group email for block

Next Step:	Presented for information only
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X. Other Business

No other topics were raised.

XI. Meeting Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Mullen on Mar 4, 2022 .