

April 1, 2015

FOERC Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Marley Rave, Michael Henderson, Walter Tersch, Cassie Phillips

Nine community members present; attendees signed in.

*Successful March Fundraisers!

Financial Updates – Walter

- \$397.40 from March 18th Yard Sale. Remaining items were donated to Mary's Center

- \$525 from Boundary Stone Fundraiser

- Total Balance: \$2,727.86, \$1470 Movie Night Balance; there are also online donations for the garden that are not yet transferred into our bank account

- 990-N Tax Form – Walter will be filing

2015 Spring/Summer Initiatives & Goals

Community Garden – Cassie

April 18th will be planting day

Attempting to do hybrid model - with independent plot rental

Feedback

- If people are going to pay the fee for garden beds – then they may want some protection/netting

- May want to set up the rental fee from 0 to \$25 to start, instead of \$50

Neighborhood Cleanup

- April cleanup will be Saturday 4/4/15 at 3rd and Evarts at 10:30am to pick up trash

Feedback

- "Idea" Request 6 school to volunteer to do a trash pick up 1-2 months per year to increase coverage area

- Tsihai suggested contacting her school, DC Prep, to do trash pick up – Mrs. Pergament Mrs. Cimbak would be good contacts

- Keith Jones is offering supplies to Adopt-A-Block partners – Walter will follow up

- If Edgewood Commons moved their trash cans then it wouldn't be so trashy - Cassie will talk to Jennifer Lumpkin

Bike to work day – Marley/Heather

May 15th on the MBT – ride your bike and stop by, good to register

Sidewalks – Sally

DDOT started sidewalk repair, Report to 311 to make sure your sidewalks get done.

Summer Movie -- Marley

- Need to purchase equipment for Movie Night – Marley to discuss with Sally

- Decide on Movie Night Location – Walter will check with Arts Walk People

Options include: EYA grass on 4th, Arts Walk by the Fountain, Shopping Center

INPUT NEEDED – Communication Strategies

Other ways to spread the word:

Door to door flyers

Word of mouth marketing

Table at events like the MBT 5K

Facebook

Reaching out to strategic groups:

Beacon House; CPDC; Edgewood Adult Education School, Rental Office in each building in
Edgewood Commons/Senior Bldg
Franklin Commons communication – Rental Office (leave 100 copies- they will distribute)

Community Concerns/Ideas

-Yard Sale Notes- consider moving it forward to April/May

-Need cleaning on the Franklin St outside of the Cemetery – could call the Cemetery to report trash and 311

-Do an open house with the School

-Karo Martin –Representative from KnowYourFitnessDC came to share their work in physical activity and community building. They are happy to partner and organize free workouts in neighborhoods. Mr. Martin is happy to lead a free workout at the garden or elsewhere, e.g. after our 4/18 planting day. He exchanged contact info with Marley.

May 6th is the next meeting

Minutes Approved:

xCassie

xWalter

xMichael