

Foggy Bottom Association
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
March 2, 2021 at 7 PM via Zoom

President John George called the Online meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Attendance:

Present Board Members: John George, Donna Barbisch, Eileen Carey, Christina Farnsworth, Julia Gustafson, Peter Maye, Mary Ellen Signorille, Denise Vogt (joined at 7:15 pm).

Approval of February BOD Minutes

There was a discussion of the February 2, 2021 minutes. Donna Barbisch moved to accept the February 2021 meeting minutes, and Christina Farnsworth seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Peter Maye moved to confirm the approval of the FSC bookkeeper contract which was unanimously approved by email in February. Julia Gustafson seconded the motion to confirm the contract. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

President's Report – JPG

- The Grant Application to the Foggy Bottom Defense and Improvement Corporation was submitted. It will meet on March 3 to decide whether to approve the grant; and we should be told of their decision on or before on Friday March 5, 2021.
- Foggy Bottom Association – Refining Mission and Goals
 - o The Board had a brief discussion of the FBA's mission and goals.
- Know your ANC Members
 - o President George wanted Board members to be familiar with the ANC Commissioners and ANC boundaries.
 - o The 2020 Census may cause some minor redistricting of the ANC boundaries.
 - o The current ANC Commissioners are attempting to recruit an ANC Commissioner for the vacant seat for ANC2A08.
- Additional FBA Board member
 - o One individual who had stated their potential interest has decided not to move forward.
 - o Denise Vogt suggested the name of an individual but it is unclear whether that person is interested in serving on the FBA Board.
- Public Health / Public Safety – Abandoned Houses on I Street –
 - o Issues Surrounding this house is currently in progress
- Public Health / Public Safety - Rat Patrol –

- President George sent an email to Mr. Pittman to determine the timing of his next visit Foggy Bottom.
- Documenting Policies and Procedures
 - President George wants to document FBA policies and procedures to ensure easier transition between persons handling tasks and between changes in Board members.
- Top community concerns in February based on inquiries to FBA Board Members:
 - Student behavior
 - Vaccine distribution
 - Robberies at 7-11
 - Homeless encampments
 - Parking

Treasurer's Report – JPG

- FSC Bookkeeper has started; the 2020 checkbooks are reconciled. The bookkeeper is refining categories (Chart of Accounts) for the balance sheet. She also wants to review our use of PayPal.
- FBA's DCRA business license was revoked because the licensure fees had not been paid since 2014. It will be paid current and be re-instated as of March 2020. The fees and penalties are approximately \$650.
- Annual Budget, monthly income, and expenditures – **(See attached)**
 - President George discussed the proposed budget and changes from the prior year. He noted that there is grant money in the proposed budget, but obviously this will be revised depending on whether the application is granted, in full or in part.
 - Denise Vogt suggested that the FBA make a contribution to the local food pantry. Peter Maye suggested that board members and Foggy Bottom residents could also support by volunteering at the food pantry.

Technology – Eileen

- Review Technology Assessment: Eileen did a thorough and extensive review of current FBA technology and related categories.
- Eileen will come up with recommendations of software products for the various tasks of the FBA so that they are better integrated and will maintain security of the information.
- Eileen will suggest a date/time to conduct a separate Board meeting to discuss technology recommendations.

Membership Report – Mary Ellen

- Membership Status (number of current members; inactive members, etc.)
 - 213 actives; 173 non-active
- Moving towards doing renewals by quarter

Arts in Foggy Bottom – Peter

- Peter reported on the status of the exhibit which will run from late May 2021 to late September 2021. The exhibition timeline is as follows:
 - o **INSTALL WEEKEND** - May 22 Saturday / May 23 Sunday.
 - o Exhibit **Launch** - June 5 Saturday
 - o Exhibit **end** - September 26 Sunday
 - o **De-install** - October 2 Saturday
- He reported that there will be an opening reception at the Watergate Gallery & Frame Design.

FB/WE Infrastructure – Donna

- Virginia Ave NW Bike Lanes Update
- Donna stated that at the last meeting folks walked the bike lane last week.
- There will be an ANC Meeting on March 3, 2021, at 6 pm about bike lanes; Donna was asking for community input; President George will send out an email to the community.
- She reported that DDOT will report on 3 different proposals with the pros and cons of each.

Communications – Christina

- Current FBWE Communications
 - o FBA Newsletter
 - What should our lane be?
 - How should we distribute the newsletter?
 - o West End Flyer has a distribution method established to include apartment buildings and condos
 - Will be ending in April
 - o Friends of West End Library
 - o FBWE Village

Regular Monthly Community Meetings – JPG

- Standard Agenda – President George stated that the standard agenda seems to work.
 - o Welcome - JPG
 - o MPD Update – Lt. Williams
 - o MOCR Update – Joe Florio
 - o President’s Report - JPG
 - o Membership Report – Mary Ellen
 - o Business Showcase – BOD Choice
 - o March Monthly Topic – Rank Topics
 - Bike Lanes
 - Library
 - Councilmember Brooke Pinto – Future meeting

FB History – Denise

- White Row House on GW's Campus – Corner of 22nd and I Streets NW (diagonally across from the Whole Foods)
 - o Donna said we may have a limited ability to comment on “raze” permit because it is not in the Old West End/GW historic district.
 - o The ANC has not yet been asked to consider the raze permit.
 - o It may be possible to list the building as an historic landmark. The DC Preservation League is looking into this and talking to the DC government Historic Preservation Office.
 - o FBA gathering information; need to coordinate with ANC; should have additional information by Friday, 3/5.
 - o History Project Planning – Denise said she has gathered a lot of information and it can be put together to upload to a website. She expects there will be at least two major phases of roll out of information. The first with historical information available on- line due to restricted access to archives from various locations. Then a second supplement to initial phases after COVID restrictions are lifted.

Other Announcements / Upcoming Events – All

- ANC2A Meeting Wednesday March 17, 2021
- FBA March Community Meeting – Tuesday March 30, 2021
- FBA April BOD Meeting – Tuesday April 6, 2021

The Board agreed to hold its next meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 7pm via ZOOM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.
Submitted by Mary Ellen Signorille, FBA Secretary.