

CLEVELAND PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting, February 6, 2019

In attendance: Ruth Caplan, Phil Eagleburger, Elizabeth Ferenczi, Ann Hamilton, Alice Kelley, John Korbel, Margaret Lenzner, Jennifer Ward, and Barr Weiner.

Absent: Hans Miller and Mark Rosenman,

Ruth Caplan called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm and circulated the agenda.

Treasurer's Report. Barr Weiner referred to the budget as of February 4 showing actual revenue of \$5,530 and \$3,293 in expenses to date.

Rock Creek Conservancy. Alice Kelley described our agreement with the Rock Creek Conservancy (RCC) to apply for a \$20,000 grant from DOEE for habitat restoration of **Melvin Hazen Park** between Connecticut Avenue and Reno Road NW that would include a fee for CPCA's oversight. Since the conservancy is now headquartered in Maryland, it needed a DC organization to apply for the grant. She thanked Barr for pulling together all the information needed to the proposal. RCC will manage the volunteers for this. Barr said that we will need a formal agreement with RCC after the grant is approved. John Korbel said that CPCA's responsibilities must be made clear and that CPCA should be recognized by RCC and in promotional materials. The Board affirmed the approval that directors had voted by previous emails to approve.

Membership Meetings. All scheduled meetings will be held at the Cleveland Park Library.

- Ruth said that there will be a membership meeting on Thursday, **February 21** to present proposed changes to the **Bylaws**. Ann will prepare a letter to email to members tomorrow about the proposal so it will be voted on February 21. *NOTE: Subsequently changed to March 11.*
- On Thursday, **March 28**, environmentalist **Rafe Pomerance** will speak about climate change. Suggestions and assignments were made for promoting this widely. Ruth said that DOEE staff is excited about this and that she will talk with Pomerance about how he can address community action in the context of global and political issues.
- Alice reported on her plans for the **Sustainability Fair** on Saturday, **April 13** from 10 am to 4 pm, using all three library meeting rooms. She has so far lined up eight to ten organizations to showcase their initiatives. Children's activities will be in the lower level meeting room, and the regular Saturday children's story hour will focus on books about the environment. Jen Ward agreed to help recruit neighborhood schools whose students might be involved.

Nominating Committee. Ruth introduced discussion of selection of the chair of the Nominating Committee, who must be announced to the membership at least 12 weeks before the annual meeting that is tentatively scheduled for May 16, *i.e.*, by February 21. The chair will appoint two to four others to the committee. Several names were suggested and it was agreed to reach out to specific neighbors to solicit their recommendations for the Nominating Committee and for Board candidates. Elizabeth Ferenczi agreed to collect responses and recommendations from others.

Bylaws Committee. Ann Hamilton referred to the final draft of amended Bylaws as of 2/5/19 that she had emailed to the Board, and minor edits that John Korbel had suggested. Ann also promoted Ruth's request that the Bylaws specify that the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents are expected

to work actively with the president. The Board voted unanimously to approve the new Bylaws with three amendments:

- Section 1.01, to clarify that the name of the organization is (not “shall be”) the Cleveland Park Community Association;
- Section 3.01, to specify that the immediate past President is a voting member of the Board;
- Section 4.01 a. and b., to specify that duties of the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents include their active work with the president.

Membership Engagement Committee. Barr Weiner reported on the committee’s views for possible remote voting as authorized by Mark Rosenman and Hans Miller, the other members of his committee. When Barr said the committee had concluded that remote voting should be contemporaneous with participation at a meeting, Jen asked, “Why?” Barr expressed the committee’s view that engagement in a forum where an issue is identified and debated is important to an informed vote, but Jen objected to requiring remote members to log in for a meeting in order to vote. Jen agreed to circulate a memo of objection to the committee’s position.

Membership Recruitment. Alice urged adoption of an application to allow members to renew and pay dues with credit card at a meeting, but Barr pointed out that charges via iPad involve a fee. Alice recommended that the Annual Meeting should be a festive, appealing event. Ann described the CPCA listserv as “dormant” but potentially a useful tool for membership engagement; Ruth asked if any Board member would take responsibility for the listserv. Margaret Lenzner said she has addresses for new CP residents and will prepare a letter to solicit them to join. She said that a revised brochure with updated dues amounts (suggested \$20 for individuals and \$30 for households) is needed to proceed. As it was getting late, Ruth said that a decision on the dues amounts would be deferred.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Lenzner, Recording Secretary