

Cabbagetown Initiative CDC

Minutes for Monday September 14, 2020 Regular Meeting

- I. In attendance: Morgan Felts, Kendall Rawls, Tova Baruch, Todd Gandee, Chelsea Arkin, Ashley McCartney and Barry Hestermann. Jessica Stewart (CICDC Bookkeeper) was also present. Cabbagetown neighbors Lauren Appel and Nathan Futrell were also present. John Dirga joined the meeting in process.
Regrets from: Walker Oxley, Brad Cunard, Andrew Byczko
- II. Call to Order- the President called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
- III. Approval of the Minutes. July 2020 minutes were previously approved via email.
- IV. Officer's Reports
 - a. President's Report – no report
 - b. Treasurer's Report –
 - i. Morgan reported that expenses have been routine and aligned with the budget freeze. She further urged board members to continue being conservative and explore possible cost savings where possible. Morgan reminded the board that CI voted to implement a discretionary spending freeze pending further information regarding the impact of COVID-19 and development of the community center situation. The spending freeze remains in place.
 - ii. Given the lack of tenants/non-use of the community center and lack of Chomp in the traditional sense, Jessica will be contacting our insurance agent to see if there's any way to realize cost savings by decreasing our insurance coverage given that we likely don't need as much coverage as we would in prior years.
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Chomp & Stomp – The CI board continues to move forward with exploring a virtual, scaled-down version of Chomp. Updates are below:
 - i. Merch – CI is excited announce that we will be offering a special 2020 Chomp t-shirt and hat. These will be available for purchase via the Chomp website in early October.
 - ii. Social Media – CI received a social media proposal from Rene Hallock. After discussion, Tova moved that CI spend up to \$2,500 on a social media campaign. The motion was properly seconded and approved by a vote of 5-1-1 – with 5 board members approving, one abstention and one not approving.

- b. Conservancy –
 - i. The conservancy founding committee met on Saturday, September 12. The work of the committee continues to prepare for launch as part of the virtual. The committee is in the process of finalizing a logo. Neighbors interested in working with the conservancy are urged to contact Kendall.
- c. Forward Warrior –
 - i. In the process of securing insurance rider.
 - ii. Still awaiting some funding to come through.
 - iii. 17 artists are signed on to paint October 5th – October 19th. All work will take place on the West side of the tunnel.
- d. Governance – board recruitment continues! Please continue to reach out to neighbors that may be interested in serving on CI.
- e. Parks – The Board is exploring ways to perform basic maintenance on other areas besides Cabbagetown Park. CI was awarded \$15,000 from CSX for Wylie Wall improvement and maintenance - \$5,000 of which will support the Forward Warrior initiative. A group of neighbors approached Kendall and Barry about maintaining Triangle Park and that work is beginning. CI is deeply grateful for the neighbors that have pitched in to help maintain the various areas during this challenging budget time.
- f. Community Center – Information regarding discussion and updates on the Community Center has been redacted on the advice of counsel.
- g. Community Garden – Community Garden is looking great!
- h. Finance – see Treasurer’s Report
- i. CNIA – the next meeting will be via October 13th via Zoom. Information is available at <https://cabbagetown.com/agenda>.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

- a. Open CI Board Seats – CI would love to invite Cabbagetown neighbors passionate about the neighborhood to inquire about open CI seats! We’d love to have your talents!

VIII. Adjourn – the President adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

IX. Online Business – following the meeting and to ensure the flow of critical business, the Board took 3 additional votes online.

- a. Vote 1 – Morgan moved that CI make a formal request to Councilwoman Archibong’s office for \$1,500 to spend toward Chomp. Morgan further moved that

any funds received and not to exceed \$1,500 would be allocated to the music budget. The motion was properly seconded and approved with 7 votes.

- b. Vote 2 – Morgan moved that CI make a formal request to the City of Atlanta to extend the Community Center MOU by 6 months. The motion was properly seconded and approved with 7 votes.
- c. Vote 3 – Kendall moved that the Board engage the legal services of Chris Balch. The motion was properly seconded and approved with 6 affirmative votes and 1 abstention.