

CDAG Board Meeting Minutes – 2015

Central Delaware Advocacy Group (CDAG), September 10, 2015 at Society Hill Towers Community Room at 6:00 PM - Recorded Attendance Attached

I. Call to Order and Approval of Prior Meetings Minutes

The Call to order was made by Chair Matt Ruben and the August 13, 2015 minutes were approved.

II. Officers Reports:

1. Chair's - Matt Ruben

One Water Street which is the 250 unit apartment building just north of the Ben Franklin Bridge is under construction. When they came to us there was one thing. Thing we had an issue with. Their first floor was going to be used mainly for their lobby and as a residents' gym area. We expressed that we would like it to be for retail and commercial and they reported they are doing that.

DRWC as you may know has the festival pier site, at Delaware and Spring Garden, out to bid. They got recieved initial responses back and narrowed it down to a much smaller number. They got back three proposals and they are now in discussion with one and it should not be long before they announce. uannounce who the developer will be.

The Triple A spot in Pennsport on the south side of Tasker street is under construction. They have gone forward which means they have a great deal of confidence that they will prevail. This will not set a precedent because anyone else who in the future who applies for a permit would be refused.

2. Secretary's Report - Membership Update - Richard Wolk

Membership has been stable and attendance has been very good. I got a letter today that Jeff Hornstein, President of Queen Village, will be coming to our awards event. We should try to get all our civic associations presidents to also come.

3. Treasurer's Report - Account Update - Jim Moss

The present balance is \$1107.85. I wrote a check at last months meeting for check \$3700 we had purchased our directors insurance for the next year. Secondly \$1200 is a deposit made for the caterer. Hopefully that money will come back to us and we would then have \$2300 in our account.

III. Update/Discussion - Oct. 8th Awards Event - Dianne Mayer

We have volunteers. In place for the night of the Awards Banquet for helping with video equipment and manning the sign in table. Matt has a conflict and he will be recording a statement. Richard has volunteered to man the check in desk and Marsha has agreed to assist. Others will be there for the set up. Shaun and I will get together to send another invitation mailing. Other than that we are in good shape. Yard's Brewery is bringing the beer. Wine is accounted for. All we need to do is give the caterer a final people account.

IV. Update - Inventory & Preservation on the Central Delaware - Jill Betters & Stephenie Haller

Petition has be made for the status of the old PECO power plant. Our guests Jill and Stephenie are here tonight to I enlighten us ~~us are Jill and Stephenie.~~

Last summer Stephenie and I decided to research and identify how many historic structures still exist in Philadelphia. For my part I knew ~~now~~ who I could talk to such as Councilman. Squilla and developer Bart Blatstein. I reached out to resources that were very helpful. Fortunately we were able to do everything by document management. So right now we have looked at buildings to see what adaptive possibilities there may be. We want to use an independent contractor. As far as the Historical Commission they were very helpful.

The are some very significant buildings we found using Philadelphia sources. We ~~we will~~ould be more successful than using the National sources. Commercial re-development of an historic building is more likely than residential development because residential of has a ~~the~~ higher cost fact

Local historic designation is more significant then other historic designations and one designation doesn't nullify any other ~~any other.~~

~~Rich Stange: presented a visual presentation he put together of historical property in Rivers Edge.~~

V. ~~Old Business~~

~~VI. =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~~

~~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 Hertzock 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.~~

VI. New Business - Rich Stange-Andrew Goodmans – 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.~~

~~–Rich~~

Rich put together a visual presentation of historical elements of Rivers Edge. Tammy Leigh ~~Leaigh~~ has ~~has~~ provided ~~uus~~ with a coverage of the whole Overlay District. By November we will have a more flushed out feeling for this information. ~~If~~ ~~if~~ we go neighborhood by neighborhood and flush out what is worth saving and whether ~~ether~~ we want a state marker or work on it for preservation purposes. Also from this we get a priority list as to what we want.:-

Andrew: There was some concern about a lot of ~~the~~ ~~the~~ the Central Delaware area due to the re-mapping taking place, especially re-mapping from Fishtown to the river's edge. The trolley edge to the riverfront creek. Andrew: There was a reference to adhering to the master plan but the recommendation was not for the park section in the northern area ~~not~~ and not ~~_putt~~ into the map in any sort of identified form because as part of the parks and recreation could not do that until parks & recreation was willing

~~to do that and they were in~~

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~~Stange~~

~~Rich presented a visual presentation he put together to highlight historic elements of Rivers Edge.~~

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 PM

Next regular scheduled ~~ly scheduled~~ CDAG Board meeting is November 12, 2015

Waterfront Square Condos ~~At Society Hills Towers Community Room~~ at 6:00 PM

**CDAG Board Member Attendance Record – September 10 ~~september 10,~~
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.	Samantha Safara (P)	X	1	
Dickinson Square West	Jane Winkel (1A)			

2	Fishtown Neighbors Assoc.	Matt Karp (P)			
	Fishtown Neighbors Assoc	Arthur Meckler (1A)			
	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)			
	Neighbors Allied Best Riverfront	Dianne Mayer (1A)	X	2	
	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	5	
	Waterfront Square Condo Association	Mike Futryk (1A)			
	Waterfront Square Condo Association	Fred Santilli (2A)	X		
7	Old Swedes Court Homeowners Assoc.	Paul Nutaitis (P)			
	Old Swedes Court Homeowners Assoc.	Kerry Durst (A)			
8	Olde Richmond Civic Association	Mike McCullogh (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)		NV	
	Pennsport Civic Association	Rene Goodwin (A2)		NV	
	Penn Future	(P)		NV	
	Penn Future	Christine Knapp (A)		NV	
9	Pennsylvania Environmental	Patrick Starr (P)			
	Pennsylvania Environment	Samantha Driscoll (A1)			
	Pennsylvania Environmental Council	Tony Spagnoli (A2)			
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)			
11	Queen Village Neighbors Association	Richard Wolk (P)	X	6	
	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	7	

1 3	Society Hill Civic Association	Jim Moss (P)	X	8	
	Society Hill Civic Association	Lorna Katz-Lawson (A)			
1 4	Society Hill Towers Home-owners Assoc.	Marsha Bacal (P)	X	9	
	Society Hill Towers Home-owners Assoc.	Herman Baron (A)			
	South St. Head House Business District	Krystal Souvanlasy (A)	X		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) 9 present

Guests: Stephanie Haller
Jill Betters