



April 9, 2013

Dear CPCA Members,

Welcome spring! Before long, summer will be upon us and that means it's election time for CPCA. CPCA's ability to develop interesting meeting topics, accurately represent the community, and foster initiatives to improve our quality of life is utterly dependent on the time and commitment of its Board members. Our Board has 11 members, including 6 officers and 5 at-large members. Some of our valuable and hard-working members will be stepping down this year. Please keep our 100-year-old Association active and relevant by volunteering to serve on the Nominating Committee or the Board. Pam Korbelt has graciously agreed to chair the Nominating Committee. You may contact her at PKorbelt261@aol.com or 202 744 5378.

Wondering who to vote for in the upcoming At-Large City Council special election? I am pleased to announce that CPCA will host a forum for all the At-Large City Council candidates on Thursday evening, April 18th, which is the last Thursday before the election. **Mark Plotkin**, esteemed political commentator and analyst, has graciously agreed to serve as moderator. No one knows more about the inner machinations of DC's politics than Mark, and I'm certain it will be an informative and lively evening! All candidates will appear except Anita Bonds, who unfortunately has a prior commitment. Everyone in the community is invited. Please mark your calendars now, plan to attend, and come armed with questions.

At-Large City Council Candidate Forum

GUEST MODERATOR:

Mark Plotkin

Thursday, April 18, 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 - Forum

Refreshments will be served

Our February meeting on "Taxation Without Representation – Is Statehood the Answer" was a fascinating program led by former Mayor Anthony Williams, who provided a succinct synopsis of the history of DC's evolution specifically as well as of worldwide urban areas in general. You can listen to the program in its entirety by downloading the podcast at cpcadc.org

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Our May 16th membership meeting, sponsored by CPCA's Greening Committee, will take an in-depth look at the city's plans for handling its solid waste, contrasting a possible solid waste incinerator with enhanced recycling and composting. Cities like Portland OR and San Francisco CA are way ahead of us. Can we catch up?

I also have an exciting update on the Cleveland Park Village. The Village Board has hired Susan Hester as it's founding Executive Director and will launch services on May 1st. Susan will attend our April 18th membership business meeting and give a brief report.

Thanks to all of you who provided feedback on the proposed settlement agreement with Los Amigos of DC, Inc. (a.k.a. Alero). I am delighted to tell you that agreement was reached easily, quickly, and without rancor. Alero will offer the new entertainment it wants. It will continue to serve great Mexican-themed food and add a new evening activity to the Connecticut Avenue mix. Alero has agreed to offer salsa lessons only one night a week and no other entertainment, eliminating any concern about peace, order, and quiet in the neighborhood. Alero has shown itself to be a caring member of our Cleveland Park community. We have learned that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board may well request some modifications to the agreement. We will update you when we know more.

As you can see, work is underway to construct Connecticut Avenue's new mid-block crosswalk. This has been a long time coming. I want to praise DDOT, particularly its engineering staff, and the Cleveland Park Business Association, particularly its Co-President Susan Lihn (owner of Wake Up Little Suzie), for the many hours they have spent fine-tuning the design, interfacing with our local business owners, and clarifying the construction schedule. We are all lucky to live in a community of caring neighbors!

See you on the 18th!

Best regards,

Susie

Susie Taylor and the CPCA Board

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