**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***

**Subject to Coronavirus Restrictions**

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Thursday, November 12, 2020

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**VIRTUAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**July 2, 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.

**Executive Committee Members Absent:** Michelle Barnes (Membership Director).

**Board Members Present:** Andre Duerinckx, Rick Klepfer.

**Board Members Absent:** Beth Kline, Sharon Smith, Dave Thatcher, Jane Weeks.

1. **Opening Comments.** CAN President Chuck McFadden opened the meeting at 7:06 pm via Zoom Meeting.
2. **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes.** Tom Puglisi made a motion, seconded by Mary Ellen Jesien, to approve the minutes of the May 28 Executive Committee meeting, and the motion was approved unanimously.
3. **Treasurer’s Report.** Mary Ellen Jesien reported that 57 members have paid CY2020 dues and there is $2775.27 in CAN’s treasury.
4. **Mill Street School.** Rick Klepfer wrote a summary of the recent meeting with the interested developer of the Mill St. School Property for CAN’s June Newsletter, and Greg Boss has written a paper maintaining that the UDC Zoning for Mill Street was made in error (both attached). Although the meeting elicited controversy, overall people seemed to appreciate receiving current information about the proposed development. Chuck McFadden indicated that some citizens are strongly opposed to the proposal, and others were supportive if all units are owner-occupied. The developer asked for a letter of support from CAN, but none of the Board members present were in favor of providing such a letter. The Board members present agreed that CAN’s role should be limited to providing information about proposed development. Roman Jesien suggested that CAN should consider advocating that the existing fence either to be torn down or brought up to code. Judd Vickers continues to follow all zoning issues for CAN, and Chuck will talk to Judd about the fence. It was noted that many citizens came forward to oppose demolition of the school when the property was last discussed by the Planning and Zoning Commission.
5. **Empowerment Center.** The Empowerment Center is looking for volunteers and funds to assist in the annual Summer Camp. Joyce Green is the Camp Director. Tom Puglisi will draft an email announcement and send it out via Dave Thatcher’s distribution list. Chuck McFadden will check with Beth Kline about coordinating this effort. Board Members present agreed that it would be good for CAN to become more involved in the Pine Street Community.
6. **Recent Fireworks and Motorcycle Disruptions.** The City Council had scheduled a meeting this afternoon to discuss these disruptions, but the meeting had to be postponed until June 7 due to technical problems
7. **Cambridge Community Conversations.** Cambridge Community Conversations (C3) will be the major CAN activity for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. C3 is sponsored by CAN, WHCP, the Dorchester Chamber of Commerce, and the Dorchester Banner to promote relaxed discussions on topics of interest to the community. The conversations are broadcast via FaceBook Live and YouTube and are available for viewing both live and following broadcast. C3 had about 100 viewers for the first two live broadcasts but only about 50 viewers for the most recent ones. C3 broadcasts are advertised via Dave Thatcher’s email distribution list, WHCP’s Mail Chimp list, the Chamber of Commerce distribution list, an ad in the Dorchester Banner, and a day-before reminder via the CAN member distribution list. Upcoming topics are listed in the attached schedule. Other virtual meetings are taking place at similar times in other parts of the City. Tom will provide information about these as he is able to identify it.
8. **Where CAN Should Go as an Organization**. Other than the C3 and Empowerment Center activities, there is not too much CAN can do given the current pandemic restrictions. Please send any ideas about possible activities to Chuck McFadden. Tom Puglisi suggested that we might want to think about a virtual CAN meeting in September, and Roman Jesien suggested a virtual “Happy Hour” emphasizing only good things about Cambridge. Chuck will speak with WHCP about a possible collaboration.
9. **Adjournment.** Tom Puglisi made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Roman Jesien. Upon unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.