

Woodley Park Community Association
Executive Board Meeting
Stanford in Washington
December 5, 2007
7PM

Present:

John Goodman, President
Barbara Ioanes, Vice President
Bill Kummings, Treasurer
Peter Brusoe, Secretary
Tamora Ilasat
Bill Menczer
Elba Morales
Chuck Lupton
Nour Jurgenson

John Goodman, WPCA President called the meeting to order at 7:05pm with a quorum of the executive board being present. John welcomed everyone to the meeting in the cold and wet weather. All members introduced themselves.

Minutes:

John Goodman discussed the drafts of meeting minutes from 9/12 and 10/3. After discussing the minutes John made a motion to approve the minutes. Barbara Iones seconded, and the board accepted the minutes as prepared.

John then discussed the minutes from the special membership wide meeting back in March. Minutes from the general body are approved at the next stated general meeting. This was not done at the most recent meeting and would not happen again until the next general meeting in the Spring. If a question came up as to whether or not the executive board thought that the minutes were correct it was felt that the board should have a stance on it. The board, therefore, reviewed and approved the minutes on an interim basis, and they approved the drafted minutes as written. The minutes are still subject to full approval by the entire membership.

Previous meeting:

John then asked for feedback from the previous meeting. Chuck Lupton commented that it was nice to see Councilmember Mary Cheh.. The board expressed their pleasure at Mary Cheh and appreciation for joining us that evening. A question came up if there was any follow up on the questions raised at the meeting. It was reported that several issues were successfully resolved. Barbara Ioanes, who could not stay for the Q and A session, mentioned that she heard from four individuals that this was a good meeting. John Goodman offered that this was the second meeting that Councilmember Cheh attend as she previously was in the audience for our March Meeting

Bill Menczer mentioned that most of the concerns that came up in the meeting was not legislative issues, but rather executive branch issues. Bill Menczer further suggested that it would be a good idea to have the city administrator or someone from the mayor's office to discuss those issues. Bill Kummings suggested that it may be a good idea to have Chief Lanier come.

The body discussed possible people who it may be nice to have. John asked if there was a way that we

can help our neighborhood members to connect with government. A discussion regarding communications between WPCA and parts of the district government. Bill Kummings suggested that if we have a really good list of contacts for people to use, and send it once a quarter. The group also discussed the importance of having correct subject lines.

Tamora raised a concern about trying to get more people involved in the WPCA as well as the neighborhood watch. Barbara Ioanes mentioned that often times if the subject matters to people, such as the Stamford expansion, or issues with Oyster, more people will become involved in the community. Nour suggested that it's important to have festivities and social events for the community and that people will get to know one another and that will make a big difference. Barbara Ioanes mentioned the success that Stephanie Zobay had with Woodley Park Kids and that we need to have a volunteer to coordinate activities and that we have not had the people to put together the event.

Committee Proposal

John Goodman reviewed the committees for the WPCA. The executive committee then discussed the proposed committees. The board appointed Barbara Ioanes to chair the Zoo Committee.

Peter suggested that there may be some benefit in creating a community development committee. Peter made it a formal motion, Nour seconded and the board approved the proposal with committee chairs to be appointed in January. The board then approved the new committee proposal.

Committee Reports

Stanford

Barbara Ioanes reported on the Stanford committee. WPCA signed an agreement with Stanford **on August 31, 2007**. Barbara gave some background on the events that led to wanting an agreement. Among the items covered was a cap on the amount of resident students and faculty, (Stanford) **Stanford** not allowing the students to have cars, Stanford not allowing others (except local community groups) to use its space for meetings or events, and certain requirements for an art gallery. **The ANC also stated in their resolution art rotation and a plaque, among additional requirements.**

Barbara mentioned that Stanford was looking at having the community party on Saturday January 12th for two hours and she will report back on other information.

Community Watch:

Bill Menczer reported that he and Jay Sushelsky will conduct a training session for new neighborhood watch captains on December 13, 2007 at 7:30 pm, location TBD. This session is for the 4 or 5 new block captains who will provide additional coverage on several streets.

Marriot Wardman Committee:

John reported that the Marriott nothing new on that report. The permit for the condos is still in front of the DCRA and no action has been taken yet. The WPCA raised some zoning issues with the zoning administrators. Elba reported that she looked at the plans at the zoning conference. With luck there would be a meeting with the zoning administrator on Friday.

The executive committee also had a discussion on whether or not there was a dog park opened on Marriott's property. It was discussed that based on the sign age on the property that dogs were not allowed. There was also discussion of dogs in the triangle park and possibly the purchase of some signs to discourage dogs.

Zoning Review Taskforce

John Reported on the Zoning review taskforce. The zoning codes have not been updated since the mid-20th century. There is an attempt to make the regulations more modern and easier to understand. The zoning commission has no staff to do all the work. They have delegated it to the office of planning. John gave some background information on the zoning review task force that they meet once every two months. They had their first meeting the last week in November and will meet again in late January. There will be a website coming out that will allow community members to interact with the process.

WPCA Kids:

John Reported that WPCA kids are having a Christmas Party on December 15th. Kids come to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish from 5:00-7:00. WPCA is providing food.

Treasurer:

Bill Kummings reported that as of 11/30

\$24,748.86 Savings

\$8,162.57 Checkings

A question was raised as to what bank fees we pay. John offered that the only fees we pay are \$3.00 per month to receive copies of checks. There was some discussion of looking at fees and whether or not we should look at CDs. The group discussed the importance of keeping cash fluid to respond to issues if there was a pressing issue that the WPCA had to quickly react to.

Barbara Ioanes then reported on the inspection of financial records. Barbara said that everything appeared to be consistent and there was no problem with the accounts payable. However, accounts receivable were another matter. Barbara felt that the issue related to record keeping created problems with the accounts receivable, perhaps even having an accountant help set up the forms. Bill reported his brother-in-law developed a system to work with the accounting and that he would report back. Peter moved that Ronnie and Barbara's auditing report be accepted.

Peter Moved to adjourn, Barbara seconded. Meeting closed at 9:02PM

WPCA Organization

Committees

Committee	Chair
JBG Marriott Construction	Elba Morales
Zoo Development	Barbara Ioanes
Stanford in Washington	Barbara Ioanes
Zoning Review	John Goodman
Community Development	
Neighborhood Watch	Bill Menczer, Jay Sushelsky
Woodley Triangle Park	Elizabeth Franklin
WPCA Kids	Stephanie Zobay
Membership Management	Armen Tashdianian
Historian	Judy Waxman
Acorn Editor	
Website	Peter Brusoe

Liaisons with External Groups

External Group	Liaison
DC Police	Jay Sushelsky
WPBA	John Goodman
Aidan Montessori School	Michael Lemmon
Oyster	Margaret Ernst
Tregaron	Sally MacDonald
WIS Construction Project	Stephanie Zobay
Maret	Jessica Wasserman
Federation	Sally MacDonald
Swiss Embassy	Sally MacDonald