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BOARD NOTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 17, 2020

Due to the coronavirus, the Board meeting was held virtually via Google Meet. Ms. Eckhardt served as chair and called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

- 1. The Board reviewed and approved as written the minutes of the February 18, 2020 Board meeting.
- 2. Mr. Lister reported on his research into the Chemtrete product that was applied to approximately 9,000 sq. ft. of the building's façade, and is showing signs of discoloring the brickwork. Mr. Lister and Ms. Snow discussed the possibility of recourse with either the product manufacturer or Skyline Restoration, who applied the material to the brick. After a general discussion, Mr. Yablonsky was asked to provide a copy of the Skyline contract and Chemtrete warranties to Mr. Lister and Ms. Snow.
- 3. At 7:05 p.m. Ms. Snow left the meeting.
- 4. Mr. Lister advised the Board that he is preparing to send out a request for proposal for the installation of gutters above the bay windows on 78th Street, and other miscellaneous waterproofing work. Mr. Lister noted that the work would require DOB filing.
- 5. Mr. Lister reported that he is continuing the development of the plans and specifications for the window replacement project. He is planning to have a sample window, from a couple of manufactures, delivered to the building, for the Board's review.
- 6. At 7:15 p.m. Mr. Lister left the meeting.
- 7. The Board reviewed the Superintendent's report and discussed recent activities in the Co-op.
- 8. Mr. Koch told the Board that he would be following-up with the architects regarding the status of the laundry rooms and gym.
- 9. Ms. Eckhardt reported that a newsletter was just distributed to the Shareholders.
- 10. Ms. Lafayette reported on recent activities of the Hospitality Committee, and the Garden Committee. Ms. Eckhardt agreed to speak with the landscaping contractor to obtain topsoil for the Garden Committee.
- 11. Ms. Chin and Ms. Eckhardt have updated the Co-op's accountant information and authorized signatures at Habib Bank. They expect to get to Chase Bank in the next week.
- 12. Mr. Yablonsky distributed the 2019 draft certified financial statement for the Board's review and approval.

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 8:45 p.m. Ms. Eckhardt accepted a motion to adjourn.

OTHER NEWS ITEMS

ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER'S MEETING

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Berkowners Inc. Annual Shareholders Meeting has been postponed until Tuesday, September 15th.

NOTICE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

During these trying times, we all need to be mindful of ourselves and our neighbors. The Board of Directors requests that during the day, we stay aware of our neighbors working from home, our home-schooled children, and residents who are not feeling well.

There should be no loud music, loud karaoke, obsessive dancing (as this vibrates into neighboring apartments), loud television, barking dogs, noise related to pets running around the apartment, or any other disruptive activities to others.

Until further notice, the following activities at the Berkeley are on hold:

- 1. Move-in/Move-outs
- 2. Apartment Renovations
- 3. Admission's Committee Interviews
- 4. Closings Our attorney's office is not an essential service, and they are working from home. Coordinating closings between banks, attorneys, buyers, sellers, and brokers are complicated at this time.

We are sorry for this inconvenience, and we thank you all in advance for your cooperation during these trying and challenging times for all, and we wish for everyone to remain safe and healthy.

<u>STAFF</u>

Due to the coronavirus, staff will not enter any apartment unless it is an emergency.

LAUNDRY ROOMS

Everyone should be doing laundry in the building where they live. Effective Monday, March 29th, you will need to sign up to use the laundry room, and only 2 residents at a time can use the room. A five-week laundry room sign-up schedule will be posted on the laundry room doors. You will have a 2-hour window in which to do your laundry. Do not remove anyone's clothing from the washers/dryers. You must not leave your laundry unattended in the **laundry baskets**. If they are unattended, they will be placed in a plastic bag and removed from the laundry room. Let's keep everyone healthy and safe.

CHILDREN'S AND BABY CIRCLE

Until further notice, all events have been postponed.



THE GARDEN COMMITTEE

Until further notice, all events have been postponed. At this point, we have accepted the invitation to be on the JHBG's Annual Garden Tour in June. However, in all likelihood, this will be postponed or canceled.

<u>THE BERKELEY SOCIAL CLUB</u>



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SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

The dates for the next Board meetings are on Tuesday, April 14^{th,} and May 12th. Due to the coronavirus, the Board will not be meeting with residents. If you have an issue you would like to discuss with the Board, please email the board at berkboard@gmail.com

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