

CLEVELAND PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
Board of Directors Meeting September 15, 2014

The meeting was held at Susie Taylor's house and called to order at 7:30 pm.

In attendance: Ruth Caplan, Helen Chamberlin, Christopher Fioravante, Ann Hamilton, Margaret Lenzner, Karen Lightfoot, Clark Madigan, Gina Polidoro, Mark Rosenman, Andrew Sens, Susie Taylor.

Absent: John Korbel.

### **Work Plan Review and Approval**

The Work Plan for 2014-15 that President Chamberlin previously emailed was reviewed and accepted with amendments. Chamberlin will send a revised version for approval. It will be presented at the Membership Meeting on Thursday, September 18. Chamberlin noted that most of the text was from the 2013-14 Work Plan.

Ann Hamilton urged the Board to revisit CPCA's boundaries. Helen Chamberlin suggested that this should be considered by a committee. Hamilton also suggested that the reference under Governance to electronic voting should say, "Consider changes to voting procedure to allow electronic voting."

Margaret Lenzner suggested that the goal to "increase, retain & diversify" membership should focus on "stakeholder" residents, i.e., committed homeowners and tenants, recognizing that all CP residents should be encouraged to join.

The goal of "Accountable and Transparent Governance" was clarified to indicate that Board members should be educated to comprehend the Bylaws and adhere to them.

The various items under "Community Engagement" were discussed and generally approved. Some modifications were noted, to be incorporated in the "CPCA Committee Charters" document. Specifically, Ruth Caplan recommended language for "Greening."

### **CPCA Committee Charters**

The document describing CPCA's committees was reviewed in detail, and leadership roles were identified.

Christopher Fioravante, Gina Polidoro and Karen Lightfoot will handle **Membership**, with assistance from veteran Ann Hamilton. Gina Polidoro will handle some technology issues that are under this rubric.

Helen Chamberlin will take charge of **Governance**.

John Korbel, as Treasurer, will oversee **Finance**, with assistance from Clark Madigan. It was noted that a successor Treasurer should be identified.

Mark Rosenman agreed to continue to lead **Programming**. Susie Taylor and Christopher Fioravante agreed to assist.

Helen Chamberlin will take responsibility for **DC City / Federal Government Engagement**. It was recommended that other members should be recruited to assist.

Susie Taylor and Andrew Sens agreed to take charge of the **Connecticut Avenue Coalition**.

Gina Polidoro will continue to oversee the **Cleveland Park Library Renovation**.

Ruth Caplan will continue to advance **Greening**, with assistance from other interested members. Caplan urged Chamberlin to revise the Greening description to reflect Caplan's proposed language. (See her email of Sept. 16, 2014.)

For the **Rock Creek Conservancy**, Karen Lightfoot will represent CPCA for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events in 2015.

The **September Membership Meeting** will be held on September 18 at the Cleveland Park Library, with a brief business meeting before a forum featuring candidates for the position of DC Attorney General, who will be elected for the first time this November. All five candidates have agreed to participate, and local attorney Bill Taylor will moderate. Helen Chamberlin will introduce Mr. Taylor.

The proposed Work Plan document will be made available to members at the meeting, to be discussed and voted on at the October membership meeting.

There was discussion of the format for the forum. Candidates will each have a few minutes to present themselves, Mr. Taylor will ask a few questions, some time will be allocated for audience questions, and the meeting must conclude by 8:30 pm.

Helen Chamberlin urged Board members to take responsibility for setting up and cleaning up. Andrew Sens and Christopher Fioravante offered to come at 6:30 pm to set up. Mark Rosenman will provide name placards, and Helen Chamberlin will provide individual water bottles for the candidates. Helen will ask Gabe Fineman to podcast the meeting. All Board members were asked to stay to be sure that the meeting room is returned to the original condition after the meeting concludes.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the May 5, 2014 and June 17, 2014 Board meetings were circulated by email. Motions were made to approve them. The motions were seconded and approved unanimously.

Since **Board Meetings** should be held on the Monday of the week before the monthly Membership Meetings, which are to occur on the third Thursday of each month, it was agreed that CPCA Board meetings will be held on October 6, November 10, and December 8. The October 6 meeting will be at Ann Hamilton's house at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Lenzner, Recording Secretary