

Called to Order 7:10pm

Present: Pitcher, Labas, Streznewski, Kennedy, Gustafson

Treasurer Balance Check: \$43367

Sculpture: \$47868

Installation sculpture exhibit: April 21<sup>st</sup>, opening April 28<sup>th</sup>; October 27<sup>th</sup> will begin process of taking exhibits down

Cat transitioning domains and other FBA accounts under her name in preparation for departure; consolidated under Wix for simplicity

Cat available in limited variety until replacement is found after relocation

Looking for blog post authors, suggestions for website content

Will upload minutes of board meetings per member request

FBA sponsoring TedX Foggy Bottom, half cash donation (\$250) and half in-kind (i.e., promotional/marketing) contribution

Advertising in the Hatchet for social media intern position drew no interest, reaching out to Career Services in follow-up

Reaction to member meeting last week was positive (Labas and Strenewski in attendance); conducted similarly to November annual meeting in order to follow up on members' priorities and narrow down areas of focus for FBA in coming year – small group discussion and voting in order to establish outcome

Main areas of focus: Focal point for issues of concern – homelessness, trash, rat abatement; spring party/arts festival/block party; farmers market/retail/grocery needs; compiling database of volunteers to help with various tasks; inform members of what services/amenities exist, facilitate access

Preparation for cycling summit on March 27<sup>th</sup> – seeking point person for Capital Bikeshare at DDOT to attend meeting, Washington Area Bicyclist Association rep

Patrick working toward DC Council at-large candidate forum for May, securing Tom Sherwood as moderator

Encampment clean-up @ 27<sup>th</sup> and K, on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

Continuing issues in parts of the neighborhood with USPS service

Helipad hearing before the Council next Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>; FBA neutral

Spring soiree confirmed for Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> or Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Will target Avenue Suites as a venue – secondary choices Fairmont Hotel and Melrose. Will seek businesses to donate items for member giveaway (e.g., West End Cinema, Arrowwine, Whole Foods). Think of program, invites related to Ellie Becker.

Postpone bylaws discussion

Membership survey to be sent out before FBA proceeds to focus on spring soiree planning

Meeting adjourned 8:42pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7pm, West End Place