

MINUTES
CPCA BOARD MEETING
MARCH 3, 2021
(VIA ZOOM)

In attendance: Barr Weiner, Hans Miller, Elizabeth Ferenczi, Allison Bernstein, Alice Kelley, Thomas Miller, Mike Rifer, Isaac Bowers, John Korbel, Jennifer Ward, Jamie Wickett

I. Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes of the January 13, 2021 meeting.

II. Board Secretary

Tom Miller announced that he wanted to step down from the position of Recording Secretary and hand the duties to another Board member. The Board voted to approve Susan Shinkman as Recording Secretary. The Board thanked Tom for his service in the role and Susan for agreeing to take over the duties.

III. Financial and membership updates

The CPCA's current assets, including CD, checking and PayPal account total \$35,702.22. Expenditures since the last Board meeting were to Alli Bernstein for membership outreach costs, and to maintain the domain name.

The Board approved spending \$100 for Easter candy for children at The Brooks family shelter.

IV. WMATA Budget Comments

Barr Weiner has been corresponding with Councilmember Mary Cheh about proposed Metro station closures, including the Cleveland Park station. WMATA has a meeting scheduled for March 8, 2021, any comments must be submitted by March 16, 2021. Barr, Mike Reifer and Isaac Bowers agreed to prepare a draft of comments to submit for Board review in advance of the March 16 deadline.

Previous efforts to change the name of the Cleveland Park Station to include reference to the Zoo have been hampered because of the cost to WMATA of changing all maps (on the order of \$250,000). Elizabeth Ferenczi suggested that since WMATA is soon going to be changing the McLean Station name to Capital One, we might be able to get the Cleveland Park name changed at the same time to minimize additional costs. Transportation committee to engage CM Cheh's office on this issue, perhaps coordinating with Cleveland Park Main Street.

V. DDOT reversible lane study

The Board discussed the need to get comments to DDOT before the public meeting scheduled for March 30, 2021 and agreed that it will be hard to get consensus on one particular proposal from DDOT. It was agreed that the number one concern that needs to be expressed is agreement on the need to get rid of reversible lanes on Connecticut Avenue. To inform CPCA comment, the Board will engage the membership, including by circulating a draft of a proposed letter to DDOT. Barr, Isaac, Mike and John Korbel will work on preparing that letter.

Jamie Wickett raised the possibility of approaching Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton about opportunities for funding as part of the ongoing debate over Infrastructure legislation. Barr offered to seek guidance from CM Cheh's office on the value of such engagement. The issue was tabled for later consideration.

VI. Nominating process for CPCA Board members

In order to propose Board member candidates for the terms that will be expiring in June, Barr proposed that the nominating committee consist of executive officers of the Board – specifically, Alice Kelley, Elizabeth Ferenczi, and Barr. With Elizabeth serving as the committee chair. The Board approved the proposal.

VII. Comp Plan Comments

Both Smart Growth and Cleveland Park Historical Society have reached out to Barr about CPCA submitting joint comments with them in support of/clarifying CM Cheh's position on density and height limits in Cleveland Park. It was agreed that Barr should continue discussions with both groups and if he can reach agreement on a position that is consistent with the comments CPCA has already submitted, we should join. If not, CPCA should stand on what it has already submitted.

VIII. Update/ideas for CPCA meetings planned for the remainder of FY

Board Elections will be held at the June Membership meeting. Alli Bernstein suggested we have a discussion about changing the name of the Melvin Hazen Park. Alice and Elizabeth will work with her on that.

Alice reported back on a previous proposal to have a panel discussion around the film Go Go City. She explained that upon further research and engagement with the filmmaker and community association federation leadership, it did not seem that CPCA was an appropriate

convenor of such a discussion, and that others were not prepared to convene such an event at this time.

Alice reported on progress toward a Going Solar meeting. The meeting will take place in April or May with Steve Calcott (Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer) and Phil Eagleburger (former CPCA board member and local architect) discussing solar installations in Cleveland Park. There will be an effort to address how renters can support sustainable energy practices as well.

IX. Update on accessing funding for local parks/playgrounds

Mike Rifer reported back on a meeting with DC Parks and Recreation about facilities. The agency is focused on parks that have gotten increased use during the COVID shut down period, including in Cleveland Park. A city-wide survey by Ward is being conducted on the use of parks during this period.

X. Safety

Jamie reported on contact he has had with the MPD's new captain for the Second District, Captain Frenzel. Crime, especially car jackings, has increased. There was a brief discussion about recent crimes in the neighborhood. The safety committee periodically meets with Second District policy leadership, and is scheduling such a meeting in coming weeks.