

Centreville Civic Association

April 17, 2023 @ 7pm

@ House of Real Estate

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Bayard Williams (“B. Williams”), President; Gaylan Crumley (“G. Crumley”), Vice President; Gene Truono (“G. Truono”) (virtually); Tiffany Shrenk (“T. Shrenk”), Secretary (virtually); Abby Fisher (“A. Fisher”); John Bilek; Peter Dietz

Board Members Not Present: Carrie Wedo

Centreville residents were present as guests. Local Representative K. Griffith joined meeting.

1. The Meeting was called to order by B. Williams @ 7:00 p.m.
2. Reading and Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the April 14, 2022 Annual Business Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve said minutes. (1st: J. Bilek; 2nd G. Crumley; motion passed)
3. B. Williams presented the 2023 Treasurer’s Report. 2023 Beginning Cash Balances in CCA and Friends of Canby Grove Park accounts reported. There is projected income totaling \$23,000 from dues, park events, and streetscapes sponsorships and budgeted expenses totaling \$23,000 for park events, streetscapes landscaping, park maintenance, and general purpose expenses giving a balanced budget. Park community events are budgeted to be revenue neutral. There was a discussion regarding Friends of Canby Grove Park being the 501(c)(3) organization and the CCA is the 501(c)(4). Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report (1st: T. Shrenk; 2nd G. Crumley; motion passed)
4. Election of CCA Board Members: The following nominees were presented for a three year term each: (i) John Bilek; (ii) Abby Fisher; (iii) MacElree Harvey, Ltd (Tiffany M. Shrenk, Esq.). Motion was made for the two slated nominees by G. Truono. G. Crumley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
5. Other Business:
 - a. 2023 Summer Concert Series: T. Shrenk updated on plans for the upcoming summer concert series discussed. As in the past, 3 concerts are planned, two for July and one for August. No concerts have been planned for June since the June concert has been repeatedly cancelled or cut short in past several years due to inclement weather. T. Shrenk also updated on success of Egg Hunt which had a large turnout.
 - b. Canby Grove Park Improvements: G. Crumley updated on progress of park picnic tables being re-painted. They were last painted by the City but were chipping and in need of re-painting. G. Crumley updated on status of new poster designed by A. Fischer for park kiosk that features a QR code to collect donations for the park. Will continue to use kiosk to

update public regarding upcoming park events. Discussion regarding additional park posters created by DeIDOT for other 3 panels of the kiosk which will be arriving soon and idea of allowing business postings to encourage businesses to pay membership dues. G. Crumley also updated regarding other park improvements that had been performed throughout the year, including the gazebo restoration, sponsored memorial benches, and a grant of \$1,000 received from the County to be used for electric improvements of gazebo. The money for the gazebo restoration was received from the KPA and improvements included new railings and paint. Additional funding is needed before any additional improvement projects can be completed.

- c. Centreville Gateways and Bulbouts Landscaping: B. Williams updated on award of annual landscaping contract to First View of gateways and bulbouts. They have worked well for us in the past and stepped in when the landscaper last year was not responsive. They have already completed the Spring clean-up. Invoices for the sponsorship fees of the gateways and bulbouts will be sent out soon.
- d. Membership Dues Collection: P. Dietz updated regarding annual dues letter mailing that occurred in the Fall. 846 letters were sent out – 60 businesses and the remainder were households. Expenses for the mailing were reduced by narrowing the mailing list. Total dues raised to date equal \$13,137.33 with additional for donations for a total of over \$15,000 collected from the annual mailing. Have seen low participation from businesses with only 24 businesses paid.
- e. Safety Improvements: Discussion took place regarding speeding issues on Kennett Pike. G. Crumley updated regarding discussions the CCA has had with DeIDOT to address the speeding concerns. The ideas discussed have been painting crosswalks, painting the speed limit on the roadway. Further discussions held regarding a private self-funded study and DeIDOT study that had been performed in the past and the lack of presence by state police since the area is not a high crime area. Discussions held between Board members and residents regarding idea posed by DeIDOT to lower speed from 25mph. There was positive feedback regarding the reduced speed limit proposal. This consensus will be shared with the local representatives to gauge their support of the idea.
- f. New Business: Local residents raised issues of tree trimming and landscaping along Kennett Pike at Valley Way. Additional concerns raised regarding white lines along Kennett Pike that need to be re-painted since they were first done in 2010. Local representative K. Griffith arrived and joined discussion regarding issues for DeIDOT to address and landscaping concerns. Positive feedback was shared regarding park renovations and with these renovations there are more

visitors to Canby Grove Park. The increase in visitors to the park is a substantial change to use with DeIDOT to support the lowering of the speed limit.

6. The meeting was adjourned @ 7:56 p.m. (1st J. Bilek; 2nd G. Crumley; motion passed).