

CLEVELAND PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting September 13, 2016

In Attendance (at Susie Taylor's home): Ruth Caplan, Elizabeth Ferenczi, Ann Hamilton, Karen Lightfoot, Rick Nash, Gina Polidoro, Susie Taylor, Jennifer Ward, Sarah Handwerger

Absent: Phil Eagleburger, John Korbel, Margaret Lenzner, Mark Rosenman

President Ruth Caplan called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

It was agreed that the duties of Recording Secretary would be shared until Margaret could resume attendance. Ann offered to prepare the minutes of this meeting, with Sarah's help; Gina of the next; and Jennifer of the one after that.

Finances. Rick presented a summary of the Year-to-Date revenues and expenditures compared to the 2016 budget. He noted that dues and donations were already higher than budgeted, with almost a month to go in the fiscal year, and that expenses were substantially lower, due largely to the lack of consultant services for most of the year. It was noted that only \$50 had been spent, out of the \$200 budgeted, for membership in various organizations; Rick undertook to research whether we had failed to pay dues to any organization.

Work Plan. Ruth presented a draft work plan for 2016-17. It was enthusiastically received, with the following suggested amendments:

A target of increasing membership by at least 8% would be added.

Renewing lapsed members would be added to the membership goals.

The Communications goals would be deleted, since reaching out to our diverse community is an integral part of all our activities, and we are not ready to move ahead on "other digital platforms including message board."

Under Community Engagement, the Rosedale Conservancy would be added.

Rick noted that Ruth Pollak had served well as CPCA's representative on the Rosedale board; she was unanimously elected for another year.

Under Citywide Engagement, the last item would be amended to read "Testify or submit testimony at District public hearings as appropriate."

The board congratulated Ruth on having all fall meetings planned, and on following up on topics discussed at previous meetings. It was noted that CPCA's position on electoral reform might well be the topic of a meeting as well.

Susie gave a brief history of the two city-wide federations of local associations.

By motions unanimously approved, Ruth (ex officio), Susie, and George (both of

whom are on the board of the D.C. Federation of Citizens Associations) were appointed delegates to that organization, and Ruth and Jennifer were appointed delegates to the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations.

2016/17 Budget. Rick presented a proposed budget to finance the above work plan. It was approved with the following changes:

Gifts/donations would be increased to \$2,000, the level achieved in 2016.

Postage/Printing/Office Supplies would be increased to \$1,000, about the level expected for 2016.

The website costs would be increased to \$1,000.

Expenses for Neighborhood Events would be increased to \$900, including \$150 requested from the ANC, for the firehouse celebration in December.

The net result of these changes would increase the use of Unrestricted Reserves by \$500.

Rick undertook to review our insurance (liability and D & O) coverage and premiums. Sarah was asked to report at future meetings on the usage of the website.

Programs. Ruth reported on plans for the Membership Meeting on September 22, that will be held in the library (2nd floor meeting room) at 7:00 pm. She solicited suggestions for a moderator. Like all CPCA Membership Meetings, this is open to the public; board members were asked to spread the word about it.

Other. It was agreed that CPCA would not participate officially in any event to recognize the closing of the library for demolition and reconstruction. Jen reported on discussions among the ANC, DDOT, and DCPL about sidewalk closings during the one-year reconstruction period. Ann reported that the first meeting of the "Ward 3 Short-term Family Housing Advisory Team" (dealing with the proposed homeless shelter) had been scheduled for September 20.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, October 4, at Gina's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Hamilton, Acting Recording Secretary