

**Woodley Park Community Association
Executive Board Meeting
October 7, 2009
Stanford In Washington, DC Center
7:30PM**

Present:

Jay Sushelsky, President

Peter Brusoe, Secretary

Tamora Ilasat, Board Member

Warren Gorlick, Board Member

John Goodman, Past President

Anne-Marie Bairstow, ANC3C Chairperson

Bill Kummings, ANC302

Ann Hollick, Community Member

Andrew del Junco, Outreach and Service Specialist, Executive Office of the Mayor

Petar Dimtchev, Outreach and Service Specialist, Executive Office of the Mayor

Lee Brian Reba, ANC3C01, Late arrival.

Preliminary Matters: Call to order, minutes and budget:

President Jay Sushelsky called the meeting to order at 7:33PM and thanked everyone for coming.

The minutes were reviewed and a minor change regarding the call boxes were made. The revised minutes are attached. The minutes were approved as amended.

Bruce Forrest had submitted the following report via email:

Current Balances:

Checking: \$1,322.60

Checks & withdrawals since last report (9/9/09): 2 checks totaling \$220
(MPC CAC \$160;

Fed. Of C'zens Assn's \$60).

Additions: none

Savings: \$4,437.66

Withdrawals since last report : none

Additions since last report: \$400 dues

Other: CD \$25,000 (matures Nov. 12.) (plus annualized interest at 1.74%.)

Total with BofA: \$30,760.26

Note: The CD will roll over on Nov. 12 into another 9-month CD, paying only 0.65% interest. That is still higher than any BofA demand account. Also, it is a "risk free" CD, i.e., the Association can withdraw at any time without penalties.

The treasurer's report was accepted with the appreciation of the board.

President Sushelsky called for committee reports.

Call Boxes:

Tamora Ilasat has spoken with the committee on call boxes. The committee has contacted a number of companies that do sandblasting, however many of them have declined the job because it is “too small.” The firm that was originally identified for this project has not returned phone calls. Tamora is going to call the city and some demolition firms to see if they have any suggestions on sandblasting firms.

Anne-Marie and Jay discussed and agreed to postpone the WPCA grant request to the ANC.

It was also discussed that based on reviewing other areas in DC we are best served if we sandblast.

Membership Meeting:

Where:

There was a report on the upcoming membership meeting. It is slated for November 18th, 2009 at 7:30PM at St. Thomas Apostle in the Parish Hall.

Officers Running:

Bill Menczer has been working with the nominating committee. Currently Jay Sushelsky is running for re-election President, Barbara Ioanes is going to run for re-election Vice-President, Warren Gorlick is running for secretary, Bruce Forrest is going to run for re-election as Treasurer. Bill Menczer, Paul Poe and Sarah Ensign will run for the Executive Committee, Peter Brusoe is going to run for an unexpired term as a board member. Others are still being recruited.

Possible Speakers

The Executive Board talked about how to draw people to the event than would be attracted by Commander Klein alone. The board brainstormed some people to have attend. Working with Mr. Dimtchev and Mr. del Junco they could also help out in securing speakers.

The prioritized list of additional speakers:

- (A) WASA: To talk about the sewer separation project.(Tamora if the Mayor’s office can’t help)
- (B) Chancellor Michelle Rhee, or some other speaker about education. (Warren if the Mayor’s office can’t help)
- (C) WMATA speaker about the Red Line and concerns about the metro transit system. (Peter if the Mayor’s office can’t help)
- (D) The Ward 3 and Ward 1 Arborist (Jay if the Mayor’s office can’t help)
- (E) A speaker about the fire hydrants in Woodley Park , with an update on how the testing is going, or what is working/not working. (Jay)

The aim is to be able to publicize this meeting with confirmed speakers for the ACORN soon and that we need to move on getting the speakers. Those who were supposed to tackle these issues are requested to coordinate back with Jay.

Halloween

Brusoe and Anne-Marie Bairstow talked about the upcoming Halloween project.

We are currently having issues locating a place to have the event. St. Thomas Apostle cannot without having Arch-Diocesan background checks on adult volunteers. All Souls was busy. Stanford had their annual board meeting. We are currently looking at the Maret School and the Marriot Wardman.

Brusoe and Bairstow are planning a series of fun activities and events.

Acorn:

People are requested to have their articles into Jay and John within the next five or six days. A brief rundown of the articles include one about the HRPB process, one from Stephanie Clipper, one from Bill Menzer, two from Armen Tashdianian, a possible one from the two churches.

Lee Brian Reba wanted to stress that Petar Dimtchev is also responsible for Woodley Park East of CT avenue even though it is part of Ward I. The board was appreciative for the mayor to make that distinction.

Neighborhood construction:

No new report on neighborhood construction.

New Business

There was no new business.

ANC Report:

Commissioner Bill Kummings reported that he has been in touch with New Heights Restaurant and possible alternatives to their valet parking issue, including a relationship with AAHSA or the Omni Shorham. Several price issues were going on between the restaurant and the parking providers. The board thanked Commissioner Kummings for his work on this issue and expressed that it is not their desire for the ANC to approve an exception from the valet parking rules.

Commissioner Kummings also mentioned that there was an issue with the parking zone in front of the Omni Shorham. Currently it's zoned as no parking, however, busses and super shuttles are idling bothering neighbors in the Shorham North. There is a resolution before the ANC to convert the no-parking zone into a parking zone. The WPCA approved a resolution to convert it into a parking area.

Lee Brian Reba talked about his very successful event. There were over 78 people attending and WPCA picked up ten new members.

Anne-Marie Bairstow had no additional report.

Setting up new meetings:

We are meeting on November 4th at 7:30PM

The December meeting is set for December 9th 2009.

Brusoe will coordinate with Stanford. If the new board wants to move the meeting they are able to do that.

Good of the Organization:

WPCA congratulates Tamora on her upcoming Grand Child and wishes everyone the best.

The Vamos run is set up for October 18th, 2009. help could be used to marshal and direct people.

The Ward 3 Democrats are sponsoring a forum on education. Chancellor Rhee will be discussing the great improvements she has made to the DC Public Schools at a meeting on 10/29 at 7PM at St. Columba's Church. Vince Gray will also be present and will try to explain why he's cutting off much needed funding to the public school students.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:42PM.