

CHCA Membership Meeting, Monday, May 11th, 2020, 7 pm – 8 pm

Location: ONLINE - Zoom

Attendees: Ron Haddox, Josh Folb, Ed Miltenburger, Takis Karantonis, Marian Gooderham, Reggie Nixon, Eric Goldstein, Juliet Hiznay, Sarah McKinley, Jerry, Meredith Gade

7:10 PM President's Update and the goals for tonight – (Ron Haddox)

7:15 PM Approval of the Meetings tonight agenda and the April 13th meeting minutes. (Marian and Ron)

- Approved. Marian to send to Ron to post final on website.

7:20 PM Update on MOU/MOA between BM Smith, Pike Park (Walgreens/Riteaid), County, & CHCA?

Update: CPRO will be working to set up a meeting between the appropriate parties, so they can determine how best to proceed. (Reggie)

- Reggie describes history of Walgreens site (was intended to be a public space, some courtyard still exists); use permit approved for drive-thru pharmacy-wall, street trees, brick paver sidewalks-responsibility of entire area including building and courtyard is applicant's responsibility. Bus stop responsibility-County. Use permit plans are now outdated. Out of 25 conditions only about 2-3 are relevant today-maintenance plan/conditions, onsite contact supposed to be available for complaints. Staff has suggested a new use permit process (BM Smith owner applicant and Walgreens tenant) which would give CHCA opportunity to discuss maintenance during process. Zoning Dept. supposed to reach out to BM Smith about applying for a new use permit. Reggie has contact in Zoning Dept. to follow up. County Board would need to officially discontinue the longstanding use permit.
- Procedure: Applicant filing and Zoning will notify the 4 closest Civic Associations and CPRO; put on public hearing schedule at County meeting in 60 days; goes to staff-try to cut down concerns/questions; Zoning gives recommendation, Applicant and Civic Associations can speak at the hearing before getting approval/denial. Post-approval: conditions need to continue to be met. 6 month first review period.
- Juliet suggests approaching BM Smith now about our complaints before pursuing push for new use permit.

- Reggie said Kim at CPRO is working on getting time set for CHCA, BM Smith and CPRO to discuss maintenance issues. Reggie will get next steps in line.

7:45 PM Updates

- Newsletter (Marian and Sarah)-Marian to determine template.
- Follow-Up Re: Columbia Heights Civic Association – Walter Reed CC Playground, etc. Meeting Oct 14. (Marian/Ron): CHCA email sent 5/3/20, agreeing with fence vs plants for barrier at playground/parking lot; support adding protective film & warning stickers on metal drums to reduce heat in summer; asking for additional research into possible cost-effective sunshade over sandbox (including examples from Wayfair and one in Bailey’s Crossroads)-our greatest priority; and supporting any updates to rope rock structure as possible.
- Career Center BLPC/PFRC update from the last public meeting. (Takis and Marian): APS budget slashed due to COVID, essentially construction in process will proceed, things not in process will be reconsidered. Josh said APS could pay for first floor reno of Library so it can get up and running w/second floor devoted to APS classrooms (use as public meeting rooms in evenings). Juliet concerned about public access to library.
- Letter to Police Chief Farr - motor vehicle license camera data: Ron and Sarah had meeting with Chief and they are concerned about collection and data of our license plates from cameras on police cars. Juliet: they can use info after-the-fact in investigations w/o a warrant. Ron is compiling a report on problems associated with this kind of database watching. Ron wants to send a letter to Chief about concerns. Debate as to whether this is an issue for CHCA to approach or go through Civic Federation. Juliet-suggests FOIA requests for own data; she will send list of how to do it. It’s a concern for everyone.
- Update on the status of boundary clarification - Green Valley and CHCA. Ron-Civ Fed wants to confirm we gave notice to 16th St. S about proposed boundaries to include 16th St. S. (historically always part of CHCA)-Meredith gave notice to 16th St. S about the boundary meeting only, not notification of inclusion (recollection is Jackie at Civ Fed said to notify of meeting only where topic would be discussed). Group discussion about next steps, wait until new leadership in Civ Fed and healthier climate. Eric-we need County to

approve final boundaries/maps. Possibly send letter-our understanding that our two Civic Associations previously reached an agreement (CHCA has both sides 16th St. S, 16th Rd. S in Green Valley)-wait until new leadership to send (Jackie vacating in June). Civ Fed has to act on it then County. Group consensus to wait until we get updated map to approach question about new Green Valley sign recently installed at southside of 16th St. S and Walter Reed Dr.

New business:

- COVID updates-Sarah has made over 500 fabric masks for the community.

8:35 PM Meeting adjourned.