

CDAG Board Meeting Minutes – 2013

Central Delaware Advocacy Group (CDAG) – Sept. 12, 2013
PHS at 6:00 PM - Recorded Attendance Attached

I. Approval of the Minutes

July 11, 2013 and August 8, 2013 minutes were not approved due to lack of a quorum. Reviewing the attendance count after this meeting, the secretary found a mistake in the count. There was a quorum at the September meeting. Therefore a vote for both will occur at our October meeting.

II. Committee Reports

1. Treasurer's Report - Rene Goodwin (presented by Richard Wolk)

As of September 12, 2013 TD Bank Account: \$2022.37

Expenses this month:

Bollinger, Inc., D&O Insurance, dated 9/12/13: \$1328.00

Balance: \$ 694.37

Anticipated Expenses:

Tax filing \$ 100.00

That will leave us with \$ 594.37 and makes it a necessity to talk about needed CDAG fund raising tonight.

John Scarsone then presented CDAG with a check for \$300.00 from his solar company.

Richard: CDAG's expenses for a year are only between \$2500 to \$3000. However there are very few member organizations that can afford to make an annual donation so we must find fun events to raise the rest.

2. Secretary's Report - Richard Wolk

I will be reviewing the attendance sheets to inform those civics of consecutive missed meetings and to make sure that a quorum is present at our October meeting.

3. Communication & Outreach - Dianne Mayer

I want to thank Arial for helping me get names from delegates to update our CDAG list. I want to send out a letter to our delegates telling them what we are doing on the water front.

Richard: I have called Laura Lanza, without success and emailed her, fully knowing that her life has change a lot, asking her to put me in touch with someone who can be a delegate for her civic. I explained much of what is happening on the river is in the north and should be important for her civic to be at the table.

4. CDAG Fund Raising - Richard Wolk

We had some discussion at our Executive Board Mtg. and decided not to have a lot of discussion here but to form a small committee of interested people that could get together and bring back to this board ideas for consideration. One very generous suggestion that was made was from Rene, who I'm sure you know is a professional singer and entertainer and with her husband, her accompanist, is willing to perform one of her one women shows, "Titanic", free of charge. Our job will be to coordinate a date, find a place, select ticket prices, and get an audience. Since I know Rene well and have been to her performances I will gladly chair this committee to discuss this and any other ideas. Therefore I am asking for volunteers. Tammy Leigh and Sean and John have volunteered to join me in this effort. John also felt our web site should have a "click to donate" feature and that we should also have a tee shirt sale at appropriate events.

III. Executive Report - Joe Schiavo/ Matt Ruben

Joe: earlier today I circulated a letter that was requested at a previous CDAG meeting commenting on the Wynn Resort proposal just to be helpful in improving the project in any way we can to better fit the surrounding communities. That letter has been sent. The other thing made public today is the PlanPhilly article Kelly wrote and was circulated to the CDAG Board the text of which is the SLAPP legislation that Senator Farnese proposed awhile ago and it is now to be introduced this week. It was suggested and agreed that CDAG as a future RCO and also being comprised of civic associations should send a letter to other State Senators asking their support of the senator's Bill.

Matt: There is a number updates of projects being worked on. One is the Spring Garden connector primarily a lighting based art installation that's under the overpass between Spring garden and the Delaware. This is the widest of the connectors to the water. It is in the conceptual state and when it's completed we will know how much money is left for side walk and landscaping improvements. The installation will be needed to be removable for the widening of I- 95 by 60 feet and will then need to be put back and enlarged when the highway is completed. Penndot we believe will pay for it.

On the Spring Garden old Festival Pier Site they have done comprehensive

engineering studies all over the site drilling thirty-two cores. The land from Spring Garden on the northern end apparently extends 800 feet into the water and extends on the south to Noble Street consisting of 8 piers ranging from 400 to 800 feet into the water. Most importantly they discovered this is a patchwork of hard scapping done over the last 80 years. The long and short of it is all but nine to eleven acres exposed to the surface can support buildings. So when bidding out proposals sometime next year some of the land can't be built on and has to be demolished, or maybe greened, but it can't support buildings nor have people on it. Therefore the project has to be pulled in. That said they are still committed to have Spring Garden St. through the site with public access to the waterfront.

Waterfront trail: DRWC is working towards trying to complete most of the southern and northern portions of the trail. Portions where it can be on the water and a lot of the trail on the central Delaware that has to be on the Avenue. A lot of things have to happen but if they could work it out it would be fantastic. Sugar House hopefully will soon do their portion of the trail through their property.

They are also working on the possibility of developing Tasker St. to the river.

They have gotten an award to have a design and feasibility study to cover I-95 and then over Delaware Avenue to Penn's Landing and the water. They still need things to be flushed out.

They are looking at the possibility of making the vehicular scissor ramp from Market St. to Delaware Avenue into a pedestrian walk way complete with vendors and farm stands. It will require a traffic study. They may also change Callowhill St into a two way street.

Meeting called for adjournment at 7:15PM

Next regularly scheduled CDAG Board meeting is

Oct. 10, 2013 NLNA at 8:00 AM

CDAG Board Member Attendance Record - Sept. 12, 2013

CDAG Board Member Organizations (N/V = non-voting Board Members)	Representatives Primary & Alternate	Present (X)	Quorum Count
Abbotts Square Homeowners Assoc.	Sean Sullivan (P)	X	NV
N Delaware River City Corp.	Tom Branigan (P)		NV

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1	Dickinson Square West.	Alan Sable (P)	X	1
	Dickinson Square West	Jeff Weisner (1A)		
	Dickenson Square West	Jane Winkel (2A)		
2	Fishtown Neighbors Assoc.	Matt Karp (P) HHHHHHHHH Hanson Hanson (P)		
	Fishtown Neighbors Assoc	David Quadrini (1A)		
	Fishtown Neighbors Assoc.	Tim Potens (2A)	X	2
N	Franklin Bridge N. Neighbors	(P)		N/V
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3	Neighbors Allied Best Riverfront	Mary Stumpf (P)		
	Neighbors Allied Best Riverfront	Dianne Mayer (1A)	X	3
	Neighbors Allied Best Riverfront	Kathy De Angelis (2A)		
4	New Kensington Development Corp.	Sandy Salzman (P)		
	New Kensington Development Corp.	Carla Castillo (1A)		
	New Kensington Development Corp	Ariel Diliberto (2A)	X	4
	Northern Liberties Neighbors Assoc	Matt Ruben (P)	X Xx xX XX 5X	5
	Northern Liberties Neighbors Assoc	Ira Upin		
6	Old Swedes Court Homeowners Assoc.	Kathy Rush (P)		
	Old Swedes Court Homeowners Assoc.	(A)		
7	Olde Richmond Civic Association	Phil Stolzfus (P)		
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	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		

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Pennsport Civic Association	*Rene Goodwin (A2)		
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 Samantha Driscoll (A1) (A)	X	6
	Pennsylvania Environmental Council Tony Spagnoli (A2)		
0	Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Tammy Leigh DeMent (P(P))	X	7
	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	8
	Queen Village Neighbors Association Jeff Hornstein (A)		
3	River's Edge Community Association John Scorsone (P)	X	9
	River's Edge Community Association Rich Stange (A)		
4 6	Society Hill Civic Association Jim Moss (P)		
	Society Hill Civic Association Steve Weixler (A)		
5 7	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Assoc. Marsha Bacal (P)	Lx xx xL LL LX IIL L\\\\ \\X XS SS xx xx	

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Society Hill Towers Homeowners Assoc.	(A)		
6 South St. Head House Business 8 District	Krystal Souvanlasy (A)		
South St. Head House Business District	Mike Harris (P)		
7 Whitman Council 9	Rich Lazar (P)		
Whitman Council	Mark Kaczynski (A)		

* Joe Schiavo, ex- officio voting member

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

Guests and friends of CDAG:

Kellie Patrick Gates, PlanPhilly

