

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

President John George called the Online meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Attendance:

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

Absent Board Members: Eileen Carey, Jennifer Schaus

President's Report –

- Top community topics in Summer:
 - o Homeless Encampments
 - The Board had a robust discussion about the ongoing issues surround the homeless encampments. Many Board members expressed frustration on the increasing number of encampments given DC's significant budget expenditures on homelessness. Moreover, the Board questioned whether the increasing number of homeless individuals are DC residents or from outside of Washington, DC. Many Board members worry that providing showers at the encampments, as discussed at the last ANC meeting, will encourage individuals to reject assistance. President George will contact various DC officials about the continuing homelessness encampments, asking for updates and accountability.
 - o GWU Off-Campus Students
 - GWU has produced a brochure for students about DC services. FBA homeowners produced a more detailed brochure about these services, such as trash collection. Over Labor Day weekend, there were some calls about excessive noise to the police and GWU. FBA, homeowners, and GWU have a protocol for working through various issues before contacting DC officials. President George asked Joe Florio for information about the business license for the homes at issue including the number of people permitted to live in the house. Julia suggested looking at whether the owners who are renting out these homes are claiming the homestead exemption.
 - o GWU Sept 11, 2021 - Day of Service
 - 10 GW students will come through the neighborhood to help with cleanup.

- FBA Newsletter Resumes September 17, 2021
 - Special edition was sent out on September 3
- Historic FB Walking Tour – Sept 24, 2021 – **SOLD OUT!**
 - Denise and Frank worked with tour group
 - The tour will be on the website with PDF links about each stop
- Arts in Foggy Bottom Exhibit Ends September 26, 2021
 - PBS segment on the Arts program and Washington Post review

Board Items

- Denise
 - Western Market is delayed due to a myriad of factors including COVID, lack of staff, and lack of necessary products.
 - Full opening may be delayed until the spring.

Treasurer's Report

- JPG requested the FBA bookkeeper to provide an updated year to date report
 - Asking for updated budget to actuals report.
 - Potential SWAG to new homeowners in neighborhood

Membership Report

- Membership Status (number of current members) -- **235**
- Distribution List has been updated
- Member Benefits – Confirmation of Preferred Merchant Program

Communications – All – JPG Facilitator

- Re-establish FoggyBottomAssociation.org emails for those not yet set up
 - 90% discount for nonprofit status from website
- FBA Community Meeting – Sept. 28, 2021
 - Virtual meeting.

FBA Monthly Community Meetings –

- September – Trader Joe's Anniversary & History of Columbia Hospital for Women
 - Kennedy Center speaker? 50th Year Anniversary
- October 26
- November

Other Announcements / Upcoming Events –

- ANC2A Meeting Tuesday, September 14, 2021
- FBA October BOD Meeting – Tuesday July 6, 2021

Adjournment: The Board agreed to hold its next meeting on October 5 at 7pm via ZOOM.

Action Items

- Denise Vogt will work with Ron and other members of the community about TJ's.
- President George will contact TJ's manager.
- Julia Gustafson will reach out to Kennedy Center to speak

The Board agreed to hold its next meeting on October 5, 2021 at 7pm via ZOOM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Submitted by Mary Ellen Signorille, FBA Secretary

Chat

Nothing In Chat