

MINUTES  
CPCA BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021  
(VIA ZOOM)

Present: Barr Weiner, Carol Lynn Bamford, Isaac Bowers, Elizabeth Ferenczi, Alice Kelley, Hans Miller, Mike Rifer, Susan Shinkman, Jenn Ward

I. Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes of the June 23, 2021 meeting.

II. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported the CPCA's financial status since the last Board meeting:

Total income from membership - \$305

Total expenditures for contractor, postage and stationery - \$646

Total cash on hand - \$34,742

III. Old Business

Although an amendment to the CPCA By-Laws to allow virtual membership meetings may not be legally necessary, the Board agreed that an amendment to do so would be drafted for member vote.

The question of a name change for the CPCA was tabled for consideration at a later time.

The Board discussed the question of how it should make decisions on issues that arise between Board meetings and may require immediate action. After discussing various options, the Board voted to adopt the following practice:

- (1) Any proposed action will be circulated to all Board members electronically by an Election Buddy poll.
- (2) If at least 8 Board members agree to the action, it will be taken.
- (3) The action will be recorded in the Minutes of the next formal Board meeting.

The Board discussed its relationship with the ANC and how it can be more effective when the ANC is considering actions that may require going to the CPCA

membership. It was agreed that Barr would contact the ANC Commissioners and ask them to try to provide more notice on issues they are considering. At the same time, he will acknowledge the improvements made in providing notice and seek clarification of ANC committee operations to inform consideration of CPCA participation.

There was a discussion of membership outreach, Barr and Alli asked that they be contacted with any ideas about how to increase membership. Barr will reach out to John and Mike on available technologies for improving management of membership information and real-time payment at outreach events. There was also a discussion about how to get more people involved in CPCA committees. Susan will circulate a list of current committees and their membership to the Board for updating.

#### IV. Commercial corridors/planning

Comp Plan and Small Area Plan- Barr reported that the DC Comprehensive Plan is expected to be finalized in the fall. He will report back on progress in October. In preparation for work on the pending Small Area Plan for Cleveland Park and Woodley Park, the Board will need to continue to evaluate such issues as: parameters set by the Comp Plan, the process/timing for the SAP effort, whether we may need to engage experts. Volunteers to help with the analysis should contact Barr.

Wisconsin Ave. – It was agreed to flag discussion of activity there for a later time, but continue to gather information to inform thinking on how/whether CPCA might productively engage.

Transportation – Mike reported on a meeting he attended with the ANC transportation committee. There were no particular updates, he will stay in touch with it. Barr reported that he had been in contact with DDOT about the Reversible Lanes study. There have been some delays, but they are still working on it and may offer a neighborhood walk for CPCA and other interested parties, to help inform its thinking.

Main Street – There was some discussion about CPCA's engagement with Cleveland Park Main Street. In relation to the issue of whether to offer funds to support the compost pick-up program (see below), a Main Street project, Barr noted the question of whether we might make any other contributions to the Main Street this year as part of its neighborhood fundraising efforts. Barr asked for volunteers from the Board to contact him if they are interested in joining him on the Neighborhood Strategy Committee (NSC). It was agreed that we would plan a meeting for October with the new Main Street Director and local business owners to help inform the community about Main Streets purpose and activities.

Cleveland Park Farmers Market – The Board discussed providing funds to help set up a compost pick up program at the Farmers Market, a concept that CPCA and others have attempted to pursue in recent years. The Board voted to contribute \$2000 to complete the funding needed for the program and to ask for recognition in signage that would acknowledge the contribution from CPCA and the citizens of Cleveland Park.

V. Member meeting planning

It was agreed that the September 23, 2021 membership meeting will be held virtually. We will ask the membership for topic suggestions and ask everyone to bring a new member. If the Board members have any ideas for topics, they should be sent to Barr and Alice.

At this point the Giant market is still willing to go ahead with the event on October 1. Alice will talk to them about the possibility of moving it to late October due to Covid concerns and by what date we would need to decide whether to postpone further, potentially to the Spring.

Barr recommended planning for a meeting on the Small Area Plan (SAP) once we have more information on timing, etc.

Alice proposed holding another sustainability fair in the Spring.

There was a discussion about public safety and rising crime in the neighborhood. Jamie will check with MPD 2D about whether an event or some other activity might be productive regarding crime in the neighborhood.