**UPCOMING MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS (REVISED)**

Thursday, September 14 (New Date), Dorchester County Council Chamber (501 Court St), 6:30 pm

Saturday, November 18, Dorchester County Public Library (303 Gay St), 10:00 am

Saturday, January 13, Dorchester County Public Library (303 Gay St), 10:00 am

**CAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2017 – 6:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDEES:** Chuck McFadden, Judd Vickers, Mary Ellen Jesien, Michelle Barnes, Tom Puglisi

Chuck McFadden opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

1. Meeting Logistics. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at the County Council Chamber. This meeting was originally scheduled for September 21st but had to be rescheduled due to a double booking. Chuck will contact Cindy to ensure access to the key.
2. Subject of the Meeting: Code enforcement and use of the new COMCET System on the City website. CAN needs to publicize the importance of making citizens making code enforcement complaints through the COMCET. Apparently the currently policy if that code enforcement will only occur in response to citizen complaints via the website. The City will do no proactive code enforcement. Many citizens do not know that the only code enforcement will be in response to citizen complaints. This constitutes an extremely serious issue that people need to know about as it will impact neighborhoods across the City. Most citizens will perceive this as a major, important change in City policy. Chuck has spoken to Commissioner Rideout about this issue, and he has agreed to present an explanation of the policy and the enforcement process at the September 14 meeting. Judd Vickers agreed to develop and present instructions on how to use the COMCET System at the meeting.
3. Nonprofit status has been obtained. CAN needs to discuss priorities for using any monies collected for the benefit of the community. It was suggested that CAN might want to partner with the Dorchester Family YMCA to provide funds for youth activities and person-power for landscaping.
4. Wallace Office Building. It was reported that WECA no longer holds the lease for the Wallace Office Building and Chuck suggested that CAN might want to partner with other community organizations such as Historic Cambridge, Inc., the Dorchester Garden Club, and others to help clean up the building and landscape its property (with CAN volunteering time and energy).
5. Clean-Up Projects. CAN will partner with Midshore Riverkeepers on a community cleanup day on Saturday September 30, from 9:00 am to noon. Locations will be the Cambridge side of the Bill Burton Fishing Pier, Maryland Avenue, and Great March Park. Judd is CAN’s point-person for this and people can volunteer by contacting Suzanne Sullivan at [suzanne@midshoreriverkeeper.org](mailto:suzanne@midshoreriverkeeper.org).
6. Dates for 2018 Meetings:
   1. Saturday January 13 (as previously announced)
   2. Saturday, March 10th
   3. Thursday, May 10th
   4. Thursday, July 12th
   5. Thursday, September 13th
   6. Saturday, November 10th

Locations to be determined – preference is Dorchester County Library whenever possible.

1. Nominating Committee. As Vice-President, Judd will organize a nominating committee to fill upcoming Board of Director vacancies. Judd will talk with members whose terms are expiring to determine if they are willing to serve another term.
2. Membership: Dues for CY2018. The Executive Committee agreed to propose to the Board of Directors that membership dues for CY2018 be set at $15 per person or $20 per household. This proposal must be placed before the Board for a formal vote.
3. Membership: Outreach and Recruiting. Michelle Barnes described strategy for recruiting new members, especially persons in Wards 2 through 5, by performing outreach and making presentations to churches and other community groups, especially those representing or made up of local homeowners. Ideas for outreach including City Council and the Mayor, Eastern Shore Network for Change, LivAgain, etc. The membership committee is working on web-based tools, and is soliciting ideas for materials and outreach. Mary Ellen will be sending cards to persons who have expressed interest in CAN but have not joined. Many more door hangers will be needed as CAN conducts increased outreach efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.