

## **CDAG Board Meeting Minutes – 2014**

**Central Delaware Advocacy Group (CDAG) Jan 9, 2014 at Society Hill Towers Community Room at 6:00 PM - Recorded Attendance Attached**

**Suspended Meeting of Dec 12, 2013 reopened, with a quorum present.**

### **VIII. Election of 2014 Executive Officers**

Chairman Matt Ruben, Vice Chairs Joe Schiavo & Dianne Mayer, Treasurer Jim Moss and Secretary Richard Wolk were elected by acclamation.

**With business finished from the suspended meeting a motion was made and passed to adjourn.**

**The January 9, 2014 meeting was then brought to order by the chair Matt Ruben**

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

Nov. 14, 2013 and Dec.12, 2013 minutes were approved.

#### **II. Vice Chair's report - Joe Schiavo**

Joe Schiavo has accumulated the following report of work projects along the Delaware Corridor that are either in process or completed:

##### **Columbia Avenue Connector**

Decorative form liner walls in all three phases are nearly complete and the project artist, Donald Lipski, is finalizing the casting of the artist-designed thematic lighting poles. Work is ongoing and on schedule, according to PennDOT sources.

##### **Delaware River Trail**

Penn Street segment complete and open. Funded by a William Penn Foundation grant, project contractor, RBA Group, continues design development of the trail segments from Pier 70 on the Boulevard to the PECO plant.

##### **FringeArts Headquarters (Private Development)**

Partial build-out is complete and theatre portion operational. Restaurant development planned to open in Spring/Summer of 2014.

##### **Front St. Townhome Development (Private Development)**

Complete and partially occupied.

### Marina View (Private Development)

Zoning approved, but no further progress in evidence.

### Penn's Landing Park

Concept still under development by Hargraves Associates. Mary Margaret Jones of Hargraves presented the Penn's Landing Park concept plans to DAG (Design Advocacy Group) just this morning, continuing the outreach effort to provide opportunities for public input into the development plan.

### Penn Treaty Village (Private Development)

Zoning approved for the multi-parcel mixed-use development proposal including restaurants, live music venue, bowling alley, and residences, but the approvals granted are now under appeal by near neighbors. Subsequently, a facilitating ordinance introduced by Councilman Squilla, and passed by City Council in December of 2013, is not yet known (as of 1/9/14) to be signed by the Mayor.

### Pennthouses (Private Development)

Canal Street extension of the multi-parcel development by Michael Samschik in the area of Delaware Avenue at Laurel Street. This portion of the project utilizes a former automobile warehouse to be re-purposed and converted to a high-end residential building, with the potential of a mixed-used component.

### Pier 34-35 South (Private Development)

Zoning approved, but no further progress in evidence.

### Pier 53

Plans for development of this pier as a green recreational area are moving forward since the ground breaking in Fall of 2013. Recently, the Art Commission granted conditional approval of certain details over which the Commission has jurisdiction.

### Pier 68

The DRWC has awarded the design/build contract for this recreational pier project to Studio Brian Hanes. Plans for the Pier 68 will feature fishing and small boat

accommodations. Public opening anticipated in 2014.

## Pier 9

DRWC completed the architectural/engineering feasibility study in mid-2013. The DRWC is now focusing on market feasibility of repurposing the existing structure.

## 735 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd. (Private Development)

Zoning approved on December 18th.

## Race Street Connector

All necessary permits – DRPA, PennDOT, City - approved in late 2013, and the DRWC and City are seeking replacement financing for the project.

## Southern Riverfront Trail

See notes above. Contract has been awarded for the final design

## Southern Wetlands Park

Land acquisition complete for parcels including Piers 64-70, additional lands from Piers 53 south to 64, are still under negotiation to complete assembly of all the parcels required to execute the wetlands park plan.

## Spring Garden Connector

Design still under development, but leaning toward finalization. Spring 2014 ground breaking anticipated.

### **III. Committee reports**

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

Currently we have \$994.37 in the bank plus a check, from John Scorsone for \$300 will give us a total of \$1294.37. Rene will complete some final business and then turn over the account to our new Treasurer Jim Moss. Appreciation was expressed by all for her term as Treasurer and with the hope that she will continue to be the delegate to CDAG for her community.

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

First, I would like to welcome back to the table Laura Lanza, representing Port Richmond on Patrol & Civic Association, who has always been a strong and important voice for her community and for CDAG. Both she and Paul Nuttatis, of Swedes Court, according to our by laws, will regain their voting rights after attending one more consecutive meeting.

Nothing to report as secretary but I will report later about our fund raiser.

### **3. Outreach - Dianne Mayer**

Dianne will be doing a presentation to RCOLA and the Center City Residence association. Also a PDF of the presentation was sent out to two groups: Lancaster Avenue 21<sup>st</sup> century Business Association and the Friends of Ogden Park.

### **IV. CDAG Board Retreat - Matt Ruben**

CDAG's mission is changing and I feel we should get together to discuss these issues. CDAG has had two retreats previously. We would spend 2-3 hours talking about the next phase of CDAG and the direction we would like to go and the challenges we will be facing and how we would like to react to them. The retreat would be at a location with refreshments and a facilitator would be very helpful.

It was suggested that our next evening meeting scheduled for March 13 should be the time of our retreat and that we should inquire to do it at a facility that has room for break out discussions. Since it would be a retreat rather than a board meeting it would not be a public meeting. It was suggested that the time of the meeting should be 6 to 8:30 PM with refreshments at a site to be selected.

### **V. Old Business - Richard Wolk/ Rene Goodwin**

Four those of you who were not here last month we are putting together a fund raiser to help maintain our yearly CDAG expenses. Rene has offered her services, free of charge, for her to perform with her husband Ed, as her accompanist, for "An Evening aboard the Titanic." This would be an opportunity, not only to raise money but to publicly increase the awareness of CDAG's accomplishments, build relationships with city officials and get good press acknowledgement. Further enhancing the evening by using it as a kick off of our 1st Annual Event of CDAG and friends of CDAG proceeding the performance. We will solicit neighborhood restaurants and businesses to provide discounts to be used to sell raffle tickets. The highlight will be the honoring of an individual of importance to CDAG as our "Person of the Year" Rene should know by next week if she can get the cabaret room of the Society Hill Playhouse at minimal cost. Future years this event will, of course, take a different form. We are shooting for a date in April.

Richard's committee consists of the following volunteers: Tammy Leigh Dement,

John Scorsone, Sean Sullivan and Rene. Others are welcome to join. Tasks will be outlined and will be delegated as needed. I'm sure we will be asking for volunteers at some point. If careful planning is done, a good time will be had by all and the event will be memorable.

**VI. New Business**

Marsha felt we should bring in DRWC to discuss the Penn Landing Park plans and Patrick thought it would also be a good idea to have them in to discuss the implementation and design of the trail and for both asking what the public process is. Joe will call Karen tomorrow.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 PM**

**Next regularly scheduled CDAG Board meeting is Feb. 13, 2014 at the**

**NLNA Community Room at 8:00 AM**

**CDAG Board Member Attendance Record - Jan.9, 2014**

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 / V Delaware River City Corp.	Tom Branigan (P)		NV N/V
1 Dickinson Square West.	Alan Sable (P)		
Dickinson Square West	Ted Savage (1A)		
Dickenson Square West	Jane Winkel (2A)	X	1
2 Fishtown Neighbors Assoc.	Matt Karp (P) HHHHHHHHH Hanson Hanson (P)		
Fishtown Neighbors Assoc	David Quadrini (1A)		
Fishtown Neighbors Assoc.	Tim Potens (2A)		
N / V Franklin Bridge Neighbors Assoc.	Gary Vernick (P)		N/V
Franklin Bridge Neighbors Assoc.	Ricky Camitta (A)		N/V

	aAAaaaAAssociatiom			
3	Neighbors Allied Best Riverfront	Mary Stumpf (P)		
	Neighbors Allied Best Riverfront	Dianne Mayer (1A)	X	2
	Neighbors Allied Best Riverfront	Kathy De Angelis (2A)	X	
4	New Kensington Development Corp.	Sandy Salzman (P)	X	3
	New Kensington Development Corp.	Carla Castillo (1A)		
	New Kensington Development Corp	Ariel Diliberto (2A)		
5	Northern Liberties Neighbors Assoc	Matt Ruben (P)	X Xx xX XX 5X	4
6	Old Swedes Court Homeowners Assoc.	Paul Nutaitis (P)	X	N/V
	Old Swedes Court Homeowners Assoc.	(A)		N/V
7 7 7	Olde Richmond Civic Association	Phil Stolztfus (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	5
	Penn Future	(P)	N V	NV
	Penn Future	Christine Knapp (A)	N V	NV
9 1 1 1 1 1	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	Patrick Starr (P)	X	6
	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	Samantha Driscoll (A1) (A)		
	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	Tony Spagnoli (A2)		
0	Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	Tammy Leigh DeMent (P) (P)	X	7



	South St. Head House Business District	Mike Harris (P)		
6 9	Whitman Council	Rich Lazar (P)		
	Whitman Council	Mark Kaczynski (A)		

Joe Schiavo Vice Chair \*Ex- Officio voting member

(8 voting Board members required for a meeting quorum) 11 present

**Guests and friends of CDAG:**

Kellie Patrick Gates, Plan Philly  
Steve Nosoboko



