

CLEVELAND PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Meeting of Board of Directors
May 8, 2013

Decisions Taken:

- 1) Minutes of 4/16/13 board meeting were approved.
- 2) In the absence of Rachel Cox, Recording Secretary, Christopher Fioravante will record the minutes of the May 8 Meeting of Board of the Directors.
- 3) The Board will pursue additional information regarding DC Water's implementation of infrastructure improvements to mitigate pollution to the Chesapeake Bay and reported rate increases to fund these developments.
- 4) The Board will finalize the revised parking resolution's language via email. Susie Taylor will send the revised parking resolution to the membership via the CPCA Listserv and Christopher will post the text on the website prior to the May 16 Membership Meeting.
- 5) Susie will work with the Cleveland Park Historical Society to investigate a report that the draft zoning rewrite contains provisions that will change the treatment of overlays and, if true, address the issue with the Office of Planning.
- 6) Susie will post on the Cleveland Park Listserv about the new midblock crosswalk and remind drivers not to use the curb ramps as a cut-through between the service lane and Connecticut Avenue.
- 7) Susie will contact the NW Current regarding their printing of a May Membership Meeting notice and Ana will post a flyer for the meeting in the library.
- 8) The Board voted to award the Cleveland Park Village \$2,000 to support its mission in 2013.
- 9) The June board meeting will take place on Monday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the Cleveland Park Citizens Association (CPCA) met at the home of Ana Evans, with the meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, 2013. Present were: Susie Taylor, President; Ann Hamilton, 1st Vice President; Ruth Caplan, 2nd Vice President; Ana Evans, Corresponding Secretary; and Christopher Fioravante, Clark Madigan, and Margaret Siegel, At-Large members. John Korbel, Rachel Cox, Jeff Davis, and Mark Rosenman did not attend.

Minutes: The minutes of the board meeting of April 16, 2013, were approved as submitted. Christopher volunteered to record the minutes of the May 8 Meeting of Board of Directors.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Regulatory & Safety

DC Water Resolution: Susie reported that at the April Membership Meeting CPCA member Lindsley Williams reported to the membership on a Town Hall meeting convened by the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water). Lindsley reported that a recent federal court order requires all jurisdictions that pollute the Chesapeake Bay to mitigate their contributing factors. He has learned that DC residential and commercial property owners are likely to bear a disproportionate and unfair cost because DC Water would pay for the resolution

of its pollution contributing factors by increasing impervious area water bills, reportedly by as much as 100%. [Click here to read the April Membership Meeting Minutes which provide a more detailed synopsis of the issue.](#) Lindsley has continued to follow this matter closely. The Board reviewed a letter from Lindsley to DC Water explaining his concerns, as well as a draft resolution for the CPCA to consider. The Board held a lengthy discussion about the topic and the merits of proposing a resolution to the membership on the issue. The Board is grateful for Lindsley's attentiveness to this important issue and decided to pursue additional information on the topic before taking action.

Parking Resolution: The Board discussed the membership's response to the proposed parking resolution and agreed that it will move forward as planned with offering a resolution to the membership for consideration at the May Membership Meeting. The Board discussed revisions to the resolution and agreed that it would finalize the resolution's language via email. Susie will send the revised parking resolution to the membership via the CPCA Listserv and Christopher will post the text on the website prior to the May 16 Membership Meeting.

Alero Agreement: Susie reported that Alero has dropped its application for an "Entertainment Endorsement." Susie further reported that in order for citizens groups to receive notice from the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) of establishments' applications for permits and to participate in ABRA's proceedings, the group must first register with ABRA. Susie has registered the CPCA with ABRA and notice of all future neighborhood establishments' applications will be emailed to the CPCA's main email account.

Zoning Rewrite Update: As previously reported, Susie and Danny Ince, President, Cleveland Park Historical Society (CPHS), met with the Office of Planning (OP) regarding the organizations' concerns with the rewrite's treatment of overlays. OP responded that there would be no change to the treatment or effectiveness of overlays in the rewrite. However, contrary to this response from OP, the publicly released draft of the rewrite reportedly contains provisions that will change the treatment of overlays. Susie will work with the CPHS to investigate this report and, if true, address the issue with OP.

Connecticut Avenue Coalition

Streetscape Project Status: Susie reported that the midblock crosswalk was complete and that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) would activate the HAWK light tomorrow, May 9, to flash yellow for one week to accustom pedestrians and drivers to the new signal. After one week DDOT will make the signal fully operational. Susie reported that some motorists have used the crosswalk's curb ramp to drive between the service lane and Connecticut Avenue. Representatives of various neighborhood organizations are working with DDOT to secure a long-term solution to this problem, possibly the installation of planters. Additionally, members of the Connecticut Avenue Coalition have requested rumble strips and curb painting to further define the crosswalk in the service lane. Susie further reported that DDOT has not responded and, therefore, not confirmed whether or not the requests will be implemented.

Engine 28: Margaret reported that a meeting will be held on Friday, May 10, at Engine 28 between the Fire and EMS Department and representatives of various neighborhood organizations to provide an update on the status of the renovation.

Aging in Place: Susie reported that the Cleveland Park Village (CPV) began services on May 1 and has trained over 75 volunteers and enrolled over 50 members. The CPV, which also serves the Woodley Park neighborhood, recently met with the Woodley Park Civic Association to introduce their services. The CPV is currently searching for Board members from the Woodley Park neighborhood.

MEMBERSHIP

May Membership Meeting: Ruth reported that her preparations for the May Membership Meeting, which will investigate solid waste solutions for the city, are nearing completion and that the meeting's panelists are confirmed. Ruth is drafting questions to encourage discussion that she will circulate to the panelist prior to the meeting. Susie will contact the NW Current regarding their printing of a meeting notice and Ana will post a flyer for the meeting in the library. The May Membership Meeting will also feature nominations for the 2013-2014 Board and a vote on the parking resolution.

June Membership Meeting: Susie reported that the June Membership Meeting scheduled for June 20 will feature the annual State of the Association address and elections for the CPCA's 2013-2014 Board of Directors.

Outreach: Susie reported that Ruth will lead the redesign of the CPCA's brochure. In April the CPCA's website had 901 unique pageviews. After the home page, the top five most popular pages according to pageviews were: Contact Us, Our Neighborhood, Cleveland Park Village, Connecticut Avenue Streetscape, and Boundaries.

ADMINISTRATIVE

501c3 Update: Susie briefed the Board on an email sent by John earlier in the day. John continues to work with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to resolve the CPCA's 501c3 status. The IRS informed John that the timeline for adjudication of the CPCA's case is 60 days, not 30 days as they originally stated. The case is expected to be resolved by the end of May. Overall, the CPCA's budget is operating with a net gain for the year. Clark noted that the majority of the CPCA's expenses occur at the end of the fiscal year.

Cleveland Park Village Funding Request: Susie reported that Barbara Stevens, President, Cleveland Park Village (CPV), requested that the CPCA award to the CPV \$3,000 that the CPCA budgets annually for neighborhood initiatives. Susie reminded the Board that the CPV was the recipient of the CPCA's 2012-2013 \$3,000 award. After discussion, the Board voted, with Margaret recusing herself due to a conflict of interest, to award the CPV a final \$2,000 to support its mission in 2013.

NOMINATIONS

Committee and Board Candidates: Susie reported that Pamela Korbel, Chair of the Nominations Committee, has selected fellow Committee members and is in the process of identifying interested CPCA members to stand for election to 2013-2014 Board. The Board discussed the status of the nominations process and expressed confidence and support for the Committee's work to put forth capable candidates at the May Membership Meeting. The Board discussed the importance of identifying a parent of young children and a member with a strong relationship with the library as Board members.

CLEVELAND PARK DAY

New Leadership: Jeff posted on the Cleveland Park Listserv seeking leaders and volunteers for Cleveland Park Day 2013. Jeff will report to the Board on the responses he receives at a later date. The Board briefly discussed Cleveland Park Day and determined to make decisions regarding the event at a later date.

Next meeting: The June board meeting will take place on Monday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christopher Fioravante
At-Large Member