

CDAG Board Meeting Minutes – 2015

Central Delaware Advocacy Group (CDAG) Jan. 8, 2015 at Society Hill Towers Community Room at 6:00PM - Recorded Attendance Attached

I. Approval of the Minutes

The Dec. 11, 2014 minutes were approved by acclamation.

II. Chair's Report - Matt Ruben

Matt has meetings Scheduled with DRWC and ILMC's Ed Karlin and Dr. James Morlyn who is president of Pennsport Civic Association. He will report back to us on both of these meetings.

III. Committee Reports

1. Treasurers Report - Jim Moss

We presently have \$1026 in our account after sending a check to Richard for the yearly renewal of our CDAG postal box. A discussion was made on mandatory membership dues and a minimum donation of \$100.00 was agreed to. When we send out " invoices" to our members it will be accompanied by a note stating that if you can not financially pay the mandatory fee it will be waived and those that have given more in the past we hope will continue to do so.

2. Secretary's Report - Richard Wolk

Nothing new to report.

3. Outreach - Dianne Mayer

Dianne handed out left over copies of "Transforming Philadelphia's Waterfront Master plan For the Central Delaware (summary report)"

IV. 2nd Waterfront Cleanup - Joe Schiavo

A second waterfront clean up, in partnership with United by Blue, is scheduled for April 11th from 10AM to 4PM. Because you can't fight tide issues this becomes our most logical date. Joe had contacted DRWC to find out if there was another target area. Apparently the northern section of the Delaware River edge is mostly inaccessible. On the other hand there is a lot more work that needs to be done on the southern end so that's where the cleanup will take place. In addition we have an offer from the Cabot Creamery company that their food truck will come and feed all the volunteers. The Citywide cleanup is also scheduled for that date.

Joe will inform United by Blue that CDAG has agreed to the cleanup on April 11th.

V. CDAG Update & Waterfront "Progress Reports" - Matt Ruben

2009, 2010 and 2011 CDAG had given yearly progress reports on a scale of 1-10 to relevant agencies of the City, especially DRWC and the Planning Commission, pertaining to ten actions in the Plan. What we discussed at the Executive Board meeting was that this might be a good time to update it. We acknowledged that some of these items are done. Some are not. We talked about whether some points of the action plan were still relevant. The upshot is we can think of very little where current issues don't fit into one of these prior categories except public safety and maintenance. Even that we thought could be covered in point 3 or 5. Specifically we think safety occurs where there is proper traffic lights and street lighting. So we couldn't think of any issue that couldn't be articulated in any of these 10 categories. We can say, so and so was done and these other items still need to be done.

Since this is a Mayoral election year we think a progress report should be done. It was suggested it should be titled "Progress Report 2014." It was also pointed out that it should be a tool for not only telling what has or hasn't been done but also what else can be done to make progress in the Central Delaware.

We may want to add an historic piece, a recommendation on signage and I-95 to name a few. Priority items for 2015 can also be built in.

We are in agreement to acknowledge what was done and what still needs work and what can be added to make it even better. Matt and Joe will work on a red line version of the 2014 Progress Report that then can be reviewed and discussed by the Board.

VI. Billboards - Dianne Mayer

Due to the fact that we have not yet received all the information I asked for from Scenic America we will table this discussion until our next meeting.

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. New Business - Nina Zimmer

On checking out our Web Site I have found certain items not up to date, as an example: Board monthly meetings are listed as alternating every month from one month in the morning and one month at night. Therefore we need to take a look at the web site and update all current misinformation.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 PM

**Next regularly scheduled CDAG Board meeting is Feb. 12, 2015
at the Society Hills Towers Community Room at 6:00PM**

CDAG Board Member Attendance Record - Jan. 8, 2015

CDAG Board Member Organizations (N/V = non-voting Board Members)	Representatives Primary & Alternate	Pre- sent	Quoru 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)		
Dickinson Square West	Jane Winkel (1A)	X	1
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	2
Neighbors Allied Best Riverfront	Kathy De Angelis (2A)		
4 New Kensington Development Corp.	Sandy Salzman (P)	X	3
New Kensington Development Corp.	Andrew Goodman (1A)		
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 Ass.	Paul Nutaitis (P)		
	Old Swedes Court Homeowners Ass.	Kerry Durst (A)		
7	Olde Richmond Civic Association	Phil Stolzfus (P)		
	Olde Richmond Civic Association	Julio Nieves (A2)		
	Olde Richmond Civic Association	Tom Potts (A1)		
	Pennsport Civic Association	Tom Otto (P)		NV
	Pennsport Civic Association	Jim Moylan (A1)		NV
	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)		
8	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)		
9	Queen Village Neighbors Association	Richard Wolk (P)	X	6
	Queen Village Neighbors Association	Jeff Hornstein (A)		
10	River's Edge Community Association	John Scorsone (P)	X	7
	River's Edge Community Association	Rich Stange (1A)		
	River's Edge Community Association	Kathy McMullen (2A)		
11	Society Hill Civic Association	Jim Moss (P)	X	8
	Society Hill Civic Association	Joan Kleinbard (2A)		

	Society Hill Civic Association	Lorna Katz-Lawson (1A)	X	
12	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Ass.	Marsha Bacal (P)	X	9
	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Ass.	Herman Baron (A)	X	
13	South St. Head House Business District	Krystal Souvanlasy (A)		
	South St. Head House Business District	Mike Harris (P)		
14	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) 9 Present

Guests and friends of CDAG:

