

WPCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Stanford in Washington
2661 Connecticut Avenue

March 2, 2011
7:30 p.m.

Present

Members/Officers:

Jay Sushelsky, President
Warren Gorlick, Secretary
Bruce Forrest, Treasurer
John Goodman
Barbara Ioanes
Rob Meisnere
Paul Poe

ANC Representatives:

Anne-Marie Bairstow
Bill Kummings
Lee Brian Reba

Absent

Bill Menczer, Vice President
Kate Bertram
Peter Brusoe
Sarah Taber

1. Call to Order

Jay called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

2. Minutes of January 5, 2011 Meeting

The January 5 minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

The February 11 Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

4. Committee Reports

No committee reports.

5. Old Business

— **Garfield St. 2900 Block Development Status**

John reported that in accordance with the Board's previous charge to him, he participated in settlement negotiations concerning development of the lot on the 2900 block of Garfield. The litigation has been settled and is memorialized in a confidential settlement agreement.

— **Traffic Flow Accessing Rock Creek Park from Calvert St.**

It was decided that a letter is not necessary because the NPS has said that the restrictions will be ending soon. The City Council appears to be looking into this matter.

— **Zoo Relations**

Jay will write a letter to the Zoo Director inviting him to a future meeting of the Board.

— **WPCA Website**

Paul will discuss with at least one firm a possible proposal to host the WPCA website and what might be involved in transferring the site from WPCA's existing host.

— **Wine tasting**

There was limited interest in pursuing the event, but the Board will re-consider the possibility of such an event at a future meeting of the Board.

6. New Business

— **Woodley Park Parking Issues**

There was a discussion of parking issues in Woodley Park and possible ways to improve the situation. In addition to the normal parking problems of any neighborhood near a Metro station, John said that Woodley Park also attracts parkers going to the two large hotels and the Zoo. John noted that an email he sent to the membership requesting comment on possible revisions to the parking regulations elicited a mixed response, with one favoring changes, and other members opposed to any changes. Jay proposed, and the Board concurred, to have a Special Meeting of the membership in May to discuss various parking options including, but not limited to: a) extended nights and weekend residential permit parking hours, b) a possible RPP subzone limited only to Woodley Park residents, c) metered parking (with RPP exempt).

— **Wardman West Plans**

Anne-Marie is monitoring the situation.

— **Hazardous Waste Removal Day**

Anne-Marie is contemplating Saturday, June 4 as the date for the hazardous waste removal. She will contact Maret to see if they can host, and possible other venues if Maret is not available.
[Secretary's note: Anne-Marie subsequently confirmed June 4 at Maret.]

— Brett Schulman Restaurant Presentation

Brett Schulman, a co-owner of the Cava restaurant chain, gave a presentation with respect to a “fast casual” restaurant format that he would like to open in the Woodley Park neighborhood. He will need various regulatory approvals in order to open the restaurant. The restaurant owner will be invited back to provide a presentation at the Special Meeting of the membership on April 6. He will be asked to provide sample menus and to describe with more specificity the type of regulatory approvals he is requesting from the District. As discussed below, another restaurant chain, Noodles & Co., which is also interested in entering WP, will also be invited to speak. A flyer will be distributed by Board members prior to the meeting.

Acorn Newsletter

The Board will publish the newsletter in the second or third week of May, which will publicize, among other things, the June hazardous waste day event, and the annual spring picnic, set for June 18.

Candidate's Day

Jay will see if Peter is still interested in organizing a candidates' debate for the at-large Council race. We may explore the option of co-hosting this event with other citizen's association. John will assist in this effort.

Redistricting

Barbara provided a historical overview of how re-districting has worked after past censuses. Lee Brian has been discussing the issue with Councilmember Michael Brown.

7. Questions from Members

No questions were raised.

8. ANC Reports

Lee Brian reported that Noodles & Co. has been exploring a possible Woodley Park location. It was decided that Noodles should be invited to appear at the April meeting of the Association, along with Cava. Lee Brian also indicated that the ANC is concerned about water leakages in pipes owned by WASA along Connecticut Avenue, which may be contributing to the deterioration of the roadbed. The Board will join with the ANC to express concern to WASA in a letter which the ANC will send.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.