

**Foggy Bottom Association
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
October 5, 2021 at 7 PM via Zoom**

President John George called the online meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Attendance:

Present Board Members: John George, Christina Farnsworth, Julia Gustafson, Peter Maye, Mary Ellen Signorille, Denise Vogt

Absent Board Members: NONE

President's Report –

Eileen Carey resigned from the Board due to work commitments.

Christina Farnsworth moved to accept the minutes; Denise Vogt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

GW/FBA "Getting to know the Neighbors" originally scheduled for October 4 will be rescheduled after GWU cancelled due to rain. The Board discussed various GWU pamphlets that are currently, and had previously been, used to welcome students living off campus, as well as FBA-related pamphlets. Another issue that was discussed is that scooters are still being left in the middle of the sidewalk, even though there is a new law in place requiring scooters to be chained up. Peter Maye suggested parking enforcement should ticket those scooters which are not chained. Julia suggested that this is a broader issue than just in Foggy Bottom.

26th and I Street Landscaping update (includes The Boathouse Cooling Tower)
Boston Company is responsible for replacing dead trees. After one year, FBA will take over this area for landscaping and watering There is a donation of trees to be planted wherever the FBA Garden Committee decides.

The Boathouse Cooling Tower will go dormant within the next 2 weeks. The Cooling Tower did install some plants, but noise mats may be needed to reduce noise.

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One question that was raised is the process for designating a space as a DC dog park or a children's park. This will be discussed as part of the upcoming Children's park renovations – timing TBD.

26th Street Water Source Update. DC has decided not to go forward with the update of 26th Street water pipes because the pipes cannot be reconfigured without damaging the trees. The permits have been rescinded and the ANC will modify the agreement at a future ANC meeting.

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In order to water the surrounding area, alternatives were discussed including a water truck. A fund for watering landscape with Boston Properties is being negotiated which could be for truck, cistern or other types of watering systems. Denise shared with the Board information uncovered from the FBA Archives at Gelman Library. That information indicated the existence of a capped off water supply in the left corner (closest to the street) of the Kid's Park. The same documents showed that the City is responsible for the maintenance of the Kid's Park and the Dog Park. Peter noted he did not recall the City ever caring for the two locations.

2507 I Street NW is being renovated after having been abandoned for at least 24 years. The builder wants to build a glass enclosed roof deck structure which means the permit needs to be amended. The builder asked President George for the FBA's position on the roof deck before the builder requests DCRA to amend the permit. The Board had a robust discussion over this request for the amended permit, and whether the Board should take a position at all, and if so, what position. The FBA unanimously decided not to take a position.

2506 I Street NW is for sale after renovations were started, but not completed.

Breakfast with President LeBlanc is slated for Oct 30, 2021.

GW Communications Intern begins in January. [President George will find out more about the process from GWU.](#)

Information on the GWU Book Drive for disadvantaged pre-school and early education children will be shared with the Foggy Bottom/West End community.

Evaluation of Membership software and Website Refresh will begin

Board Items

Denise – Historic District Walking tour update/installed additional landscaping at Triangle Park and the K Street Island bed. She discussed the Frat House and dormitory exclusion from FBHD as relates to information found in the FBA Archives, Gelman Library. Helipad flight tracking update – the ANC still has yet to update their flight tracking information link required per Agreement with the FBA. The next issue of the FBA newsletter will feature a story on the GWUH medical helicopters flights/history. Denise suggested that the FBA install permanent signage on the three FBA gardens indicating maintained by the FBA Garden Committee. She also suggested that a community or FBA member regularly track ANC and DC Council issues that impact Foggy Bottom.

Julia reported about the bike lanes on L Street and 20 & 21 Streets.

Treasurer's Report

Paypal Account Summary
Working to file taxes in November 2021

Membership Report – MaryEllen

Membership Status (number of current members) -- 242
Distribution List has been updated
Tracking Preferred Merchant Program – Jennifer

Communications – All – JPG Facilitator

Re-establish FoggyBottomAssociation.org emails for those not yet set up
FBA Community Meeting – October 26, 2021 - Virtual
Kennedy Center to speak – Julia
Distribution of printed copies of newsletter (Ms. Armbrewster)

FBA Monthly Community Meetings –

November 30, 2021 - Virtual
December – TBD – Elections
Candidates to fill vacant seats – Christina / Mary Ellen

Other Announcements / Upcoming Events –

- ANC2A Meeting Wednesday October 20, 2021
- FBA October BOD Meeting – Tuesday November 2, 2021
- FBA History Project, Walking Tour in Historic District, October 17, 2021, (Denise Vogt and Frank Leone)

Adjournment: The Board agreed to hold its next meeting on November 2 at 7pm via ZOOM.

Action Items

- A Board member will put together a contact list of scooter companies. A Board member will research what agency in DC will enforce this.
- President George contacted TJs to see if there are original TJ members still working there. This information could not be released because of TJ's company policy. The official date for TJ 15 Year Anniversary at TJ's was October 16.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Submitted by Mary Ellen Signorille, FBA Secretary

Chat

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