**CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS**

**BOARD MEETINGS:**

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**July 7, 2022**

**MINUTES**

**Executive Committee Members Present:** Chuck McFadden (President), Jane Weeks (Treasurer), and Tom Puglisi (Secretary), constituting a quorum of the Executive Committee with 3 of 4 members present.

**Executive Committee Members Not Present:** Roman Jesien (Vice President).

**Additional Board Members Present:** Rick Klepfer, Susan Olsen, Sharon Smith, and Judd Vickers.

**Board Members Not Present:** Andre Duerinckx, Mary Ellen Jesien, Brad Rice, and Dave Thatcher.

**Guests Present: NA.**

1. **Opening Comments.** CAN President Chuck McFadden convened the meeting at 7:05 pm at 200 Belvedere St. Chuck welcomed all those present.
2. **Treasurer’s Report.** CAN Treasurer Jane Weeks reported that there is currently $3370.76 in CAN’s treasury.
3. **Secretary’s Report.**  CAN Secretary Tom Puglisi noted that minutes of the May 11 Executive Committee meeting were previously distributed and finalized via email. He reported that CAN currently has approximately 405 members.
4. **Next Meeting.**  Chuck McFadden initiated discussion regarding the next public Board meeting. Judd suggested an outdoor meeting on a Saturday morning. Possible speakers might include City Manager Tom Carroll, a Police Department representative, the Mayoral candidates, the County Council candidates, a Gun Violence Task Force representative, etc. Sometime in August is probably the earliest that a meeting could be arranged. September might be more desirable from a turnout perspective because so many people are away in August. Judd will explore dates that the pavilion at Great Marsh Park could be reserved. Chuck will finalize the date and speaker after polling the Board.
5. **Gun Violence Task Force.** No news on the Task Force is currently available. Brad Rice has been nominated by CAN.
6. **Summer Projects.** Newsletter articles are needed.
   1. Sewer – Roman Jesien (not present)
   2. Fire Department – Brad Rice (not present)
   3. Marina – Rick Klepfer. Nothing to report. Chuck suggested examining the City budget for details about marina expenditures.
   4. Code Enforcement – Judd Vickers (see discussion below)
   5. Tree Planting and Environmental Issues -- Susan Olsen discussed several areas where other groups have taken action. CAN could consider raising funds to support the environmental projects that Susan identifies.
7. **Focus for the Next 6 Months.** A variety of possible projects and priorities were discussed for possible action, including the City budget, the one-way Poplar Street project, downtown parking, environmental issues, etc.
   1. Chuck McFadden suggested that for the next six months CAN should focus on Code Enforcement, starting with a meeting with the City Manager, identifying facts, and writing Newsletter articles detailing these facts.
   2. Basic operational details (such as the number of code inspectors, the focus of inspections, methods for identifying noncompliance, data on enforcement actions and remediation, maintenance of City planting areas, and management of overflowing City trash cans) are of interest to the community and could lead to various improvement initiative for CAN to pursue.
   3. Judd Vickers will lead a Code Enforcement workgroup with Sharon Smith and Susan Olsen to initiate this project. The workgroup will meet with the City Manager as soon as practicable, perform appropriate follow-up work, and recommend actions for the Board to consider.
   4. CAN also needs to determine how these issues interface with the rental housing standards project developed by the City Technology Committee that Greg Boss described at the last Executive Committee meeting.
8. **Electric School Busses**. Susan Olsen reported that the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is offering grants to school districts to purchase electric school busses and install the supporting infrastructure. Dorchester and several other Eastern Shore counties would be eligible. Susan has notified Board of Education member Susan Morgan of this opportunity and will provide her with the necessary information. It was pointed out that the Dorchester County Public School system (DCPS) currently uses contractors to run school busses and might not want to take on management of a bus system, but this is a matter for the Board of Education to decide once it has all the information.
9. **Air B&Bs.** Jane Weeks noted the proliferation of Air B&Bs in the City and the need for a City ordinance regulating short-term rentals. Judd indicated that the Planning Commission had talked about examining this issue, but the necessary work group has net been assembled. Judd discussed code provisions regarding nuisances, and other possible methods of addressing the problem
10. **Adjournment.** Tom Puglisi made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Chuck. The motion was adopted unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.