

CDAG Board Meeting Minutes – 2014

Central Delaware Advocacy Group (CDAG) Dec. 11, 2014 at Society Hill Towers Community Room at 6:15 PM - Recorded Attendance Attached

I. Approval of the Minutes

The Nov. 13, 2014 minutes were approved by acclamation.

II. Committee Reports

1. Treasurers Report - Jim Moss

The balance of our account at this current time is \$1118.00.

2. Secretary's Report - Richard Wolk

It's nice to see almost a full house this evening and I hope as we go forth we will continue to have this attendance at all future meetings. The strength of this organization is reflected in all the water communities being involved.

3. Outreach - Dianne Mayer

Nothing new to report.

III. Update Council Bill #140159 - Joe Schiavo

This is the bill that changes elements of the zoning code that could impact parts of the Delaware overlay and may impact some of your neighborhoods as well. I have been participating in all of the discussions relative to this bill that was originally initiated by BIA. It was sponsored by Councilman Squilla and also affects areas of Councilmen Johnson and Clark. Legislative aids have been involved in all of the discussions. We have had a couple of large meetings including one with the Planning Commission attended by BIA and a couple of their attorneys. Several members of the Crosstown Coalition were also present.

On the one hand what the bill was proposing was an increase in the base FAR for CMX3 and 4. There has been some push back on that provision and BIA seems pretty close to surrendering that point and have been supporting the position of accepting the Crosstown Coalition proposal of changing it to CMX4. However the Planning Commission does not favor that notion. This very large increase of mass may not be good for the Delaware. Other compromises are being discussed. Such as CMX2.5 which considers how many residential units you can put above commercial. This seems to get a lot of support because, as an example, if there is a large commercial element on the first floor it would allow

more appropriate size housing units to be built above it. We think we can work with this. We continue to work through the bill to see if there are other compromises that would improve the bill. the bottom line is,as far as we are concerned, I believe the discussions are going in the right direction.

IV. 2015 Executive Board Elections - Jim Moss

The nomination process resulted in the 4 present officers: Matt Ruben,Chair, Joe Schiavo and Dianne Mayer, Vice Chairs, Richard Wolk, Secretary and Jim Morse, Treasurer were each willing to accept another term. No other nominations had been made. Under the by laws if you wish to serve more than three one year terms you must have a vote of 75% of the membership. So Matt, Joe and Richard needed to receive at least 11 votes. Dianne and Jim needed only one more than half the voting delegates present because they have not yet served three terms. Each candidate was individually put to the vote and all were elected without any dissenting votes.

V. Approval of By Law Changes - Jim Moss

Article IV - D. Dues: Each Constituent Organization shall pay dues to CDAG in such amount as the Board shall determine. the Chairperson shall have discretion to reduce or waive the required donation for any Constituent Organization in case of financial hardship.

Approved by unanimous vote of all voting delegates present.

Article VI - G: The Chairperson shall be the official spokesman of CDAG and shall be its representative on, or liaison to, other boards or organizations. The Chairperson may delegate such responsibilities to others from time to time.

Approved by unanimous vote of all voting delegates present.

VI. Discussion & Possible Action: CDAG Policy on Large Condo Associations as Voting Members - Matt Ruben

Of the many discussion variations we have had, on the table, not any one recommended that we shouldn't welcome any river condo or homeowner association that is very large from becoming a CDAG voting member. But whether or not we do come to a resolution tonight, I would like someone to make a motion that states: we already have a procedure in place that states: any entity who is interested in becoming a member may fill out our pre-existing application. Since I've heard no negatives this application can then be filled out by the Master Board of 1 Waterfront Square a 480 unit Homeowners Association. Our Board by right will review this application and if they make a positive decision, at that time, they will become a voting member. A motion was so moved. Discussion was heard and then by vote it was approved. The Executive Board will work on

specific guidelines to present to the Board in January

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. New Business - Various Updates

The property that at one time was to be "Trump Tower" has been sold and after finding out who is the current owner we will be checking the permits that after all these years shouldn't be inactive. We should also contact State Representative O'Brian because there may be some riparian issues involved with this site. He should meet with us and the community before signing off on the riparian issue. DRWC I am sure is on this one too.

It was also reported that once Waterfront Square's last of three building is sold out the land on where they originally were going to build two more buildings will be sold. One was supposed to be commercial with residential above it.

As far as the AAA appeal through the Common Court, the decision of Court was to uphold the City's decision. Now, should they proceed they can appeal to the Commonwealth Court.

The billboard legislation before City Council was "held over" to the next session.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 PM

**Next regularly scheduled CDAG Board meeting is Jan. 8, 2015
at the Society Hills Towers Community Room at 6:00PM**

CDAG Board Member Attendance Record - Dec. 11, 2014

CDAG Board Member Organizations (N/V = non-voting Board Members)	Representatives Primary & Alternate	Present	Quorum Count
Abbotts Square Condo Assocation	Sean Sullivan (P)	X	NV
Delaware River City Corp.	Tom Branigan (P)		NV
1 Dickinson Square West.	Nick Calcagni (P)	X	1

	Dickinson Square West	Jane Winkel (1A)		
2	Fishtown Neighbors Assoc.	Matt Karp (P)		
	Fishtown Neighbors Assoc	David Quadrini (!A)		
	Fishtown Neighbors Assoc.	Tim Potens (2A)	x	2
	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	3
	Neighbors Allied Best Riverfront	Kathy De Angelis (2A)	X	
4	New Kensington Development Corp.	Sandy Salzman (P)	X	4
	New Kensington Development Corp.	Andrew Goodman (1A)	X	
5	Northern Liberties Neighbors Assoc	Matt Ruben (P)	X	5
	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 Ass.	Paul Nutaitis (P)	X	6
	Old Swedes Court Homeowners Ass.	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)	X	7
9	Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	Tammy Leigh DeMent (P)		
	Pennsylvania Horticultural Society			
	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	8
	Queen Village Neighbors Association	Jeff Hornstein (A)		
11	River's Edge Community Association	John Scorsone (P)		
	River's Edge Communiity Association	Rich Stange (1A)	X	9
	River's Edge Community Association	Kathy McMullen (2A)		
12	Society Hill Civic Association	Jim Moss (P)	X	10
	Society Hill Civic Association	Joan Kleinbard (2A)		
	Society Hill Civic Association	Lorna Katz-Lawson (1A)	X	
13	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Ass.	Marsha Bacal (P)	X	11
	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Ass.	Herman Baron (A)	X	
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- present

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

Guests and friends of CDAG:

