

WPCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
December 1, 2010
7:30 p.m.

Present

Members/Officers:

Jay Sushelsky, President
Bill Menczer, Vice President
Bruce Forrest, Treasurer
Kate Bertram
Peter Brusoe
Barbara Ioanes
Rob Meisnere
Paul Poe

ANC Representatives:

Anne-Marie Bairstow
Bill Kummings
Lee Brian Reba

Call to Order

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

Minutes

The minutes of the November 3 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Checking: \$1886.73

Recent Payments:	\$137	Barbara Ioanes (<i>Acorn</i> printing)
	\$100	Chef Tate (reception food)
	\$158	Armen Tashdininian (postage & box)

Savings: \$2148.93

Recent Additions:	\$1335	dues and contributions (up from \$725 last month)
Recent Withdrawals:	none	

Paypal: \$468.11

Recent Additions:	\$35	(dues)
Recent Withdrawals:	\$3	(website fee)

CD: \$17953.06 (Bank of America)

Total: \$22474.83

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Bruce Forrest and the Board acknowledged receipt.

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Committee Reports

None

Old Business

Garfield Street 2900 Block

The WPCA will support the neighbors' position in the ongoing negotiations. Concerns were raised about reimbursement from the developer to the WPCA and about construction vehicles using Woodley Road during rush hour. Jay Sushelsky indicated that John Goodman could frame the traffic concern as a request, not a condition for agreement. Also, if less than the total amount of attorneys fees expended on the matter is recovered from the developer, then WPCA will accept its pro-rated share of the total. The Board agreed to give John Goodman authority to act on behalf of WPCA on these matters.

Winter Holiday Party - December 16

Jay Sushelsky relayed the Marriott hotel's proposal that the holiday party include two sessions (early and later) to avoid overcrowding. The consensus of the Board is that there should be one party for up to 200 attendees, not two parties of 100 each. Jay Sushelsky will relay this to the Marriott and await their determination on which room will be available. The Board agreed that the committee can make final decisions in this regard, and authorized disbursements of up to \$500 (combined) for gratuities, publicity, door prizes, candy canes for children, etc. The Board also authorized the Party Committee to present door prizes out of WPCA's inventory of hats, tote bags, t-shirts, and Woodley House books, in the Committee's discretion.

Membership Program

Discussion postponed until the January 2011 meeting.

Zoo Relations

Jim Graham and Zoo officials will meet after the New Year. Neighbors, including WPCA, will be invited.

Rodents

The Board agreed that the business district needs to take ownership of the vermin issue, but the WPCA would welcome a current status report from city officials, perhaps in January or February. In the meantime, residents should be encouraged to call 311 to report vermin problems (since those calls are tracked). Future issues of the *Acorn* and email newsletters will mention this suggestion.

Zoning Overlay

Further discussion of the overlay issue was postponed until a subsequent meeting.

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New Business

Board Vacancy

Bill Menczer nominated Sarah Taber to fill the vacant At-Large position (term expiring 2011) created by his election to the post of Vice President. The Board agreed. The appointment will be in effect until an election is conducted at the next general membership meeting.

Proposed Joint Meeting with CPCA and CCCA

The Board agreed to participate in a joint meeting with the Cleveland Park and Chevy Chase community associations to discuss Connecticut Avenue traffic issues. The meeting will take place either February 1st (the Board's preference) or February 8, and will be promoted to the general WPCA membership.

Rock Creek Park Construction Closings

The Board agreed that Jay Sushelsky would write one or more letters, as appropriate, to agencies and officials featuring talking points from Board members (including Barbara Ioanes and Rob Meisnere), pinpointing the signage and traffic concerns and indicating desired outcomes.

ANC Updates

Anne Marie Bairstow reported that the ANC3C will meet on Monday, December 13th instead of the 20th.

Bill Kummings reported that the Debonair Cleaners construction is not yet complete, and the move-in date of December 1 will be revised.

Lee Brian Reba reported that the police investigated reports of late-night work on the renovation of the Café Paradiso storefront, but that work has now been completed and no further issues are expected. Also, a "Marvelous Market"-type bakery establishment will open in the former "Pesto" space.

Questions from Members / Miscellaneous

St. Thomas the Apostle will host caroling on December 19th, all are welcome to attend.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next Executive Board meeting will be January 5, 2011, at 7:30pm.