

CPOA Executive Board Meeting Minutes 8/8/2011

_Attending: Hugh Butler, Bijou Miller, David Tabish, Janet Wallace, Bill Neches, Bob Jeffrey, Greg Miller, Donna Zellers, JoAnn Borg, Jennifer Delancey, Jim Klingensmith, Anne Fox, Sally Hootnick, John Jackson, Tom Becker, Karen Gottovi

Tom Becker passed out maps of the grounds that showed the street repair schedule. An upcoming project involves Pratt from Vincent to Scott. They also are taking bids on a \$200,000 project that would take place in the fall. If they can't do the whole project in one fell swoop, it will be delayed. He said that we are in better shape this year regarding the infrastructure, which they are making a priority.

There was a question about property owners being notified when a construction project is slated in their neighborhoods. Notification is on the website and property owners are also notified by mail but sometimes they have bad contact info and this needs to be improved. The CPOA is working on a mail database that is as up to date and complete as possible.

The Institution got a Green Initiatives grant of \$700,000, which enabled them to work on a storm management plan. This entailed collecting data on particulates, phosphates, etc. The areas on the grounds that offer the greatest mitigation are the ravines and they are using some of the grant money to work on creating flow and settling that prevents the water from rushing down into the lake. They will have the data on this in early fall.

Someone said that the property owners' concerns on this issue include flooding of property and insects. Tom has been told that they are not creating mosquito surges in the work on this. The Storm Management Plan Report deals with above ground mitigations and does not emphasize drainage below ground.

Tom was asked about Chautauqua Matters, a new social media site that placed an ad into the Daily. Further ads were denied. George Snyder was approached by the Chautauqua Matters people and asked for assistance. The Administration feels that in social media groups, they say their intentions are good but sometimes these groups are out to be divisive and not constructive. He did not find the censorship claim too credible. The group had a letter of the Daily editor published in the paper about this issue. The Institution's approach is to step back and use their communication vehicles that are already in place. Tom and George are always approachable if people have a complaint. He also cited other newspapers that do not let social media sites advertise in their papers. He said that newspapers do not have to promote views of those who attack them. We have a very open place here and there is already lots of discussion and plenty of forums for those discussions. He urged those who think that the Administration is not communicative to come to meetings and voice their opinions.

Tom was asked about the outdoor lighting standards on the grounds and how the Administration will incorporate the CPOA committee's report into their thinking about future lighting. Tom said they continue to adjust mistakes such as the overly bright lights at Fowler-Kellogg. He cited the future amphitheater project as the biggest institutional project and that they have to be conscious of preserving the aural aspect of the Institution. There has to be a balance of interest by getting bulbs that are economically conservative but also energy conservative.

Bill Neches spoke about the next steps in getting a prototype lighting fixture on the grounds. He hopes to get a sample light fixture in the form of a 4 by 4 post that could be put up by the Post Office. Bill would provide talks about the light and help get the word out to the community about them. He has a quote on the cost and it will take 8 to 10 weeks to be delivered. He is hoping to have one next June that could be up all winter. We are looking for lights with early 20th century ambiance with 21st century practicality.

In preparing for next season, it was stated that the Shared Space campaign is a win-win. We need to find new ways of delivering the info and distributing welcomes to new property owners.

The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Someone asked what the potential membership number is. In the Institution database, there are excess of 2600 entries but a number of these owners own multiple properties. John Jackson will give a treasurer's report at the general meeting on Saturday.

Nominations Committee Report: David Tabish read the names and biographies of the nominees for open positions on the Executive Board. They are as follows:

Area 1: Sandy Miller

Area 2: Kathy Szabo

Area 5: Miles DeMott

Area 7: Bill Neches

Area 9: Laura Saulson and Mary Boyle

Member-At-Large: Renee Barrett

Secretary: Linda Creech

Treasurer: John A. Jackson

MOTION: David made a motion that the new nominees be elected to the CPOA Executive Board.

SECONDED: Jim Klingensmith seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Selden Campen stated that Robert Kimble is interested in being the POWR rep. for next year.

The vote was taken and all were in favor.

The slate of new members will be presented at the CPOA general meeting on August 13th. New members will stand up as they are introduced. They need orientation and it was suggested that the appropriate time would be before the season starts next year. Each outgoing officer was asked to prepare a paragraph-form description of their job. It was also suggested that each new member have a buddy/mentor.

Agenda for the General meeting: Laura Damon listed the questions she intended to ask Daren Schulz and asked for more questions from the Executive Board.

It was decided that Mark Powers, the fire chief, should receive an award from the CPOA for doing so much during the power outage.

MOTION: Bill Neches proposed to spend \$1500 on the prototype light.

SECONDED: Bob Jeffrey seconded the proposal.

DISCUSSION: Bill has found the clear choice of light bulb. We need to get National Grid on board. Tom Cherry has said that he got positive feedback from National Grid. The next lighting symposium will be on August 17th. Bill is working to find grant money through New York State. It was stated that we have cash available to buy the light and that this is exactly the kind of project that members pay dues for. Hugh will announce this initiative at the general meeting.

VOTE: The motion to spend \$1500 on the light was approved with one abstention.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35. Respectfully submitted by Bijou Miller, CPOA secretary

CPOA survey: Jim Klingensmith stated that he will send the results of the CPOA survey to us before the next meeting and that we needed to get the surveys to him by Friday.