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BOARD NOTES FROM THE JUNE 27, 2018 MEETING

1. The Board reviewed, and approved as written, the minutes of the April 24, 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors of Berkowners Inc.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes of the 2018 Annual Shareholder meeting.
3. The Board noted that a quorum was not achieved at the Annual Shareholder meeting. However, since there were only four announced candidates for the four available Board seats, the Board unanimously elected Bryce Bermingham, Bertine Lafayette, Peggy Russell and Eric Koch to serve as Directors of Berkowners for two years.
4. The Board elected its officers, as follows:
 - President: Anne Eckhardt
 - Vice President: Peggy Russell
 - Vice President: Pia Prevost
 - Treasurer: Ed Leahy
 - Secretary: Bertine Lafayette
 - Assistant Secretary: Ed Schiff
 - Assistant Secretary: Feiga Milstein
 - Assistant Secretary: Jay Yablonsky
5. Mr. Schiff attended the meeting and reviewed several matters he is handling on behalf of the Cooperative.
6. Mr. Yablonsky reported that work on the ramp and flagstone repairs have both been completed.
7. Ms. Eckhardt reported that approximately 200 people attended the garden tour. The Board will ask the Garden Committee to create a waiting list for alcove planting space.
8. Mr. Leahy suggested expanding the Finance Committee. The purpose is to ensure that the annual financials are reviewed in a timelier fashion so that they can be sent to shareholders much earlier than in previous years.
9. Ms. Prevost reported that work is ongoing in Apt. A38 (77) which is owned by the Coop. It should be ready for occupancy by mid-July. The admissions committee is currently reviewing a proposed lease package for the apartment.

10. Mr. Yablonsky reported that he has met with the tenant of Apt. A53 (35), which is owned by the Cooperative. The tenant will be vacating the apartment by 7/31/18. The Board will decide what to do with it after the tenant leaves.
11. Mr. Leahy reported on the Co-op's cash position.
12. Ms. Lafayette reported that the Hospitality Committee hosted another get-together and met three new Berkeley shareholders.
13. Mr. Bermingham is looking into a new keycard entry system and intercom system.
14. Wavecrest was asked to schedule a shredder for July 20, 2018. This will be made available to Berkeley residents. An announcement will be made when the date and time are confirmed.
15. The entrance door operation at 35th Avenue needs to be checked.
16. The Board discussed revisiting the possibility of imposing a flip fee. This idea was tabled for the time being.
17. Ms. Prevost agreed to look into establishing uniform building signage.
18. The Board previously scheduled its next regular meetings for meeting for July 26, 2018, and August 21, 2018, both at 6:30 p.m.

End of Board Notes

OTHER NEWS ITEMS

FRIENDS OF THE BERKELEY CHILDREN

Friends of the Berkeley Children is a new committee for parents, expectant parents, grandparents, relatives, guardians, caregivers and educators within our co-op community. All are welcome. We will consult with the Berkeley Board on child-related matters and work on projects that benefit children and their families such as the proposed Children's Garden and 77th Street playroom. In addition, the group and its email list will be a place to share important information about local schools, daycare, babysitting, and activities. In order to best represent the needs of those who live here, it would be incredibly helpful to have contact information for at least one adult in all of the units who have children or where children regularly visit. Please join our mailing list by emailing Marilyn Massa (marilynnmassa@gmail.com) or Lara Pellegrinelli (lpellegr@mac.com). The committee plans to meet once per month beginning in September. Join us!

SHREDDING AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS

The Board has arranged for shredding services on Friday, July 20th. The shredding truck will arrive at approximately 10:00 AM. This service is available for any resident who wishes to have personal documents shredded.

GARDEN COMMITTEE – Would you like to adopt a garden plot?

The Garden Committee has a policy for those who are interested in adopting and maintaining a garden plot.

1. Contact one of the garden co-chairs to request a plot. The co-chairs are Katherine Howard: howfelice@gmail.com or Kayhan Irani: kayhan@activista.org
2. If there is no plot available you will be put on a first come, first served waiting list and contacted when a plot becomes available.
3. If a plot is available you will be asked to attend at least one garden meeting. Meetings are held monthly on Sundays at 4pm.
4. If you adopt an ongoing plot we ask that you begin by adopting and caring for the current plantings, make changes gradually and attempt to find homes for unwanted plants.
5. Gardeners buy their own plants for individual plots. They also do a lot of exchanging of cuttings and plants amongst each other.
6. We follow the basic garden rules as established by the board.
7. The Board provides support for the things we cannot do on our own such as yearly tree pruning, or the recent sodding of the North Lawn.

SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

The schedule of the summer Board meetings is as follows: **Thursday**, July 26 and **Tuesday**, August 21. **Please note that the meetings are on different weekdays.** The meetings begin at 6:30 PM. Between 6:00–6:30 PM, all shareholders/tenants may come to the Boardroom in the basement of the 77th Street Building to discuss issues with a Board member. The Board asks that you send an email in advance (berkboard@gmail.com) to let it know the nature of your issue and that you be succinct in your presentation. If you are not a resident of 77th Street, you may contact the Board at the above email address to gain entrance.

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