

CLEVELAND PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting December 5, 2017

In Attendance: Ruth Caplan, Phil Eagleburger, Elizabeth Ferenczi, Ann Hamilton, Alice Kelley, John Korbel, Margaret Lenzner, Mark Rosenman, Susie Taylor, Jennifer Ward, Barr Weiner.

Ruth Caplan called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. The draft agenda was approved. We agreed the next Board meeting will be on January 9 instead of on the first Tuesday.

Minutes of the November 7 Board meeting were approved. We agreed to defer discussion of Minutes policies to the January meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Barr Weiner circulated the FY18 budget. He reported that CPCA has \$1M liability insurance through Traveler's and \$500K officers and directors insurance through Chubb. We agreed that is sufficient.

Membership. Ruth said there are 228 members, with 94 household memberships counted as 186. She will send acknowledgements thanking those who contributed \$50 or more over membership dues. Barr pointed out that we have received \$1000 in contributions so far and budgeted \$1500. Sarah Handwerger will add names of non-members who attended the November community meeting to list of non-renewers to solicit. It was agreed to mail to non-renewers and potential new members in January.

Ruth proposed a **Community/Membership meeting** in January to discuss US Postal Service (USPS) issues in light of problems reported on the CP Listserv. Ruth has spoken with Salvatore Vacca, USPS Regional Manager. Discussion included the suggestion of adding National Park Service land use to enlarge the agenda. Alice Kelley pointed out that policies of NPS and other federal departments, such as Connecticut Avenue's reversible lane, impact the neighborhood. Jennifer Ward's **motion** to have Ruth move forward with plans for a positive meeting re: USPS on January 18 was approved with two abstentions.

Other topics suggested for Membership meetings included a Public Bank (Green Finance Bank), green gardening, and development density. Elizabeth Ferenczi urged that CPCA membership events should be fun, offering positive reasons to get together.

Farmers' Market. Ruth will talk with Compost Cab about picking up neighbors' compost bags at the Farmers' Market as they do at others'. Susie Taylor proposed staffing a CPCA community table at the market at least once a month.

Consultant job. There was much discussion of Elizabeth's proposal for the consultant job description. Elizabeth said she spoke with Sarah Handwerger who Elizabeth said is proficient with AMember and posting to our website. They agreed that Sarah needs more specific direction. Ruth and Ann Hamilton are Sarah's regular contacts, and Board

members may ask her to post specific material. Ann said we need to provide a short task list with due dates. John Korbel suggested that we should expect to pay the consultant a set amount monthly. Elizabeth thinks that 20 hours per month is too much time. Last year, we paid only \$1700 for the entire year. Margaret Lenzner reminded each Board member to review the website regularly. A Motion by Ruth to adopt the job description in general as to what we'd like to have done was approved with one dissent.

Social Media. Ruth raised the question of live-streaming Membership/Community meetings via Facebook or YouTube via CPCADC.org. Bob Ward has said he could facilitate. Barr said he thinks it's a good idea for outreach and "optics". Mark Rosenman agreed to research possible legal issues. Alice and Elizabeth agreed to look into use of Facebook and other social media.

Idaho Avenue Family Shelter. Ruth reported on the November 30 Shelter Task Force meeting where "good neighbor agreements" between Dept of General Services and service providers on one hand and neighbors were discussed. The agreement will refer only to the outside of the building.

Leaf blowers. Ruth referred to a change.org petition to urge the DC Council to schedule a hearing on the bill to limit use of gas-powered leaf blowers.

Hearst Park & Pool. Alice Kelley reported on the latest plans for Hearst Park and the proposed pool that were presented by officials from DC Dept. of General Services (DGS) and Dept. of Parks & Recreation (DPR) at a community meeting on November 16. She said that besides efforts to mitigate perennial drainage problems on the Hearst field and stormwater runoff to areas downhill from the field, the project now includes providing more shade in the playground adjacent to Hearst School. Although final approval of a pool must await findings of various tests and environmental impact studies and would not begin until 2019, the community was offered a first glimpse at what new tennis courts and a pool at Hearst Park might look like. The next community meeting on Hearst Park is expected to take place in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Lenzner, Recording Secretary