

Woodley Park Community Association
Meeting of the Executive Committee
April 11, 2012 7:30 pm
Stanford University in Washington
2661 Connecticut Avenue

WPCA Executive Committee Members

Officers

Bill Menczer, President

Paul Poe, Vice-President

Board Members

John Goodman

Bruce Forrest

Rob Meisnere

Sarah Taber

Zev Lewis

Jay Sushelsky

Guests

Anne-Marie Bairstow, Bill Kummings, Lee Brian Reba,

Armen Tashdianian, Charles Norwood

President Bill Menczer called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, and thanked everyone for attending. Bill announced that final minutes of the March 7, 2012 meeting had yet to be circulated, so approval will await distribution. Bill Menczer requested that Jay Sushelsky keep the minutes in the absence of Secretary Peter Brusoe.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Menczer referenced the Treasurer's Report, which had been circulated to Executive Committee members by email prior to the meeting, and asked for a motion to accept the same. Upon motion and second the Treasurer's Report was accepted. The Treasurer's Report is attached to these minutes.

Committee Reports

Zev Lewis informed the Committee that the Membership Development Committee was in the process of studying options to increase WPCA membership. He will provide a report at a future meeting.

Old Business

Bylaw changes: Proposed bylaw revisions have been previously distributed to Executive Committee members and discussed. Bill Menczer asked John Goodman to post a link to the proposed bylaws onto the WPCA website, which John agreed to do.

Neighborhood Artists Exhibit at Stanford: John Goodman reported that no fewer than 20 neighborhood artists have volunteered to display their works at the Stanford gallery, representing numerous media, including jewelry, glass, etc. Details for the show are printed on the front page of the *Acorn* issue that circulated in early April. On May 3, the evening after the Spring WPCA General Membership meeting, Stanford will host a reception in connection with the Woodley

Park Artists Exhibit.

Spring General Membership Meeting: Discussion about the Spring Membership meeting ensued. Sam Zimbabwe, Associate Director for the Policy, Planning and Sustainability Administration of the District's Department of Transportation and Chris Taylor, Pepco's Public Affairs Manager for the DC Region will be featured guest speakers. Two Executive Committee positions will be on the ballot. Armen will check people in, and he will also bring paper in case ballots become necessary. The WPCA Executive Committee decided not to provide refreshments.

Spring Picnic: The picnic is scheduled for June 16, from 4:00 to 8:00. Sarah Taber reported that all of the plans are in order for the event. Her picnic committee includes Bill Menczer, Rob Meisnere, and Paul Poe.

Special Item: Bill Menczer noted that because Officer Bob was present we should take a moment to hear his recap of neighborhood matters of interest and raise with him any questions we might have. Officer Bob reported that he observed some irregularity in the road surface on Connecticut Avenue, in the crosswalk just north of Calvert in front of Chipotle. He contacted DDOT out of concern that the undersurface might be in need of attention. Officer Bob also reported that the CVS store at the NE corner of Calvert and Connecticut would be opening by the end of April. He also reported that Zoo days had gone very well, crediting cooperation among all of the law enforcement agencies who had a hand in coordinating public safety for the event.

Fall Historical Walking Tour: The Executive Committee voted to hold the Fall Historical Walking Tour on Saturday, October 20. Jay Sushelsky stated that he would contact Judy Waxman and Alan Weinstein to check on their availability to conduct the event.

Spring *Acorn*: Bill Menczer thanked Sarah Taber, David Ensign, John Goodman, Lee Brian Reba, Anne Marie Bairstow, and Jay Sushelsky for their efforts in putting out the April *Acorn*. Bill also reported that the cost of the recent issue was \$752.57 lower than the previous *Acorn*, due largely to the fact that the publication was produced in black and white rather than color. There was discussion about some dissatisfaction with the mailing time and delivery failures that some recipients had experienced in connection with the recent issue and ways to maximize the efficiency of *Acorn* delivery.

WPCA Show of Appreciation to Stanford: It was decided that WPCA would spend up to \$100 on flowers for Adrienne, and that Barbara Ioanes will take care of this.

New business

Federation of Citizens Associations Awards reception: The Executive Committee voted to purchase two tickets to the event upon Bill Menczer and John Goodman having volunteered to go to the reception scheduled for May 23 at All Souls Episcopal Church.

Zoning Regulation Revisions: John Goodman spoke to the issue of rules pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) under DC Zoning regulations. Under proposed revisions to the regulations, rules permitting ADU's in neighborhoods zoned R1 and R2 would be liberalized to allow ADU's as a matter of right. In contrast, the rule proposed for R3 neighborhoods, such as Woodley Park west of Connecticut, would require an application to the Board of Zoning

Adjustment (BZA) for a special exception to permit an ADU. Inasmuch as the Office of Planning has invited and encouraged public input into the ongoing review and revision of DC zoning regulations, John suggested that WPCA write a letter advocating that the ADU regulation for R3 neighborhoods be identical to the regulation proposed for R1 and R2. Upon motion and second, the Executive Committee unanimously voted that WPCA do so, subject to proper notice to the members, which John agreed to circulate by email.

Cars2Go: Rob Meisnere inquired about the Cars2Go operation and what rules apply to the company with respect to permissible parking. Anne-Marie stated that she had done some background research through which she ascertained that Car2Go vehicles are permitted to park in legal parking spaces anywhere in the city, using their Zone 9 parking permits.

JBG Project: Bruce Forrest mentioned the JBG construction project on Woodley Rd., and observed that in his opinion the traffic flow was working out about as satisfactorily as could be hoped.

Zoning Meeting: It was mentioned a meeting was scheduled on April 17 at Albemarle and 42nd St. to discuss proposed zoning regulation revisions.

ANC Member Reports

Lee Brian Reba reported the following: 1) the CVS opening (NE corner Calvert and Connecticut) was planned for the end of the month. At present no application for beer/wine license has been submitted for the location; 2) there was a recent brush fire at the National Zoo which required a shut-down of a section of the facility; 3) Easter Monday at the National Zoo went extremely well, and the traffic flowed superbly; 4) Café Sorriso has applied for a sidewalk café permit at its Calvert St location.

Anne-Marie Bairstow reported the following: Today's *NW Current* reported that a resident says she wants a community garden in Rock Creek Park across from the Open City Restaurant, but that she has not contacted ANC 3C about the proposal.

Upcoming Meetings

The General Meeting of the WPCA membership will be May 2.

The next meeting of the WPCA Executive Committee will be June 6.

There will be no meeting of the Executive Committee in July or August unless a need arises.

The Executive Committee will meet on September 5.

Adjournment

Upon motion and second, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:35 pm.

WOODLEY PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

April 10, 2012

Current Balances:

Checking: \$2,756.84

Since last report: Reimbursement of Sarah Taber's flyer expenses -- \$79.50

Savings: \$9699.83

Additions since last report: Deposits of \$295 an insignificant interest payment.

\$165 in checks pending for deposit.

CD: \$14,003.33

Minor interest payment added.

PayPal: \$386.10

Additions since last report: \$55 in contributions, minor fees deducted.

Total: \$26,846.10

Respectfully submitted,

Warren Gorlick
Treasurer