

MINUTES
CPCA Board Meeting
January 13, 2021
(Via Zoom)

In Attendance: Susan Shinkman, Mike Rifer, Allison Bernstein, Alice Kelley, John Korbelt, Hans Miller, Jennifer Ward, Elizabeth Ferenczi, Isaac Bowers, John Weiner, Thomas Miller

I. - Approval of Dec 2 minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously

II. Financial and membership updates

Total income from dues and additional donations for the month of December was \$1,775 which includes \$170 in donations, balance dues. Total expenses were \$618 for Welcome/Wear-a-Mask signage for Wisconsin & Idaho Avenue corridors. CPCA incurred additional Board approved expenses for outreach mailings which have not yet been vouched but are estimated to be approximately \$1,200

III.- Potential WMATA service cuts: Most recent posted proposal for WMATA Board approval proposed building service back up in first half of their FY 2021 (July-Dec), postponing the previously proposed cuts until January next year (cutting 22 metro stops, etc), even though WMATA will be receiving \$6XX million in new federal assistance, far more than its projected budget shortfall for this year and next. While the driver appears to be making a case for more Federal funds for the 2022 calendar year, given the low ridership at the Cleveland Park metro, it would certainly behoove us to promote more usage of the stop and bus lines supporting the neighborhood. In any case, we will plan to remain engaged with WMATA on the proposal during the upcoming public hearings, coordinating with CM Cheh's office, as she not only is the CM for Ward 3 but chair of the DC Council's Transportation Committee, and perhaps the Mayor's Office given their stated reliance on the strong public transportation options in CP to support proposals to promote development along the CT and Wisconsin Ave corridors.

DDOT reversible lane study: DDOT addressing proposals with advisory group including data on traffic affects across the neighborhood if traffic flows on CT Ave change, expects to be able to make results and data public by February: CPCA and ANC3C plan to sponsor a public meeting in February/March to hear updates from DDOT and offer views. A key challenge appears to be balancing of parking businesses need vs bike lanes. DDOT is willing to hear neighborhood concerns, but not to vary Avenue configuration by neighborhood, though they say they could have one configuration for residential and another for commercial strips.

IV. The Comp Plan: Barr and Alice to meet with Mary Cheh to discuss/highlight key messages of CPCA comments.

V. CT Ave and the pandemic: CPCA is working with Main Street to promote shopping on the Connecticut Avenue strip. One approach being developed is to enable residents purchase of “Cleveland Park cash” at some discount to use at local businesses. Board discussed other ways to encourage people to patronize the strip, including regular messages on the listserv.

V. Action re neighborhood safety in light of recent mugging reports: Safety Committee Chair Jamie Wicket is meeting the District Commander to discuss security/any advice for residents.

VI. Operations at the CP USPS branch: There have been several customer service complaints regarding the post office on Connecticut Avenue. Susan will work with Barr and Isaac on a message to listserv to gauge the extent of the problem and assess next steps depending on the results of the survey.

VI. Upcoming events:

- a. Racial equity: Alice has been exploring formats for a panel discussion on February 18 on housing, development and racial equity and diversity based on the Film Go Go City.
- b. Going solar: In March we will organize a program explaining changes in DC historic preservation laws, which make it easier have panels.

VI: Brooks: Brooks has 29 families in residence; 71 families have come and gone already with an average stay of 64 days before they move to permanent housing.

VII. Hearst: The city believes it has found a solution to permanently drain the water pooling on the soccer field and projects opening the field by April 1. The expected date to open the swimming pool could be as early as this summer or as late as spring of 2022.