

CLEVELAND PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Membership/Community Meeting
November 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm by Ruth Caplan, President, at Adas Israel.

BUSINESS MEETING

- Minutes of the September 10, 2017 Membership/Community meeting were approved.
- Treasurer, Barr Weiner, reported strong income from membership renewals this year. The budget for 2017-18 was approved.
- The 2017-18 Work Plan, circulated by Ruth, was approved. She noted the need to follow up issues re: LED streetlights, Hearst Park renovation, proposed swimming pool plans, Connecticut Avenue improvements, and coordination with other community organizations such as Cleveland Park Business Association (CPBA) and Cleveland Park Historical Society (CPHS), and citywide engagement with the Federations of Civic and Citizens Associations, including testimony.
- Mark Rosenman said CPCA agreed to purchase 50 logo Cleveland Park t-shirts. Susan Lihn (CPBA) is negotiating the production of the t-shirts which will be sold by neighborhood organizations for their benefit.
- Alice Kelley updated on Hearst Park renovation plans (<https://dgs.dc.gov/page/hearst-park-and-pool-improvement-project>), referring to ANC3F's meeting on November 11 and a city meeting scheduled for November 16 at Hearst School. Alice said (a) the city arborist's preliminary findings that heritage trees would not be affected by construction of a pool on the tennis courts contradicts the conclusion of an independent arborist engaged by Friends of Hearst Park; and (b) questions remain about hydrology studies and mitigation of storm water runoff east from Hearst through DDOT's Idaho Ave. right of way, Springland Lane, and Melvin Hazen Park.
- Ruth Caplan, reporting on the planned Ward 3 shelter, said that DGS worked with ANC3C commissioner Bradbury and McLean Gardens to specify on-street parking spaces for police vehicles during construction of the 3-level garage needed to make space for the shelter to be built on the 2nd District MPD site. (See <http://anc3c.org/2017/10/temporary-police-parking-plan-garage-construction-details/>)
- Ruth invited members to suggest topics for CPCA to consider and/or address this year.

At 7:15 pm, Ruth Caplan opened the **Membership/Community meeting, "Looking Down the Avenue"**. A **podcast of the full meeting** is available on our website, www.cpcadc.org under Minutes.

Ruth introduced Sybongile Cook of the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development, Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh. Phil Eagleburger gave an update on

the new library construction and Jennifer Ward spoke about the successful Farmers' Market on Connecticut Avenue that launched last spring.

Ms. Cook described the city's Great Streets Initiative that's designed to transform emerging corridors. Thirteen retail priority areas have been identified with the goal of creating new jobs through new businesses and supporting existing ones. Implementation of strategies for the CP commercial strip as outlined in the 2016 DMPED market analysis is planned for this fiscal year. (See www.greatstreets@dc.gov.)

Jane Treacy described the Cleveland Park Business Association's work through four committees established last spring that involve over 100 volunteers. Susie Zimmerman reported for the Promotion & Marketing committee, Bob Ward for Economic Vitality, Susie Taylor for Streetscape, and Anna Ravin for the Resources committee. Beau Finley described the problematic drainage issues.

Mary Cheh discussed the report of the roundtable discussion she held last July with Councilmember McDuffie regarding the Cleveland Park commercial district. The report can be found at <http://marych eh.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Cleveland-Park-Report.pdf>.

After questions from the audience, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Lenzner, Recording Secretary