



### **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 November 8, 2017 – 6:30 PM MINUTES**

**Executive Committee Members Present:** Chuck McFadden, Judd Vickers, Mary Ellen Jesien, Tom Puglisi

**Executive Committee Members Absent:** Michelle Barnes

**Board Members Present:** Frank Cooke, Roman Jesien, Sharon Smith

Chuck McFadden opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

- 1. Nominations for CAN Board of Directors.** Per the CAN Bylaws (Article VIII, Section 1), Vice-President Judd Vickers has chaired a Nominating Committee made up of Chuck McFadden, Tom Puglisi, and Susan Morgan to identify candidates to fill upcoming Board of Director vacancies. Of the Board Members whose terms will expire in January 2018, Judd Vickers (Vice-President), Tom Puglisi (Secretary), and Sharon Smith have agreed to be nominated for 2-year terms. Gregg Boss has also agreed to be nominated for a 2-year term. The Nominating Committee will announce this slate of candidates at the November 18 Board of Directors Meeting and these candidates will be included in the ballot to be presented at the Annual Business Meeting on January 20, 2018. Per the Bylaws, additional nominations submitted in writing to the CAN Secretary least 30 days prior to the January 20 meeting will also be placed on the ballot, and CAN members will vote on the candidates at the January 20 meeting in accordance with the CAN Bylaws (Article IV, Section 3). Per the Bylaws, absentee votes will be accepted if submitted to the CAN Secretary **seven (7) days** in advance of the meeting. The Executive Committee is recommending that one seat on the Board be reserved for an individual who lives outside the West End. Jackie Vickers will retire from the Board and hold the honorary title of Board Member Emerita.
- 2. November 18 Board of Directors Meeting.** The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on November 18, 2017, at 10:00 am in the Dorchester County Library Meeting Room. The meeting will be announced in the CAN Newsletter, on WHCP, and via the CAN email distribution list. City Manager, Ms. Sandra Tripp-Jones is tentatively scheduled to attend to discuss her upcoming retirement and the process for identifying her successor, the CAN trash survey, and City code enforcement. If Ms. Tripp-

Jones is unable to attend, CAN goals for the coming year will be discussed in addition to these topics. It was suggested that we also need to discuss how Cambridge can identify effective strategies to attract people to Cambridge as a vibrant, forward-looking place to visit, live, and do business.

3. **Treasurer's Report.** Mary Ellen Jesien reported that CAN currently has 78 dues-paying members, and holds \$968.42 in its account. It was noted that the CAN Board needs to discuss and decide upon projects and/or organizations to support in Calendar Year (CY) 2018.
4. **Membership Dues for CY2018.** 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. The Executive Committee will propose that memberships dues for organizations remain at \$20.
5. **Membership: Outreach and Recruiting.** Michelle Barnes was unable to attend tonight's meeting but has proposed several strategies for recruiting new members, especially persons in Wards 2 through 5, by performing outreach and making presentations to churches and other community groups. 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. The Membership Committee has sent postcards to individuals who have attended one or more CAN meetings but have not formally joined. In addition, volunteers will distribute CAN Door Hangers in Ward 3 after the November 18 Board of Directors meeting and will distribute door hangers in other Wards on dates to be determined. It was noted that CAN needs to identify effective ways to market itself to persons outside the West End, including maintaining and publicizing lists of concrete accomplishments demonstrating its commitment and effectiveness.
6. **City Council Meeting on November 13.** Volunteers are need to attend and offer comment at the City Council Meeting on November 13, during which the future of the City Manager position will be discussed. The Executive Committee would urge the Council to preserve the position as presently described in the City Charter and to move forward with the search process as expeditiously as possible to ensure that there is a smooth transition without any interruption in services or management.
7. **CAN Trash Survey.** Chuck McFadden described the CAN Trash Survey developed and implemented by Fred Phillips-Patrick. Fred was able to work out a number of bugs with the survey tool and has received about 100 responses. The November Newsletter will include detailed results from the survey. In general, people seemed happy with the new trash system but would like options for smaller cans and recycling.
8. **203 Choptank.** Although the Appeals Board rejected the owner's request to maintain non-conforming use of the property as a multifamily dwelling, the City has not yet taken action on enforcement. CAN will stay on top of this to ensure enforcement.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.