

WPCA May 3, 2007, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church: Cathedral Avenue, N.W.
Recorded by Terry Shea

Agenda Items:

1. Call to Order: President John Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. on May 3, 2007 with the establishment of a Quorum established by the presence of John Goodman, Barbara Ioanes, Jay Sushelsky, Nour Jurgenson and Terry Shea.

2. Filling the vacancy of the Secretary of the WPCA after the resignation of David MacDonald. John Goodman reported that Terry Shea had agreed to fill the vacancy until the next regular election at the Fall Membership meeting. The vote to elect Shea Secretary was 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Nour Jurgenson recommended and the rest of the Executive Committee all agreed that we were grateful to David MacDonald for all of his work during the time he served as Secretary.

3. Minutes of the March 8th Executive Committee meeting were approved.

4. Terms of the At Large Members: President John Goodman reviewed the fact that the new Bylaws required staggered terms for At Large Members. The Executive Committee had agreed to make these selections by Lot. Barbara Ioanes recommended that we include the two At Large Vacancies in the Lot, and that recommendation was accepted. Each At Large member chose lots, and delegates chose for those not in attendance. The results were:

Barbara Ioanes: Term expires Fall 2007

Ronnie Rosenwasser:: Term expires Fall 2007

Jay Sushelsky: Term expires Fall 2008

Elba Morales: Term expires Fall 2008

Vacancy At Large Member # 5: Term to expire Fall 2008

Vacancy At Large Member #6. Term to expire Fall 2007

The Board agreed to contact the At Large members not present and inform them of the results and receive confirmation that they agree to serve as per the results.

The Executive Committee discussed the need to think about and recruit members for the At Large Vacancies. All agreed that we should let the members know of the vacancies through regular communication methods like the email updates. John Goodman indicated that he would do this and the Committee would consider this again at the next meeting.

5. JBG Report. John Goodman reported that the Curb Cut application had been granted last week. He expects JBG to move quickly because they want to use that entrance as a construction driveway. He mentioned that they are also planning landscaping work over the new garage. Goodman reviewed the status of the JBG application to build a condominium. JBG had filed an application but was told that the structural drawings were not complete. Barbara Ioanes suggested that we want to express our opinion on the project to anyone that is new in office, perhaps even writing a letter to Mayor Fenty. John Goodman pointed out that the BZA had approved the garage but that the Condo building had not been approved. Barbara stated that since JBG does not need to go to the ANC prior to receiving the Condominium building permit, the danger is that they could receive the permit without the WPCA being notified. John Goodman indicated that he would make sure that our continued interest in the project is known.
6. Neighborhood Watch: Jay Sushelsky indicated that the Neighborhood Watch program was progressing well. They have had one training session and there will be another one. Lt. Roch who is in charge of the Public Safety Area (PSA) that includes Woodley Park, will be available for regular meetings with block captains and neighborhood residents who are interested. There are close to 25 people who have expressed an interest in participating as Block Captains and assignments of Block Captain responsibilities are in progress. The program is still looking for Block Captains on several blocks including 27th Street and Cathedral Avenue east of Connecticut Avenue.
7. Communications and the Acorn: John Goodman indicated that he plans to get the Acorn out toward the end of May or early June.

Nour Jurgenson indicated that we have three confirmed advertisers and three potential advertisers. Some advertisers have indicated that they are concerned about being in the WPCA, others have had questions about how many people are involved in the WPCA and whether they read the Acorn. Some of the advertisers expressed concern about the existing controversy in regard to the construction plans between some of the residents and the JBG Companies, the owners of the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel.

John Goodman mentioned that the recent online survey indicated that people do read the Acorn. Approximately 91 people filled out the survey, and more than 80% indicated they read the Acorn.

Barbara Ioanes mentioned that we had discussed forgoing advertising in the past. We could also list past advertisers and thank them for their support, as the WPCA had done before.

Nour feels that the income from the advertisers helps defray the costs of producing the newsletter; therefore we should not forgo the advertising.

8. Other Reports and News: Terry Shea requested information on the Proposed Changes to the Zoning Regulations for Fast Food Restaurants. The WPCA had submitted

comments to the Zoning Commission expressing the Association's opinion on changes to the rules regarding Fast Food Restaurants. John Goodman indicated that the Planning Commission had been told to go back and take a closer look at the changes.

John Goodman said that the WPCA had been asked by the Cleveland Park Citizens Association and agreed to cosponsor a meeting on the Tregaron Conservancy and the Washington International School's construction plans to be held May 15th at the Cleveland Park Library.