

Meeting Minutes
WPCA Executive Committee
February 3, 2010

Present:

Jay Sushelsky, President
Barbara Ioanes, Vice President
Sarah Taber, Secretary
Emily Wagner, Board Member
John Goodman, Past President
Warren Gorlick
Paul Poe
Peter Brusoe
Anne-Marie Bairstow, ANC3C03 & Chairperson
Bill Kummings, ANC302
Lee Brian Reba, ANC3C01

Call to Order

President Jay Sushelsky called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the January 20, 2010 Executive Committee meeting were approved by a unanimous vote.

Old Business

1. Winter Activity Event

We have learned through Tamora that Politics and Prose will not be able to assist in providing a visiting author, as they do not work outside their own establishment. If anyone has any other ideas for an event, please contact Tamora.

2. Acorn

Deadline for submissions is February 19, 2010. Please submit draft articles to Emily, John, or Jay by this date.

3. Tutoring

Ann-Marie Bairstow has provided the information regarding school tutoring opportunities within the DCPS. This information has been sent to members by email.

4. Shredding and Hazmat Event

The event will be held on April 17, 2010 during the hours of 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the All Souls Church parking lot. Paper Tiger Shredding is providing this service for \$375. Ann- Marie and Jay will compose a list of items that will be accepted. Advertisement for this event will include flyers to be distributed within the apartment buildings as well as email and the WPCA website.

5. Metro Fare Increase

The Metro Fare Revision Committee has been formed to address the potentially long term concerns with this issue. Warren will chair the committee, and thus far the members are Peter, John, and Paul. The group will work together to voice the views of the WPCA.

6. Rodent Infestation

Peter, Jay, Barbara and John attended the January 29, 2010 meeting set up by Cheh's office. It was attended by the DOH, as well as merchants on the west side of Connecticut Ave. On February 2, DOH conducted an inspection of the alley east of CT Ave with abutting business and found significant evidence of rats on both the business and residential sides of the alley. DOH will return on March 6, 2010 for a "rat kill" and residents will be notified by e-mail and flyers so they provide DOH access to their property

7. Weatherize DC

Upon further investigation of "Weatherize DC", it has been decided that we will not be utilizing this group in any future WPCA events.

8. Overlay Panel Meeting

A panel discussion of the "neighborhood commercial overlay district" rules will be held March 3, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Stanford. Featured speakers include Steve Cochran from Office of Planning, Ruthanne Miller (former chair of DC Board of Zoning Adjustment), Adrienne Hedman (property owner of 2627 Conn. Ave.), and a zoning lawyer. There will be opportunity for questions after their presentations. The Executive Board meeting will convene at 7 p.m. on that date.

9. DC Public Library

We will have a speaker at the April 7, 2010 Executive Committee meeting to address policy changes to the Public Library System. Warren Gorlick will be contacting the speaker. The meeting will convene at 7 p.m., with the speaker to begin at 7:30 p.m.

New Business

1. Summer Picnic

While we are still enjoying our snow parties, the date for the picnic will be June 12, 2010. Further discussions will follow

2. Pedestrian Advocacy Program

Marlene Berlin, Pedestrian Advocate who is with IONA services spoke about the objectives of their group CAPA (Connecticut Avenue Pedestrian Action). Jay has requested a copy of their proposals, reports, and 501(c)(3) for his review

3. Woodley Park Districting

Paul Poe had asked that we discuss the possibility of WPCA supporting an initiative to consolidate Woodley Park into a single Ward. While a lively discussion ensued, it was agreed that at this time, there are too many variables to move forward on this issue.

4. WPCA Business Committee

The purpose of this group is to facilitate cooperation with and among merchants in the Woodley Park business district on common issues. John Goodman will chair the group which is comprised of Peter, Jay and Lee Brian.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. by unanimous vote.