

CDAG Board Meeting Minutes – 2015

Central Delaware Advocacy Group (CDAG) Feb.12,2015 at Society Hill Towers Community Room at 6:00 PM - Recorded Attendance Attached

I. Approval of the Minutes

January 8, 2015 minutes were approved.

II. Secretary's Report -Richard Wolk

The Executive Board met last week and reviewed the application for membership submitted by Nina Zimmer for the Waterfront Square Condominium Association. The Association consists of three large condo towers located on the Delaware River and represented by a resident from each building and have shown their interest by their attendance and participation at our last three monthly meetings. After review of their application the Executive Board unanimously approved their application feeling they would be a asset to the organization. The application was sent it to all of you for your review and final vote.

A motion was made to call a vote. A discussion occurred and then a vote was taken and approved by the membership in a vote of 8 for and 2 against. Waterfront Condominium Towers Association now becomes our 15th active membership organization.

III.Update & Approval of Waterfront Progress Report 2014 - Joe Schiavo

Copies of the final draft Progress Report 2014 was passed out to all members present and Joe asked us to carefully review to check to see if there is anything you find that is mis-spaced, miss spelled or perhaps a misplaced coma. This would be the time to make those final corrections. Our remarks are in italics and blue. What is not in italics and is in black is what we see is the state of affairs to date. The report follows the same ten points as in the past plus we have added an addendum point.

We have had a lot of back and forth comments over the past few weeks and quite a few comments made were asking for a more aggressive language and those comments have been integrated as best we could. the report follows the same ten points as in the past plus we have added an addendum. Some of the rating we have given has gone down quite a bit and that is a reflection of perhaps that we thought more would have been done by now. After debating the issues six have gone down and that is fair.

The reason for having streets connecting to the river was to enable them to run north and south off those roads. The civic vision proposed that Market Street would be one of those main arteries.

A motion was made to approve the Progress Report 2014 with one qualifying edit to the header of the document. A vote was taken and the report was accepted and will be sent to all parties involved.

The Progress Report 2014 appears as part of the minutes as a separate PDF.

III. Treasurer's Report - Jim Moss

We currently have \$1025 in our account. Last week we sent out notices to all our organizations.

IV. Chair's Report - Matt Ruben

January 30th was the first quarterly meeting of DRWC with the CDAG seat. Work on the Spring Garden connector has finally started. A 2 million dollar project. 25% is going to lighting and fixtures under the underpass. An RFP was issued to interested developers for the redevelopment of the Festival Pier site.

There are now three law suites involving the AAA proposal that was rejected by the Planning Commission.

Matt also had a meeting with ILMC representatives Jim Moylan, Andy Hacksteder, Jeff Hornstein and Ed Kirlin who were asking how we got a seat on the DRWC Board. They were also interested in DRWC and ILMC interactions and DRWC and Pennsport interactions. They are looking for ways for DRWC and ILMC to coordinate because ILMC has responsibility for maintenance and landscaping of all land under I-95.

V. Update Waterfront Cleanup April 11th - Joe Schiavo

April 11th also happens to be the City's cleanup day. On April 11th we are working in the same area we worked in last time: Pier 53 Washington Avenue Pier Park to Pier 70 or Washington Avenue to Pier 70 Blvd, Walmart/ShopRite. We are again partnering with United By Blue who are non-profit professionals doing waterfront cleanup. DRWC is on board again. They are giving us a truck for the day and staff people. Also Lew Blum Towing is back again. Relative to the cat habitats within the cleanup area we will need help determining us a definition of what we are to clean up and what we are not to clean up. United By Blue will send us a link to help people sign up. An EMS unit will be there. Joe is also working on the insurance piece.

VI. Update on Billboards on the Cental Delaware - Dianne Mayer

I have been working with one of the interns at Scenic Philadelphia. On the spread sheet is a list of 79 billboards. I tried to point out those that were non-

compliment and therefore we have 57 billboards left. 30 of them have space violations. One on Fairmont Avenue is an outright zoning violation. Some do not have proper mounting or did not receive a permit. I cumulated this information so that we can determine what kind of position CDAG will need to take. A bill is being crafted and it is my understanding that if you take two static billboards down and retire them you can put up one digital billboard. But you can't just build a new sign and make it digital. When we speak about a spacing violation it refers to being too close to a federal highway and has nothing to do with the distance between two billboards. The City is trying to make their regulations compliant with federal regulations. They do not wish to lose federal highway dollars. CDAG can play a role and will. It's important for us to watch where Councilman Henon's bill is going and to keep an eye on it.

VII. Old Business

In answer to a question Bart Blatstein has accumulated a lot of pieces of Central Delaware property but at this time doesn't seem to be doing anything with any of it.

VIII. New Business - Joe Schaivo

Joe circulated a draft a letter directed to Darrell Clarke and City Council. I work with the Crosstown Coalition where we have been attempting to get Council President Clarke to draw back on his bill that proposes the reorganization of four offices and agencies involved in planning and development into one. This includes L&I, Housing Authority, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment. We believe it's not ready for prime time. If you read the bill it is an outline only. There are actually two bills: the other will offer the reorganization plan as a ballot referendum: Do you want a cabinet level position that will control planning and development? That is what you will be asked to vote on.

Philadelphia has a long standing history where in virtually every ballot referendum passes. If it passes it's a blank check given to the City Council. They will figure out how to do everything concerning planning and development. That may be a decent notion but there is no evidence supporting this. We have asked for data but it never shows up and we go to meetings where we are told all the amendments will be on the table when we get there. Many bills go back to Committee where there are a lot of amendments proposed. We are told the bill will go back for amendments, but so far, no amendments have been shared. This bill is on the Feb. 18th hearing agenda.

So next Wednesday the Committee is going to meet and if they vote it out of committee and it goes to Council, in all likelihood, because it's Council President Clark's bill, it will pass. We are meeting with six committee members tomorrow and we will try to pitch to them that the best thing to do is to take bill 140721 that creates a ballot referendum and instead form a commission that will research this

bill and would be a decent way to manage It does no harm to form a commission and get it right. This is how we arrived at a new zoning code. We formed an advisory commission. All interested parties participated and we come together with a new Zoning Code. We are suggesting they follow a similar process.

Joe asked CDAG to sign on to a letter that has been proposed by the Crosstown Coalition and has been edited by the BIA, Development Workshop and one of the principle players that was on the Corbett Commission reporting after the building collapsed on Market & 23rd Street and the Committee of 70. The motion was made and second, Discussed and passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 PM

Next regularly scheduled CDAG Board meeting is March 12, 2015 at

Society Hills Towers Community Room at 6:00 PM

CDAG Board Member Attendance Record - Feb. 12, 2015

| CDAG Board Member (N/V = non-voting members) | Representatives Primary & Alternate | Pre sen | Quor- um | |
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| CDAG Board Member O (N/V = non-voting members) | Sean Sullivan (P) | | NV | |
| Delaware River City Corp. | Tom Branigan (P) | | nv | |
| 1 Dickinson Square West. | Ted Savage (P) | | | |
| Dickinson Square West | Jane Winkel (1A) | | | |
| 2 Fishtown Neighbors Assoc. | Matt Karp (P) | | | |
| Fishtown Neighbors Assoc | David Quadrini (1A) | | | |
| Fishtown Neighbors Assoc. | Tim Potens (2A) | X | 1 | |
| Franklin Bridge neighbors Ass. | Gary Vernick (P) | | N/V | |
| Franklin Bridge Neighbors Assoc | Ricky Camitta (A) | | N/V | |
| 3 Neighbors Allied Best Riverfront | Mary Stumpf (P) | X | 2 | |

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| | Neighbors Allied Best Riverfront | Dianne Mayer (1A) | X | | |
| | Neighbors Allied Best Riverfront | Kathy De Angelis (2A) | X | | |
| 4 | New Kensington Development Corp. | Sandy Salzman (P) | | | |
| | New Kensington Development Corp. | Andrew Goodman (1A) | X | 3 | |
| 5 | Northern Liberties Neighbors Association | Matt Ruben (P) | X | 4 | |
| | Northern Liberties Neighbors Association | | | | |
| 6 | Waterfront Square Condo Association | Nina Zimmer (P) | X | | |
| | Waterfront Square Condo Association | Mike Futryk (1A) | X | | |
| | Waterfront Square Condo Association | Fred Santilli (2P) | X | | |
| 7 | Old Swedes Court Homeowners Assoc. | Paul Nutaitis (P) | X | 5 | |
| | Old Swedes Court Homeowners Assoc. | Kerry Durst (A) | | | |
| 8 | Olde Richmond Civic Association | Phil Stolztfus (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 (1A) | | | |
| | Pennsport Civic Association | Rene Goodwin (A2) | | | |
| | Penn Future | (P) | | NV | |
| | Penn Future | Christine Knapp (A) | | NV | |

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| 9 | Pennsylvania Environmental | Patrick Starr (P) | | | |
| | Pennsylvania Environment | Samantha Driscoll (A1) (A) | | | |
| | Pennsylvania Environmental Council | Tony Spagnoli (A2) | X | 6 | |
| 1 0 | Pennsylvania Horticultural Society | Tammy Leigh DeMent (P (P) | X | 7 | |
| | Pennsylvania Horticultural Society | Claire Baker (A) | | | |
| n v | Port Richmond on Patrol & Civic Assoc. | Laura Lanza (P) | | NV | |
| | Port Richmond on Patrol & Civic Assoc. | Jeremy LaCompte (A) | | | |
| 1 1 | Queen Village Neighbors Association | Richard Wolk (P) | X | 8 | |
| | Queen Village Neighbors Association | Jeff Hornstein (A) | | | |
| 1 2 | River's Edge Community Association | John Scorsone (P) | | | |
| | River's Edge Community Association | Rich Stange (A) | | | |
| 1 3 | Society Hill Civic Association | Jim Moss (P) | X | 9 | |
| | Society Hill Civic Association | Lorna Katz-Lawson (A) | X | | |
| 1 4 | Society Hill Towers Homeowners Assoc. | Marsha Bacal (P) | X | 10 | |
| | Society Hill Towers Homeowners Assoc. | (A) | | | |
| | South St. Head House Business District | Krystal Souvanlasy (A) | X | | NV |
| | South St. Head House Business District | Mike Harris (P) | | | |
| 1 5 | Whitman Council | Rich Lazar (P) | | | |

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| Whitman Council | Mark Kaczynski (A) | | | |
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Joe Schiavo Vice Chair *Ex- Officio voting member

(8voting Board members required for a meeting quorum) 10 present

Guests and friends of CDAG: Daniel Thomas, Pennsport neighbor

