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FBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 9, 2018, 7:00-9:30 pm
West End Place, 1099 22nd St NW, Party Rm

Attending: Marina Streznewski, Chris Labas, Patrick Kennedy, Julia Gustafson, Christina Farnsworth, James Sonne, Karen Medsker

Welcome 7:05 pm

Treasurer's Report (Chris Labas) 7:10 pm

Checking = \$37,774.08
Garden Cmte = \$minus \$150 from before
Sculpture = \$28,188.55

Membership (Karen Medsker) 7:20 pm

Current Status = 215 up-to-date paid members
Karen's Changing Status

- Status of Board Member Search: Marina has several names and will contact them tonight by email.

Membership Survey results (Christina Farnsworth)

- Rats are in top 5 issues in 2018, up significantly from last time; other issues similar to last time we surveyed. We sent out over 200 surveys. More than half came from Watergate and Potomac Plaza Terraces.

Garden Committee (Marina Streznewski) 7:40 pm

Status of 2100 Pennsylvania amenity for 26th St Park

- Working on details of new sidewalk at 26th and I Street

Plans for 2018 GW Freshman Day of Service (Sat, 9/8)

- Major project is painting benches in Washington Circle. We need lots of supervision on the day.

Communications 7:50 pm

Website

- Updates have been made to the banner.

Communications Intern – Helen Kimball

Foggy Bottom News PDF

- We are getting good feedback from this initiative.
- Those who don't have email addresses are pretty easy to deliver, since most are in Potomac Plaza Terraces or St. Mary's Court. Marina hand delivers these.

Programs Report 8:10 pm

Review & Discussion

June 26 – Chief Peter Newsham, MPD

- Meeting was good, but next day “stop and frisk” was on the news.

Upcoming

July 24 – Jack Evans

September 25 – At-Large candidates

October 14 – Brooklyn Sandwich Company Barbeque

October 22

November 20 – ANNUAL MEETING

December ?? – HOLIDAY PARTY

- Discussion of where to obtain ASL interpreters for our meetings: Gallaudet, GWU?

Arts In Foggy Bottom

- Perking along

Issue Updates

8:30 pm

GWU Hospital Helipad Proposal Status

- Waiting for Congressional review

Homelessness

Lawsuit

Homelessness Task Force Mtg

- Task force will not meet again until September
- Meriam’s Kitchen has an idea for a day center at Square One (open area near Watergate gas station)

Clean Community

Snows Court: getting better; tickets were sent to owners of properties

Rats: rat guys are coming July 20

- Is there a schedule for National Park Service to service parks?

Trash & recycling bin survey

Idea – trash & recycling bin cleaning service

- Marina has not been able to get in touch with the person in question

Adopt A Block (new program City is encouraging)

- Chris suggested that FBA adopt our own blocks

Student & Other Renters

- Marina is working with GWU on this.

Other Business

8:45 pm

- Traffic coming off Washington Circle going south on 23rd street—very dangerous, as cars do not stop for pedestrians. Good news: officers are supposed to be there watching and issuing tickets!
- Helicopter noise is worse recently; can be Kennedy Center important people and administration people who don’t want to use motorcade.
- Uber and Lyft drivers stopping in places that block traffic

Next FBA Board Meeting Date

8:55 pm

Adjourn

9:00 pm

Next FBA Board Meeting – Monday, September 10, 2018, 7:00 pm, 1099 22nd St NW, Party Room