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FBA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 7:00-9:00 pm
West End Place, 1099 22nd St NW, Party Rm

Board members in attendance: Marina Streznewski, Peter Maye, Chris Labas, Karen Medsker, Julia Gustafson, Patrick Kennedy, James Sonne, Christina Farnsworth

Welcome & Introductions 7:05 pm

Treasurer's Report – Chris Labas 7:15 pm

Checking = \$37,755.37

Garden Cmte =

Sculpture = \$47,868.46

Donation from Eleanor M. Becker Trust

Marina announced that a gift of \$20,000 was made to the FBA with the requirement that the FBA hold a spring festival each year in Eleanor Becker's name. The late Ms. Becker was a neighborhood fixture for many years and President of the FBA at least twice. The Board authorized James Sonne to investigate ways to invest the money and report back to the Board on his findings.

Membership 7:20 pm

Current Status = 217 paid-up members

- Many (~50) new SENIOR members have joined, due to the 50% discount benefit at the GWU cafeteria. Many of these live at St. Mary's Court. Renewal notices have been sent, but responses are somewhat slowly coming in.
- Marina and Christina will work together to develop a member survey, which we plan to conduct this year; it has been some time since the last survey was done.

Garden Committee 7:30 pm

Status of Proposal to Trust: Marina received the check today

Communications 7:45 pm

Website – the following are being uploaded :

- Blog posts
- Annual report
- Board meeting minutes (to be saved as pdf)

The plan is to update Paypal so that members can

- Indicate SENIOR status
- Donte to Garden or Sculpture

Hiring a Social Media Intern was recommended, due to the departure of Catherine Pitcher, who has been performing this function. The Board voted unanimously to hire an intern for specific tasks, expected to take an average of three hours per week.

Newsletter & status of Current

Pros and cons of a newsletter were discussed; the idea was tabled pending resolution of problems with the Current.

Programs Report

8:00 pm

Review

December 4 – Holiday Party & Awards Presentation: great success, except food ran out quickly. We will order more food next time

Upcoming

- January 30 – Resolved: A Clean Community (speakers & location at West End Library confirmed)
- February 27 – Annual Mtg Goals – To the Next Level
- March 27 – Cycling Summit
- April 21? – Ellie Becker Spring Soiree/GW Block Party OR April 24 – Meeting Topic? Discussion centered around partnering with GWU for this event. The Board was in favor if GWU would commit major resources to the neighborhood or to the event. Different venues were proposed, but no final decision was reached.
- May 22 – Candidate Forum – At Large DC Council Candidates Discussion was positive about this event, and planning will go forward when we know when the candidates are. Primary is June 19.

Issue Updates

8:20 pm

- GWU Hospital Helipad Proposal Status (no report)
- Homelessness Task Force meets Jan. 20 at Fungler Hall on GWU campus; speaker is Kristy Greenwald
- Clean Community (see Jan. 30 meeting)
- Crime: one incident was reported
- Postal Service Problems: The Board resolved to write a letter to the Postal Service, citing both good and bad service examples, defining the scope of the problems some neighborhood residents have encountered.

Other Business

8:45 pm

- Potential amendments to FBA Bylaws were briefly discussed:
 - Allow FBA Board to vote by email
 - Establish family/household membership category
 - Establish business/organization membership/affiliate category
 - Change Annual Meeting & Board elections to spring?
- Board members will review current bylaws and changes will be formally considered at a future meeting.

Next FBA Board Meeting Date

8:55 pm

Adjourn

9:00 pm

Next FBA Board Meeting –Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 7:00 pm, 1099 22nd St NW, Party Room