

## Woodley Park Community Association

March 7, 2012

7:30PM

Stanford In Washington Center

Executive Board Members Present

Present:

### Officers

Bill Menczer, President

Paul Poe, Vice-President

Warren Gorlick, Treasurer

Peter Brusoe, Secretary

### Board Members:

John Goodman

Barbara Ioanes

Bruce Forrest

Rob Meisnere

Sarah Taber

### Guests

ANC Commissioners: Anne-Marie Bairstow, Bill Kummings, Lee Brian Reba, Catherine May  
From Councilmember Cheh's Office: Anthony Catalino

President Bill Menczer called the meeting to order at 7:30PM

President Menczer thanked everyone for coming

Minutes were approved with the deletion of a reference to an appended document.

Treasurer Report: Warren Gorlick presented the treasurer's report (appended to this document) and reviewed the treasurer's report for all parties concerned. The committee accepted his report and thanked him for his hard work. Gorlick also passed around a copy of a few months' transactions to show that the Acorn is by far, the largest single expense of the WPCA. A robust conversation followed regarding the expenses of the association.

### Committee Reports

Neighborhood Watch: There were no changes to the report from the Neighborhood Watch Committee. A recent burglary at the apartment residence of an elderly person was mentioned. At the request of Ms Ioanes, the address of this incident is omitted here.

Acorn Committee: There was a discussion on the Acorn, our publication, and various ways of cutting costs. Bill Menczer presented cost estimates he obtained from our printer regarding a 4 page versus 8 page size and color vs. black and white. Use of black and white cut the printing costs in half. Therefore, Brusoe moved that the next issue be up to 8 pages and black and white.

Seconded by Warren. Carried by a vote of 5-3.

### **Old Business**

Bylaw changes: John Goodman and Bill Menczer discussed bylaw changes. The Council updated laws regulating non-profits and we needed to make our bylaws consistent. Goodman, Menczer, and Jay Sushelsky have taken in consideration all of the changes that have been proposed. A copy of the revisions to the bylaws were circulated.

Brusoe asked about language governing the required annual preparation of a budget. Gorlick spoke on the issue of the budget. He stated that in the past, the budget was not rooted in reality. He cited some examples of how the budget was off from projections. Gorlick proposed a change in the text governing preparation of the budget from before the “fiscal” to “Calendar” year. It was seconded and approved as an amended version.

Brusoe moved to remove the revised section governing how the minutes should be prepared. It was seconded and approved as an amended version.

The question was called on recommending this proposal to the membership. The committee voted to approve 6-1. The bylaws must now go before the general membership for review.

### Art Event at Stanford:

Barbara Ioanes has met with Carmi Stickler and Adrian at Stanford about hosting a local Woodley park “art” show including painting, photos, sculptures, jeweler, fabrics, etc.. Stanford may have a political cartoon exhibit after Gerturede Stein ends and our exhibit may not happen until the end of the year. Adrian recommended our reaching out to local artists to discover their interest in the show and obtain from them their type of art and size of their pieces.

### Spring General Membership Meeting:

Barbara has not heard back from Director Terry Bellamy at DDOT as to whether he or a substitute will present at our May meeting. Barbara has sent out a list of questions that we would like to have answered.

The head of WASA was scheduled to come but Armen who had proposed it, decided this was not the right forum for him at this time.

Bill Menczer suggested PepCo’s SmartGrid initiative as a substitute. Pepco’s public affairs manager for the DC region, Chris Taylor, has offered to make a presentation regarding the type of technology used and computer access to it by customers. The committee agreed to have PEPCO come and present.

20 Minutes to the general meeting

20 Minutes to DDOT

20 Minutes to PEPCO

Q&A to follow each presenter

The spring meeting will be held downstairs and committee members volunteered to direct people downstairs.

Membership Development: Tabled

Clean up Day March 3, 2012: Bill thanked Anne-Marie and everyone who helped for their hard work and dedication in making the clean up a resounding success.

Spring Picnic June 16, 2012: Sarah Taber would like help but nothing has been planned yet. The Board set out a budget with Barbara Ioanes moving for \$2,000. Brusoe seconded. All voted for approval.

Historical Autumn Walking tour: No report. Jay was going to get in touch with Judy Waxman.

CEMP: Community Emergency Management Plan: Rob offered no update at this time.

**New business:**

1) Jimmy Johns: Three entrepreneurs reached out to Bill Menczer with an interest in starting a shop and are considering a location in the Woodley Park business district, near Calvert and Connecticut Avenue. The franchise sells 25 gourmet sandwiches based on 12 ingredients. 8 -15 seats are planned. Hope to lease in May . Bill expressed to the owners our concerns about rat abatement, trash, and traffic. Barbara said that we will need a special meeting and we need to advertise it to the neighbors if there is a special exception to the overlay for this restaurant. Lee Brian said that we need to be careful about who we are holding special meetings for. Barbara said that we should have been holding special meetings all along.

2) Spring Acorn:

John is going to ask Stephanie Clipper if she wants to do an article. John will write about the bylaws. Barbara is going to write about issues that we may want to ask the DDOT. Bill M will write about PEPCO and the general membership meeting. Jay Sushelsky will do an interview with the manager of the Marriott Wardman hotel. Sarah will do a quick blurb about the picnic. Nour will write about the safety of the neighborhood. We need a short blurb about the election which Bill will do. Peter offered to write a restaurant review of neighborhood. Articles due to Bill M no later than March 19<sup>th</sup>.

CAPA: John reported that CAPA did a lot of good work, WPCA and the ANC funded them.. This is not a continuation of CAPA but some of them are trying to press the MPD to enforce the traffic laws. There is some concept of a traffic enforcement management plan. No Action needed by WPCA.

Citizens Federation Meeting on New Zoning Requirements: The Citizens Federation had a meeting on February 28, 2012 which John attended. Two representatives from OP made a presentation , and three people from the Federation critiqued the draft.

Non-profit status: The IRS reissued a non-profit letter for WPCA at Bill's request.

Zoo EA Comment Letter: No response from the zoo about our letter to them about the retaining wall project.

ANC: Catherine May: Dr. May was a Woodley Park resident from 1985-1988. For the past seven years she has been representing the area adjacent to the Mosque to the eastside of the Cathedral, including a couple of blocks of Woodley Park. With the new mapping, she now has a larger portion of our neighborhood. Email is [CSMAYMD@aol.com](mailto:CSMAYMD@aol.com)

Bill Kummings: Break-ins are happening in the community. He attended a 2<sup>nd</sup> district MPD meeting that Council Member Cheh hosted with the police department. One of the big issues that came up was the lack of street lighting. The police offered some really good practical advice.

Anne- Marie: Reported that the ANC voted not to object to Frozen Yo's sidewalk café application.

Lee Brian: He met with the Zoo Director and he's going to present at the ANC. The Zoo director has offered to come to a Woodley Park meeting.

Anthony Catalino: Introduced himself. He is legislative counsel for Mary Cheh's committee on the environment, public works, and transportation. He has been with the office since January 2012 and will attempt to attend future Executive Committee meetings.

Next meeting will be April 11<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

## WOODLEY PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### Treasurer's Report

March 3, 2012

#### Current Balances:

##### Checking:

Since last report: One payment of \$60 to Federation of Citizen's Association of DC handled by Armen. One deduction for \$14.95 for banking fees, but subsequently that amount was restored.

##### Savings:

Additions since last report: Funds transferred from maturing CD -- \$4029.65. Contributions from members -- \$100. A few minor contributions pending for deposit into the account.

\$2,836.34

\$9404.18

\$14,000

CD matured in February. Withdrew funds from CD to deposit in savings to cover upcoming expenses in first half of the year, including picnic and Acorn, and to maintain \$5,000 minimum balance in order to avoid service fees.

PayPal: \$328.32

Reflects about \$75 in member contributions. John arranged two deductions from the account, one on Feb. 6 for \$226.55, and a second on Feb. 16 for \$25.14. Both were to Go Daddy.

Total: \$26,568.84

Respectfully submitted,

Warren Gorlick  
Treasurer