

Dear fellow CPCA members,

As you know, CPCA plays many roles in its efforts to promote and protect the vitality, diversity, and tree-lined, historic character of Cleveland Park. Although COVID has continued to limit our ability to host our distinctive in-person community programming, we have been exceptionally busy over the past year, working to engage you, our members, and advocating to make Cleveland Park an inclusive, vibrant community.

Following are some examples of CPCA's educational, advocacy, and community engagement initiatives over the past year. None of this would have been possible without the support and participation of our members like you.

Thank you as always for your continued support and looking forward to the year ahead,



Barr Weiner
President



CPCA Fiscal Year 2021 Highlights

- **Ward 3 Redistricting:** When preliminary maps began to emerge that would have essentially split Cleveland Park between two different ANCs - 3C and a new 3A - CPCA played a leading advocacy role at the Task Force, Council Subcommittee, and Council levels to 'Stop the Split'. We organized a coalition of community organizations from across the Ward - *Neighborhood Voices* - to produce an alternative to the Task Force proposal. CPCA President Barr Weiner testified before the District Council Subcommittee on Redistricting, and CPCA and other coalition representatives made our case directly to five different Council members. As a result of our advocacy, District Council Members held two face-to-face meetings in Cleveland Park with our members and neighbors. And in the end, CPCA's work was instrumental in winning major concessions on the final map, keeping the vast majority of Cleveland Park together in ANC 3C, and several other Ward 3 neighborhoods fully or largely intact within single ANCs.
- **L1 Bus Restoration:** Together with ANCs 3C and 3F, CPCA undertook a multifaceted advocacy effort aimed at restoring funding for the L1 bus line in WMATA's operating budget. In addition to our own direct advocacy with WMATA, CPCA alerted D.C. Council Member Cheh, in her capacity as both Chair of the Council's transportation committee as well as Council Member for Ward 3, to the issue. We also organized a member letter-writing initiative. Unfortunately, L1 service has not been restored, though L2 service was augmented. This and other public transportation issues will remain on the CPCA agenda for the coming year.



- **Pedestrian Safety Survey:** CPCA conducted a comprehensive [member survey](#), designed by Board Member Mike Rifer, focused on pedestrian mobility and pedestrian safety issues in Cleveland Park. We received 100 member responses, highlighting a number of trouble spots. We have shared the findings with the ANC 3C Transportation Subcommittee and DDOT, and this issue will remain on our agenda for the coming year including in relation to our ongoing advocacy on the Connecticut Avenue traffic redesign.
- **Funding enforcement of conditions for development projects:** CPCA supported the Macklin development project at 3400 Newark St, on the condition that the developer work in good faith with the community to address legitimate concerns. The developer agreed to certain conditions for the project to proceed, which were captured as part of the Board of Zoning Adjustment’s authorization for the work. The project includes additional apartments, townhomes, and retail space. Because the project would not provide any new parking, one condition was that residents of the property not be able to obtain residential parking permits. DDOT stated it would not enforce such zoning conditions without funding. CPCA advocated for the D.C. Council to pass legislation to fund enforcement, on the grounds that failure to enforce such zoning conditions would undermine confidence in, and reliance upon, negotiation to address community concerns and enable development to proceed. CPCA engagement on this issue will continue in the coming fiscal year.
- **Greening Committee:** CPCA sponsored a Zoom talk at the start of the planting season with CP neighbor and “Nuts for Natives” blogger Shari Wilson on “Planting with Natives.” This was followed up with a “Walk and Talk” for interested CPCA members with Shari Wilson in her own and a neighbor’s gardens on a Saturday morning in May.
- **Virtual Town Hall:** Due to Covid restrictions, this year’s CPCA sponsored town hall was held per zoom in late September and open to all residents of Cleveland Park. Invited to address neighbors briefly at the outset were Phil Thomas, President of the DC Federation of Citizens Associations, who talked about citywide concerns, and Briget Heidmous of Femme Fatale, a newcomer to the CP business district, who talked about living and working in CP.
- **Ward 3 Candidates Forum:** CPCA once again hosted an in-person and live-streamed candidates forum – this year for the Ward 3 Council Member seat, which drew a large field due to CM Cheh’s announcement that she would not seek reelection. Nearly all of the declared candidates participated in the Forum, which was organized by CPCA Board Member Hans Miller and emceed by Board Member John Korbel. More than seventy neighbors attended and many more streamed the discussion online. In addition to the forum itself, CPCA circulated a list of follow-up questions to develop and clarify candidate positions. A chart of the candidates’ responses is available on the CPCA website, and was shared via the Cleveland Park listserv and with neighborhood organizations from throughout Ward 3.



- **Cathedral Commons Tree Lighting:** CPCA helped promote and participated in the Cathedral Commons Tree Lighting event in early December with an information table and raffle with prizes generously donated by Wisconsin Avenue stores and restaurants.
- **Cleveland Park Farmers Market Composting:** For several years, CPCA and others have supported the idea of offering composting to the community so that those who are unable to compost at home, or prefer not to, can still do so. The Cleveland Park Main Street found a vendor willing to take compostables without charge at the Farmers Market, but funding was needed to support the effort. CPCA matched public donations, providing half of the required start-up funding. The program began at last year's Farmers Market and continues today.
- **Supporting the Brooks Family Shelter:** CPCA actively participated in the planning for the Brooks Family Shelter on Idaho Avenue, and had planned to remain active at the shelter when it opened. However, COVID changed those plans. Nonetheless, CPCA has continued its efforts, led by Board Members Elizabeth Ferenczi and Jennifer Ward, to support the shelter and its residents, for example through modest contributions for holiday events and back-to-school supplies.
- **Partnering with the Rosedale Conservancy for Neighborhood Events:** CPCA has supported the Rosedale Conservancy since its inception, holding a seat on its board. However, the relationship had not been particularly active for some time. The CPCA Board was impressed with the variety and quality of public events sponsored by Rosedale and offered to help support these activities going forward, contributing funds and volunteers. This year, we co-sponsored a kids movie night and the annual picnic.
- **Support for the Connecticut Avenue business corridor:** CPCA continued to focus attention on the well-being of the Connecticut Avenue business corridor as we continue to work our way out of COVID and in anticipation of major construction projects, most immediately for the Streetscape redesign. Having helped establish the Cleveland Park Main Street, CPCA continues to have representatives on its Neighborhood Strategy Council to help guide the Mainstreet's efforts to assist our local businesses. CPCA also participated in efforts to engage landlords to facilitate collaborative engagement with the businesses. And CPCA co-sponsored this spring's Uptown Shuffle - Board Member Carol Lynn Bamford assisted the planning - to attract folks to the business strip and promote community spirit and goodwill.

