

CLEVELAND PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting, November 7, 2018

In attendance: Ruth Caplan, Phil Eagleburger, Elizabeth Ferenczi, Ann Hamilton, Alice Kelley, John Korbel, Margaret Lenzner, Mark Rosenman, Barr Weiner, Jen Ward. (*Note: Alice and Elizabeth left before the end.*)

Absent: Hans Miller.

Ruth Caplan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. She announced that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 5.

Minutes of the October 3 Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Barr Weiner circulated the budget as of 10/16/18, noting that some dues revenue received over the summer and into September was, therefore, booked for FY2018 rather than FY2019 although that includes member renewals for 2019.

Library. Ruth pointed out that the first half payment (\$2500) for CPCA's contribution to Friends of the Library (FOL) for furnishing the **library reading garden** is due November 30. We agreed at our June 5 meeting to contribute \$5000 from reserves. We expect the balance to be paid after the garden is completed. Members were notified of this commitment at the October 25 Membership meeting and Minutes of the June 5 meeting are posted on the CPCA website.

To honor librarian Barbara Gauntt who died unexpectedly last week, we agreed to contribute up to \$500 towards cost of a suitable memorial at the CP Library.

Membership. Ruth reported 98 renewals so far this year, of which 67 were for Households (2 members). About 243 of last year's members have not renewed yet. Alice Kelley suggested the possibility automatic renewal.

Ann Hamilton agreed to organize a meeting to discuss ways to increase membership with Board members Jen Ward, Elizabeth Ferenczi, Margaret Lenzner, and members Ellen Herr, Nina Schiffrin, and Alli Bernstein who expressed interest in encouraging memberships from apartment residents along the Connecticut Avenue corridor.

Social Media. Jen reported that seven people watched live and 160 others watched at least part of the live streaming of the October 25 Candidates Forum. This was impressive since outreach was limited to Jen's posting to the CP listserv early on Oct. 25 of a reminder of the meeting that said it would be live-streamed via our Facebook page.

Phil said he would try to attend a CPBA social media-training workshop for local businesses.

Greening Committee. Alice reported on preliminary plans for a sustainability fair for the community in the Spring. Ellen Herr and Susan Ratigan, who had expressed interest in environmental issues, have been invited to help. Elizabeth suggested that CPCA should promote activities, not just one meeting, and encourage residents to address climate change “all day every day”. She suggested working with CPBA to encourage local vendors to minimize use of plastic containers and straws, and with CPHS to encourage use of solar panels on houses. Mark urged us to set local initiatives in the context of global imperatives for action.

Ruth said she has invited Rafe Pomerance to present at a Membership meeting on **March 21**. She described Pomerance as an early climate change warrior who was featured in a New York *Times* magazine article, *Losing Earth*, on August 1, 2018 -- <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/08/01/magazine/climate-change-losing-earth.html>.

Membership Engagement Committee. Barr and Mark reported on how members might participate, and possibly to vote, in membership meetings without being physically present. Mark said that live streaming allows members to participate virtually and that OPAVOTE could allow vetted participants to vote when a vote is called at a meeting. Jen suggested that voting doesn't have to be synchronous with a meeting, and Elizabeth said that members should be able to vote without meeting participation or our monitoring their intake. Others disagreed. Mark pointed out that the committee's mandate was to explore ways to achieve participation without physical presence

Bylaws Committee. Ann reported on proposals for bylaws changes, including expand Board size by increasing at-large members up to 9; change the fiscal year as July 1-June 30; allow dues paid by new members at the end of a membership year to count towards the following year; establish a minimum of members as quorum; and allow a household member to vote by proxy cast by another member of the same household at a meeting. Ann agreed to email to the full Board the draft revised bylaws in final with and without mark-up, as well as the synopsis of changes that the committee had discussed.

There was discussion of two other issues: dues and staggered terms and term limits for Board members. No decisions were made.

Membership Meetings. In addition to meetings focusing on environment and sustainability, Ruth suggested a forum on safety. Barr agreed to organize this for January 17, 2019. He will invite Samantha Nolan of DC's Neighborhood Watch program to present, and Mark said he would invite 2nd District MPD Commander Gresham.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Lenzner, Recording Secretary