

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

**Central Delaware Advocacy Group (CDAG) November 13, 2015 at Waterfront Square Condo Association at 6:00 PM - Recorded Attendance Attached**

### **I. Call to Order and Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes**

Matt Ruben called the meeting to order. As guest's of Waterfront Square Condo Association Matt asked the delegates to introduce themselves and then the September 10, 2015 minutes were approved by acclamation.

### **II. Officers Reports**

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

For 30 residents of Waterfront Square who attended our meeting Matt presented the history of the Philadelphia's waterfront as historically an industrial area and laid fallow for decades until the late 20th century. The first inclination of change was when large development speculative interests along the riverfront came during the time of Mayors Rendell and Street. Councilman DiCicco urged Mayor Street that a plan for the riverfront as a whole was needed instead of just looking at Penn's Landing. Street's executive order formed the Central Delaware ADVISORY Group and hired PennPraxis through William Penn Foundation Funding to create the civic vision for the central Delaware in 2007. Over 4000 people participated in these meetings..At the conclusion of the civic vision process, the neighborhood groups participating in the advisory group stressed that they still wanted to meet and make sure the civic vision idea was being adhered to which is what led to the Central Delaware Advocacy Group as the voice of the people along the river. 2008 Mayor Nutter was sworn in and made the riverfront a key part of his administration. By 2009 the Penn's Landing Corporation was disbanded and replaced by the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation.

CDAG has been at the table through the years of the development of the civic vision for the river that was finally approved by the planning commission in 2012. CDAG was a participant at all Zoning meetings until approved by City Council and by Mayor Nutter in 2014. Every element of the development of the river is subject to specific provisions of zoning in the Delaware River Overlay.

DRWC is working to make left turn lanes at Spruce St and Callowhill St. to make Spruce and Callowhill between Columbus Blvd and Second St. two way instead of one way. They are doing this because the scissor ramps are going to come down at Market and Chestnut streets that go to the waterfront area. Nov. 23 both Callowhill and Spruce will become two way. The ramps have't been taken down yet because of protests and are therefore working there way through the

PennDot process.

## **2. Secretary's Report**

I report everything is going along fine. Membership has been constant and we are happy to be here tonight with our neighbors from waterfront Square.

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

We now have \$2001 in our account. We were able to pay for our awards event. Thank you to all who were able to come.

## **III. Briefing on Festival Pier Development Plan -Joe Forkin,V.P DRWC**

Matt: The Festival Pier site is on Delaware and Spring Garden with the southern end on Spring Garden is where Columbus Blvd and Delaware Avenue come together. That large 11 acre site, actually a pier, has been the concern of Old City, Northern Liberty and especially Waterfront Square. It's current use as a parking lot is not the highest investment for this property. It is publicly owned land so we have been eager that DRWC initiate a process for this parcel. On Oct. 30th DRWC selected a developer.

Joe Forkin: The area is actually a Pier and anywhere where there is asphalt and you can walk is part of this parcel the northern end is a little past Spring Garden and the southern end is a little south of Noble St. It was initially the first Superfund Project. originally had seven developers interested in the site. From that we came up with three finalists. We then asked for proposals. Respondents did that. Oct.30th we settled on Jefferson Apartments Group. They selected an architect, have a landscape designer. They have a specific period of time to work on final plan for the development. There is a design now for a development of three mid-rise buildings totaling 550 one and two bedroom town homes units. With a retail component. Starting at 1300 square ft. Half the acreage is public space and there will be a continuation of the trail.

Tammy Leigh: I am on a panel discussing population changes and one thing recognized is that as families move out other families move in. Urban environment is transient. People come and go all the time and yet as older people move out a younger generation will continue to move in. Also right now there is a very influx of the empty nester generation moving back in. There is a lot of mix in there and the expectation is that it will continue.

## **IV. Old Business - Historic River Properties - Tammy Leigh DeMent**

One of the things carried over from a couple of months ago was our interest in historic river sites. So what I have is a spread sheet no less than 90 sites. I am happy to share this information. These sites were compiled from several other

sources including WestFinal Report, Philadelphia History of Properties and History of the lost Waterfront. There is two more documents I need to get through to supplement this list. As soon as I finish doing that I will make a map and overlay the information with that map. I think this is very important to CDAG and most of the ones I have already stop around the border of our interests.. I will go back and check it. So after we do that I will combine it with the others. It might seem redundant but I included streets with historic houses into one group as we move forward we want to look for appropriate targets and we want to know whether it's an archeologic site. We want to capture our history. We need to determine if the site is going to be preserved or modified,etc. Would we have some priority sites.

**V. New Busines**

None

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:20PM**

**Next regularly scheduled CDAG Board meeting is December 10, 2015 at**

**Society Hills Towers Community Room at 6:00 PM**

**CDAG Board Member Attendance Record - Nov. 13, 2015**

CDAG Board Member (N/V = non-voting members)	Representatives Primary & Alternate	Pre sen	Quor- um	
Abbott Sq. Homeowners assoc.	Sean Sullivan (P)		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.	Kevin O'Neill (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)			
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	
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)			
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 Stoltzfus (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))	X	8	
	Pennsylvania Horticultural Society	Claire Baker (A)			
n	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	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)			
13	Society Hill Civic Association	Jim Moss (P)	X	10	
	Society Hill Civic Association	Lorna Katz-Lawson (A)			
14	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Assoc.	Marsha Bacal (P)			
	Society Hill Towers Homeowners Assoc.	Herman Baron (A)			
	South St. Head House Business District	Krystal Souvanlasy (A)			NV
	SouthSt. Business District	Mike Harris (P)			
15	Whitman Council	Rich Lazar (P)			

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

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

**Guests and friends of CDAG: Joe Forkin, VP DRWC**  
**30 residents of Waterfront Square Condo Association**

