

CLEVELAND PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting, October 3, 2018

In attendance: Ruth Caplan, Elizabeth Ferenczi, John Korbel, Margaret Lenzner, Hans Miller, Mark Rosenman, Barr Weiner, and Jen Ward who came at 8:00 pm.
Absent: Phil Eagleburger, Ann Hamilton, and Alice Kelley.

Ruth Caplan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and circulated the agenda. Minutes of the September 12 Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Barr Weiner presented the FY 2019 proposed budget with comparisons to FY 2017 and 2018 and actual figures as of October 2 showing a surplus for FY2018 due to expenses less than projected and revenue enhanced by T-shirt sales. The Board approved closing out the FY 2018 budget. For FY 2019, Barr proposed to reduce some expenses based on previous year spending, and to increase expenses for Website & E-communications. The difficulty of tracking income that comes at the end of the fiscal year (September 30) was discussed; dues revenue is booked when it comes in although it's for the new fiscal year. No change for now, but Ruth suggested that we consider changing the calendar to begin the new fiscal year July 1. Barr's proposal to align the budget with the FY 2019 Work Plan and eliminate unused budget categories was approved.

Membership. The second renewal notice for FY 2019 will be emailed soon, followed by a USPS letter to non-renewers. Margaret Lenzner asked Barr to provide a list of members since July 1. Elizabeth Ferenczi offered to print a postcard for new residents to enroll.

Work Plan. Ruth reminded that the Board's Work Plan for 2019 will be presented to the membership at the October 25 membership meeting.

Archives. Ruth said Evelyn Idelson has CPCA historical files for transfer to the Historical Society of Washington DC (HSW), <http://www.dchistory.org>. Elizabeth said CPCA should look forward and "operate in the present"; she is loathe to involve herself in old files, while Barr said he believes in keeping historical records. Mark Rosenman said he is willing to help organize the files and Margaret said she can store some files until HSW can receive them.

Website. Ruth said there's a new link at the CPCA website (www.cpcadc.org) to the Cleveland Park Business Association website (www.cpbiz.org), and that Phil Eagleburger will update the CPCA site with a new photo of the library.

Rosedale Conservancy. Margaret Lenzner agreed to replace Ruth Pollak as CPCA's representative to the Rosedale Conservancy board, unless another member assumes that responsibility.

Connecticut Avenue Main Street. Ruth said that Councilmember Mary Cheh supports Main Street funding for Connecticut Avenue and that Cheh suggested that the Cleveland Park Business Association (CPBA) try to get the funding into the Mayor's FY2019 budget.

Hearst Park & Pool. Margaret reported on the October 2 public meeting when DC officials presented plans for renovation of Hearst Park and described DDOT work on the Idaho Right of Way, mitigation for storm water run-off from Hearst Park to Springland Lane, and DGS plans for constructing a public outdoor pool and tennis courts at the southwest corner of Hearst Park. Hans Miller said that the city is avoiding the environmental impact statement (EIS) that CPCA's Resolution of February 28, 2017 requested because that would require analysis and dismissal of

other possible sites. Mark pointed out that we had not received a response to our Resolution and suggested that we demand a reply. Hans said that Councilmember Cheh is totally in support of the pool at Hearst. He suggested that CPCA should decide whether to get involved “before the blow-up” or in anticipation.

It was agreed that any CPCA action should await further information, including from Neighbors for Hearst Park (<http://www.neighborsforhearst.org>) of which Hans is a member. In the meantime, we agreed that Ann Hamilton, Corresponding Secretary, will follow up with DC on CPCA’s February 2017 Resolution.

Ward 3 Family Homeless Shelter. Ruth described changes to the building plans that DHS/DGS and the Zoning Administrator (ZA) made to the BZA-approved plans for the shelter on Idaho Avenue, including a new 1000 sf deck on the south side of the building. Ruth said that ANC3C is considering appealing the ZA decision and asking for BZA review.

Membership/community meetings. Elizabeth led discussion of members’ interests expressed at the Town Hall meeting on September 27 that might indicate topics for future membership/community meetings. CPBA is focusing on Connecticut Avenue, and the Eaton renovation issues are being addressed by advocacy of Eaton’s neighbors and parents. Regarding concerns expressed about transportation issues, both ANC3C and ANC3F have requested DDOT study via resolutions last spring. There was discussion of possible meetings focused on safety and on affordable housing. It was suggested that consideration of alternative meeting times can be addressed by concerned members. Ruth suggested a spring meeting focused on sustainability and climate change issues such as flooding, composting, plastic recycling, and alternative transportation.

It was agreed that Elizabeth or John Korbel will moderate the **Candidate Forum** at the October 25 meeting that Margaret and Hans are organizing.

Committee on Member Engagement. Barr reported with a memo recommending possible ways to increase recruitment and member engagement. Jen agreed to help Michael Kennedy to live stream the October 25 meeting via link to CPCA’s Facebook page. The possibility of allowing members to vote absentee, by proxy, or electronically was raised. Some expressed concerns about allowing members to vote on actions or elections without confidence that voters are well-informed of issues. Mark said that meetings are critical for members to learn about, discuss and exchange ideas on important topics. Margaret pointed out that we are unlikely to require membership vote without prior meeting to present and discuss a motion, resolution, or slate. Hans suggested that any electronic voting should be contemporaneous with a meeting. Jen agreed that CPCA discussions are valuable and asserted that non-meeting conversations are informative and can be the basis for voting. Ruth said that CPCA has a role in building community that comes together to discuss and decide. Barr outlined plans for follow-up including further investigation by the committee of IT/software mechanisms to enable virtual participation and voting, outreach to new members identified through home purchase data, and consideration of Bylaws changes re: voting that may be proposed by the Bylaws Revision committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Lenzner, Recording Secretary