Cabbagetown Initiative CDC

Minutes for Monday May 4, 2020 Regular Meeting

- I. <u>In attendance</u>: Morgan Felts, Kendall Rawls, Ashley McCartney, Fred Perry, Andrew Byczko, Tova Baruch, and Nathaniel Compton. Jessica Stewart, CICDC Bookkeeper, was also present. Barry Hestermann joined the meeting in progress. <u>Regrets from</u>: Walker Oxley, Chelsea Arkin and Brad Cunard
- II. Call to Order- the President called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
- III. Approval of the Minutes. April 2020 minutes were previously approved via email.
- IV. Officer's Reports
 - a. President's Report no report
 - b. Treasurer's Report Morgan reminded the board that CI voted via to implement a discretionary spending freeze pending further information regarding the impact of COVID-19 and development of the community center situation.
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Chomp & Stomp
 - i. 2020 Strategy Fred recommends a "wait and see" approach at this juncture and re-evaluate at the June meeting. The board discussed a variety of options on how best to move forward. The board is reviewing vendor contracts to ensure that the board retains flexibility until we have greater direction.
 - ii. Conservancy Model the board revisited this idea and discussed next steps required to move forward setting up website, securing artwork, and create donor tiers.
 - b. Governance
 - i. Ashley moved that Andrew be nominated to a second term. The motion was properly seconded and unanimously approved.
 - c. Parks
 - i. Brightview RFP was released with a deadline of 5/5/2020. Once proposals are received, the Parks committee will share with the board along with their recommendations on moving forward.
 - d. Community Center Information regarding discussion and updates on the Community Center has been redacted on the advice of counsel.

- e. Community Garden Nathaniel provided an update on the Community Garden. The community garden is in the process of applying for several grants to further the development of the community garden.
- f. Forward Warrior received a grant for \$5,000 to help defray painting costs. John Dirga is also pursuing other grants to help fund the project in light of the spending freeze. John announced his intention to form an advisory panel to ensure that the project aligns with the community's diversity and inclusion goals. Additionally, the advisory panel will adopt and ask the CI board to affirm standards for Cabbagetown community art.
- g. Finance expenses are routine at this time and align with the budget freeze approved by the Board. Alexa remains as interim treasurer for the purposes of signing checks until we can visit a bank branch in person to make the Treasurer switch.
- h. CNIA the meeting next week will be via Zoom. Zoom information was in the newsletter.
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Adjourn the President adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.