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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING TUESDAY, June 9, 2020 Via Zoom

- 1. The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:05PM. The following directors were present via Zoom: Maggie Mund, Guy Aiman, Pip Campbell, Elena Cappella, Michelle Ettinger, Richard Frey, Kate Federico, Rick Gross, Barbara Halpern, Amy Jared, Susan Kahn, Lauren O'Donnell, Nathaniel Parks, Nan Robinson, David Rose, Paul Rothblatt, Robin Sweet, Matt Schreck, Dawn Willis, Ben Zuckerman, Jeff Braff, and Steve Huntington. Wade Albert also participated as counsel. Travis Oliver participated as well as did Dina Childs.
- 2. Board members not present: Michael Bowman, Ayanna Haskins, Harvey Ostroff,
- 3. A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of the meeting of May 12, 2020 was Made, Seconded and Passed.
- 4. The Treasurer presented the Treasurer's report, including the Budgeted vs. Actual results through May 30, 2020 which are on target with the budget passed in November. Matt reported that we have been approved for a Payroll Protection Program loan. Matt presented a reduced but balanced budget for the next fiscal year, assuming \$32,500 in fundraising revenue. Wade's firm has waived its fees for the first six months of the year.
- 5. Travis Oliver's gave the office report. The first wave of the Spring Appeal was relatively well received in terms of responses and amounts. The newsletter read rate is approaching 60% and website traffic has jumped substantially. The office is opening sporadically but not yet really ready for member attendance and business. Travis and Matt will review the possibility of rent relief from WeWorks.
- 6. The President reported that he Annual Meeting arrangements were proposed to be changed according to the following resolution:

On account of the continuing need for social distancing and as a result of the protests over the killing of George Floyd, CCRA will conduct its annual meeting in two parts this year.

First, the election of Board members will be conducted electronically as follows:

- 1. The slate of nominees for open board seats advanced by the Nominating Committee will be published to all members;
- 2. Any member wishing to nominate another member for an open seat shall respond to the published slate within 48 hours, supplying the members name and biographic details and a picture, if possible;
- 3. Voting on the revised slate shall be open thereafter for a period of two weeks for all members electronically;

4. CCRA shall publish the names of the successful candidates promptly thereafter.

Second, the balance of the Annual Meeting, including the President's report, other presentations and a discussion of topics of interest to members shall take place within 6 months in person, if allowed, or electronically.

The motion was M/S/P.

- -Protests and Coordination with District 9 Police have continued well during the current unrest.
- -Restaurant Reopening Plan has been circulated to the Mayor and Council President with no response yet
- -Proposals to open streets for exercise and Bicycle Coalition proposal for calming streets and recovery streets remain under consideration
- -PMC has a proposal to build on the Trader Joe's Parking lot with LSNA taking the lead.
- 7. Steve Huntington reported on the Historic Designation Task Force report.
- 8. Michelle Ettinger reported on actionable ideas from the Membership Committee reviewed by the Executive Committee. The seven best ideas have all been assigned to various members to work on and members are encouraged to let Michelle know if they want to join any effort.
- 9. Elena Cappella reported on the 22nd Street repaving project which will start in a few weeks running from Washington Avenue to Market Street with bicycle lane protection contemplated.
- 10. Rick Gross reported that the Freeman's redevelopment project at 1810 Chestnut Street was approved by the PHC Architectural Committee and would be on the PHC Consent Agenda on Friday. At the Developer's request, CCRA will send a letter to the PHC supporting the project.
- 11. Ben Zuckerman reported on the redevelopment of the space at 2012 Chestnut Street for which the developer (Alterra) is seeking a zoning ordinance for the project. The Task Force has been advised by our counsel that a previously signed Memorandum of Agreement does not prevent CCRA from proceeding with a full task force process on all zoning, design and community impact issues. The Preservation Alliance supports CCRA's position and process for this project.
- 12. The notion of a prompt special board meeting to discuss police reform measures was agreed upon.
- 13. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Gross, Secretary