

CLEVELAND PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting December 18, 2014

Attending: Ruth Caplan, Christopher Fioravante, Ann Hamilton, John Korbel, Margaret Lenzner, Karen Lightfoot, Clark Madigan, Gina Polidoro, Mark Rosenman, Andrew Sens, Susie Taylor.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15. Minutes of the November 10, 2014 board meeting were approved.

Membership Committee. Ann Hamilton said 2014-15 renewals are still coming in, with 298 memberships to date from 124 households (248 members) and 50 individuals. It was agreed to review membership in January and decide then how to pursue non-renewers.

Website: Christopher Fioravante reported 1048 unique website visitors in November, up from 950 in October, with Giant/Cathedral Commons the most visited pages. [The new Giant Foodstore opened on November 6.] He noted that 11 podcasts were accessed.

Boundaries expansion. Christopher raised the question of expanding CPCA's boundary west of Wisconsin Avenue. Ann Hamilton and Margaret Lenzner described history of residents west of Wisconsin in Giant redevelopment planning; Ann said that some felt CPCA ignored their concerns. Margaret advocated for expansion to include residents in the triangle bounded by Newark/Macomb, Massachusetts Ave. and Wisconsin Ave. who are not represented by any association now; she said that McLean Gardens and Vaughn Place residents have a homeowners association to represent them now. Mark Rosenman pointed out that CPCA's western boundary includes Cathedral Commons, and said any expansion should include McLean Gardens and Vaughn Place.

John Korbel asked why CPCA wants to add new members. Gina Polidoro asked what fundamental change to CPCA would result from expansion. Mark pointed out that CPCA's focus on Connecticut Avenue would not be relevant to members living around Wisconsin Avenue, and Clark Madigan said that expansion would dilute CPCA's focus. Susie Taylor said we should coordinate with ANC3C and research where residents have no citizens, civic, or homeowners association. All agreed to defer further consideration.

Finance Report. Treasurer John Korbel reported that we have about \$32,000 in the bank. He said that revenue (membership dues and contributions) as well as expenses to date are below budget. Ruth Caplan pointed out that substantial membership is needed in order to weigh in credibly on an issue. Mark said we should look to increasing membership through new members as well as renewals, and suggested a survey of non-members.

Federation delegates. Gina Polidoro invited George Idelson to be a CPCA delegate to the Federation of Citizens Associations and will ask John Chelen to be the other delegate.

Ann Hamilton questioned the status of **Klingle Road's reconstruction** as a hiker/biker trail. Klingle was closed about 20 years ago because of deterioration. For decades before,

it was a paved road for vehicles and pedestrians connecting Woodley Road to Rock Creek Park at Porter Street. At Susie's suggestion, Gina Polidoro said she would write to Councilmember Cheh to inquire about the status of plans for Klinge.

Holiday Party. Susie Taylor announced that CPCA, CPHS and the Cleveland Park Club will host a holiday party on Sunday, December 22 at the CP Club.

Program Committee. Mark Rosenman reported on Winter 2015 membership meetings:

Jan 15, featuring Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh

Feb 19, Library renovation led by Gina Polidoro

Mar 19, Greening in response to climate change led by Ruth Caplan.

John Korbel suggested that local crime should be addressed at membership meetings.

Mark Rosenman said he is preparing a **Resolution** of thanks to Judy Hubbard who is retiring from her position representing Cleveland Park for Councilmember Cheh's office.

Mark described **Coppi's application to expand its ABRA license** to include entertainment and later closing at 2:00 am. He said the deadline for public comment is February 2, and ABRA's hearing is scheduled for February 17.

Susie Taylor reported that the **Connecticut Avenue Coalition** met with DDOT about long-planned improvements on Connecticut Avenue. She recommended that streetscape furniture, tree boxes and historic markers be accomplished as soon as possible. A solution for the water drainage problem by the eastside CP Metro station is awaiting agreement among Sam's Park & Shop landlord (FRIT), WASA, CPCA, ANC3C and CM Cheh.

Cleveland Park Library. Gina Polidoro said DCPL just released a 70-page Request for Proposal (RFP) with a schedule that does not allow for community input. Gina said she was shocked that the RFP was issued without notice to the community, and that CPCA will continue efforts to be involved in planning.

Susie Taylor reported that the **Alcohol & Beverage Regulation Administration** (ABRA) will propose procedural changes for notifying community representatives of applications. ANC commissioners from DuPont and Shaw have asked to take the lead on coordinating responses of Civic/Citizens associations.

Susie Taylor reported that the new executive director of the **Cleveland & Woodley Park Village** is Mark Ohnmacht, and that the Village will hold a Spring Fling on May 7.

The next board meeting will be on January 12, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Gina Polidoro's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Lenzner, Recording Secretary