

## **CDAG Board Meeting Minutes – 2013**

**Central Delaware Advocacy Group (CDAG) – June 13, 2013  
NLNA at 8:15 AM - Recorded Attendance Attached**

### **I. Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes of CDAG Board meeting on May 9, 2013 approved

### **II. Chair's Report - Matt Ruben**

The Central Delaware Overlay passed out of the Council rules committee last week. The first reading will be today and it probably will be voted next Thursday after the second reading. It's reasonable to suggest it will be passed and the Mayor will sign it. The Chair recognized the work done by Joe Schiavo over the many months attending meetings with various groups and now to finally see the results of that work.

The Spring Garden Connector of which the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation has been working on consists of an underpass of I-95 connecting Richmond Street to the River. It is largely a lighting project but will also include street improvements and a small improvement to the pocket park at Spring Garden. It will connect to DRWC's Festival Pier.

On Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the first completed section of the riverfront trail that is the first official section of the trail to be executed using the full design standards of the Master Plan. This section of the trail is not directly adjacent to the edge of the river and will run from Spring Garden up Delaware Avenue east along Waterfront Square through the Sugar House Casino parking lot. Matt and Richard will attend the ceremony.

### **III. Committee Reports**

#### **1. Treasurer's Report - Rene Goodwin**

As of today our account balance is \$2158.33.

I am about to pay an expenditure of \$105.96 to Dianne Mayer for renewing the domain site and in about two months time we will have another for about \$1000 to renew our Directors & Officers Liability Insurance and another for doing our tax statement that will leave us with a balance of \$950.

That brings me to my next point we need to raise money. I still have some CDAG tee shirts that were free but would take a donation from anyone who wishes to have one.

John Scorsone's solar company has offered to give a donation to CDAG for any work done in the City.

### **3. Secretary's Report - Richard Wolk**

I have spent some time checking the attendance of our delegates knowing it's very important to have all of you at the table when so much is going on. If you can't be here please select someone from your association who can fill in for you as a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate and please call them when you can't attend a meeting so your organization will still be represented. I don't enjoy making embarrassing phone calls. I know all of us are busy, and it's summertime, but this is an important project we are working on and we need our delegates here.

I will work to update my sheet containing the names, phone numbers and email addresses of all our delegates since so many changes have occurred.

In this last go around calling was more effective than previously sending an email and I am glad to see those delegates back at the table tonight.

### **4. Communication & Outreach - Dianne Mayer**

Dianne, although not here tonight, forwarded a report indicating that she had appointments with Abbott's Square Homeowners Association on June 24<sup>th</sup> and ORCA on June 25<sup>th</sup> Both at 7:00 PM. Richard will be present for both and Matt will be present on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **IV. Discussion of CDAG Position on Wynn Casino Proposal-Matt Rubin**

ORCA was interested in meeting with CDAG not only because they are interested in what is going on but most interested in what CDAG's position is as to the proposed Wynn Casino site. CDAG has not taken a position for or against the casino but we do feel we should raise concerns as to how it fits the ideals of the Master Plan. You may recall that at former meetings we were impressed about the size and massing of the space. We were ambivalent about the enormous size of the one floor parking lot. Primarily as to whether that was a good or bad idea. We were concerned about the street level experience from Richmond St. Our feeling is there are parts we like and parts we don't like. They are leaving 28% for open public space but we pointed out that on one side of the casino the entrance to the public space is too narrow and we asked that it be widened. The Parking garage may be a problem even though the green roof responds to the Overlay. The building design lacked a Philly presence and they said our comments would be taken back to Mr. Wynn who supposedly designed that building.

## **V. Old Business - Funding**

Shad festival will not take place this year due to lack of funds. Rene suggested we do a CDAG - Washington Green dual fundraiser. Washington Green is getting media hits from all over. People don't realize where it is or how beautiful it is. Tammy Leigh says PHS might want to do a fall event at Washington Green. This is something that Rene and Tammy Leigh can talk about and see if there is an opportunity for a dual event/fundraiser. Also it was suggested we talk with Karen Thompson, DRWC, to see if there are any possibilities for an event with them. Tammy in answering a question about the PHS Five Star Grant shared with us that she will know by July if the grant will go through. It was suggested that we solicit the restaurants/clubs along the river for donations. Also we need to remind our civics about our work and to ask them to help us by supporting our work by making a donation.

**Meeting called for adjournment at 9:20 AM**

**Next regularly scheduled CDAG Board meeting is**

**July 11, 2013**

**Society Hill Community Room at 6:00 PM**

**CDAG Board Member Attendance Record - June 13, 2013**

	CDAG Board Member Organizations (N/V = non-voting Board Members)	Representatives Primary & Alternate	Pre se nt  (X)	Quor um Coun t
	Abbotts Square Homeowners Assoc.	Sean Sullivan	X	NV
N / V	Delaware River City Corp.	Tom Branigan (P)		NV N/V
1	Dickinson Narrows Civic Assoc.	Alan Sable (P)	X	1
	Dickenson Narrows Civic Assoc.	Jane winkel (A)		
2	Fishtown Neighbors Assoc.	Matt Karp (P) HHHHHHHHHansonHa nson (P)		
	Fishtown Neighbors Assoc	David Quadrini (1A)		
	Fishtown Neighbors Assoc.	Tim Potens (2A)		
N / V	Franklin Bridge N. Neighbors	(P)		N/V
3	Neighbors Allied Best Waterfront	Mary Stumpf (P)		

	Neighbors Allied Best Riverfront	Dianne Mayer (A)		
4	New Kensington Development Corp.	Sandy Salzman (P)		
	New Kensington Development Corp.	Carla Castillo (A)		
	New Kensington Development Corp	Ariel Diliberto (A2)	X	2
	Northern Liberties Neighbors Assoc	Matt Ruben (P)	X	3
	Northern Liberties Neighbors Assoc	Ira Upin		
6	Old Swedes Court Homeowners Assoc.	Kathy Rush (P)		
	Old Swedes Court Homeowners Assoc.	Tom O'Shaughnessy(A)		
7 7 7	Olde Richmond Civic Association	Phil Stolzfus (P)		
	Olde Richmond Civic Association	Julio Nieves (A2)		
	Olde Richmond Civic Association	Tom Potts (A1)		
8	Pennsport Civic Association	Tom Otto (P)		
	Pennsport Civic Association	Jim Moylan (A1) (A1)		
	Pennsport Civic Association	Rene Goodwin (A2)	X	4
	Penn Future	(P)	NV	NV
	Penn Future	Christine Knapp (A)	NV	NV
9 1 1 1 1 1	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	Patrick Starr (P)		
	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	Chuck Knolls (A)		
0	Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	Tammy Leigh DeMent (P)	X	5
	Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	Claire Baker (A)		
1 1	Port Richmond on Patrol & Civic Assoc.	Laura Lanza (P)		

	Port Richmond on Patrol & Civic Assoc.	Jeremy LaCompte (A)		
2	Queen Village Neighbors Association	Richard Wolk (P)	X	6
	Queen Village Neighbors Association	Jeff Hornstein (A)		
3	River's Edge Community Association	John Scorsone (P)	X	7
	River's Edge Community Association	Rich Stange (A)		
4 6	Society Hill Civic Association	Jim Moss (P)	X	8
	Society Hill Civic Association	Steve Weixler (A)		
5 7	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Assoc.	Marsha Bacal (P)	X\	
	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Assoc.	(A)		
6 8	South St. Head House Business District	Krystal Souvanlasy (A)		
	South St. Head House Business District	Mike Harris (P)	X	9
7 9	Whitman Council	Rich Lazar (P)		

Joe Schiavo, Vice Chair \* Ex Officio Voting Member

(9 voting Board members required for a meeting quorum) 9 present

**Guests and friends of CDAG:**

Kellie Patrick Gates, PlanPhilly



