

Executive Committee, Real Property Section
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, February 17, 2009

In attendance: Brad Begelman, Judy Berkman, Alfred Fuscaldo, Cheryl Gaston, Miriam Jacobson, Susan Kupersmith, Christine Paul, Ralph Pinkus, Neil Rubin, Dina Schlossberg, Paul Schmidt, Richard Vanderslice, Dean Weisgold and Walter Zimolong, III.

Chairperson Christine Paul called the meeting to order.

The Minutes for the January 12, 2009 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Cheryl Gaston reviewed the Section's statement of activities for December and January. Cheryl advises that we current have net assets of \$5,881.00. There was a discussion concerning when dues are payable and in the general expectation that we would be receiving more dues by the end of April.

Zoning Reform Commission Update. Ralph Pinkus reported three developments from the Zoning Reform Commission:

1. A new subcommittee was formed, Civic Engagement and Outreach.
2. In preliminary findings, one of the consultants reports there are too many matters requiring variances, too many zoning districts and over-regulation of common uses, among its findings.
3. The Planning Commission is exploring formalizing its current ad hoc program to assist subdivisions, PUDs.

Zoning Land Use and Enforcement Subcommittee. Cheryl Gaston reported that the Subcommittee's recent meeting was successful with good attendance. In addition, the ZBA, in conjunction with the Department of License and Inspections is setting up a "consent" calendar. The idea being that more uncontested matters could be taken by the ZBA at a time therefore expediting the process. We discussed the challenges of such a process including what would happen if an appeal was raised at a "consent" hearing.

CLE Programs.

Development Update. Christine advised us that the Bench Bar Conference may not need us to present a CLE. Christine and Al Fuscaldo are working on a development update and will advise the committee on a date.

Workout CLE. Dina Schlossberg asked for feedback concerning format, time and whether they have any speakers. Dina and Michael Balent are anticipating a program in April.

Spring Social. Rick Vanderslice reports that Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House (15th & Chestnut Streets) appears to be within our budget and the Young Lawyers are going to cosponsor the event. Wally Zimolong may have a sponsor for the event. The Spring Social is tentatively scheduled for June 4.

Legislative Liaison Committee. Cheryl Gaston agreed to be our Section's representative.

New Business.

Christine advised us that VIP is providing a Quiet Title Training Program on March 6, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.

Christine and Judy Berkman reported on Philadelphia's new proposed revenue regulations which would potentially treat rent receipts by non-profits as unrelated incomes subject to taxation. In addition, Christine advised that there may be a provision applicable to REITs but no one in attendance was aware of those requirements. Judy reported that several non-profits have objected to this treatment.

The next meeting will be March 16, 2009 at 12:00 (not 12:15) p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.