

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

Call to Order: President John Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. on December 7, 2006.

Agenda Items:

A Establishment of a Quorum: Secretary David MacDonald confirmed the presence of a quorum of six members of the Woodley Park Community Association Executive Committee – President John Goodman, Secretary MacDonald, Treasurer Bill Kummings, at-large members Barbara Ioanes, Ronnie Rosenwasser, and Jay Sushelsky.

B Approval of the Minutes: The Minutes of the November 9, 2006 Executive Committee meeting were approved.

C Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bill Kummings said he would investigate the best way to place WPCA funds to balance income and availability for sudden needs. Goodman said we should keep enough liquid for the next half-year. He proposed that the Treasurer look into what was the best way to proceed, then email the committee members, who could then tell the treasurer if they saw any problems. If there were no objections, he could then go ahead as planned. Ioanes asked if there were any outstanding unpaid bills. Goodman and Kummings said there were none. Ioanes asked if that also applied to the Acorn. Goodman said all Acorn bills had been paid.

D JBG Construction Report: Goodman said community members were not being asked to testify at the Dec 12 Board of Zoning Adjustment hearing at which the WPCA and ANC 3C appeal against the issue of construction permits for the underground garage on the Marriott site would be heard. He said he, the retained lawyer, Nancy MacWood, and possibly ANC Commissioner Deborah Jane Lindeman, would speak at the hearing. Zoning Administrator Bill Crews would be there to defend his decision to issue the permits and JBG would be there to support Crews' position. JBG had indicated that they would be ready to talk to the community, early in 2007, and said they understood the WPCA motion to oppose all curb cuts. Asked about the westernmost curb cut, Goodman said the latest information from JBG was that they did not plan to seek that curb cut.

E Agreement with Stanford: Ioanes said the construction project is on schedule. She described the verbal agreement made between the WPCA committee and Stanford, part of which was that the WPCA asked that they not try to expand further into Woodley Park. In return, the WPCA would support Stanford before city authorities. Both parties agreed to deal with problems as soon as possible. Ioanes said Stanford had not yet signed the agreement. Goodman said Stanford had raised a substantial point in the oral agreement. Their lawyer was resisting the section that would commit Stanford not to buy more property to expand in Woodley Park. Ioanes noted Stanford's premier reputation and said we do want the agreement question solved soon.

F Neighborhood watch program: Goodman said 15-20 people, including some from apartment buildings, had said they were prepared to help to set up such a system in Woodley Park. At-large board member Jay Sushelsky had expressed interest in helping with the project. Goodman said he would give people more detail about the proposal by email. Ioanes said Detective Nelson Morais had tried the idea before and it did not come together. Goodman said Sushelsky would look into what to do next.

G Winter Activities: ANC Commissioner Deborah Jane Lindeman said we could do a carol program in the neighborhood with the unaccompanied voices of Woodley Park residents. Music teacher Lindeman agreed to take a leadership role in organizing and practicing with the singers. She said she would send Goodman information for a note to be put out to the community. Goodman suggested a snowman building contest on the first snow day, at Triangle Park.

H News to report: Goodman said there were no developments in the AAHSA garage parking availability situation and nothing new regarding the web site. There was a lengthy discussion about Oyster bilingual school, based on an article in the Current.

I Questions from members: Sally MacDonald advised that the Federation of Citizens Associations had been told by the head of the city's 911 center that the city plans, eventually, to terminate 727-1000 service and have all emergency calls handled by 911 operators and all non-emergency calls handled by 311 operators. There was a discussion about the confusing situation for pedestrians and motorists on Connecticut Avenue at Klinge Bridge, which is being repaired. Sally MacDonald noted that the city had set up signs directing traffic to take a detour off Cathedral, along the 2900 block of 28th Street, down Cortland and right on Devonshire to Connecticut, where traffic is forbidden to turn left and must turn right, presumably to go to Cathedral and around the same detour again. Goodman said ANC 3C head Nancy MacWood had been involved in trying to get the confusion at Klinge Bridge resolved.

ADJOURNMENT: Goodman adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.