

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

**Central Delaware Advocacy Group (CDAG) June 13, 2014 at Society Hill Towers Community Room at 8:00 AM - Recorded Attendance Attached**

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

The May 8, 2014 minutes were read and approved

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

The AAA proposal of development has gone before the Planning Commission and they rejected the proposal. It is my understanding that either the property owner or the developer will sue the City and until that is resolved CDAG's involvement is completed.

Secondly, most of you have seen DRWC's Presentation of their plan for Penn's Landing. DRWC is now working to get support and funding for their proposal. They invited Joe and I to their office where we and others participated in making a video to promote awareness and support for their proposal.

### **III. Committee Reports**

#### **1. Treasurer's Report - Jim Moss**

We now have just shy of \$2500 in our account. I will be sending and out invoices to the our member organizations for the yearly donation we talked about.

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

No report.

### **IV. Central Delaware Updates - Joe Schiavo, Matt Ruben & Tammy Leigh DeMent**

Joe: One Water Street previously known as Marina View Towers aka 259 Columbus Blvd.. was presented to us at our last meeting. Since then they have met with the Civic Design Review Board. A meeting that I represented CDAG as an RCo.They were asked to make some changes and held off the approval until the architect meets with them at a later date. They wanted L& I to review the calculations of the bonuses they received from Having set aside of a group of mixed income use apartments and their development of public space. The CDR was also concerned about Water Street, an

**underdeveloped street that is an access street and an the entrance to their buildings's garage.**

**Matt: 400 Christopher Columbus Blvd. aka Renaissance, a 5 phase 4 building 1400 unit proposal where they plan to build the first two phases and not to clear on when the other 3 phases would be completed. They appeared before us several months ago. I got a call fro Hercules Grigos their zoning attorney who informed me to do the parking they planned hey are going to need a variance. They wished to see us again and i said why not.**

**3. Tammy Leigh: Pier 53, sneak peak on Saturday on Saturday June 21st.** from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and tours at 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM. A chance to learn about the history of the pier while exploring the river. This was the Ellis Island of Philadelphia and Susan Macinally is working on a project to catalog as best as we can the history of those immigrants who arrived here.

4. Joe: A dog park project was completed by DRWC and locatd on Penn St. at the intersection of Market St. and Columbus Blvd. These projects don't cost much and are an amenity for the community > It seems to have been done well.

5. Matt Karp: I contacted Alan Greenberger and the Councilman about a Cash for Gold facility located across from the Sugar House Casino. It was not in compliance because it was issued as a jewelry store but had no jewelry on display. at any rate the owner closed the shop because he wasn't doing any business.

6. Joe: A parking lot just north of the Sugar House Casino looked like an accessory parking lot for a new 7/11 their triggered a question as tohow parking lots are to be treated under the Overlay. What seemed clea was that parking lots should be screened and landscaped. After research all permits pulled I found that not all permits were archived because they found a 7364 permit for a parking lot that was non-conforming but grandfathered in.

7. Joe: I asked Karen Thomson for an update of all river connector streets:

Spring Garden is going through final approval as it is now in the document stage. The project is fully funded and hope to have an update in the next few weeks.

Race St.: Funding in place. They hope to start the north side in the Spring but will not break ground until the fall.

Columbia, Shackamaksin and Laurel is on a long term PennDot construction schedule. The underpasses have been installed and the remainder of street scape at Columbia and Delaware Avenue is part of the most recent phase.

John: DeSimone's proposal for a european style car dealership. there will be no cars on a lot or a repair shop. Commercial entity on first floor. Dealership on second floor and forue floors of apartments. The city is waiting for a bigger

deposit from them.

Joe: There is a proposal in Whitman for a scrape metal recycling facility. They would need a variance to proceed and whitman is against it because they feel the City has better plans for the corridor. Pennsport has such a facility and feels they are not a good neighbor.

Richard: 787 Swanson St a project consisting of 75 town houses located on the west side of Columbus Blvd., front St. on the east, Swedes Court on the south and Fitzwater St. on the north have shovels in the ground. This was Queen Village's last large undeveloped area.

#### **V. CDAG's 1st Annual Fund Raiser/Award Event - Richard Wolk**

**We plan to hold this event in September. Rene Goodwin has offered to do her much acclaimed one woman show zzz"Titanic" Behind the one woman will be her husband and accompanist Ed Hagopian. Thanks to Rene's generosity and her theatrical connections we hope to have our event at the 99 seat theater at the Society Hill Playhouse at no cost to us. Prior to the performance we will give out two major awards. The "Steven Weixler" CDAG Person of the Year Award and the CDAG Public Official Award. Both given to persons who made a significant contribution to moving our dream for the Central Delaware closer to becoming a reality. We also feel that with hard work it will garner publicity for our organization and bring people into the theater. This will not be an easy task we will need volunteers to help develop an invite list and to put that out to the public. Some one to set up a payment method. People to solicit neighborhood restaurants, business to get discounts for our 50/50 drawings and many other taskes needed to make this a success. I hope you will join me to make this a success for CDAG.**

#### **VI. Old business - Tammy Leigh DeMent**

**Tammy Leigh shared with us a brochure for a self guided tour of the River that was done some years ago She suggested resurrecting a tour of this nature would be a good way to publicize CDAG plus a fun way to get to know the history of the river. It sounds like something we would like to do.**

#### **VII. New Business - Rene Goodwin**

**I attended a Pennsport Board meeting last week and I was very surprised to hear that there are problems happening along the trail. There are drug, graffiti, wire fencing cut to name a few of the problems going on. They have**

**informed the police and been in touch with DRWC. We should monitor this situation and continue to inform the police.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 AM**

**Next regularly scheduled CDAG Board meeting is July10, 2014  
at the Society Hills Towers Community Room @ 8:00 AM**

**CDAG Board Member Attendance Record - June 13, 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)		
2 Fishtown Neighbors Assoc.	Matt Karp (P)	X	1
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Fishtown Neighbors Assoc.	Tim Potens (2A)		
N/ V Franklin Bridge Neighbors Assoc.	Gary Vernick (P)		N/V
Franklin Bridge Neighbors Assoc. aAAaaaAAssociatiom	Ricky Camitta (A)		N/V
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)		
New Kensington Development Corp.	Andrew Goodman (1A) (1A)	X	
5 Northern Liberties Neighbors Assoc	Matt Ruben (P)		4

6	Old Swedes Court Homeowners Assoc.	Paul Nutaitis (P)	X	5
	Old Swedes Court Homeowners Assoc.	Kerry Durst (A) (A)		
77 7	Olde Richmond Civic Association	Phil Stolzfus (P)	X	6
	Olde Richmond Civic Association	Julio Nieves (A2)		
	Olde Richmond Civic Association	Tom Potts (A1)		
8	Pennsport Civic Association	Tom Otto (P)	X	
	Pennsport Civic Association	Jim Moylan (A1) (A1)		
	Pennsport Civic Association	Rene Goodwin (A2)	X	7
	Penn Future	(P)		NV
	Penn Future	Christine Knapp (A)		NV
	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	Patrick Starr (P)		
	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	Tony Spagnoli (A)		
0	Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	Tammy Leigh DeMent (P)	X	8
	Pennsylvania Horticultural Society			
N 1	Port Richmond on Patrol & Civic Assoc.	Laura Lanza (P)		NV
	Port Richmond on Patrol & Civic Assoc.	Jeremy LaCompte (A)		
11	Queen Village Neighbors Association	Richard Wolk (P)	X	9
	Queen Village Neighbors Association	Jeff Hornstein (A)		
2	River's Edge Community Association	John Scorsone (P)	X	10
	River's Edge Community Association	Rich Stange (A)	X	
3	Society Hill Civic Association	Jim Moss (P)	X	11

	Society Hill Civic Association	Lorna Katz-Lawson (A)	X	
47	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Assoc.	Marsha Bacal (P)	X	12
	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Assoc.	(A)		
58	South St. Head House Business District	Krystal Souvanlasy (A)		
	South St. Head House Business District	Mike Harris (P)		
69	Whitman Council	Rich Lazer (P)		
	Whitman Council	Mark Kaczynski (A)		

Joe Schiavo Vice Chair \*Ex- Officio voting member

(8 voting Board members required for a meeting quorum) 12 present

**Guests and friends of CDAG:**

Kellie Patrick Gates, PlanPhilly

Kathy Mc Mullen, Rivers Edge

