

## Corbett Heights Neighbors Board of Directors

Wednesday November 20, 2024

7:00 PM at CHASE BANK, corner 15th and Sanchez

### Minutes:

Present: Maryann Dresner, Leslie Koelsch, Jessica Dal Santo, Becca McCann, Mark Ryser, Joey Accordino

1. **Agenda** was adopted.
2. **Minutes** of Board Meeting October 9 adopted.
3. **Financial Report.**  
CHN currently has 143 members. There were two non-renewals and two new members. Income for the month amounted to \$445. The expenses were the usual gardening upkeeps and the Weebly and G-Suite payments.
4. **Parks Report.**
  - A. Al's Park – "Looks great" per Leslie, who largely credits Charles.
  - B. Merritt & Danvers – We may have lost some plants, which might be due to inadequate watering. Francisco Teixeira proposed to water every three weeks, at a gardener's rate. He also offered to reset the pathway stones. Board discussed that ultimately we would extend an offer for him to work on the stones, but not water.
  - C. Ord/Corbett – The stump was removed. We discussed changing the type of tree that would be planted and the associated costs. Becca volunteered to reach out to Friends of the Urban Forest to explore different tree types. Leslie offered to pay the \$280 – the For Your Garden Needs cost of the Acacia replacement, which we agreed upon. We resolved to remove the trash can at 17<sup>th</sup> & Douglass for the time being.
  - D. Slope – Leslie recently swept the plaza area and painted out the graffiti. She suggested doing a bark spread next year.
5. Discussed the **issue with Parks Alliance** related to tardy payment to CHN vendors. Maryann has tried in vain to connect with Parks Alliance to discuss the matter. Maryann volunteered to reach out to the Parks Alliance Chair, Louise Mozingo.
6. Confirmed that the **conflict of interest** statement and bylaws are on the website.
7. Discussed the **planting of a tree for June Johnson**. Becca will brainstorm and research a way to incorporate a concrete plaque for the tree.

8. Discussed a **block party at Merritt Park** in the Spring of 2025. We circled April 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> as the most likely dates. The 25<sup>th</sup> will be the default date with the 11<sup>th</sup> as the backup.
9. Discussed a **response to Paul Allen**, who reached out on Gary Weiss' behalf concerning the Slope upkeep. Leslie will reply to explain CHN's current actions and position. Her response also contains a question about a line item from financial reports from 2014 to 2017.
10. Discussed the **goals of our group**. Becca's early interactions concerning the in-ground electrical wiring have been positive, and she has made a contact with DPW. Becca also discussed the progress she has made in improving the stairs from Douglas to States Street and area around it. We resolved to devote the entirety of our next meeting (**changed to December 16**) to brainstorming goals.
12. Meeting officially adjourned at 8:13 pm.