

Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting
Thursday, August 22, 2019, 7:00 pm; at the RCNA Office, 17th Street

RCNA President Nick Roland welcomed everyone to the meeting, and called the meeting to order.

- Last meeting's minutes, of July 18, 2019, were approved.
- Access to the Zoo. Steve Coleman noted that, on the Adams Morgan side, Zoo access is being restricted, and that RCNA members should be aware of this situation.
- President's Report / Announcements. Nick had the following notices:
 - The Brass Knob Store on 18th St. will be closing this November.
 - The Banfield Pet Hospital at 1700 Columbia Rd. is set to open shortly.
 - At The Line Hotel, cars idling are sometimes a problem. It was noted that neighborhood residents can call the police if this situation is seen.
 - DC's Comprehensive Plan is set to go into effect this Fall.
 - RCNA Meetings are now planned to take place on the fourth Thursday of each month.
 - Next RCNA meeting will have a forum on Affordable Housing/ Inclusionary Housing.
- Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Bill King reported that RCNA now has about \$10,000 in the bank. He read a resolution about expenditures, and the funds promised to RCNA, which are now being held in escrow. The Board is asking that the funds be released to RCNA. The following Fiscal Resolutions were laid out and approved: (Copies on file.) Concisely, they were: * RCNA Fiscal Policy Guidelines were established; with an RCNA Guideline Form being created and used. * Also, a formal request asking Mill Creek for the release of the \$110,000 promised to RCNA. (Possible Directors & Officers Insurance will be considered at a later date.)
- The following RCNA Upcoming, and Potential, action items were discussed:
 - Area beautification ideas are being accepted.
 - A possible new Neighborhood Map could be made by the association.
 - The lower areas of RCNA (below Florida Ave.) need to be kept in mind.
 - Tree boxes on streets need to be maintained. Ideas were discussed.
 - The security problem with people hanging out along the side of Popeyes, on Ontario, was discussed. The issue of street lighting was brought up.
- Neighborhood Clean Up. On Saturday, August 31, 10:00 to 12:30, RCNA will be sponsoring an **Area Clean-Up Event**, starting at Unity Park. Signs will be posted. The city is supplying bags and gloves. All are welcome to come and help.

- Adams Morgan Day is Sunday, September 8. And Adams Morgan Porch Fest will be on Saturday, October 5.
- RCNA Block Party. Steve Coleman outlined the planned neighborhood **block party**, to be held possibly on Sunday, October 26 (final date to be set). Will be in the afternoon, on Euclid Street, 1700 block. Volunteers are needed. The date for a planning meeting will be set.
- Chris Kiritz reported on the impending eviction of neighborhood resident Alicia on Champlain St. (which several people have been trying to stop). Chris had the good news that Alicia has now been approved for new housing.
- New Website. Fiona Clem reported that the new RCNA website is now online: info@reedcooke-dc.org .
- Neighborhood Survey. This will be done to get feedback from Reed Cooke residents. Steve Coleman is preparing a draft copy of the survey, for review.
- Meeting Adjourned.

Next general meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 26, at 7:00 pm.

Minutes by Steve McKevitt