

CDAG Board Meeting Minutes – 2014

Central Delaware Advocacy Group (CDAG) August 14, 2014 at Society Hill Towers Community Room at 6:00 PM - Recorded Attendance Attached

I. Approval of the Minutes

The July 10, 2014 minutes were approved by acclamation.

II. Chair's Report - Joe Schiavo - Vice Chair

Joe announced that with out Matt Ruben here there will not be a Chair's report and instead will flow from our agenda items. Marsha announced that all of us have an invitation to a meeting that will start at 7PM at the Society Towers Pool. Our guest is Philadelphia's Superintendent of Schools. She will try to delay the meeting if possible.

III. Committee Reports

1. Treasurer's Report - Jim Moss

We have made a payment for D & O insurance that is over \$1200. Our balance is \$1203. We have invited constituent organizations to make an annual minimum payment. We should re-address that at our next meeting.

2. Secretary's Report - Richard Wolk

Because of my vacation I sent the minutes out later than usual but was delighted to get a some last minute grammatical corrections that I have incorporated into the final version for publication on the WEB. Margaret Kalalian who is here with us today is the person who does that for us.

IV. Update Waterfront Security - Joe Forkin/Karen Thompson, DRWC

We have taken measures to increase the security of the southern trail that starts at Washington Avenue. We have upgraded security and lighting. It's an on going process. Our best support is eyes on the ground. If you see or hear anything please contact us.

The question was asked as to whether there are any elements of the Spruce st./columbus Blvd pop up park that would not be taken down, such as the boardwalk, beach and the pier going out to the water, at the end of the summer? The answer is they are trying to raise money to have it come back next year and potentially grow that experience. The park has gotten national recognition from a prominent organization. All of their programing is hopefully leading to a seven

day a week experience that would be permanent.

It was announced that there would be a ribbon cutting ceremony tomorrow at 10AM at Pier 53, Washington Ave Green for the opening of the new natural habitat park that was also the site of Philadelphia's "Ellis Island," A 55 ft. tower has been constructed, with a beacon on top. The public can climb to the half way point and get a magnificent view of the Delaware River from the Ben Franklin Bridge to the Walt Whitman Bridge.

River talk is an issue that we would love to talk about. The immigration piece that Susan Mackinnally and Lizzie are working on has been rejected for a grant but we are not giving up on getting this done. It is an important part of Philadelphia's history. We have about \$75,000 for establishing a data base.

V. Central Delaware Zoning Remapping - Joe Schiavo

One thing Phil and others have asked is what sections of the Central Delaware has been remapped and not yet remapped? We made a request of Councilman Squilla's office to help us by asking the Planning Commission to give us an update clarifying what has and has not been done. They did Fishtown because they asked for it. Phil will ask them to do Olde Richmond. According to Karen they are including Olde Richmond when talking about Fishtown. According to Councilman Squilla they will have that information for us by end of this day.

VI. Old Business - Rene Goodwin- Joe Schiavo

There is going to be a special hearing concerning the AAA lawsuit on August 27 Jim Morlyn will be testifying for Pennsport. We don't know where that hearing will take place. The nature of the hearing is part of the law suite generated after the City rescinded the permit granted to the applicant. Joe feels this is a hearing before the Zoning Board of Review called on to resolved disputed decisions between the ZBA and Bureau of Licensing.

Joe reminded us that CDAG has a scheduled Delaware River water cleanup on September 27th starting on Pier 53 from 10AM to 1PM and partnering with United By Blue. Joe will be working out the schedule with them at a meeting tomorrow.

The CDAG Award and Fundraiser will be held on Thursday Oct. 16th at the Fringe Arts. The facility was offered to us at no charge. Honorees have been notified and will attend. there will be wine and beverages and small bites to eat as part of this event. That has to be worked out with the chef.

VII. New Business - Phil Stoltzfus

Up our way, the northern end of the Central Delaware, the Wynn proposal came and gone. Most of the property in the north is privately held. Jim Anderson owns

a lot of it. I would think a meet and greet with Jim and Conrail attended by Councilman Squilla, Representatives Mike O'Brian and John Taylor and the Community Design Collaborative would be an opportunity to find out what all the parties want and perhaps through this meeting or meetings we will get something done. It sounds like a better idea than doing nothing.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 PM

**Next regularly scheduled CDAG Board meeting is Sept. 11, 2014
at the Society Hills Towers Community Room at 6:00PM**

CDAG Board Member Attendance Record - August 2014

CDAG Board Member Organizations (N/V = non-voting Board Members)	Representatives Primary & Alternate	Pres ent	Quoru Count
Abbotts Square Homeowners Assoc.	Sean Sullivan (P)	X	NV
Delaware River City Corp.	Tom Branigan (P)		NV
1 Dickinson Square West.			
Dickinson Square West	Ted Savage (1A)		
2 Fishtown Neighbors Assoc.	Matt Karp (P)		
Fishtown Neighbors Assoc	David Quadrini (!A)		
Fishtown Neighbors Assoc.	Tim Potens (2A)		
Franklin Bridge Neighbors Assoc.	Gary Vernick (P)		N/V
Franklin Bridge Neighbors Assoc.	Ricky Camitta (A)		N/V
3 Neighbors Allied Best Riverfront	Mary Stumpf (P)		
Neighbors Allied Best Riverfront	Dianne Mayer (1A)	X	1
Neighbors Allied Best Riverfront	Kathy De Angelis (2A)		
4 New Kensington Development Corp.	Sandy Salzman (P)	X	2
New Kensington Development Corp.	Andrew Goodman (1A)		
5 Northern Liberties Neighbors Assoc	Matt Ruben (P)		
Northern Liberties Neighbors			
6 Old Swedes Court Homeowners Assoc.	Paul Nutaitis (P)	X	3

	Old Swedes Court Homeowners Assoc.	Kerry Durst (A)		
7	Olde Richmond Civic Association	Phil Stolzfus (P)	X	4
	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)		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)		
	Pennsylvania Horticultural Society			
N 1	Port Richmond on Patrol & Civic Assn	Laura Lanza (P)		NV
	Port Richmond on Patrol & Civic Assn	Jeremy LaCompte (A)		
11	Queen Village Neighbors Association	Richard Wolk (P)	X	6
	Queen Village Neighbors Association	Jeff Hornstein (A)		
2	River's Edge Community Association	John Scorsone (P)	X	7
	River's Edge Community Association	Rich Stange (A)		
3	Society Hill Civic Association	Jim Moss (P)	X	8
	Society Hill Civic Association	Joan Kleinbard (2A)	X	
	Society Hill Civic Association	Lorna Katz-Lawson (1A)		
47	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Assn	Marsha Bacal (P)	X	9
	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Assoc.	Herman Baron (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) 9 present

Guests and friends of CDAG:

Robert Curley, President, Society Hill Civic Association
Margaret Kalalian, CDAG WEB Administrator

Delaware River Waterfront Association (DRWC)

Joe Forkin, V.P.
Karen Thompson

