

CDAG Board Meeting Minutes – 2015

Central Delaware Advocacy Group (CDAG), August 13, 2015 at Society Hill Towers Community Room at 6:00 PM - Recorded Attendance Attached

I. Call to Order and Approval of Prior Meetings Minutes

With the absence of our Chair Matt Ruben, the Call to order was made by Vice Chair Joe Schiavo and the July 2015 minutes were approved.

II. Officers Reports:

1. Secretary's Report - Richard Wolk

At the last minute I was unable to attend the July meeting and I wish to thank Dianne for stepping in and doing an excellent job of recording the meeting minutes.

2. Treasurer's Report - Jim Moss

I wrote a \$1200 check for a deposit to the caterer who will do our awards event. So we now have \$2500.85 in our bank account.

III. Presentation by Lena Smith of Food & Water Watch

Lena is here tonight to brief us on the proposed expansion of the LNG (Liquid Natural Gas) port facility and the potential impacts on the communities along the waterfront.

Food & Water Watch is an advocacy group that tackles issues about clean water and healthy food. Right now we are working on this LNG proposal that would be located in the Frankford area. Gas becomes liquid at minus 250 degrees and when it is warmed up it is potentially highly explosive. The risks that are involved could affect the people living within a mile of the explosion and would also affect I-95 and the bridges. There are several different proposals put forward. Some would want this proposal to create an export market and some want it for domestic use.

We are reaching out to neighborhood groups that would be affected by these proposals. The LNG would potentially be transported by ships going up and down the river or overland by trains or maybe a pipe line through the city. Our goal is to have a meeting with Councilman Squilla and we would like CDAG, to help accomplish that goal.

Patrick: This operation exists and you do not want an expansion?

Lena: Yes, there is a storage facility in Bridesburg

Patrick: That is a PGW facility, publicly owned, that can be used for this purpose and that is there to provide the City with a supply of natural gas.. Members of Council do not

want to sell this facility because they are anxious to reap the benefits of this expansion. To me it makes our entire Council complicit in this deal.

Lena: We have not reaped the benefits of fracking in Pennsylvania through taxes as has been the case in other states. The status of this proposal will be reviewed by Council this fall.

Lena is committed to compose an appeal to have a representative of the Food & Water Watch to meet with leadership of the individual CDAG constituent organizations. Once received, CDAG will distribute that appeal via its email list.

IV. Old Business

1. CDAG Award Event - Oct.8, 2015 -Dianne Mayer

Our 2nd Annual Award Event will be at the Seaport Museum on the evening of Thursday October 8th starting at 5:30 PM. Last year's caterer increased their cost by 40% but we have found another one that was highly recommended. We are looking at our cost being about \$55 p.p. and that will be our ticket price. The fare will be beer and wine and butlered Hors D'Oeuvres. We hope to capitalize on the success of last years event and have more people attend. The seaport Museum donated the Ballroom and Yard's Brewery has donated the beer. The event will replace our October Board meeting.

We need volunteers to get the message out and to help create invite lists that will be turned over to Dianne. We will try to bring in more people and possibly press coverage. When the invitation goes out we need you to distribute it to your membership.

Horace Steinberg and Councilman Mark Squilla where recommended by the Executive Board to be placed before Board for a discussion and a vote to be the public and political candidates to be awarded. Discussion followed and was past by affirmation.

2. Historic Inventory & Designation Update - Joe Schiavo

A lot of information was accumulated during the development of the Master Plan. Karen Thompson of DRWC has shared access to a group of documents that are stored in a drop box that potentially contains a lot of information like: the Cooper report that might identify key targets: the Hertztock report consisting of 278 pages that can give us an overview: the Master Plan archeological documents, 59 pages; and the West Shipyard report, 71 pages. From all of this we should be able to find some targets. The inventory may be identified through these reports To do this we need some volunteers who would take the time to read through these reports. A suggestion was also made that we apply for funding from the Sugar House Special Services District.

Joe called for volunteers who would read through these reports.

V. New Business - Andrew Goodman

Two points of information a few months ago the representative from Fishtown Neighbors brought up a proposal for the old warehouse on Delaware Avenue and Shackamaxon Street. That proposal was rejected by the Zoning Committee. so they are in the process of coming up with a new proposal to present to the neighborhood coming up this Fall. The other point of information is that the Planning Commission has posted a draft of the River Wards District Plan from Sugar House north to Frankford Creek with little concern for the waterfront. This goes up for approval at the next Planning Commission Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 PM

Next regularly scheduled CDAG Board meeting is September 10, 2015

At Society Hills Towers Community Room at 6:00 PM

CDAG Board Member Attendance Record – August 13 2015

CDAG Board Member (N/V = non-voting members)	Representatives Primary & Alternate	Present	Quorum	
Abbott Sq. Homeowners assoc.	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)			
2 Fishtown Neighbors Assoc.	Matt Karp (P)			
Fishtown Neighbors Assoc	Arthur Meckler (1A)	X	1	
Fishtown Neighbors Assoc.	Tim Potens (2A)			
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		
	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)	X		
5	Northern Liberties Neighbors Association	Matt Ruben (P)			
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6	Waterfront Square Condo Association	Nina Zimmer (P)			
	Waterfront Square Condo Association	Mike Futryk (1A)	X	4	
	Waterfront Square Condo Association	Fred Santilli (2A)	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	Mike McCullogh (P)	X	6	
	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)		NV	
	Pennsport Civic Association	Rene Goodwin (A2)		NV	
	Penn Future	(P)		NV	

	Penn Future	Christine Knapp (A)		NV	
9	Pennsylvania Environmental	Patrick Starr (P)	X	7	
	Pennsylvania Environment	Samantha Driscoll (A1)			
	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	Tony Spagnoli (A2)			
10	Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	Tammy Leigh DeMent (P (P))	X	8	
	Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	Claire Baker (A)			
n	Port Richmond on Patrol & Civic Assoc.	Laura Lanza (P)		NV	
v	Port Richmond on Patrol & Civic Assoc.	Jeremy LaCompte (A)			
11	Queen Village Neighbors Association	Richard Wolk (P)	X	9	
	Queen Village Neighbors Association	Jeff Hornstein (A)			
12	River's Edge Community Association	John Scorsone (P)			
	River's Edge Community Association	Rich Stange (A)	X	10	
13	Society Hill Civic Association	Jim Moss (P)	X	11	
	Society Hill Civic Association	Lorna Katz-Lawson (A)			
14	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Assoc.	Marsha Bacal (P)	X	12	
	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Assoc.	Herman Baron (A)			
	South St. Head House Business District	Krystal Souvanlasy (A)			NV
	South St. Head House Business District	Mike Harris (P)			NV

1 5	Whitman Council	Rich Lazar (P)			
	Whitman Council	Mark Kaczynski (A)			

Joe Schiavo Vice Chair *Ex- Officio voting member present
(8 voting Board members required for a meeting quorum) 12 present

Friends of CDAG: Lena Smith - Food and Water Watch