

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
WOODLEY PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
April 2, 2008

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by the President, John Goodman, who noted that there was a quorum. In attendance at the meeting were the following: John Goodman, Tamora Ilasat, Barbara Ioanes, Nour Jurgenson, Bill Kummings, Chuck Lupton, Bill Menczer, Elba Morales, Jay Sushelsky, Armen Tashdianian.

Upon request of the President, the Committee approved the minutes of the meeting of March 5, 2008.

Bill Menczer and Jay Sushelsky noted that they would have to depart the meeting at 8:00 to attend a meeting involving Neighborhood Watch. Tamora said that she, also, had to leave about 8:00. John Goodman stated that on account of Tamora, Bill and Jay's anticipated departure at 8:00, he would take agenda items out of order, particularly the discussion of committee reports and potential activities to be undertaken by WPCA in the coming months.

**Neighborhood Watch** - Bill Menczer and Jay Sushelsky reported that they had a couple of prospects for block captains on blocks that remained uncovered. There was also discussion about an inquiry by a resident of the 2600 block of Woodley Place concerning crime statistics for the neighborhood. Bill Menczer stated that he had passed the inquiry along to Commander Solberg, who patched into the correspondence Lieutenant Ralph Neal, the officer in charge of our neighborhood (Police Service Area (PSA) 204) and Captain Willie Smith. The watch coordinators will follow up with the inquiring neighbor.

**Neighborhood Enhancement** - Tamora spoke about the activities of the Neighborhood Enhancement Committee, noting she was pleased to announce that Bill Menczer had agreed to serve on the committee.

1. Tamora and Marie Louise Bernal plan to walk the neighborhood to view the call boxes and locate prospective ones for painting and decorating, hopefully to be completed in mid to late May.
2. Tamora also said that Stephanie Zobay and she are in the process of discussing plans for the family picnic, and that they will be conferring in the coming days about the date and other details. Tamora stated that Stephanie and she hope that the event will be inclusive of the entire neighborhood, i.e., families with children, couples, singles, etc. They are now pointing toward a date in mid-June for the event.
3. The committee is exploring the possibilities of a neighborhood garden tour
4. The Cleveland Park Garden Tour is now set for June 8.
5. There was discussion of a potential architectural tour of the Woodley Park neighborhood in the fall.

**Upcoming Neighborhood Events Scheduled** - It was suggested that the executive committee should consider scheduling a neighborhood cleanup of alleys and yards for a May weekend. In that connection it was mentioned that Casey Tree has scheduled tree planting on the Tregaron Conservancy property for Saturday, April 5. Nour Jurgenson mentioned that the Cherry Blossom Festival events are listed on the WPCA website.

**Upcoming Acorn Issue** – John Goodman mentioned that Acorn will publish an issue in late May, then again in late October prior to the election. He asked the committee for ideas to develop in the upcoming issues. Members of the Executive Committee suggested the following as worthy subjects: ecologically sensitive buildings in the neighborhood; diversity within the neighborhood; colleges and schools within the neighborhood, the Oyster School run scheduled for the fall; Neighborhood Watch topics of interest; gardening tips.

**Vote to Purchase Police Banquet Tickets** – The committee voted unanimously to authorize WPCA to purchase 4 tickets to the Metro Police Banquet to be held this summer.

**Neighborhood Flea Market** - there was discussion about the possibility of WPCA sponsoring a flea market in which each household would be permitted to contribute one item for sale.

**Other Reports:**

-- Marriott - no news to report: no construction and no marketing

-- Stanford - They need WPCA's tax identification number in order to provide legal fees reimbursement monies (approximately \$700) to WPCA. Barbara Ioanes will work with Bill Kummings to get it to them.

This led to a discussion about a tax exempt certificate which could permit WPCA to get a 10% discount at Johnson's Nursery (i.e., for products needed for the triangle garden). Bill Kummings will look into getting such a certificate. Armen noted that what WPCA had in the past was insufficient to make tax-exempt purchases.

-- Miscellaneous: a. Parcourse - some of the equipment needs repair. It has the Shoreham Hotel name on it, and John will check into this further.

b. Oyster Run - This will be in the fall. WPCA bought an ad to support the Oyster School fund-raising effort.

c. Marriott – The Dog Park is in front of the wooden fence (between 27th and 28th Streets).

**Treasurer's Report** -- Bill Kummings reported there is about \$37,000 in WPCA's accounts, and noted that WPCA can do more for the community. For example, it is unnecessary to charge for slots at the proposed flea market (but it might be needed to ensure participation). Nour Jurgenson suggested a small scholarship based on grades rather than need. Barbara Ioanes noted that WPCA might incur a large burden if the Association gives funds directly to an individual. A possible solution is that WPCA could

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provide funds directly to a school to award the scholarship. An alternative is to have a contest (e.g., an essay about Woodley Park or its history). Nour Jurgenson will look further into options and come back to the Executive Committee.

The meeting was adjourned.