

WPCA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church: Cathedral Avenue, N.W.
Recorded by David MacDonald

- I. Call to Order:
President John Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. on September 7, 2006.

- II. Agenda items
 - A. Establishment of a quorum: Secretary David MacDonald confirmed the presence of a quorum of five members of the Woodley Park Community Association Executive Committee – President John Goodman, Secretary MacDonald, at-large Member Bill Kummings, at-large member Elba Morales, Stanford Committee Chair Barbara Ioanes.
 - B. Approval of the Minutes: The Minutes of the July 5, 2006 Executive were approved without objection.
 - C. Fall General Meeting and Elections: It was agreed that the general meeting would be held in the last week of October, provisionally Thursday October 26, a date that could be changed depending on the availability of the Speaker. Goodman proposed as appointees to a Nominating Committee Wayne Fisher, Nan Simpson and Stephanie Zobay. The names were approved without objection. Possible speakers considered for the general meeting were the Metropolitan Police District commander, the head of Oyster School, the incoming new council member for Ward 3 and the new Chairman of the City Council. It was agreed that the election would be held early in the general meeting.
 - D. DC Comprehensive Plan: Goodman said there was a general view among several organizations considering the draft DC Comprehensive Plan for the next 20 years that Council approval action on it should be postponed until next year. Chuck Lupton, who has followed the issue closely, recommended support for a delay, as that was the position being taken by Area Neighborhood Commissions, the Federation of Citizens Associations of DC, the Committee of 100 on the Federal City and other DC organizations. Lupton said it should be delayed until a new Council is in place. The committee agreed that a letter should be sent to the Mayor and all Council members by Goodman, supporting a delay in consideration of the Comprehensive Plan.
 - E. Stanford Agreement and construction status: Stanford in Washington Committee Chair Barbara Ioanes reported that access on Woodley Road had become difficult. The WPCA has been working on an agreement with Stanford that began two years ago. It deals with such neighborhood concerns as no further expansion in Woodley Park, (a la George Washington University model), no regular large events, no increase from the 2004 school year for number of students and staff, and no cars for students. Stanford has abided by the verbal agreement. The last version of the agreement had been agreed in September 2005, but was not sent to

Stanford until this month. There had been no committee meetings since then until September 6, 2006. Goodman said the agreement deals with use of the property. The WPCA had agreed to allow the expansion and to not argue against the needed variance before the Board of Zoning Appeals or the Historical Preservation Board. The agreement is now in the hands of Stanford's lawyers. Most of the drafting had been done by Tony Nuland. Ioanes said Stanford had been "incredibly honorable," and had done what the WPCA asked, though not at the time bound by the agreement. Regarding the construction project, any problems should be drawn to the attention of Ioanes or Goodman. Goodman said Adrienne Jamieson had been very responsive, giving quick email answers to WPCA questions. Ioanes said a construction agreement had been reached in 2004, with then-chair Stephanie Clipper working out the details.

- F. Possible events in coming months: Goodman asked if there should be a Fall Fair, noting that it would take a lot of work and that the Marriott Hotel was open to it. He said he had told the hotel that it was unlikely that the WPCA would go ahead with a Fall Fair. There was general agreement with this statement. He asked if there should be a Crafts Fair, or a holiday party or a hardhat tour for children of the JBG site. Morales noted that in terms of a hardhat tour, contractors for JBG has local requirements to be safe on the work site. JBG might offer to run such a hardhat tour for about 15 children. Discussion included a possible antiques road show in All Souls undercroft, or a crafts show at Woodley Park playground. Goodman noted that a permit would be needed to use the park. Morales said registration could be charged for crafts people participating. The crafts people would provide their own tables. Goodman said his idea was to have a nice community event and make a little money for the WPCA. He said there could be music or a raffle. Ioanes said there should be no tickets for sale, just tickets in a hat, so a winning name could be drawn from the hat. She asked when such events might take place. Goodman said in five to six weeks. Goodman asked if there should be a Christmas party, perhaps a picnic in Woodley Park. There was no enthusiasm for a Christmas party. Goodman noted that Stanford in Washington would have an open house for the neighborhood but it could not handle large numbers of local residents. Ioanes said a talk by a historian of Woodley Park was always a big draw, which would involve little organizing work by the WPCA.
- G. Discussion of issues for revision of bylaws: Goodman asked if WPCA membership should be for residents only or open, with no geographical restrictions. Should membership be for individuals only, or also for business, with one voting member per business? The decision was to retain the geographical limitation to Woodley Park and allow business members, with one vote. Goodman asked if we should have compulsory annual dues and whether the bylaws should be amended to authorize, but not require, the Executive Committee to set dues. After discussion, the committee rejected both proposals. Goodman asked how many at-large members the Executive Committee should have and how long their terms should be.

After discussion, the committee agreed that all WPCA elections should be held in the Fall for officers and at-large members, and there should be four at-large members with two-year terms, to provide continuity. To the question of what duties at-large members should have, the committee agreed that each one should be responsible for some significant project. Asked whether the Executive Committee should be able to take action without a physical meeting, such as by telephone conference call or email, the committee said yes, with prompt notice of any actions to be given to the membership. Asked if committee chairs should be added to the Executive Committee, the committee said no. Asked if there should be a provision for removal of Executive Committee members who do not attend meetings or do not take part in the running of the organization, the committee said yes. Goodman asked for views about the bylaws requirement that written notice of proposed action or recommendations be delivered in the neighborhood of affected property 15 days before the action or recommendation (Article X11). The committee decided that this burdensome requirement should be removed.

- H. Committee and liaison reports: Goodman advised that JBG would discuss issues related to construction at a 7 a.m. meeting on Sep 13. There would be a meeting with the Director of the Office of Planning on Sep 13, which Nancy MacWood had arranged and wanted a representative of the WPCA to attend with her. Goodman had met with Kathy Patterson's chief of staff three weeks ago to discuss the JBG issue.
- I. Adjournment: Goodman adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 10 p.m.