

ECA Board Meeting

January 27, 2020

5118 Elm Street, Bethesda MD 20814

Present: David Barnes, Jeffrey Drichta, Bridget Foist, Joyce Gwadtz, Huda Montemano, Susan Hendrickson

Called to Order at 7:38pm

Old Business

1. New Year's Brunch

Good turnout, approximately 80 people, several kids, Champagne not used much, otherwise food and drink amounts were good, discussion about timing of event or switching dates to accommodate Church services.

- Motion to move time to 11:30am-1:30pm. Seconded and PASSED.

New Business

1. Sidwell Friends

Meeting got rescheduled, new contact at Sidwell, nothing to report at this time.

2. Proposed MD Zoning Changes

Discussed desired level of involvement and agreed to continue to monitor the situation..

3. Traffic studies

Traffic studies for the neighborhoods 2 way stops versus 4 way stops have been requested. The county has not responded and was contacted again. The county indicated that they are expediting their response.

4. Department of Transportation

David is following up with DOT regarding discussions about timing of signals, lights.

5. Downtown Plan Implementation Advisory Committee

Joyce attended first meeting. Focusing on broader plan, concerns with Battery Lane area, big issue is green space, committee is comprised of half residents and half businesses

6. Elm Street right of way

23 trees will be planted, replacing the five that were lost, planning to go in this spring, currently flags mark the proposed location of new trees, David will email the ECA informing them of the plan.

7. Sidewalk along Clarendon

Jeffrey will touch base with county about possibility of trees in this area.

8. County Executive's 2021 Capital Budget

Capital Crescent Trail Tunnel is not in the proposed funding plan, not enough room in the existing tunnel for the train and a bike path, David will email community with information regarding upcoming meeting and will contact Oliver Carr to gauge his interest in the topic or ability to change anything.

9. Movable Wine Tasting

Date April 18th, Erzas have agreed to host, looking for a few more houses to commit, ECA will pick up a portion of the bill, planning is well underway.

10. 2020 Dues Letters

Revising letters, will only give online option to pay dues for non-dues paying members.

11. Treasurer

Josh has resigned as Treasurer.

Jeffrey is willing to resign as Vice President and assume the Treasurer duties.

- Motion to accept Jeffrey Drichta's resignation of Vice President and to appoint Jeffrey Drichta as Treasurer. Seconded and PASSED.

Candidate to fill role of Vice President position to be recruited.

12. ECA spring meeting

Agenda under development. Evan Glass will speak to community. Additional agenda items to be addressed. Composting for neighborhood

Huda will contact the company, Compost Crew to explore options for a neighborhood deal.

Meeting adjourned – 8:57pm

Minutes Prepared by David Barnes

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