

Corbett Heights Neighbors
Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday April 14, 2021
Minutes

A regularly scheduled (virtual) meeting of the Board of Directors of Corbett Heights Neighbors was called to order by Vice President Maryann Dresner at 7:05 p.m. on Wednesday April 14, 2021. The following directors were present: Paul Allen, Josh Baskin, Maryann Dresner, Maria Chambers Hutchins, Leslie Koelsch, Casey Rando, and Mark Ryser. Bill Holtzman and Scott Pluta were absent.

1. Minutes. The Minutes from the March 10 meeting were approved as distributed.
2. Treasurer's Report. Leslie offered the Treasurer's Report. Approximately \$7800 was raised for the improvement of Al's Park, most of which has been spent. Several members renewed since the last Board meeting; several more are upcoming this month.
3. Neighborhood Parks.
 1. Corbett Slope. A few CHN members participated in a substantial clean up of the Slope earlier this month. Additionally, through Leslie's persistence, the numerous vehicles resident on Market St. at the Slope have now been removed. There was also discussion of adding fencing to additional parts of the Slope. The Parks Committee and Bill will evaluate this matter further.
 2. Al's Park. With more than 85 attendees, the celebration of Al's birthday at Al's Park was a great success. It was preceded by a substantial restoration and improvement of Al's Park, much of the expense borne by CHN and CHN members. More plants will be added, a maintenance plan developed, and signage posted.
 3. Ord Triangle. Contractors have removed the piping and associated construction material from the Corbett Street side of the Ord Triangle. The Board endorsed Leslie's proposal to acquire materials to paint the bench and trash can, as well as the board at the east side of Merritt Park.
 4. Merritt Park. The gentleman for whom CHN acquired a lawn mower has used it to trim Merritt.
 5. Related Business. During the discussion of CHN's Goals, see item 5 below, the Board discussed retaining a contractor to service the parks periodically. Without endorsing or committing to such an action, the Board authorized Leslie working with the Parks Committee to obtain cost estimates. Also, Maria reported that the previously approved signs for the parks are now in process of manufacture.
4. Election Schedule. The Board approved the Election Schedule, attached hereto as Exhibit A, that will be posted on the CHN website.
5. Goals of CHN. The Board had a lengthy discussion about the organization's goals and priorities, an issue that will be a matter of continuing discussion. There was a

general consensus on the importance of the aforementioned parks, local land use/zoning issues, homelessness/quality of life issues, and the need to recruit and involve more neighbors in the work of CHN. Beyond the foregoing, there was discussion of potential involvement in city and state wide issues as well as participation in city wide or even state wide coalitions.

6. SF General Plan. Maria provided a brief report on the development on and hearings about the City's General Plan.
7. Follow Up Items from the last meeting.
 1. Memo to Supervisor Mandelman on his Proposed Zoning Changes. Paul reported that neither the Supervisor nor his staff responded to or acknowledged the memo. Following Board discussion, Paul will speak with Bill about possibly distributing the memo more widely, e.g. to the media, other Supervisors, and the Mayor.
 2. Letter to DA Boudin regarding repeat offenders and parolees. Paul reported that an Assistant DA responded to the letter, noting that the defendant who precipitated the letter is presently being detained pending trial. CHN also now has an Assistant DA contact at Park Station.
 3. Safe Sleeping Sites Legislation. Maryann has been asked to testify at the April 21 hearing and will do so. Given that the CHN Board voted to endorse the proposed legislation, she will so declare as well as noting her personal support for the bill.
 4. Engardio Politics Presentation. Leslie will circulate Joel Engardio's politics presentation.
8. Issue for Next Board Meeting. The Board agreed that the following should be added to the agenda for the next meeting: the website, emails, and newsletter communications to members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Paul Allen, Secretary.

Exhibit A

CHN Election Timeline:

September 14, 2021 Annual Membership Meeting

May 17	Post Meeting Schedule on website, along with any new election procedures. (Current Procedures are already posted.)
May 17	Board candidates must be a member in good standing by this date.
June 16	CHN members must be in good standing (i.e. paid) by this date in order to be eligible to vote at the Annual Membership Meeting.
August 15	Last date for Board candidates to submit their names to Secretary
August 25	Last date for any “candidate statements” to be submitted to Secretary for inclusion in the ballots.
September 3	Last date to distribute ballots.
September 14	Annual Membership Meeting.