

CLEVELAND PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting February 6, 2018

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

Absent: Ann Hamilton, Mark Rosenman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by Ruth Caplan, President. The agenda was approved.

Treasurer's Report. Reviewing the budget to date, Barr Weiner reported revenue totaling about \$6000 from member dues, donations (about \$550), and T-shirt sales (\$430). Expenses totaled about \$3000.

Membership. Ruth reported that she and Ann Hamilton mailed about 92 renewal solicitation letters at the end of January. She suggested that we email renewal solicitations for FY19 next September and follow up with letters to non-renewers in October. Alice Kelley suggested door-to-door solicitation in the Fall.

Margaret Lenzner and Alice presented a draft new membership brochure. Ruth encouraged addition of one or more photos. Susie Taylor said she would provide contact information for a designer to assist production.

Comprehensive Plan. Ruth asked what, if anything, CPCA should do about the proposed new Comprehensive Plan. She said that the City Council will hold a hearing on March 20 on the 60-page Framework Element proposed by the Office of Planning (OP). In response to OP's invitation, over 3000 amendments to revise the 2006 Comprehensive Plan were submitted by citizens and groups.

- Susie Taylor explained that the Framework Element has three categories: maps & text, narrative, and guiding principles. OP's proposal includes changes to maps & text and narrative. Susie added that the proposal identifies "underutilized" development opportunities on Wisconsin and Connecticut Avenues.
- Phil Eagleburger said the maps for Cleveland Park are not logical. He said the overriding principle of inclusivity was not changed, and that there is room to grow under the 2006 Comp Plan.
- Jennifer Ward said OP has not yet made recommendations about the proposed amendments.
- Susie said that the OP proposal doesn't address affordable housing and displacement of residents by new development.
- Alice suggested that the Comp Plan approval process is a "steamroller", and that CPCA should "get on board early."
- Barr suggested that we consider making a "placeholder" statement.
- Susie suggested that the CPCA website include a link to the Comp Plan process for members' information.

- It was noted that CPCA is invited to the Federation of Citizens Associations' meeting on the Comp Plan on February 27.
- Ruth pointed out that we're not prepared to consider a position now. At her suggestion, it was agreed to feature discussion of the Comp Plan at the Annual Meeting on May 24.

Membership/Community Meetings. Ruth reported on plans for a meeting on Thursday, **March 15** to feature a presentation on the proposal for a **Public Bank** and **Green Investment Fund**. Councilmembers Grosso and Cheh have been invited, and Mark Rosenman will moderate. Ruth said that the city's FY18 budget includes funding for a feasibility study. The goals of the Green Investment Fund are to promote affordable housing, environmental sustainability, local businesses, and jobs.

Alice Kelley and Elizabeth Ferenczi reported on plans for a meeting on Sunday **April 15** (rain date, April 22) that will feature **RiverSmart Homes'** programs to assist homeowners with sustainable landscape improvements. This event will include a tour of RiverSmart projects in Cleveland Park and children's activities.

Nominating Committee. Ruth reported that Pamela Korbel has agreed to chair this committee. Ruth said she will email to members notice of this so that they may nominate members for next year's board.

Hearst Park. Alice Kelley requested CPCA support of ANC3F's resolution asking the Mayor and City Council to mandate that DDOT develop and implement a storm water management plan, and other related actions by DPR and DGS. It was unanimously resolved to support ANC3F's January 2018 "Resolution Regarding the Storm Water and Hydrology at Hearst Park and Idaho Avenue Right of Way". CPCA members will be notified by email that they will be asked to approve this at the March 15 meeting.

Library. Phil Eagleburger reported on progress of the CP library reconstruction. He said that DCPL has big plans for opening events and that Susie Zimmermann, chair of the CP Business Association's Promotion and Marketing Committee, reached out to him re: coordinating. Phil said that Friends of CP Library will hold it's annual meeting on March 3 at 10 am at the Tenley Library, featuring Richard Reyes-Gavilan, DCPL Director. Phil said he will continue to monitor developments and see how CPCA might contribute. Suggestions included a lecture series.

Website. Alice and Phil agreed to explore with a friend of Alice's about ongoing management of the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Lenzner, Recording Secretary

