

## CLEVELAND PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting October 4, 2016

In attendance: Ruth Caplan, Elizabeth Ferenczi, Ann Hamilton, John Korbel, Karen Lightfoot, Gina Polidoro, and Mark Rosenman; Sarah Handwerger advising. Absent: Phil Eagleburger, Margaret Lenzner, Susie Taylor, Jennifer Ward.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Ruth Caplan.

**Minutes:** It was agreed that the minutes should include any topic of interest to the Cleveland Park neighborhood, whether brought to us by a member or internally, and any action taken by the Board. The Board also discussed necessity of posting Board meeting minutes on the CPCA website to make them publicly accessible. Most Board members in attendance supported posting them on the website, citing transparency as an important value of CPCA. Approval of the September Board Meeting Minutes will be done electronically after Ruth Caplan sends them out via email.

**Membership:** Results from the first renewal mailing were discussed: 75 current members, 30 expired members and, 13 members of unknown status have renewed, giving us a total membership of 118 current members. The Board will send out a follow up membership renewal reminder via email later in October.

**Membership Meetings.** It was noted that the April membership meeting, "Toward Quieter, Cleaner Neighborhoods", was well attended and that members were interested in the topic. Ruth Caplan said that she has been attending meetings of a Wesley Heights community group, QCDC (Quiet Cities DC?). It was decided that Ms Caplan will keep CPCA abreast of any developments of interest to the Cleveland Park neighborhood.

The September 22<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting at the Cleveland Park Library was also discussed. The subject of the meeting, "Connecticut Avenue in Cleveland Park: Planning to Avoid Gridlock" included stormwater management, the streetscape, and, of urgent importance, the viability of the businesses on the Cleveland Park business strip as traffic patterns change because of diversion of traffic from Beach Drive during Park Service's renovation, and from lane closures when the library construction commences by early 2017. Cleveland Park business owners are concerned that they will suffer from the reduced parking hours in front of their businesses, as well as fewer spaces overall. CPCA will contact Councilmember Cheh to see what can be done to support the businesses during this time of upheaval. Elizabeth Ferenczi will follow up with Susie Taylor and Susan Linn, President of the Cleveland Park Business Association on this issue.

The next Membership Meeting will be a Candidates Forum for the upcoming ANC3C elections. It will be on October 20 at 6:30 pm at the Cleveland Park Congregational Church, 3400 Lowell Street NW. Two seats are contested: ANC3C SMD09, currently held by Nancy MacWood, and ANC3C SMD05, currently held by Margie Siegel. Cleveland Park resident Bob Ward is challenging Ms MacWood's seat, and Emma Hersh is challenging Ms. Siegel's seat. A moderator, yet to be identified, will guide the candidates to make opening statements, respond to questions from the moderator and from the audience, and balance the time between the candidates to ensure equity.

**Fire Station Anniversary Celebration.** CPCA will sponsor a celebration of DC Fire and EMS Department on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Firehouse in Cleveland Park DC Fire and EMS (Engine Company 28). Other secured sponsors include: the Cleveland Park Historical Society, Woodley Park Community Association, Cleveland Park Club, Cleveland Park Business Association, and the Cleveland Park and Woodley Park Village. ANC3C may also cosponsor. A great party is planned, with the Mayor and Councilmembers committed to attendance. This is an opportunity to attract residents with young children to join the CPCA. Ms Polidoro will develop marketing material for this.

**Ward 3 Family Homeless Shelter.** CPCA's participation in the Advisory Team for the proposed shelter on Idaho Avenue was discussed. It was noted that there is a discrepancy in way the Department of Human Services and CPCA view the role of community organizations. DHS expects CPCA and other members of the Advisory Team to be their "ambassadors to the community," whereas the Advisory Team members see their role as bringing community concerns to DHS as plans for the site develop. DHS has made decisions about site programming, but will not share details with the community. This makes it difficult for the Advisory Team to participate in any meaningful way. CPCA members on the Advisory Team will continue to share the developments in these meetings with the larger community.

The next two Board Meetings were scheduled for November 1 and December 6.

The meeting was adjourned ahead of schedule at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Polidoro, Acting Recording Secretary