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CHCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.
Via Zoom & in Person at SCHA Harbor Room

Virtual: Janel Baselice, Jennifer McHugh, George Deming, Lawrence McEwen, Tim Breslin, Lindsay Toconita, Beth Wright, Jeff Duncan, Ross Pilling.

In Person: Keith Kunz, Catherine Brzozowski, Kathi Clayton, Cynthia Fillmore, Laura Lucas, Alexander Burns, Tony Banks, Susan Bray, Gregory Lattanzi

Guests: Richard Berkman, Karen Pilling, Anne McNiff – Executive Director

Absent: Karl Martin, George Deming, Joyce Lenhardt, Lynn Schroeder, Anne Standish, Richard Bartholomew, Lucie Daigle

1. President's Welcome (Roll Call, Approval of March minutes, Approval of Agenda)

Laura – Motion to approve. Keith. Second. Approved.

2. Community Partner Updates

Alex Burns– Quintessence Theatre presents summer Reclamation Repertory – Dumas' Camille with Pearl Cleage's Flyin' West. Performances start May 25.

Catherine Brzozowski – Chestnut Hill Hospital - Zero COVID cases in the hospital right now. Still waiting on new partner.

Keith Kunz – Water Tower – Light the Tower project, will fix war memorial and upper part of tower. May 12 at Cricket Club event is sold out. Pickle Ball vs. neighbors continues. Neighbors may file a grievance. Lights off at 8pm and courts locked at night. Closed on Sundays. Afterschool program back to 60. Gymnastics has 160 kids. New shed to arrive in a month.

Cynthia Fillmore – Chestnut Hill Business Association - Executive Director search continues. Pedestrian lighting project will start end of June / early July. Should not disrupt businesses or parking. Sunday, May 1 - Chestnut Hill Home and Garden Festival, 11 – 5pm. June 12 – Petapoloza. A new recycling program lead by Trex Stepping. Goal to collect soft plastic (basic plastic bags) at Acme or Giant. Bohemian Pink and Threadwell are drop off spots. If we collect 500 lbs in plastic we receive a nice bench from Trex, made out of the recycled plastic. Trying to collect another 500 lbs by May 30. Wheels in the Window July 4th event. Bike parade ends at Jenks and then bikes decorated and presented in storefront windows.

Janel Baselice – Jenks – Gearing up for Home and Garden Funfest. Looking to create one or two murals. Talking to muralists. Playground has a new website. Jenksplayground.org.

Jennifer McHugh – SCHA – Thursday May 12 – Scott Galloway keynote speaker. Center for Entrepreneurship – Event with Josh Person, alum and editor of Summer of Soul. Date and information to be shared.

3. Governance Committee – Laura Lucas

- Review of Bylaw proposed changes – *vote needed*
- Review of Code of Conduct – *vote needed*
- Review of Enforcement Procedure

Long hours by many. 16 major changes presented to board.

Board conversation regarding clarification of Institutional Directors. Rick Bergman - Clarify text as Institutional/Organizational. Those who are not elected, but who are there as representatives of a larger institution/organization in the community. Institutions, organizations and non-profits.

Request that the Executive Committee confirms institutional director seats with enough time for directors to run as at large members for the CHCA board at the next election.

All bylaw changes will be presented to membership for a vote as part of upcoming election. They will be

Laura Lucas makes motion to approve bylaw changes. (including definition of institutional directors – to institutions, organizations or other non-profits selected by the Executive Committee.) Beth Wright seconds the motion.

Yes – 10 (in person). 10 (virtual.) Unanimous.

Code of conduct and enforcement procedures. Established by Ellen Kaplan, with Rick Berkman, Beth Wright and Jeff Duncan.

Laura Lucas – Motion to approve. Beth Wright – Seconds the motion.

Yes – 10 (in person). 10 (virtual.) Unanimous.

3. Chestnut Hill Community Fund – Approval of grant recommendations from Fund Board – individual *votes needed*.

Three grants for the CHC Fund.

- Water Tower - \$5,000 – Susan Bray motion to vote. Catherine Brzozowski second.
- 8 voted yes in person. 2 abstained. 8 voted yes online.
- Chestnut Hill Library – Story walk. \$5,000 – Motion to approve. Jeff Duncan second.
- 9 voted yes in person. 1 abstained. 8 voted yes online.
- Jenks – Books for library. \$5,000 – Laura Lucas motion to vote. Keith Kunz second.
- 10 voted yes. 7 votes yes online. 1 abstained.

4. Other CHCA Business

Pastorius Park – the pond cleaning has been delayed because of PPR resources and concern that there may be a broken valve. A solution to this issue is in process. There will be a meeting with Cindy Bass to discuss.

Kathi Clayton – Closing statement. Been doing lots of great internal work. Now we need to look outside and connect more with the community at large. How to engage the community at large more and better.