

## Community Relations Committee Meeting

April 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. via Zoom.

Members Present: Wicca Davidson, Marjorie Shaw, Aki Peritz, Julie Stanish, Quynh Tran, Julia Bellinger, Emily Helms Williams, Barbara Rose, Maryanne Courtney, Cathy Wolf, Tambra Leonard

### General Business

- The minutes of the March 2021 meeting were presented and approved by the Committee, subject to a minor change (“Discussion and Desserts” rather than Discussions”). Barbara moved to approve the minutes, and Cathy seconded the motion.
- There were no public comments.

### Old Business

#### Events and Community Service

- The Great Zucchini – Wicca reported that an insufficient number of attendees signed up for the virtual event. We will hold the event in person when possible.
- Town Book Club – Maryanne reported that the first meeting of the book club was held on March 20. About 15 people joined to discuss “Calypso” by David Sedaris. The Committee discussed format for future book club meetings. Cathy agreed to host the event for the Committee. Membership is open to Town residents at any time.
- The Yard Birds of Chevy Chase – Marjorie reported on the event, which was held on March 25. Over 50 Town households joined the event, and it was very well received by residents. Many residents have requested a recording of the event.
- Garden Discussion and Dessert with Edamarie Mattei of Backyard Bounty – Tambra reported on the event, scheduled for April 15. The group discussed preparation and logistics for the event, including advertising.
- Sake and Sushi Discussion and Dessert with Amanda Page – Julia reported on the event, scheduled for April 23. Attendees will receive a discount code for sake purchases. The Committee discussed event logistics.
- Labyrinth Games Shop Virtual Gaming Event – Tambra reported on the event, scheduled for April 25. She will check with the Town office on RSVPs.

### New Business

#### Events and Community Service

- Independence Day celebration – Wicca reported on the status of plans for the event. The group discussed the challenges of planning given ongoing uncertainty around in-person events in light of the pandemic. Permits for this type of event are not being issued at this time. There are alternatives that can be explored if our traditional event is not possible. The Committee discussed the possibility of incentivizing smaller gatherings.
- Potential Future Events – The Committee discussed potential speakers for future Discussion and Desserts events and possible events through the fall.

### Other Business

- Quynh reported on efforts to gather information about resident engagement in committees, to inform possible process improvements and foster increased community engagement.
- Next meeting: May 5, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m. Quynh moved to adjourn the meeting, and Marjorie seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Helms Williams