

## **CDAG Board Meeting Minutes – 2015**

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

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

February 12, 2015 minutes were approved.

### **II. Chair's Report - Matt Ruben**

The triple A auto project that was given a permit by the Zoning Board of Adjustment was revoked when challenged. They then appealed to the Zoning Board of adjustment who denied their appeal. So now they are heading to court.They have three separate law suites against the city. CDAG, although not a defendant in any of them, has been served regarding one of them for documents related to the case including one or two monthly CDAG minutes. In essence they can proceed at there own risk.

### **III. Committee Reports**

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

Nothing new to report. Also pleased to see this large attendance of delegates tonight.

#### **2. Treasurer's Report - Jim Moss**

With the three checks I have received today we now have \$2475.00 in our account. We have now received checks from seven of our delegate organizations.

### **IV. DRWC Update - Karen Thompson & Lizzie Woods**

**Karen:**As to the Spring Garden connectors we are in the very final stages. We have a contractor on board and they are wrapping up their changes and should be ready for a late Spring opening.

An RFP is listed for the Festival Pier site. A Request for Professional Interest is out and should come back from interested parties by March 23rd. The staff will weed out the first cut and then it will go to the Board who will do the second and final cut. Whoever is selected will then submit more definitive renderings. Then we will be ready for public input. Matt suggested that perhaps we should have earlier public input before we finalize a developer. All the work needed to prepare the project for the developer. Including the history of the site has been done. The site is 11.5 acres but due to damage to the pier we need to cut useable pass

back to 8 acres which will include the land needed for a continuation of the waterfront trail

**Lizzie:** I do a lot of work involving the southern portion of the waterfront trail from Pier 53 to 68. There is an RPF that went out for the final construction of the southern trail. Another went out for the northern trail from Sugar House to Penn treaty Park. We are in negotiations to buy property such as the Steel Workers Union Hall. Also a small portion of the former "casino" property owned by Bart Blatstein for a 100 foot set back from the bulkhead line for the continuation of the trail. We have a grant the same as the one for properties south of that property. Neither purchase is final yet but we have some positive feed back about both of them. The Comcast property does not go all the way back to the river. Pier 68 is more complicated because that is where Columbus Blvd. and I-95 turn and access is difficult. We have plans for 6 months of trail construction behind Walmart. A landscape design of the trail in that area was past out at the meeting.

Also working with Bart on how we can get Tasker St. which is currently 50' from the projected trail to be extended to the trail. Also a 35' wide area is proposed that would have to go around Walmart and would eventually connect with 2nd St.

A proposal to change the scissor ramps on Penn St. and Spruce has been awarded however Callowhill St. will take a bit longer because of the on going expansion of I-95. But I believe the work will start this Spring.

#### **V. Update Waterfront Clean April 11th - Joe Schiavo**

There have been some changes made. A poster type flyer is being developed that you will have to circulate in your own communities. Once again we are partnering with United By Blue. The time is now 9:30 AM to 1:00PM and then lunch will be provided for all our volunteers. DRWC is again a supporter. They are providing a truck that will pick up the debris from the site and transport it back to the disposal site. Lew Blum is on board and he will get the shopping carts out of the river. Rocco's is our food provider who will provide the sandwiches and drinks for everyone. Insurance has been dealt with by attaching it to the United by Blue policy so we wouldn't have to pay for it.

#### **VI. Old Business - Joe Schiavo**

Thanks to the support of CDAG and the Crosstown Coalition City Council President Clark's bill has been moved from a referendum on the May primary ballot to the November election ballot giving us more time to help improve the bill but we have not been called upon to do so by the committee overseeing this bill. This is surprising because Councilman President Clark had said this a good opportunity to have other parties interested in this bill to have an opportunity to speak on it.

**VII. New Business**

Proposal has been made for "One Ride" bus extension route that would take a rider from The water at Christian St to Center City and then to University City.

**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	
CDAG Board Member O (N/V = non-voting members)	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 (1A)			
Fishtown Neighbors Assoc.	Tim Potens (2A)	X	2	
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)			
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)			

	New Kensington Development Corp.	Andrew Goodman (1A)	X	4	
5	Northern Liberties Neighbors Association	Matt Ruben (P)	X	5	
	Northern Liberties Neighbors Association				
6	Waterfront Square Condo Association	Nina Zimmer (P)	X	6	
	Waterfront Square Condo Association	Mike Futryk (1A)	X		
	Waterfront Square Condo Association	Fred Santilli (2A)	X		
7	Old Swedes Court Homeowners Assoc.	Paul Nutaitis (P)	X	7	
	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	
9	Pennsylvania Environmental	Patrick Starr (P)			
	Pennsylvania Environment	Samantha Driscoll (A1) (A)			
	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	Tony Spagnoli (A2)	X	8	

10	Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	Tammy Leigh DeMent (P (P)			
	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	9	
	Queen Village Neighbors Association	Jeff Hornstein (A)			
1 2	River's Edge Community Association	John Scorsone (P)	X	10	
	River's Edge Community Association	Rich Stange (A)	X		
1 3	Society Hill Civic Association	Jim Moss (P)	X	11	
	Society Hill Civic Association	Lorna Katz-Lawson (A)	X		
1 4	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Assoc.	Marsha Bacal (P)	X	12	
	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Assoc.	(A)			
	South St. Head House Business District	Krystal Souvanlasy (A)	X		NV
	South St. Head House	Mike Harris (P)			
1 5	Whitman Council	Rich Lazar (P)			
	Whitman Council	Mark Kaczynski (A)			

Joe Schiavo Vice Chair \*Ex- Officio voting member

(8 voting Board members required for a meeting quorum) 12present

**Guests and friends of CDAG:**

Karen Thompson DRWC  
Lizzie Woods DRWC

Jared Bray PlanPhilly

Marsha Moss

