



UPCOMING MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS (REVISED)

Saturday, November 18, 2017, Dorchester County Public Library (303 Gay St), 10:00 am
*Saturday, January 20, 2018, Dorchester County Public Library (303 Gay St), 10:00 am
(* Annual Business Meeting, including Board of Directors Election)
Saturday, March 10, 2018, Location To Be Determined, 10:00 am
Thursday, May 10, Location To Be Determined, 7:00 pm
Thursday, July 12, Location To Be Determined, 7:00 pm
Thursday, September 13, Location To Be Determined, 7:00 pm
Saturday, November 10, Location To Be Determined, 10:00 am

CAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING **October 12, 2017 – 6:30 PM** **MINUTES**

Executive Committee Members Present: Chuck McFadden, Mary Ellen Jesien, Michelle Barnes, Tom Puglisi
Executive Committee Members Absent: Judd Vickers

Chuck McFadden opened the meeting at 6:35 pm

- 1. Nominations for CAN Board of Directors.** Per CAN Bylaws (Article VIII, Section 1), Vice-President Judd Vickers will Chair a Nominating Committee to identify candidates to fill upcoming Board of Director vacancies. The Committee must meet at least 60 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting, currently scheduled for January 20, 2018. Chuck McFadden, Tom Puglisi, and Susan Morgan have volunteered to serve on the Committee, thereby satisfying the requirement that the Committee include at least three CAN members in addition to the Vice-President. Judd will talk with current Board members whose terms are expiring to determine if they are willing to serve another term, and a call for nominations will be issued to CAN members with the announcement of the November 18 Board of Directors meeting. The Nominating Committee will consider all such nominations received at least 30 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting.
- 2. Executive Committee Meetings.** It was proposed that all members of the CAN Board of Directors be invited to attend Executive Committee meetings as observers. This proposal was adopted unanimously and will be implemented with the next meeting of the Committee, which Chuck McFadden intends to arrange prior to the November 18 Board of Directors meeting.
- 3. Treasurer's Report.** Mary Ellen Jesien reported that CAN currently has 77 dues-paying members, and holds \$1016.94 in its account.
- 4. Membership Dues for Calendar Year (CY) 2018.** The Executive Committee reaffirmed the decision at its September 7 meeting to propose to the Board of Directors that membership dues for CY2018 be set at

\$15 per person and \$20 per household. This proposal will be presented for a formal vote at the November 18 Board of Directors meeting.

- 5. Membership: Outreach and Recruiting.** Michelle Barnes described strategies for recruiting new members, especially persons in Wards 2 through 5, by performing outreach and making presentations to churches and other community groups. She indicated that a sign-in notebook will be used at future CAN meetings to record those in attendance, and sign-up sheets will be available to facilitate recruitment of new members. During October, Michelle intends to meet with the Mayor and all City Council Commissioners to solicit their interest in, and possible endorsement of, CAN and to identify groups to contact for outreach. Chuck McFadden noted that he has scheduled a meeting next week with Commissioner Cannon for this purpose, as well. Also during October, Michelle and Mary Ellen Jesien will send postcards to individuals who have attended one or more CAN meetings but have not formally joined. Michelle hopes to begin meeting with groups in November. In addition, volunteers will meet on the following dates to distribute CAN Door Hangers (which Michelle will reorder as needed):

 - a. October 28, 9:00 am – Ward 2
 - b. November 4, 9:00 am – Ward 4
 - c. Nov 18, following the Board of Directors Meeting – Ward 3
 - d. January 13, 9:00 am, Ward 5
- 6. Future Meeting Topics.** Chuck McFadden proposed, and the Committee agreed, that the City Manager and the Director of the Department of Public Works be invited to the November 18 Board of Directors meeting to discuss the new trash collection system, city code enforcement, and the web-based complaint system. Fred Phillips-Patrick has volunteered to conduct a community survey to solicit comments and concerns related to the new trash collection system. Results are expected prior to the November 18 meeting. The Committee endorsed implementation of the survey as soon as possible.
- 7. Community Partnerships.** Chuck McFadden stated that WHCP has asked to use the CAN email distribution list in promoting its annual Calendar Fundraiser. The Committee agreed to this request. Chuck indicated that CAN's participation in the Ward 5 Neighborhood Cleanup went well. Chuck suggested that CAN could also assist Habitat for Humanity with its upcoming Cambridge projects.
- 8. Neighborhood Groups.** The Committee discussed reexamining implementation of the "Neighborhood Group/Block" concept within CAN. It was noted that insufficient numbers of volunteers have been identified to make the groups viable and that leaders of the most active groups are reporting burnout. The Committee discussed re-focusing neighborhood groups/block on social events and establishing a separate committee to focus on community action. It was suggested that CAN could provide nominal financial support (\$50 maximum) to foster social events. The Committee agreed to continue its discussion of the "Neighborhood Group/Block" concept at the next Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

