

CLEVELAND PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
Board Meeting March 17, 2014

In attendance: Susie Taylor, Helen Chamberlin, John Korbel, Clark Madigan, Chris Fioravante, Jeff Davis, Mark Rosenman, Ann Hamilton, Gina Polidoro, Margaret Lenzner. Absent: Ruth Caplan.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm at Gina Polidoro's house.

Susie Taylor noted that Minutes of the February 10 meeting had been approved before via e-mail.

Chris Fioravante reported 282 unique visitors to the **CPCA website** in the last month (up 50 visitors from previous month), with 730 unique page views. The most visited pages were Giant, Cathedral Commons Update #5, farmers' markets, firehouse, and join/renew.

Gina Polidoro said she is working with Danna McCormick to identify "plug-ins" for a **virtual bulletin board** that will work with the CPCA website. She has no information on cost.

John Korbel gave the **Finance Report**. He said that year-to-date revenue from dues and gifts is less than 10% shy of annual budget. Operating and Membership/Outreach expenses are on track for this stage in the fiscal year. There was discussion about renewing USPS box and domain site or name; Danna McCormick and Barry Winer will be consulted.

Helen Chamberlin reported that she had sent notes to DC Fire & Emergency Medical Services (FEMS) and the Mayor's office re: scheduling a Spring event for the community to celebrate the reopening of **Engine 28** station. Noting that both agencies are preoccupied with pressing matters, she recommended no further action until after the April 1 primary election. Date is still TBD, but we will tentatively plan for May. Helen Chamberlin has written articles about Engine 28 for CPHS *Voices* and for an apartment house newsletter.

Susie Taylor reported that the **request by Yes! for a second story** is scheduled to be heard March 17 by ANC3C. It has been approved by the Architectural Review Committee of CPHS.

We discussed Ruth Caplan's **proposal to promote composting** in Cleveland Park and Compost Cab's offer of a discount for its collection service fee for CPCA members. Margaret Lenzner suggested that composting initiative needs the involvement of more homeowners in CP, and the discount by Compost Cab should be offered by that business and not by CPCA. Mark Rosenman said it's ok for CPCA to work with Compost Cab on a time-limited demonstration project with clear goals and parameters, but CPCA should not "partner" with Compost Cab. He said that encouraging composting is within CPCA's

mission and suggested there's no harm in making Compost Cab's offer available to CPCA members. John Korbel pointed out that benefits will accrue to Compost Cab which normally charges \$32 monthly per household subscriber. Helen Chamberlin suggested that Compost Cab might announce an "affinity program". Re: how Compost Cab will know who is a CPCA member, it was suggested that Ruth Caplan can check. Susie Taylor said that CPCA's next mailing and website can alert members to Compost Cab's service and discount offer. If April membership/community meeting is held at the Cleveland Park Club with focus on composting, as Ruth Caplan suggests, composting set-ups at Taylor and D'Amato homes are nearby for viewing.

Susie Taylor announced that the March 20 **Candidates' Forum** will be at John Eaton. She has announced the forum on the CP and CPCA listserves, and invited citizen to submit questions in advance by email to Mark Rosenman. Eaton will notify its school community of the event. She urged Board members to be there at 6:00 and plan to stay after the meeting to help clean up. There will be a short business meeting at 6:30 followed by the forum at 7:00. If a second police officer is not available, CPCA will be charged \$221.70 for DCPS security and \$75 to rent media feed. John O'Leary, a sound technician, is donating his services. Eaton custodians will be there until 9:00 pm without charge. She suggested that CPCA purchase (for up to \$300) and donate to Eaton a microphone as thanks. Chris Fioravante pointed out that CPCA has money allocated for a neighborhood grant, which could be used for one or more microphones. CPCA might also buy an ad in the Eaton auction catalog.

Mark Plotkin will moderate the forum. Each candidate will have three minutes to open. Plotkin will have 20 minutes to question them. He may use questions submitted by neighbors in advance. There will be 25 minutes for questions from the audience, and 15-20 minutes will be allocated for each candidate to ask one question of another.

Re: **ABRA**, Mark Rosenman said there has been no meeting with other citizens/civic associations because of unavailability and poor response. In the meantime, ABRA has announced a new approach for handling noise issues, and that bars and restaurants may now make and sell their own beers and other spirits.

Re: the **zoning rewrite**, Susie Taylor commented that OP's goal of simplification has not been met – the proposed new code is much longer than the old one. With the departure from OP of Harriet Tregoning, it's not clear what will happen next.

Susie Taylor announced that the **Cleveland Park Village** has now officially incorporated Woodley Park. A fundraiser for the Cleveland & Woodley Park Village will be held at the Broadmoor on May 1.

Gina Polidoro gave an update on the **CP library renovation**. Susie Taylor, Gina Polidoro, Judy Hubbard, Danny Ince (for CPHS), and architects Phil Eagleburger and Jane Treacy have visited the Georgetown and Tenley libraries to review those renovations. She noted that librarians feel they have not been listened to; current librarians have had no more than 1-2 years experience at those libraries. Friends of the

Cleveland Park Library's annual meeting, with representatives from DCPL, will be held on March 29 at 10 am at the CP library. Jill Bogard has posted a notice of this on the CP listserv inviting all to attend. Gina Polidoro is designing a survey to elicit comments about the Tenley renovation from that library's users and staff. It was noted that CP residents should be encouraged to express their views, and that DCPL may have plans that do not take into account community opinions.

Susie Taylor announced that Pam Korbel (Chair), Leila Afzal, Trish Savage and Jeff Davis will serve on the **Nominating Committee** to nominate a slate of six officers and five at-large members for the Board. Helen Chamberlin has agreed to be nominated for President. Jeff Davis has said he will not continue on the Board, and Susie Taylor will become an *ex officio* member for one year. All other Board members have agreed to serve or to seriously consider continuing.

Susie Taylor announced that the **next Board meeting** will be on Monday, April 7 at 6:30 pm at her house, unless another offers to host.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Lenzner, Recording Secretary