

CLEVELAND PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Meeting of Board of Directors
January 30, 2012

Membership. Ann reported that there are currently 160 couples and 71 individual members who have paid their dues for a total of 391. There are 175 2010 members that have not renewed in 2011. Ann and Anna will work on renewals.

Meetings. The February 16th meeting is about raising children in Cleveland Park (C-P). We are still for ideas for this meeting. The idea is to get younger people involved in the CPCA. Ways to jumpstart parental interaction were discussed, including coordinating carpooling to activities and if we should provide child care at the meeting.

The March 15th meeting will be on Ward 3 demographics and the upcoming primaries. We have an increasing number of people over 65 than a decade ago and this may be affecting the neighborhood. We intend to invite candidates for contested positions in the primaries in Ward 3 or At-Large city wide. There was also discussion of inviting ANC members to discuss the changes in ANC and Single Member District boundaries.

The April 19th meeting will be on sustainability in C-P and will probably discuss Smart Meters being installed by Pepco.

Form Letters. Susie circulated the form letters for people joining or renewing or contributing to the CPCA. There was discussion and agreement that people would mail comments to Susie.

Federations. Membership of the CPCA in the two Federations was discussed.

The Federation of Citizens Associations is seeking nominations for outstanding Activist of the Year. It was proposed that Nancy MacWood be nominated by the CPCA. There was a discussion of nominating a Nancy for this award and, with only two dissenting votes (Gabe Fineman and Jeff Davis), the Board voted to nominate Nancy MacWood for the D.C. Federation of Citizens Association Outstanding Activist of the Year.

Finances. John reported on the cash position of the CPCA. He reported that he was still having problems understanding how to use QuickBooks. Susie agreed to post a notice on the Listserve to try and find a volunteer to help.

McFadden's. It was reported that there was still no answer to our letters from either East Coast Saloons or the owner of the property.

It appears that the residential portion of the property is being sold to a company that will add 17 more residential units that have already been zoned. There was a discussion of more suitable tenants to lease the commercial spot occupied by Four Fields.

Connecticut Avenue. Susie described interest among some of the merchants in the Cleveland Park Business Association (CPBA) to start a delivery service to serve the neighborhood based on input from our last membership meeting. The CPBA is also considering supporting the City Community Courts program to get first time offenders to do community service by sprucing up the C-P commercial strip. The tree scape project had Susie and others marking new tree box areas (in the rain) with cans of spray paint and almost at once the sidewalk was being town up to enlarge these tree boxes. There was agreement that we needed to get the DDoT to have the same sense of urgency in getting the Study started.

Aging in Place. It was reported that we may see some progress on this project soon.

Regulatory. Gene reported on the Regulatory Committee now includes Jeremy Sher and Nancy MacWood as new members. Gene gave a full explanation of law on on-line gambling. There was a long discussion about the procedures in implementing the law, if it should be repealed and the morality of gambling. It was decided to post to the Listserve asking for opinions on the gambling law.

There was a discussion of the mobile roadway food vending regulations (food trucks) and if the CPCA should take a stand. The new regulations provide business owners can form a district to regulate these trucks. No decision was taken.

Zoning Overlay. Susie went to the DCRA with two ANC Commissioners (Lala and Nancy) to complain about the poor definitions and enforcement of the zoning overlay on the Connecticut Avenue commercial strip.

Nominating Committee. Pam Korbel has agreed to head up the Nominating Committee.

Traffic Enforcement Plan for Ward 3. Susie reported that the Police Chief agreed that there was a 'huge' connection between traffic problems and crime. Susie also reported that there were traffic hot spots that changed during the day (such as where mothers were rushing to pick up kids) and that there was a need to identify them. It was suggested that we needed to inform the membership and to get them to help identify such spots. It was agreed that the CPCA should create an interactive map on the listserve that identifies accident prone intersections

The One City Summit was discussed.

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 20, at 6:30 p.m. at Susie's house. The meeting was adjourned about 8:30 pm