

Minutes of the September 2003 Executive Committee Meeting of the Cleveland Park Citizens Association

Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2003
Location: 2nd District Police Station, Auditorium
3320 Idaho Avenue, NW; Washington, DC 20016

Cleveland Park Citizens Association (“CPCA”) President George Idelson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. The following members of the Executive Committee were present: George Idelson, Peter Espenschied, Donald A. Fishman, Ana Aldama, Jean Van der Tak, Gilpin Walker and Pat Armbruster. Jeanne Ingram, was also present.

I. Approval of Past Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The Executive Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes of the June 17, 2003 meeting of the CPCA Executive Committee. The Executive Committee also briefly discussed whether or not to post executive committee minutes on the CPCA website; general meeting minutes are currently being posted to the website. The decision will be left to the president.

II. Cleveland Park Library 50th Anniversary Celebration

The next order of business was a general overview by Jeanne Ingram and Jean Van der Tak of the upcoming events planned on Saturday, November 1, 2003 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Cleveland Park Library. The “Friends of the Library” group is planning to have local author book signings as part of the celebration and is already conducting an art competition. The group is also planning to sell mugs, T-shirts, and a “Cleveland Park Cookbook” currently being developed. CPCA’s general November meeting at the library will be part of the 50th anniversary celebration. The Friends of the Library group will be running the event with help from CPCA and the Cleveland Park Historical Society. The Executive Committee considered and passed a motion for CPCA to co-sponsor, with Friends of the Library and the Cleveland Park Historical Society, the 50th anniversary celebration.

III. Matters for October 4, 2003 General Meeting

The next order of business was a discussion of possible topics for CPCA’s next general meeting on Saturday, October 4, 2003. Mr. Idelson discussed the possible topics for the meeting. First, WMATA would like to make a presentation regarding possible light rail transit solutions currently being considered by WMATA. Second, Sam Bost of the DC Public Service Commission would like to make a presentation regarding District utility bills and energy programs. Third, there would be a discussion of possible changes to the District’s R-5-D residential zoning category, which includes certain Cleveland Park buildings such as the Kennedy Warren and the Broadmoor. Finally, Mr. Idelson would like to invite Gottfried Simon of the DC City Council to make a presentation regarding the city’s Advisory Neighborhood Commissions. Mr. Idelson stated that he would consider all four of these items in the October 4, 2003 agenda.

IV. Donations

The final order of business was consideration of two requests for donations, one from the DC Federation of Civic Associations Scholarship Fund and the other from the NCRC Fund. Ms. Walker described the Federation of Civic Associations Scholarship Fund, which creates

partial college scholarships for local students. The Executive Committee elected to give \$100 to the Federation of Civic Associations Scholarship Fund.

Next, Mr. Idelson described the NCRC Fund, set up by the neighbors group opposing the expansion plans of the NCRC School. Money was needed to cover costs such as attorneys fees. While CPCA had earlier voted to oppose the expansion, the executive committee deemed it inappropriate to expend association funds for issues that tend to divide the community.

V. New Business

Pat Armbruster reported that membership renewals were coming in rapidly.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Fishman and George Idelson