

Meeting Minutes

CPRO Board Meeting – Thursday, February 11, 2021
11:30 a.m. Location: Virtual – Zoom

Present:

- Board Members: Carmen Romero, David Peete, Diana Nakarmi, Fikru Abebe, Guy Gotts, John Murphy, John Snyder, Karen Rosales, Linda LeDuc, Michael Garcia, Shannon Bailey, Vanessa Aguayo, Nina Chawla
- Executive Director & Staff: Kim Klingler, Amy McWilliams, Stephen Gregory Smith, Lucero Alvarez
- Liaisons: Susan Soroko (AED)
- Guests: JD Spain (President, NAACP – Arlington, VA Chapter)

Not present:

- Diane Duston, Andrew Moore, Tad Lunger, David Orr, Michael Klein, Stephen Hughes (Planning/FBC AWG)

The meeting was called to order at 11:35am and agenda was reviewed at a high level.

January 2021 minutes were unanimously approved¹

Guest Speaker: JD Spain – President of Arlington NAACP #7047

- Provided Overall Update, Ways We Are and/or Might Partner, and Q&A

Executive Director/Staff Updates:

- CPRO Staff has been conducting “Road Shows” to share progress on the Pike and CPRO’s role. Audiences have included: Civic Associations, Service Clubs, CCPTA, Amazon, etc.
- CPRO is now housing/hosting [The Black Heritage Museum of Arlington](#) (BHMA) and has provided BHMA with a MOA. MOA must be agreed to and signed prior to BHMA opening-up to the public.
- CPRO has raised over \$200K to fund its COVID Food Insecurity and Small Business Support programming. We do not expect this funding to continue following COVID; however, our goal is to maintain some of these new donors, especially to continue and hopefully expand small business support.
- CPRO has been re-engaged by the County to support public outreach and process regarding transit, development, missing middle, and the possibility of allowing for greater flexibility regarding ground floor usage. Please reference: CPRO’s [CP Form Based Code Position Paper](#) for it is now playing a formal role in future [FBC AWG](#) meetings.
- CPRO has played a role in inspiring [HB2131](#) which has passed the Virginia House and is moving through the Senate.
- CPRO submitted Initial FY2022 budget/grant request to Arlington County on December 1, 2020. Awaiting feedback and updates regarding process and timing.

Committee Reports:

- **Governance** – Announced that CPRO now has a full Board of Directors. Community Advisory Council scheduled to be launched in late February 2021.
- **Finance/Special** – Met regarding Luncheon and/or Birthday party. Decision was reached to have the Virtual Pike Progress Luncheon in the Spring and a Hybrid Birthday/Anniversary Party in the Fall. Sponsorship packages will be developed with both events in mind.
- **Programs, Events, and Communications** – Met and discussed locations, logistics, strategies, and communications for “gearing up” before the spring event, and between the events.
- **Executive** – Met to discuss overall funding, diversifying sources, and encouraging current and future donors, and the Community to participate. Additional details will be discussed during today’s Executive Session.

Liaison Reports:

- AED – Thanks again to CPRO for submitting FY2022 Budget/Grant Request in a timely manner. As soon as the process/timeline is confirmed, CPRO will be notified. Also, check out AED – Biz Launch [Relaunch](#) Program.

The board went into Executive Session at 12:37pm.

¹ 1st LeDuc, 2nd Snyder