

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

**Central Delaware Advocacy Group (CDAG) September 11, 2014 at Society Hill Towers Community Room at 6:00 PM - Recorded Attendance Attached**

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

The August 14, 2014 minutes were approved by acclamation.

### **II. Chairs Report - Matt Ruben**

The Harbor Park will remain open through September 28th and will be back next year. After that they will be setting up another winter equivalent. Washington Avenue Green has expanded. We are told Spring Garden underpass will be underway before the end of the year. Article written by Inga Saffron in the newspaper stated one proposal was to be built on the Central Delaware waterfront. We know that several projects are in the works such as the residential development at Queen Village. One Water House St is also a go. Our opinion was that this was a negative piece and we did not agree with her.

Lastly, we now have three alternate delegates representing Northern Liberties, who live in Waterfront Square which is within Northern Liberties. This ties in to the on going discussion we are having about the qualification of future condos on the Central Delaware and as to who qualifies for membership in CDAG.

### **III. Committee Report**

#### **1. Treasurers Report - Jim Moss**

Since the last meeting I have received \$150 from Philadelphia Horticultural Society and \$100 from New Kensington Development Corp. We currently have about \$1422.00 in our account.

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

The Secretary re- emphasized that it is important to review the minutes when received. it is important to advise the secretary of corrections to spelling, omissions, etc. This will assure the final product, that represents CDAG, will be a document we are all proud to send out to the public.

### **IV. CDAG Waterfront Cleanup - Joe Schiavo**

The waterfront cleanup will take place on Saturday, Sept. 27th. I worked for that to happen and now the day is upon us. So this is what this involves and what we are trying to achieve. if you spend any time down at the edge of the water you

know there is a lot of floating debris, captured and man made. All variety of items including bottles, plastics and shopping carts. We organized the cleanup to be from pier 63, which is Washington Avenue down to pier 70 which is south of the the road that separates Home Depot and Walmart. Frankly this has been interesting for me to put together because it has caused me to go out to areas that you shouldn't. Like you shouldn't trespass and go out to the edge of the water and if people get out there how would you get the trash back. Some of the areas you can't get to. Some places you can only get there via the water. So this is a volunteer effort by many. the Water Department is giving us a skimmer boat out in the deep water for cleaning out the river edge. We are starting at low tide at 10:00 AM. Hip boots will be available for those working at the river's edge collecting the debris. Canoes and kayaks will permit others to collect trash from another level. Other stuff in the water at low tide, like about 80 shopping carts, will be pulled out by Lou Blum who is bringing two of his towing trucks. His trucks will be on pier 68 where most of the shopping carts are. Also there is a lot of debris caught by the piers and therefore there will be those doing dry land work removing this debris. There are a lot of cat habitats that have been removed further south. The cats serve a purpose in keeping the rodent population down. Our partners in this are United By Blue, a non-profit organization that cleans up water ways around the world. They have a office and clothing store in Philadelphia and advertise that for every garment you buy they will pay for picking up one pound of waste that is in a water way. They are our organizing leaders. We will have beverages, fruits and energy bars and then there will be an after event food offering. DRWC has also been very helpful. They are lending us various pieces of equipment.

## **VI. CDAG Award Banquet - Joe Schiavo**

CDAG has organized an award banquet to acknowledge and award someone who has done extraordinary work to help us succeed in our mission. We are going to launch this award this year by giving two awards. One for someone who is in public service and one to someone who is one of us, a citizen advocate The public service award is going to former Councilman Frank DeCicco and the advocate award is being given posthumously to Steve Wexler the event is scheduled for Oct.16th Thursday evening between 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the ballroom of the Seaport Museum. They have graciously giving it to us at no charge. We will have butler served hors d'oeuvres and beverages. We have arranged for free parking on site. There is a cost because we have to pay the caterer. Tickets will be \$35 pp. We are hoping board members can go back to their civic association boards and do what they can do to get some of those board members to attend. We are hoping that we will have at least 60 people. Sean is setting up an Envite announcement setup that will be up and running shortly.

The Seaport Museum requires liability insurance for anyone holding an event there. Our insurance does not cover liability insurance. Jim has been looking into

this issue. Jim: I was informed by our insurer that this is a separate insurance and could cost about \$500. He is sending me the application. Question for the board was should we consider this expense? Being that it's necessary the answer was yes.

**VII. Old Business**

No old business

**VIII. New Business**

The PECO building sub station is up for sale. Currently a small portion of it is used by Exxon and a partial transfer station is still working. We don't know if that part is included in the sale.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 PM**

**Next regularly scheduled CDAG Board meeting is October 9, 2014 at the Society Hills Towers Community Room at 6:00PM**

**CDAG Board Member Attendance Record - September 2014**

CDAG Board Member Organizations (N/V = non-voting Board Members)	Representatives Primary & Alternate	Present	Quorum 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 (1A)		
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)	X	

4	New Kensington Development Corp.	Sandy Salzman (P)	X	2
	New Kensington Development Corp.	Andrew Goodman (1A)	X	3
5	Northern Liberties Neighbors Assoc	Matt Ruben (P)	X	4
	Northern Liberties Neighbors Association	Nina Zimmer (1A)	X	
	Northern Liberties Neighbors Association	Mike Futryk (2A)	X	
	Northern Liberties Neighbors Assoc.	Fred Santilli (3A)	X	
6	Old Swedes Court Homeowners Assoc.	Paul Nutaitis (P)		
	Old Swedes Court Homeowners Assoc.	Kerry Durst (A)		
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)		
	Penn Future	(P)		NV
	Penn Future	Christine Knapp (A)		NV
	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	Patrick Starr (P)		
	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	Tony Spagnoli (A)		
9	Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	Tammy Leigh DeMent (P)	X	5
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	Port Richmond on Patrol & Civic Asso	Laura Lanza (P)		NV
	Port Richmond on Patrol & Civic Asso	Jeremy LaCompte (A)		
10	Queen Village Neighbors Association	Richard Wolk (P)	X	6
	Queen Village Neighbors Association	Jeff Hornstein (A)		
11	River's Edge Community Association	John Scorsone (P)		

	River's Edge Community Association	Rich Stange (A)	X	7
12	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)		
13	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Assp	Marsha Bacal (P)	X	9
	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Assoc.	Herman Baron (A)		
14	South St. Head House Business District	Krystal Souvanlasy (A)		
	South St. Head House Business District	Mike Harris (P)		
15	Whitman Council	Rich Lazer (P)		
	Whitman Council	Mark Kaczynski (A)		

Joe Schiavo Vice Chair \*Ex- Officio voting member

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

**Guests and friends of CDAG:**

Angel Perez, Photographer



