**CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS**

**BOARD MEETINGS:**

**Contingent Upon COVID-19 Restrictions**

**Meetings of the CAN Board may be held virtually or**

**in person at 516 Race Street, Cambridge, MD 21613**

**CAN Board Meetings are open to the public**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Are held virtually or in person at the discretion of the CAN President**

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**VIRTUAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**January 21, 2021**

**MINUTES**

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

**Executive Committee Members Not Present:** NA

**Additional Board Members Present:**  Andre Duerinckx, Rick Klepfer, Smith, and Jane Weeks.

**Board Members Absent:** Beth Kline, Dave Thatcher

**Guests Present:** Judd Vickers

1. **Opening Comments.** CAN President Chuck McFadden opened the virtual meeting at 6:35 pm via Zoom. Roman Jesien made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Executive Committee meeting held on October 20, 2020. Tom Puglisi seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5-0 vote of the Executive Committee members.
2. **Treasurer’s Report.** Mary Ellen Jesien reported that 62 members have paid CY2020 dues and there is currently $2823.79 in CAN’s treasury. Tom Puglisi will initiate the annual membership drive before the end of January, contingent upon the outcome of the discussion in Item 3 below.
3. **Dues.** Tom Puglisi suggested either eliminating CAN dues altogether or establishing two levels of membership in order to help attract members from areas beyond the West End. Chuck McFadden noted that CAN-Jam has been the most expensive of our activities to date, and we seem to have enough money on hand for the coming year. Michelle Barnes stated that she is most concerned about ensuring that we solicit contributions annually (and as needed for special projects). She suggested that we extend our outreach as widely as possible. Roman Jesien spoke in favor off waiving the dues and soliciting contributions. Judd Vickers suggested that we waive dues for CY2021 in accordance with Article III, Section 2 of the CAN Bylaws and invite CY2021 memberships at no cost. Andre Duerinckx and Sharon Smith expressed support for this idea. Tom Puglisi made a motion in support of Judd’s suggestion, Roman Jesien seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by the 5 Executive Committee Members and the 5 additional Board Members present. Tom subsequently polled the two Board members not present in accordance with Article IV, Section 13 of the CAN Bylaws and both voted in favor of the motion.
4. **Recruitment of Members.** CAN currently has 69 paid members. Tom will check NextDoor to identify folks to invite as new members and will post CAN announcements periodically. In addition to monitoring NextDoor, Tom will prepare solicitations to send to the entire large distribution list. Michelle suggested approaching the area churches. Roman described the Clean Water Action group’s 1 on 1 contacts with the Mayor and Council Members, and suggested that CAN try something similar. Roman and Chuck volunteered to organize this activity. Michelle will post something on Cambridge MainStreet. Chuck would like to expand the news in the Newsletter. He hopes to get information from the Marina. Jane will approach the Historical Society. We might also try to get something from the Hyatt. Chuck McFadden indicated he wants to obtain calling cards for Board Members to hand out when meeting people. Chuck also suggested that we distribute Historic Preservation Commission fliers to new residents of the West End. Judd described the success CAN had with returning 1107 Locust to a single family property.
5. **Marina Committee.** Chuck McFadden suggested during December 2020 Board Meeting that CAN form a Marina Committee of boat owners to review what is or is not happening to the Marina. A variety of issues need to addressed to make the marina a cost effective asset for the City. Chuck reported that two persons have volunteered to serve on this Committee with him. Immediate actions of the Committee will be as follows:
6. Identify facts about the marina (number of slips, depth, etc.)
7. Identify problems and possible solutions
8. Solicit an article from Marina for the CAN Newsletter.
9. **Audit.** Tom reminded the Executive Committee and Board Members that an Annual Audit is required under Article V, Section 2 of the CAN Bylaws. Judd Vickers volunteered to serve on the Committee.
10. **Adjournment.** Tom Puglisi made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Jane Weeks. The motion was adopted unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.