

President Jules Szanton (president@kempmillcivic.org) called the KMCA Q1 meeting to order at 7:35pm and reminded members to have pizza generously provided by Josh Katz of Ben Yehuda.

Treasurer Anna Waller (treasurer@kempmillcivic.org) reported 131 members (4 new today). Our checking account totals \$6,342.40, and our CDs total \$3,159.20. Dues are \$10 per year.

Vice President Jonathan Aghion (vicepresident@kempmillcivic.org) reported on the MDOT pedestrian bridge project to connect Kersey Road and Auth Lane. The bridge is to be 6 feet by 50 feet polymer reinforced fiberglass with pressure treated planking much like the existing bridge over the Lamberton Tributary near the Kemp Mill Swim Club. VP Aghion reported on the early March meeting conducted by MDOT allowing the public to ask questions of MDOT and the consultant. After much discussion of the \$250,000 project, Szanton offered a motion that the membership vote to authorize the KMCA Board to send a letter to MDOT in support of the bridge (and a thank you). The President's motion was seconded and vote was held. There was unanimous approval.

Melanie Goodrich, Chair of the Clean Up Committee, has led cleanups of Kemp Mill Urban Park and KM Elementary School and now will coordinate the Adopt a Road program for Arcola Avenue between Kemp Mill Rd and University Blvd. The first of the required 6 (six) annual cleanups will be Sunday, April 14, at 1pm. Use cleanupcommittee@kempmillcivic.org for more information and to volunteer. SSL hours will be available.

Director Maria Lopez spoke about the sidewalk process in the county. Anyone can propose a new sidewalk but limited funds constrain the program. To request repair of uneven or broken sidewalks phone 311 or the 311 website. A list of Sidewalk Requests was made available. For more information use Maria.Lopez@kempmillcivic.org.

Dawn Felsen, Chair of the Membership and Community Day Committees, reported on the success of past Community Days and bright future for this year's edition. Leslie Segall has stepped up to become Chair of the Community Day Committee with the continued support of Ms Felsen. Sunday, June 2, 2024 is the date for our next Community Day at the Kemp Mill Shopping Center. Dawn thanked major sponsors Judy Shields and Ben Yehuda Pizza, and noted the KMCA has doubled the budget for Community Day from \$1000 to \$2000 (though Community has come very close to breaking even in past years). To offer help plan for or assist on Community Day use KempMillCommunityDay@gmail.com.

Secretary Chris Farrell, per KMCA By-Laws, opened the Nominating Committee for the expiring terms of Vice President, Treasurer and three Directors. The incumbents have served well and may be willing to serve a further two-year term. Other KMCA members who want to serve should contact either the President or Secretary (mayorofarcola@gmail.com).

Director Pete Lublin, Chair of the Landscaping Committee, reported on the progress of improving Kemp Mill Urban Park located at the intersection of Arcola Avenue and Lamberton Drive. Four KMCA Board Members had the opportunity to conduct a walk-through of the Park with the new Parks Director and her key staffers with help from our District 6 Councilmember Natali Fani Gonzalez. The ASKS that have been answered are:

- 1) Pump – water level is high
- 2) Trash can closer to playground
- 3) Dead bushes at Bus Shelter removed
- 4) Vandalized signs replaced

Other improvements KMCA seeks are:

- 1) Repair holes in playground matting
- 2) Fencing along Arcola
- 3) Bench facing slide
- 4) Lighting
- 5) Shade structure(s)
- 6) More picnic tables
- 7) Replace missing fence segment at pump house

For more information, reach Pete Lublin at outdoorsguy_1999@yahoo.com.

Director Gil Chlewicki, Chair of the Transportation Committee, spoke briefly about the year-long Bus Pilot on University Blvd. Discussion ensued including the recent Press Conference at Wheaton Woods Urban Park and a dedicated lane on Georgia Avenue when WMATA closes red line stations between Takoma and Glenmont. To reach Gil use gchlewicki@gmail.com.

President Szanton accepted a motion to adjourn at 8:44pm