

CLEVELAND PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting May 5, 2014

In Attendance: Ruth Caplan, Helen Chamberlin, Christopher Fioravante, Margaret Lenzner, Clark Madigan, Gina Polidoro, Mark Rosenman, Susie Taylor.

Absent: Jeff Davis, Ann Hamilton, John Korbel

The meeting was called to order by Susie Taylor at 6:40 pm at Gina Polidoro's house. Minutes of the April 7 Board meeting were approved as corrected. It was noted that the next Board meeting date will have to be changed from June 2, the original date.

MEMBERSHIP

Christopher Fioravante reported that the **website** use reached new highs in April: 524 unique visitors and 1175 unique pageviews. Top five pages were: Farmers' Markets & CSAs; Giant/Cathedral Commons; and Living with Giant/Cathedral Commons Construction Updates 5, 6 and 7.

Discussion of website visitors' interest in Cathedral Commons and C&WP Village suggests that **CPCA boundaries** need to be reconsidered, but not now. Cleveland Park Library Renewal and Composting were added to the website's "Hot Topics". Susie Taylor suggested that invitation for membership initiatives and grant applications should be posted to the website given community interest, we should consider how to have a Cleveland Park Day in 2015; for now, the celebration of Engine 28's reopening will suffice. Since Christopher Fioravante is stepping down from his *de facto* position as Membership Committee chair, another Board member will have to take responsibility for preparing messages and other documents that Ann Hamilton, as Corresponding Secretary, will send out.

Gina Polidoro described the **plug-in for the "virtual community bulletin board"** that Danna McCormick, DLP has designed to allow participants to comment on various CPCA topics. There was discussion of whether participants need to log-in and how. Gina said the cost of the plug-in is TBD, and Susie pointed out that \$1500 is allocated in the budget for website.

CONNECTICUT AVENUE COALITION

Helen Chamberlin said that the celebration of **Engine 28's reopening** will be held on Sunday, June 8 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Plans will be made a planning committee including members from various community organizations and DC agencies. There will be a kick-off welcome and tours of the fire station and vehicles. The firefighters will grill hotdogs and hamburgers which CPCA will provide. Notice, including "save the date", will go out to the community and to local elementary and pre-schools.

Susie Taylor commented on the increasing number of **vacancies** in the CP commercial district. She said that rents are higher in CP than in some other city areas. There was discussion of the need to plan for next year a community-wide meeting re: the commercial district. The Connecticut Avenue Coalition consists of representatives of CPHS, CPBA, ANC3C, Councilmember Cheh (Judy Hubbard) and business owners, and is a committee of CPCA. Susie says that there has been no movement on finishing the streetscape.

GREENING

Ruth Caplan reported on the successful **composting** workshop on April 27 that drew about a dozen participants, some new to CPCA. Ruth's goals include increasing community composting and strengthening Councilmember Cheh's initiatives, with the ultimate goal of achieving municipal collection of compostable waste.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The **next membership meeting** will be held on May 15 at the CP library. DC Water will present on pressure reduction needed at some houses to counteract renovation at the Ft. Reno pumping station. The business meeting will follow with presentation of the slate of candidates for next year's CPCA Board. Helen Chamberlin, who will be nominated as President, is unable to attend but will provide a bio and photograph.

The **Annual Meeting** will be held on June 19. Susie Taylor and Mark Rosenman will invite leaders and representatives of various organizations and municipal agencies in our community to come for a "meet and greet".

ACTIVITIES

There was nothing new to report about ABRA, the Zoning Re-Write, or Cathedral Commons. Gina reported that the Mayor's proposed budget for renovation or reconstruction of the CP **library** has increased the allocation to \$15.6M from \$15.2M. A celebration of the Cleveland & Woodley Park Village is scheduled for Sunday, May 18 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Broadmoor, featuring Cokie Roberts as guest speaker. The NCS Usage Committee met without controversy.

LEADERSHIP SUCCESSION

Jeff Davis sent a report of the Nominating Committee which will nominated the following slate: Helen Chamberlin, President; 1st Vice President to be selected from among the at-large candidates; Christopher Fioravante 2nd VP; Ann Hamilton Corresponding Secretary; Margaret Lenzner Recording Secretary; John Korbel Treasurer; and Mark Rosenman, Clark Madigan, Ruth Caplan, Gina Polidoro, Andrew Sens and Karen Lightfoot as at-large members of the board. Jeff sent biographies of all the Board candidates, which will be posted onto the CPCA website.

Helen Chamberlin asked all board members to provide a brief written description of their duties and responsibilities.

Clark Madigan and his wife, Karen Davis, will host the next Board meeting in early June, probably on June 3, 16, 17 or 18. Clark will announce the date as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Lenzner, Recording Secretary