

ECA Board Meeting  
June 15, 2020

Location – Online via Zoom

Call meeting to order – 7:39pm

Board members present – David Barnes, Jeffrey Drichta, Huda Montemarano, Bridget Foist, Joyce Gwadz, Susan Hendrickson, Linda Wenger

1. Review/Approval of the May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Meeting Minutes – motion to approve minutes, seconded, PASSED

2. Yard Maintenance Noise –

David has received several inquiries from residents about leaf blower and other yard maintenance noise. Board to discuss some ideas about how and whether or not to respond or act. Majority of board members felt that there are not enough complaints to warrant much action by the board, especially given the current situation in the world. David may add a small amount of information to the ECA website regarding noise complaints in the near future.

3. Status of Dues Payments

We are over the 50% threshold of dues payments (approximately 267) with several new checks coming in. There were 373 members in 2019 and an average of 360 in the last few years. David will send out one last email reminder around June 20<sup>th</sup>.

4. AtoZ Database - Linda has made a few updates and will finish last minute updates before the end of month. AtoZ is ready to print the directory once we are ready.

5. Membership status of Institutions that are within our service area (e.g., BE, Sidwell, Bethesda Friends; Bethesda Presbyterian, Connie Morella Library) and their status as "members" of the ECA – should we delete them from our database? ACTION: Board agreed to remove them from the directory and not send them letters next year.

6. July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration – there were no responses from community with ideas for the new ideas for July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration, are there any safe ways to celebrate and is there enough interest from the community? Board tossed around different ideas. ACTION: Decision was made to cancel the event this year. David will draft an email to the community.

7. Bethesda Downtown Plan Monitoring Report – Joyce summarized and pointed out two important things: the approved developments so far provide little green/public space, CBAR and advisory committee are following. There are also concerns about affordable housing, condos are too expensive to be MPDU's, developers are able to buy out of it to be placed in other places. There is also a problem with the safety of bicycle paths due to loading space, garages, in/out areas, particularly on Woodmont Ave. The design committee and IAC are monitoring the situation.

8. The walkway with the newly planted trees is overgrown with weeds. Huda will call 311 to put in a request for a county clean up. The board discussed placement of benches or landscape maintenance in some of the right of ways or along the paths. Huda will begin to look into what the board could do in these areas.

Meeting adjourned 8:48pm