



October 14, 2013

Dear CPCA Members,

What happened to Cleveland Park Day? Sadly, as plans needed to take shape last spring, we realized we simply lacked the volunteer commitment necessary to produce such a large event. But have no fear; CPCA is actively collaborating with other neighborhood organizations in planning a “welcome back” celebration of our beloved fire station, Engine 28. As soon as we know the construction completion date, we will announce the event.

Many thanks to Vice President Helen Chamberlin for leading September’s meeting. And also thanks to Council member Mary Cheh for engaging the attendees in a robust conversation about changes in the city and in Cleveland Park. You can listen to the meeting via podcast on our website, <http://www.cpcadc.org/>

We are very pleased to welcome At-large City Council member David Catania as our featured speaker this Thursday, October 17. He is chair of the newly established Committee on Education, which is responsible for all matters related to public education. This includes authorizing public charter schools and public libraries.

Council Member David Catania
Public School Options in DC

Thursday, October 17, 2013

CLEVELAND PARK LIBRARY -- 1ST FLOOR MEETING ROOM
6:30 pm to 7:00 pm - CPCA Business meeting
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm – Program

Refreshments will be served

Parents with school-age children have a wide spectrum of choices for educating their children in Washington DC. What is in store for public education? For answers to broad-spectrum questions like, “What is the vision for the future?” to a localized, “How do you enroll a child in a Charter School?”, come to Thursday’s meeting!

Mark Your Calendar for November 21. We will announce the topic for our November meeting soon on the CPCA listserv. Meanwhile, be sure to mark your calendar now.

Service Lane: The Connecticut Avenue Transportation Study continues to take center stage. The primary focus is on the service lane. Two petitions are being vigorously circulated -- one to keep the service lane as-is, and the other to eliminate it. Of course a central issue is parking availability. The Cleveland Park Business Association has made a clear declaration that it opposes eliminating the service lane. It maintains that the parking provided by the lane is critical to the commercial area's survival. DDOT and its consultant, Rhodeside and Harwell, have submitted two additional possible configurations. The two public meetings hosted by DDOT have not provided the kind of exchange of ideas that many long for. CPCA will schedule at least one special meeting of its membership to meet and discuss this critical decision in depth. Please stay tuned for dates and times.

Zoning: Many of you know that the Office of Planning has submitted to the Zoning Commission its draft of a massive re-write of the city's zoning regulations. The Zoning Commission has scheduled public hearing during the first half of November, and CPCA has signed up to testify twice. First, we will testify on November ___ about parking, reiterating the membership's resolution that the proposed zoning changes are premature. Changes to parking policy must come only after the DDOT's study is finalized, consideration is given to individual neighborhood characteristics, and public transportation capability is improved. Second, we will testify in collaboration with the Cleveland Park Historical Society about concerns relating to changes in Neighborhood Commercial Overlay Districts, particularly after being assured by representatives of the Office of Planning that there would be no changes to the current language. You are welcome to express your views, on these or other issues, either by submitting written testimony or presenting oral testimony. To learn how, please visit <http://dcoz.dc.gov/main.shtm>

Finally, it's membership renewal time. Huge thanks to the 100+ members who have already renewed. Membership rates have not changed in years. It's the best deal in town! Only \$15 per year for an individual and \$20 per year for a household. Remember renewals, new memberships and contributions can be processed electronically via our website at [.](#) Remember, too, that CPCA is a 501(c)3 organization. Your membership dues and any contribution are tax deductible.

We look forward to seeing you on the 17th.

Best regards,

Susie

Susie Taylor, President, and the CPCA Board

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