

**Corbett Heights Neighbors**  
**Board of Directors Meeting, Monday November 9, 2020**  
**Minutes**

A regularly scheduled (virtual) meeting of the Board of Directors of Corbett Heights Neighbors was called to order by President Bill Holtzman at 7:00 p.m. on Monday November 9, 2020. The following Directors were present: Paul Allen, Maryann Dresner, Bill Holtzman, Maria Chambers Hutchins, Leslie Koelsch, Casey Rando (until a discussion of the proposed project at 4300 17th street), and Mark Ryser. Scott Pluta was absent.

1. Minutes. The minutes from the October 14 meeting were approved with two minor corrections (“street parks” in lieu of “pocket parks”; and \$3200 in par. 10 rather than \$3500). A revised set of minutes will not be disseminated but the files will reflect the corrected minutes, and the revised minutes posted on the CHN website.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Leslie offered the Treasurer’s Report. There were four membership renewals; Leslie has contacted several members up for renewal this month.
3. Corbett Slope. The Board previously approved the acceptance of a bid to clean up the Slope and repair the tree damage associated with the City’s sidewalk repairs, this after numerous attempts to have the City remediate the work itself. The contractor is scheduled to begin the work Tuesday, November 10. CHN has a filed with the city a claim for reimbursement. On a related subject, Casey, Maria, and Leslie will collaborate on signage for the Slope and the smaller street parks, the purpose being to advise the users of the parks that CHN assists in their maintenance and to solicit as well public cooperation in that endeavor. Casey offered to determine if the City has, over time, excess trees that could be utilized in the street parks.
4. Al’s Park. There was considerable discussion of the status of, and plans to improve, Al’s Park, which is a narrow right of way and path descending from Corbett to the east toward upper Market street. It is sometimes referred to as Mono street or 19th street, although it is not a usable street in the conventional sense. It is adjacent to 377 Corbett. Al Kovalick has resided nearby on Corbett street for 67 years and has long maintained it. With the assistance of the property owner whose house is at the terminus of the park/right of way as it ends at Market, CHN proposes to design and implement improvements suitable to the history of the park and honoring Al’s work over the decades. Accordingly, the Board endorsed the appointment of a committee to begin the planning process. The Committee consists of Leslie, Maria, the owner of the aforementioned house, Mr. Kovalick, Mr. Kovalick’s son, and a CHN neighbor and member who has developed and maintained the extraordinary Corbin Stairs “park” that links Corbett to Market, adjacent to 200 Corbett.
5. CHN Quarterly Meeting. The Board discussed possible speakers for the December quarterly membership meeting to be held the first or second week of December. Numerous speakers were proposed. Supervisor Mandelman will likely be confirmed; and there was considerable interest in having someone who could speak to the

City's finances going forward, particularly in light of the passage of the finance initiatives at the just concluded election. A final decision will be made soon.

6. "The Castle." CHN's complaints to the city regarding much unauthorized work at this site on States Street has led to city remediation orders.

At this point, Casey Rando withdrew from the meeting so that the Board could briefly discuss its position regarding the proposed development at 4300 17th St.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Paul Allen  
Secretary