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FBA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Monday, June 11, 2018, 7:00-9:30 pm

By conference call

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

Welcome

7:10 pm

Discussion of regular night for board meetings: a decision was made to have the next F2F meeting on Monday, July 9, at West End Place party room. We may decide to alternate F2F meetings and conference calls. We will not have a board meeting in August. Starting in September, we will decide whether to stick with Mondays, and then Marina will send out whole year of dates in advance.

Treasurer's Report (Chris Labas)

7:10 pm

Checking = \$37,604.30

Garden Cmte = \$ (We do not have the information at this time.)

Sculpture = \$29,655.31

FBA Budget (Marina Streznewski) [VOTE REQUIRED]

7:20 pm

Chris Labas moved to accept the budget and Christina Farnsworth seconded the motion. The budget was unanimously approved. (7-0)

Membership (Karen Medsker)

7:40 pm

Current Status = 222

Karen Medsker is moving to Vermont and will be leaving the Board after the July meeting. We need another board member to take over the membership duties. Patrick agreed to take over temporarily both the membership and the secretary duties.

Membership Survey (Marina Streznewski): results of the survey will be summarized after June 19 (Marina's election).

Garden Committee (Peter Maye)

7:55 pm

Status of 2100 Pennsylvania amenity for 26th St Park: Garden Committee and Marina will decide between two designs and work will start in July

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

Primary project will be re-staining the benches in Washington Circle. This project will require coordination with National Park Service, both wood and metal parts; GWU will pay for the

materials. Marina is coordinating with Freshman Day of Service people.

Communications

8:10 pm

Website

Communications Intern Status: Discussion of two resumes; Marina has interviewed both people and will offer the position to Helen, with the Board's concurrence.

Current – proposed change in relationship [VOTE REQUIRED]

Marina proposed that we discontinue our relationship with the *Current*, due to the lack of consistency we've experienced. Karen moved and Christina seconded that we discontinue the relationship. The vote was 7-0 in favor of the motion.

Designs for PDF version of Foggy Bottom News [VOTE REQUIRED]

Marina talked with Bernadette, who came up with 3 designs. Marina shared these with the Board. Chris moved and Christina seconded that we choose Option 1 with reduced masthead and larger print. The vote was 7-0 in favor of the motion.

Change name to Foggy Bottom West End News [VOTE REQUIRED]

Chris moved and Julia seconded that we use the subhead "Serving Residents of foggy Bottom and the West End" (instead of changing the name) to avoid confusion with the FBWE Village name. The vote was 7-0 in favor of the motion.

Programs Report

8:15 pm

Review & Discussion

May 29 – Candidate Forum – At Large DC Council Candidates + Council Chair Candidates

This was a great meeting with good turnout.

Upcoming

- June 26 – Chief Peter Newsham, MPD
- July 24 – Jack Evans (confirmed) + Jeff Marootian (?)
- September 25
- October – BBQ? This is the year we have a BBQ, which is every other year. Marina will check on dates (Sundays) and go for Oct. 14 if no conflicts. We might do this at Francis Stevens and may have a kosher food truck.

Arts in Foggy Bottom

Issue Updates

8:30 pm

- GWU Hospital Helipad

Next step is for the mayor to sign the bill; then it goes through 30-day review process; expect it to open in early 2019.

- Homelessness

We did not have a task force meeting, because Marina was sick. Marina will follow up about the lawsuit.

- Clean Community

Snows Court has had issues with rats and trash.

Rats: there is a chemical that sterilizes female rats

Trash & recycling bin survey—Marina is working to identify the ones that have holes in

them and requests help from all members to identify serial numbers of those that do; we will try to get as many replaced as possible.

Idea – trash & recycling bin cleaning service: use this as a fund-raiser? Could pay somebody (perhaps a homeless person) \$15/hour; could be only for, or cheaper for, FBA members. The Board thinks it's a good idea; we should probably charge everybody. We also need to be concerned about how to make payment available (bank account?) and personal safety equipment.

Student & Other Renters

June and August have highest turnover in renters. Where is it causing trash problems?

Other Business

8:45 pm

Status of Acton Academy

Adjourn

8:55 pm

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