

Minutes of the November 2005 Executive Committee Meeting of the Cleveland Park Citizens Association

Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 9, 2005
Location: 2nd District Police Station
3320 Idaho Avenue, NW; Washington, DC 20016

Cleveland Park Citizens Association (CPCA) President George Idelson called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. The following members of the Executive Committee were present: George Idelson, Wally Dickson, Gregory New, and Jean van der Tak.

I. October Minutes

Mr. Idelson passed out minutes of October 29, 2005, calling attention to the numbering problems, and the new section List Management. After the numbering was corrected so that Treasurer's Report was II, Federation of Civic Associations Awards Luncheon was IV, List Management was V, and Adjourn was VI; and the "he" in the fifth line in the paragraph under List Management was changed to "Peter," the minutes were adopted unanimously.

II. Plans for the December and January Membership Meetings

Mr. Idelson suggested that a December membership meeting on energy and energy conservation issues could be built around a presentation by People's Counsel Betty Noël. He was interested in adding a presentation on practical tips on conservation, citing a suggestion by Isabel Furlong to invite someone from the new Glover Park hardware store to bring in conservation supplies and equipment and discuss how to use them. He had also thought of making Ms. Noël's presentation half the meeting, and bringing in Bill Adler to discuss the Cleveland Park list serve that he runs. Mr. Idelson also mentioned that Tony Colavolpe, the man from Stop and Shop (who is overseeing the redevelopment of the Wisconsin Avenue Giant) might be persuaded to come. The man may make a presentation at the November 21 ANC meeting, and Mr. Idelson was not sure if another Giant presentation to CPCA would be timely. After some discussion, there was a consensus that a meeting on energy led by Ms. Noël with some added emphasis on heating conservation would constitute a full agenda.

A brief discussion of a candidate forum followed for January. Ms. van der Tak suggested that it might be difficult to get either good speakers or good attendance for a meeting now scheduled for January 3. No decision was made.

III. The Service Lane on Connecticut Avenue

Mr. Idelson reported that he had been approached by Ari Fletcher, an ANC commissioner who is suggesting that the service lane on the east side of the 33 and 34 hundred block of Connecticut Avenue be replaced by a broad sidewalk and angle parking. There is some skepticism about whether it is a viable idea. It may come up at the November 21 ANC meeting.

IV. Civic Federation Petition on Career and Technical Education

Mr. New brought out petitions developed by the DC Federation of Civic Associations' Task Force of Career and Technical Education that were directed to the elected officials. They were designed as a letter addressed to individual elected officials, e.g., members of the DC Council or the Board of Education, each to be signed by an individual citizen. He had prepared versions directed to the nine elected officials for whom Cleveland Park

citizens could vote. He had signed a copy of each one, and moved that the Executive Committee recommend that CPCA members be invited to sign. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Idelson and Ms. van der Tak each signed several of the petitions, and Wally agreed to sign one directed to Jim Graham if Mr. New would send him a copy.

V. Cleveland Park Zoning Overlay

Mr. Idelson reported on a meeting of the DC Zoning Commission that discussed the CPCA proposal initiated by himself and Peter Espenschied to amend the Cleveland Park Zoning Overlay by redefining the term “restaurants” in a manner that would make enforcement of the regulations much simpler. Ellen McCarthy director of the Office of Planning testified in favor of the CPCA position, which the Zoning Commission voted unanimously to support.

VI. List Management

Mr. Idelson returned to the question of list management that had been discussed in the October minutes. He wondered if it would be possible to send the December meeting notices by e-mail. Mr. Dickson agreed to look into the possibility of bulk e-mailing that would not be rejected by anti-spam programs that some of our members might use. Ms. van der Tak suggested that the preparation of postal mailing for the December meeting might take place either on Sunday, November 27th, or Tuesday, November 30th.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory R. New and George Idelson