

**CLEVELAND PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting of Board of Directors**  
**March 18, 2013**

**Decisions Taken:**

- 1) Minutes of 2/18/13 board meeting were approved.
- 2) In the absence of Rachel Cox, Recording Secretary, Christopher Fioravante will record the minutes of the March 18 Meeting of Board of the Directors.
- 3) Mark Rosenman to identify a moderator for the April Membership Meeting At-Large candidate forum.
- 4) Ruth Caplan to compose a panel on sustainability and the city's waste management for the May Membership Meeting.
- 5) Susie Taylor and John Korbel to work with the IRS to correct the CPCA's 501c3 status.
- 6) Jeff Davis to contact neighboring citizens associations regarding neighborhood initiative fund disbursement procedures to draft procedures for the CPCA.
- 7) The April board meeting will take place at Susie Taylor's house on Tuesday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the Cleveland Park Citizens Association (CPCA) met at the home of Susie Taylor, with the meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2013. Present were: Susie Taylor, President; Ruth Caplan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; John Korbel, Treasurer; and Jeff Davis, Christopher Fioravante, Clark Madigan, Mark Rosenman, and Margaret Siegel, At-Large members. Ann Hamilton, Rachel Cox, and Ana Evans did not attend.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the board meeting of February 18, 2013, were approved as submitted. Christopher volunteered to record the minutes of the March 18 Meeting of Board of Directors.

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Alero Settlement Agreement:** The CPCA has concluded a Settlement Agreement with Alero (Los Amigos of DC, Inc.) regarding the restaurant's application to the Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) for an "Entertainment Endorsement." The Agreement stipulates that no more than 35 people will be admitted to one-day-a-week two-hour salsa lessons, on a Monday – Thursday. All other entertainment will not be permitted. Margaret, in her role as ANC Commissioner, will propose a resolution tonight recommending adoption of the Agreement by the ANC.

**April Membership Meeting:** The previously proposed April Membership Meeting on sustainability and the city's waste management will be postponed until May so as to allow for an At-Large candidate forum. Mark reported on the status of the invitations to the At-Large candidates and noted that he needed to identify a moderator for a forum. The Board proposed several names as possible moderators for the forum.

**May Membership Meeting:** To accommodate the April Membership Meeting's candidate forum, the May Membership Meeting will be on sustainability and the city's waste management, to include a discussion of the city's proposal for a garbage incinerator. The Board recommended

additional areas of interest regarding this topic, such as the city's lack of a unified recycling program. Ruth promised to look into these recommendations and move forward with composing a panel for the May Membership Meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

**501c3 Update:** John reported that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) revoked the CPCA's 501c3 status for failure to file a postcard tax return. The Board discussed this news at length and determined that the CPCA followed all applicable tax laws, as they were understood. John and Susie will work with taxation lawyers in the neighborhood to identify a course of action and correct the situation with the IRS as soon as possible.

**Neighborhood Initiatives:** Susie reminded the Board that \$3,000 of the CPCA's annual budget is set aside for "neighborhood initiatives," such as last year's seed money for the Cleveland Park Village. Susie noted that the CPCA should develop procedures and an approval process for the disbursement of this money. Jeff agreed to contact neighboring citizens associations to learn of their procedures and to draft procedures for the CPCA.

**Website:** Christopher reported that in February the CPCA's website had 772 unique pageviews, which was on par with previous months' number of unique pageviews. After the home page, the top five most popular pages according to pageviews were: Cleveland Park Village, Join or Renew, Useful Services, aMember Signup, and Our Neighborhood.

### **BROCHURE**

**Update:** Susie presented a draft update to the CPCA's brochure. The Board discussed the design and what information they believed should be included in the brochure. Susie will consider these recommendations and present a new draft at a later date.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Connecticut Avenue Coalition – Streetscape Project Status:** Susie informed the Board that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will begin construction on the midblock crosswalk in May/June. Susie noted that she has expressed to DDOT the importance of coordinating the time of the construction with local business. On a positive note, Susie reported that the construction at Connecticut Avenue and Ordway Street was complete and the intersection is now much safer.

**Aging in Place:** Susie reported that the Cleveland Park Village (CPV) has hired Susan Hester as its Executive Director. The CPV has met its fundraising and volunteer goals and continues to obtain new members. The CPV will commence membership services on May 1.

**Regulatory & Safety – Zoning Regulation Rewrite:** Susie informed the Board that she met with the Cleveland Park Historical Society (CPHS) to discuss the city's zoning regulation rewrite and to identify issues that may have an impact on Cleveland Park, with particular attention to the Historic District designation. Possible issues for the neighborhood include the treatment of

overlays, parking, accessory dwelling units, commercial-use in residential neighborhoods and density. CPCA and the CPHS contacted members of the Zoning Regulation Rewrite Task Force, as well as a professional zoning consultant, for their opinions about these possible issues. There was a consensus that the most significant issue to Cleveland Park was the treatment of overlays. The CPCA Board remains concerned about the additional possible zoning rewrite issues of parking and density, and will continue to monitor the rewrite closely.

## **NOMINATIONS**

**Committee and Board Candidates:** Susie reported that she will nominate Pamela Korbel as Chair of the Nominations Committee responsible for finding new Board candidates for 2013-2014. Susie will present her nomination to the membership in her April Letter from the President.

**Next meeting:** The April board meeting will take place at Susie's house on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christopher Fioravante  
At-Large Member