

KPCA Annual Meeting Minutes, July 17, 2022, 3:00-4:15pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:05pm by President Foroud Arsanjani. He welcomed the 29 participants at the meeting. Other Board members present were Hannah and Ed Elson, Ken Nankin, JoAnn Harrison and Patty McAllister. A meeting agenda had been shared with the KPCA listserv in advance of the meeting, and updates and discussion of activities and initiatives followed.

Review of KPCA activities in 2021-2022

Foroud provided an update on new and ongoing KPCA initiatives. These include greater KPCA involvement in various development, construction and zoning initiatives in our neighborhood and in Bethesda. The structure of KPCA has been improved with support from more people and more expertise. Foroud provided a detailed overview of the KPCA Dashboard matrix that shows committees, initiatives and associated leadership responsibilities. Currently, there are openings for the Chair of the Garden Club and for someone with IT expertise.

Treasurer Report

Hannah Elson noted that for the period from July 2021 to June 2022, KPCA had revenues of \$57,879.00 and expenses of \$57,849.00. There are 236 household members – 189 security members and 47 resident members. KPCA has a reserve fund of \$11,400.00. Hannah noted that some residents pay their dues via PayPal. She expressed concern about the expense associated with PayPal noting that KPCA spent \$750.00 to use this service. She asked if anyone knew of any alternatives that we might consider using in the future.

Security Update

Ken Nankin provided an update on security issues impacting our neighborhood. He noted that crime continues in our area and particularly in some areas to the north of our neighborhood including Landon Village. Prior to the meeting, he had distributed an email to the listserv summarizing a recent Zoom meeting with Officer Dana Stroman of the Montgomery County Police (MCP) 2nd District at which Officer Stroman provided a detailed presentation about a possible Neighborhood Watch (NW) program. Ken has recommended that KPCA pursue establishment of a NW program as a way to complement the KPCA Security Patrol program, provide a way for neighbors to meet and get to know each other and to support each other and build community. He has asked for expressions of interest from at least 25 KPCA members who have a serious interest in starting a NW program. He also suggested we consider inviting Officer Stroman to a future Front Yard Friday.

Election of KPCA Officers and At Large Directors

The membership unanimously approved the election of the following officers and At-Large Directors by acclamation.

Officers: (2-year term)-President, Foroud Arsanjani; Vice President, Mandana Tavakoli; Secretary, Patty McAllister; Treasurer, Hannah Elson

At-Large Directors: (1-year term)

Lindsey Dickenson, Ed Elson, JoAnn Harrison, Kenneth Nankin, Herb Rosenthal, Sinaly Roy

Upcoming Calendar Review

Foroud noted that Front Yard Fridays are underway and will continue until early October. He noted some interest in starting new clubs for those interested in knitting and those interested in going to the movies. He stressed the continuing need to increase membership in KPCA and that this remains a priority for the Board.

Q&A session

Members raised a number of issues of concern as follows:

-Noise levels associated with gas powered lawn mowers. Foroud noted that residents can ask their landscapers to use electric powered lawn mowers and machinery which are quieter. Legislation on this subject is under consideration by the Montgomery County Council.

-Noise levels associated with construction. There are Montgomery County Ordinances on Noise Control. Following the meeting, Mandana Tavakoli shared a link to the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection on Noise Control that will be shared with meeting participants. JoAnn proposed that KPCA write a letter to the County Council in support of ordinances about the need for gardeners to use electric appliances and construction to abide by the rule for hours of work.

-County guidance on use of pesticides. Information will be shared on the KPCA listserv.

-Materials highlighting the benefits of joining KPCA. A one- page document exists and will be reviewed and updated and shared with meeting participants.

-Herb Rosenthal offered to buy reflective white paint and to paint the large stones on the Lenox Circle. Many thanks to Herb.

- The lack of compliance with the sign at Bradley and Durbin Road limiting right hand turns was raised as was another sign with truck load limits that is also not being enforced. KPCA will follow up with the County on these.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm. Notes prepared by Patty McAllister, 7-21-2022