

CDAG Board Meeting Minutes – 2013

Central Delaware Advocacy Group (CDAG) – March 14, 2013
Coral Arts House at 6:00PM - Recorded Attendance Attached

I. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of CDAG Board meeting on Feb. 14, 2013 approved

II. Chairman's Report - Matt Ruben

Next month's CDAG meeting will be on April 4th, at 6:00PM, one week earlier than usual, to accommodate a presentation by the Steve Wynn group on the development of a casino along the northern part of the Delaware.

Central Waterfront Overlay Update

The Central Delaware Waterfront Overlay has not yet been introduced. The last meeting held with Councilman Squilla, representatives of the Development Workshop, DRWC, the Planning commission and Joe and I representing CDAG, progress is being made. However, the AVI issue has set the Councilman's time table back but I am still confident he will introduce the permanent Overlay before the end of this Council's session. The interim Overlay remains in affect and therefore protects the development of the river.

DRWAC recently obtained a bid regarding Spring Garden Connector work. They are also working on the Penn St. trail. It will connect Spring Garden St up Penn St. to Waterfront Square and then continuing through the parking lot of the Sugar House casino. When the city obtains agreements from two small property owners the trail will continue to Penn Treaty Park.

III. Committee Reports

1. Treasurer's Report - Rene Goodwin

Checking Account balance \$1558.55

2012 donations to CDAG totaled
\$2320.54

2012 CDAG expenditures to be reported next month

2013 donations to date
\$235.00

Dianne volunteered to get together with Rene to craft a letter to be sent out to our

member organizations and others to ask for donations to CDAG.

2. Secretary's Report - Richard Wolk

Nothing new to report.

3. Communication & Outreach - Dianne Mayer

Nothing new to report.

V. Penn Treaty Village North Project Presentation- Michael Samchick, Core Realty

Mike Samchick was joined by his development team, Dave Fisher, Randy Mineo And Janice Woodcock. The large proposed development with two large entertainment facilities and ancillary commercial uses on Delaware Avenue around Frankford Avenue technically in Fishtown with a small part in Northern Liberty.

Ms Woodcock gave a complete visual presentation of phase I of the project. The development starting with the former Ajax site includes a bowling alley, a 3000 seat entertainment center to be run by "Live Nation" with one or two restaurants, a distillery on the side and some small retail. On the former Dry Ice property a 1000 seat country western facility to be named "Fillmore" with a restaurant and bar. There will be parking under I-95, three other lots are planned and if needed an arrangement with DRWC to use their parking lot. This will bring life back to an area that is currently blighted. There is an opportunity within the development to develop public spaces and an opportunity on Canal St. for a tree lined walk way. Phase II Will possibly consist of other venues and a parking garage.

The discussion was open to questions and answers: There would be up to 65 events a year. They would have personnel on site an hour before to an hour after an event directing people and traffic.

Security for parking, control and safety will be based on the size of an event; this will include flagmen, clean up crews and be proportionately based on the expected crowd. The latest an event venue will shut down is 2:00 AM.

Three accessory only digital billboard signs facing I-95 are planned and will be in complete compliance with Federal guide lines. Also they have been moved back 20 feet from the front of the building so they would be seen only from the highway.

Areas will be greened with trees, plantings, ground landscaping and green park space.

Controlling people from parking at Sugar House Casino will be monitored by their staff and should not be a problem.

Parking under I-95 is by lease and would be under the control of Live Nation. They could also have a parking area under I-95 controlled by DRWC. They would not start phase II until all elements of parking for phase I has been taken care of. All parking is paid parking.

The Parking Department has informed them that all on street parking in the in those areas will be limited to neighborhood use through neighborhood parking stickers, a source of revenue for the Department. Signs will be put up stating no parking on dates of an event unless you have a residential sticker.

Due to the 2:00 AM shut down time, they are working with SEPTA to increase their schedules to later on evenings there are events. They are hopeful SEPTA will do that.

If all goes well they hope to start in May or June.

VI. New Business

There is a bill before City Council to be allow signage on any property owned by the city. It was suggested that we ask for an exemption on any property within the Overlay. A letter will be composed to be presented and approved by the Board.

Meeting called for adjournment at 7:20 PM

**Next regularly scheduled CDAG Board meeting is scheduled for
April 4, 2013
2424 Studio @2424 York St. in Fishtown at 6:00 PM**

CDAG Board Member Attendance Record - Mar. 14, 2013

n i s o u r b CDAG Board Member Organizations (N/V = non-voting Board Members)	Representatives Primary & Alternate	Pre se nt (X)	Quor um Coun t
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N/ V	Delaware River City Corp.	Tom Branigan (P)	NV	N/V
1	Dickinson Narrows Civic Assoc.	Jeff Wiesner (P)		
	Dickinson Narrows Civic Assoc.	Alan Sabel (A)	X	1
2	Fishtown Neighbors Assoc.	Matt Karp (P) HHHHHHHHH HansonHa nson (P)	X	2
	Fishtown Neighbors Assoc	David Quadrini (1A)		
	Fishtown Neighbors Assoc.	Tim Potens (2A)	X	
N/ V	Franklin Bridge N. Neighbors	(P)	NV	N/V
3	Neighbors Allied Best Waterfront	Mary Stumpf (P)		
	Neighbors Allied Best Riverfront	Dianne Mayer (A)	X	3
4	New Kensington Development Corp.	Sandy Salzman (P)		
	New Kensington Development Corp.	Carla Castillo (A)		
5	Northern Liberties Neighbors Assoc	Matt Ruben (P)	X	4
	Northern Liberties Neighbors Assoc	Ira Upin		
6	Old City Civic Association	Joe Schiavo (P)	X	5
	Old City Civic Association	Rob Kettell (A)	X	
7	Old Swedes Court Homeowners Assoc.	Kathy Rush (P)	X	6
	Old Swedes Court Homeowners Assoc.	(A)		
	Olde Richmond Civic Association	Phil Stolzfus (P)		
	Olde Richmond Civic Association	Julio Nieves (A2)	X	7
	Olde Richmond Civic Association	Tom Potts (A1)	X	8

9	Pennsport Civic Association	Tom Otto (P)		
	Pennsport Civic Association	Jim Moylan (A1)		
	Pennsport Civic Association	Rene Goodwin (A2)	X	9
10	Penn Future	(P)	NV	
	Penn Future	Christine Knapp (A)	NV	
111111	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	Patrick Starr (P)		
	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	Chuck Knolls (A)		
12	Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	Tammy Leigh DeMent (P)	X	10
	Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	Claire Baker (A)		
13	Port Richmond on Patrol & Civic Assoc.	Laura Lanza (P)		
	Port Richmond on Patrol & Civic Assoc.	Jeremy LaCompte (A)		
14	Queen Village Neighbors Association	Richard Wolk (P)	X	11
	Queen Village Neighbors Association	Jeff Hornstein (A)		
15	River's Edge Community Association	John Scorsone (P)		
	River's Edge Community Association	Rich Stange (A)		
16	Society Hill Civic Association	Jim Moss (P)	X	12
	Society Hill Civic Association	Steve Weixler (A)		
17	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Assoc.	Marsha Bacal (P)		
	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Assoc.	(A)		
18	South St. Head House Business District	Krystal Souvanlasy (A)		-
	South St. Head House Business District	Mike Harris (P)		
19	Whitman Council	Rich Lazar (P)	X	13

Whitman Council	Mark Kapzcynski (A)		
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(10 voting Board members required for a meeting quorum) 13 present

Guests and friends of CDAG:

Ariel Diliberto, NKDC
Marsha Moss, SHTH
Fran Cassidy
Kathy De Angelis

Core Realty:

Michael Samchick
David Fisher
Randy Mineo
Janice Woodcock

