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**CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS****UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS**

***All Board Meetings will be held at 7:00 pm in the WHCP Meeting Room  
516 Race Street, Cambridge, MD 21613***

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Thursday, July 9, 2020

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Thursday, November 12, 2020

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING****FEBRUARY 12, 2020****MINUTES**

**Executive Committee Members Present:** Chuck McFadden (President), Roman Jesien (Vice President), Mary Ellen Jesien (Treasurer), and Tom Puglisi (Secretary, constituting a quorum of the Executive Committee with 4 of 5 members present.

**Board Members Absent:** Michelle Barnes

**Board Members Present:** Andre Duerinckx, Rick Klepfer, Beth Kline, and Jane Weeks.

1. **Opening Comments.** CAN President Chuck McFadden opened the meeting at 6:35 pm at 200 Belvedere Street in Cambridge, MD.
  - a. Chuck announced that the annual WHCP Spring fundraiser will be held on Lucky Friday, March 13, 2020, at 447 Race Street, featuring dinner, silent auction, and entertainment by *Lez Zeppelin* (“The most powerful female band in rock history” according to *Spin Magazine*, and “. . . right now the most exciting rock band in the world” according to Mat Snow of *RocksBackPage*). Tickets are available at [www.whcp.org](http://www.whcp.org).
  - b. Roman Jesien announced that the ShoreRivers / Dorchester Citizens for Planned Growth Cambridge Film Festival will be held on Friday, February 14, 2020, from 5:00 - 7:30 pm at 447 Race Street. Tickets are available at [ShoreRivers.org](http://ShoreRivers.org) or at the door.
2. **Meeting with City Manager.** Chuck McFadden recently met with City Manager Patrick Comiskey. Topics of discussion included:

- a. **Code Enforcement**. Chuck communicated CAN's strong support for the City's Building Safety and Code Enforcement Director, Susan Webb. He also made suggestions for possible reorganization of the Department of Public Works to support the Building Safety and Code Enforcement function.
  - b. **City Council Elections**. Chuck ask for clarification of the rules for the City Election to be held in October. Chuck expressed CAN's support for (i) adhering to the voting rules in the City Charter, (ii) ensuring oversight of absentee ballot procedures, and (iii) developing a fair and ethical appeals process.
  - c. **City Budget**. Chuck recommended that the budget format be restructured from the current detailed accounting report to a higher level "big picture" report for the Council to consider. He also recommended doing away with the Finance Committee, using a lapse rate for salaries, and eliminating encumbrments.
  - d. **Cambridge Municipal Marina**. Chuck summarized the history of the marina, its new management, the need for a maintenance and replacement plan, and possible uses of the old pump house at the marina entrance.
3. **Benefits for City Council Commissioners**. Chuck indicated that he has been appointed as the Ward 1 representative to the Special Committee reviewing and making recommendations regarding health and other benefits for City Commissioners. The other representatives to the Committee are Portia Johnson-Ennels (Ward 2), Larry Chitlik (Ward 3), Sputty Cephass (Ward 4), and Joe Brooks (Ward 5). The Committee has been charged with producing a report within 60 days.
  4. **March 12 Board Meeting**. Chuck announced that Carol Richardson, the new Cambridge Economic Development Director, will speak at the March 12 Board meeting. Chuck will send her a list of questions.
  5. **Treasurer's Report**. Board Member Dave Thatcher requested that the Treasurers report contain the monthly income and expenses in addition to fund balance. Current balance is \$2347.59 with 20 members.
  6. **Tax Filings**. Chuck McFadden announced that he would file the required Maryland and Federal tax forms.
  7. **Annual Audit**. Tom Puglisi reminded members of the Bylaws requirement for an annual audit performed by a Committee to be assembled by the Vice President. CAN Vice President Roman Jesien will organize the required audit.

## 8. Areas of Interest Updated.

- a. Membership. Michelle Barnes, Mary Ellen Jesien, and Tom Puglisi had been asked at the previous meeting to develop a written procedure for tracking members, maintaining the membership list, and collecting dues. Tom presented the attached draft for discussion and will present it to all Board Members for an email vote. Membership related suggestions included the following: (i) The Membership Director should develop new fliers/handouts to make clear why people should join CAN. The biggest advantage is the voice CAN provides with City government. (ii) Efforts to expand membership cross the City have been unsuccessful. CAN does not have African American or Hispanic members. It was suggested that CAN Jam be used as a fundraiser for a community organization, such as the Empowerment Center.
- b. Communications. Rick Klepfer volunteered to write occasional articles for submission to the news media. Andre Duerinckx volunteered to create a Google Drive (on which he will coordinate with Greg Boss) and work on maintenance of the CAN e-mail list (on which he will coordinate with Dave Thatcher). He will coordinate with Tom who will send email addresses to Andre.
- c. Code Enforcement. Both Roman Jesien and Sharon Smith have volunteered to work in this area. CAN will need a plan to go forward that includes Greg Boss, Judd Vickers, Fred Phillips-Patrick, and designation of a Housing Quality Committee Chair per the Bylaws. One function of CAN is to file complaints on behalf of the members who are reluctant to do so.
- d. Creek Clean-up. Roman Jesien agreed to organize this event sometime in the spring. Note: The Cannery Park (Cedar Street) clean-up is scheduled for 9:30 to 11:30 am on February 22. ShoreRivers and Dorchester Citizens for Planned Growth (DCPGP) are sponsoring this event and the City is providing support. ShoreRivers and DCPGP are holding a film festival fundraiser on Friday at 5:00 at 447 Race Street to support bacterial sampling at Cambridge beaches (Sailwinds and Great Marsh). Cost is \$30 per ticket. Erecting signs at the beaches has been an area of disagreement with the City, but DCPGP posts sampling results on [swimguide.org](http://swimguide.org). Sailwinds, Inc., will be stepping up use of its beach and promoting it as a destination this summer.
- e. Cambridge Marketplace - University of Maryland Shore Health. Andre Duerinckx was asked to research the proposed medical facility to be built at Cambridge Marketplace, identify the services to be provided there, and write an article about the facility for the CAN Newsletter. Chuck will ask Cambridge Economic Development Director Carol Richardson for a contact with whom Andre can discuss the project.

- f. Mill St. School. Both Rick Klepfer and Andre Duerinckx volunteered to study the issues related to development of the Mill Street School. Rick Klepfer distributed the attached handout that summarizes issues and illustrates possible uses with the current zoning requirements. It was suggested that CAN file a complaint about the fence surrounding the property, propose fencing immediately around the school, and let the rest of the land be used as a temporary park. Rick and Andre will follow-up with Judd Vickers and Greg Boss.
- g. Dog Problems in the City. Andre and Rick volunteered to look into these problems and propose a CAN position.
- h. Empowerment Center. Beth Kline and Jane Weeks agreed to coordinate with the Empowerment Center to see how CAN could participate. Julia Barker is the contact person for the Center and a member of the new Board of Directors, as is Mary Losty. Beth and Jane will try to determine what the needs are and how to get CAN members involved.
- i. CAN Jam. Kay Klepfer agreed to coordinate CAN Jam again this year. Beth Kline and Jane Weeks will assist
- j. Leaf Pickup. Dave Thatcher will research and propose a CAN position on leaf pickup.

9. **Adjournment**. Roman Jesien made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Puglisi. Upon unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.