

**Regent Square Civic Association  
Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Board of Directors  
December 4, 2006**

**Attendees:** In attendance at the December meeting of the Regent Square Civic Association were board members: Arch Pelley, Alina Keebler, Cathy Brennan, Kathleen Schneider, John Broyles, Joan Reefer and Glennen Greer. Also in attendance was John Barbera who was recently voted a board member for the term beginning in January 2007. Regent Square citizens in attendance were Alana Rykala and Darrell Rapp.

**Board Elections:** President Arch Pelley announced the results of the recent election for board members for the term commencing in January 2007. Candidates receiving the most votes and being elected to the board are: Kathleen Schneider with 38 votes, Melissa McDonough with 31 votes, Carole Stanier with 30 votes and John Barbera with 23 votes. There were three candidates who were not elected to the board. They are: Alan Lemek with 16 votes, Liz Caplan with 11 votes, and Patricia DiRienza with 10 votes.

Arch Pelley led a discussion of the voting process for the board elections. Arch stated the process needs to be refined. Comments received from voters included: (1) web voting was too difficult as emails had to be sent to Arch; (2) if the November meeting is to continue to be for business and not for voting & holiday party, then ballots need to be at the meeting and all attendees need to be encouraged to vote that night; (3) the candidates running for board positions need to attend either the October or November meetings and introduce themselves to the persons attending the RSCA meetings; (4) the candidate's municipality of residence needs to be listed in the write-up about the candidate.

**Approval of Minutes:** Cathy Brennan moved the minutes from the October meeting be approved and Alina seconded the motion. The board voted and approved the minutes. Arch Pelley and Kathleen Schneider abstained from voting as they had not attended the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathleen Schneider, Treasurer, reported that November was a positive month. Funds of \$1500 had been moved from the savings to the checking account. Kathleen presented a general ledger of the RSCA from the beginning of 2006 until November 30, 2006.

Kathleen suggested that the reimbursement form needed to be redesigned to make it more user friendly.

**Newsletter Items:** Alana Rykala requested newsletter items. Arch Pelley stated he would write an article on the election and welcoming the new board members. Aline will write an article on the Membership Drive and the new membership form. Cathy Brennan will write an article regarding the tag line for the banner for Regent Square. Arch Pelley will submit an

article on the Duquesne Light presentation to be held at the January meeting. Darrell Rapp volunteered to write an article about the Nine Mile Run Tree Inventory and grants received to plant additional trees. Joan Reefer will contact Nancy Drew of Drew Designs about featuring her in an article in the newsletter.

**Thank You Letter:** Kathleen Schneider volunteered to write a letter to Ann Kelton on behalf of the RSCA board to thank her for her efforts in the Tree Planting in Regent Square. Ann also plans to do another tree planting this Spring.

**Walgreens:** Arch Pelley reported that the proposed Walgreens store is still under negotiations. At last report, one house will come down but the other two in question will remain and will be repaired.

**Annual Meeting:** Alina Keebler reported that the Annual Meeting was very well attended by both business owners and Regent Square citizens. Alan's presentation on the proposed improvements for Braddock Avenue was extremely well received by the attendees. Both the Mayor of Swissvale and the Mayor of Pittsburgh made an appearance at the meeting. She also reported that the Regent Square poster was won by Glennen's mother.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Alina reported that another membership drive will take place to encourage the residents of Regent Square to join the RSCA and become involved in their community.

**Communications:** There was some discussion as to who will take over the Communications Committee as Ann Gaul will not be on the board and has stepped down from chairing the committee. Discussion also took place on the status of the posters and whether the RSCA should have a sale on the posters. Alina mentioned that Melit Osborne is still in charge of newsletter distribution.

**Business District Committee:** Cathy Brennan reported that Christy Hamilton won the tag line contest with her entry "Experience Regent Square at All Angles". Cathy reported that the committee is looking at a Penn Hills manufacturer for the banners and also is looking to have someone donate the art work.

Other activities of the Business District Committee included:

The Day of the Dead was coordinated by David Green of Sweeties Sweets and was a big success.

The stores were asked to display the same small white lights used last year, and the committee distributed any lights left from last year to the stores in the square.

The committee has asked the stores to participate in this year's Run Around The Square.

Cathy indicated that the Business District Committee meetings may be posted on the RSCA web site to encourage more attendance.

**Neighborhood Improvements:** Arch Pelley has spoken with Dan Frankl's office regarding the DCED grants, and Dan would like to see the RSCA budget for the

improvements. Arch suggested that the proposed DCED grants would be used for the Braddock Avenue improvements. The deadlines for the DCED grants are December 29, 2006 and March 30, 2007. Arch indicated that a proposal would not be ready for the December 29<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**Budget for 2007:** Arch requested all committee and activity chairs submit a budget requests to Kathleen so she will be able to prepare a budget for the 2007 year.

**Duquesne Light:** Arch stated that he had spoken with the Duquesne Light representative and he/she will present at the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7:30pm. The presentation will discuss the increase in rates and the plan to provide better services.

**Board Retreat:** The board discussed various dates and decided on either January 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>. Arch will check with Carrie to determine what date is best for her as she will be President for the coming year.

**Adjournment:** Kathleen Schneider moved the meeting be adjourned and Cathy Brennan seconded the motion.