

Woodley Park Community Association
October 3, 2012 Executive Committee Meeting
Herbert Hoover Room
Stanford in Washington Center
7:30PM

Present:

Bill Menczer, President
Warren Gorlick, Treasurer
Peter Brusoe, Secretary
Barbara Ioanes (2012)
Bruce Forrest (2013)
John Goodman (2012)
Zev Lewis (2013)
Rob Meisnere (2012)
Sarah Taber (2013)
Armen Tashdinian (Membership Services Chair)
Nour Jurgenson (Neighborhood Watch Program Director)

Guests:

Will Handsfield, Senior Policy Advisor, Councilmember Mary Cheh's Office
Ralph Cunningham, FAIA, principal of Cunningham Quill Architects
Don Malnati, Renovations Unlimited Inc
James Malone, AIA of Cunningham Quill Architects
Yael Krigman, owner of Baked by Yael

ANC:

Commissioner Bill Kummings
Commissioner Catherine May
Commissioner Lee Brian Reba

At 7:30 pm

President Menczer welcomed everyone for coming to the WPCA meeting and he called the meeting to order.

Secretary Peter Brusoe moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved and the report of the treasurer be accepted. Barbara Ioanes seconded, it was passed unanimously. The Treasurer's Report is included here:

WOODLEY PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

September 20, 2012

Current Balances:

Checking: \$5,942.47

Since last report: \$600 transferred into checking from savings account

Savings: \$5,063.11

Additions since last report: Deposits of \$725.

Withdrawal of \$600 deposited into checking account and insignificant cash deposit processing charges and interest earnings.

CD: \$14,024.47

Minor interest payment added.

PayPal: \$798.15

Additions since last report: \$40.05 in contributions, minor fees deducted.

Total: \$25,828.20

Respectfully submitted,

Warren Gorlick

Treasurer

Neighborhood Watch Program Director Nour Jurgenson reported on the neighborhood watch. Nour reported that there have been a lot of problems in the area. Some of the examples she offered was that about three days ago three children had stolen a motor scooter. The police were notified, but the children have not been caught. There have been a lot of petty burglaries in the neighborhood. There have also been problems at the 2701 Connecticut Avenue Building. The perpetrators have been going through the back entrance. We do not have a report number yet. Nour suggested that the WPCA should consider having a meeting with MPD-2 Commander Michael Reese to talk about strategies. Menczer suggested that he and Nour meet with the commander off line. Nour finished that one thing to remember is that with most break-ins one of the riskier aspects is when homeowners see the criminal, because it may turn a burglary into an assault. She has developed a very informative email that everyone should have in their inbox. If they have not gotten it, they should email Nour. During

discussion Barbara Ioanes reported that there was an armed robbery on September 27, 2012 in the alley behind Cathedral Avenue, NW.

Membership Development: Zev Lewis discussed his membership development proposal. When he attends conferences one of the most important things that has been promoted is using social media to help reach out to younger people. People need to see a reason or benefit to get involved. Bill thanked Zev for his report. Zev agreed, before the end of the calendar year, to provide the Exec Committee with more specific actions that can be implemented to enhance membership.

Ward 3 Preparedness: Rob discussed the Ward 3 Preparedness meeting that he attended on September 11, 2012. There was a small group of people who had a roundtable discussion about doing things in an emergency. Residents should plan on being on their own for 72 hours after an emergency, called Shelter in Place, and should have the necessary resources during this period.. A discussion of the resources for information occurred including social media and radio. It was recommended that people who use radio make sure they have batteries. Rob recommended that people check out the website: www.ready.gov Nour offered that FEMA had a lot of interesting websites that help and assist people and agreed to forward the links to Bill for distribution to the Committee.

Fall Acorn Edition: The beautiful and informative fall Acorn was mailed out. Bill shared that the success of the Acorn was thanks to the hard work of so many people, including his co-editor John Goodman, as well as article writers: Annie Glenn, Jay Sushelsky, Sarah Taber, Barbara Ioanes, all of whom wrote outstanding articles. There were also great photos provided by David Ensign.

Sarah Taber gave the report of the elections committee.

Standing for election are:

Bill Menczer, President

Paul Poe, Vice-President

Warren Gorlick, Treasurer

Peter Brusoe, Secretary

Barbara Ioanes (2014-Open Seat)

Rob Meisnere (2014-Open Seat)

There is one more open seat. Individuals are asked to email Sarah by 5PM on Friday with recommendations or suggestions for the open at-large seat.

October 16, General membership meeting: Bill reported that everything is in place for the general membership meeting. It's starting at 7PM to allow people to go home and watch the Presidential Debate. The General meeting will be held at the Distance Learning Center in the sub-terrace of Stanford. Elections will happen first. The President will give his reports and updates. We will then hear from the DC Deputy Director of Planning regarding the proposed zoning regulations. Open Forum for audience questions to follow. Armen offered that we should be prepared for outspoken opponents from other neighborhoods attending this session, as they did recently at the Federation meeting on zoning changes.

Historic Walking Tour on the 20th at 1PM. Bill reported on behalf of Jay. Plans are coming together very well for this event. It starts at 1PM in the Distance Learning Center with a presentation from Judy Waxman. Everything is in place. Jay will prepare the program brochure and take care of the food at the Maret School reception at the end, around 4pm. As an added bonus Mr. Ed Kilborne of the Maret school will be autographing copies of his book, "Woodley and Its Neighbors." John Goodman reported that we have at least 43 RSVPs so far.

ANC Forum: Bill explained that John had canvassed the four candidates for ANC3c02 and ANC3c03, Ms. Gwendolyn Bole, Dr. Peter Brusoe, Mr. Jeffrey Kaliel and Mr. Kevin Wheatley to find dates in which they were all available. Based on Stanford's DLC availability, October 23, 2012 was selected as the date. It will be held at the Distance Learning Center at 7:30PM. Bill asked Dr. Stephanie Zobay, a former ANC commissioner, and she agreed to moderate the debate. John asked the four candidates to provide some information to be part of the introduction. The format of the forum is first, an introduction by Stephanie, followed by five minutes each stating who they are and why they should win, and ending with questions from the audience. The event should last about an hour. Warren will be there representing the board.

At 7:54 pm Yael Krigman of Baked by Yael (<http://www.bakedbyyael.com/>) made a presentation about bringing her baking business to the Woodley Park community. She started off doing traditional Jewish baking. She then moved to doing cake pops, which have been recognized by The White House. She said that she can fill the need for bagels on a Saturday morning, which is not presently possible. She's looking at expanding her business and is considering opening up a storefront in the old International Café spot (depending on cost and other considerations). She wants to approach the community to get the approval of the community and make sure that she's welcome. This was her first presentation before a community association.

When asked by the board how we can support her, she suggested using Kickstarter (<http://www.kickstarter.com/>). Another way to help her obtained needed financing is to preorder from her and pick up the items after she opens her business. She makes hand rolled, boiled bagels, and her "daily candy was named the best of Washington" Right now, she delivers her products in her Honda Civic. She's exploring a parking spot in the neighborhood. Nour had a suggestion about the parking spots and possibly connecting with the Marriott for the location of her business. Right now she is not planning on having a full self-serve café, but a bakery that would be open seven days a week, and closing in the early evening. It would probably open early for the breakfast crowd. When asked how many employees she has she responded that right now it's one person. But that she will expand to have more employees, and a storefront. She also indicated that Mary Cheh's office has been very supportive. She is looking at possibly doing a US Small Business Administration loan. The Executive Board approved unanimously in concept that they would welcome Baked by Yael into the community, look forward to making that happen, and discussing this with the community. Bill made it clear that the approved motion was not an official position taken by the Association, since that would require advance public notice. The motion spoke only of the Board members' general support for Yael's plans.

2852 Connecticut Ave, NW construction project

There was a presentation by Jim Malone, Ralph Cunningham, and Don Malnati on the proposed construction project at 2852 Connecticut avenue. The proposal is to build a nine unit apartment building (rental) using the historic home and constructing a new building in the rear that would go up 52 feet (note: 90 feet is permitted). Some apartments will be 400 foot studios, while one apartment will be a three-floor penthouse. They are removing a tree in back of the existing building, removing two parking spots but returning those two spots. When asked by board members, there will be no set asides for low income people since it's not a 10 unit building, nor will it be ADA compliant because it is not required by law.

The plan is to begin construction in the spring (March) and construction would take 9 months. The mud run off that happened with recent Woodley Wardman project should be avoided because of the construction time frame. Some of the staging issues will also be avoided as there's 20 feet worth of a buffer in the back. They are planning on doing weekday construction with minimal Saturday work. The workers will carpool and use Metro. No one is going to park in the alleyway.

Ms. Kinley Bray, a lawyer representing the next door neighboring building, said that she and her client were pleased with the way that MMJ handled the property. Her concern was materials being used and how that would impact the immediate neighbors. The presenters reported that the materials of the building are primarily brick. Kinley agrees that this is a smart growth project, but is unsure whether it requires two or three spots and construction issues in the alley. Is the 20 feet going to be enough of a buffer for materials, and trucks blocking the alley. There will be trucks in the alley, at times, and they will offload materials. The board thanked everyone for coming and is looking forward to continuing the dialogue.

Marriot Wardman Holiday Party: Bill stated that he is in discussions with the Marriott Wardman and should be working out a date for the party shortly. He indicated that he will need \$500 to cover the costs of flowers, gratuities for the 12 waiters, and printing of the flyers. Accordingly, Barbara moved that \$500 be approved for these expenses. Peter seconded, and the motion was approved.

Proposal to abolish or consolidate DC Commissions: Peter withdrew the topic due to the lateness of the hour.

Cleveland Park Village: John Goodman reported that CP village, an aging in place program, may be expanding their territory southward into Woodley Park. They expressed interest in meeting with the board. Bill offered to invite them to a future meeting once they include Woodley Park.

ANC reports:

Commissioner Lee-Brian Reba gave a written report.

CVS

CVS has moved forward with their application for a Class "B" License

ANC-3C passed a resolution protesting the application at their September meeting

115 Residents - East & West of Connecticut Avenue have signed a petition to protest the application
A *Role [sic] Call Hearing* has been set for Tuesday, October 9 at 10am – located at the Reeves Center,
2000 14th Street, NW – 4th Floor

For further information, go to contact <http://abra.dc.gov/DC/ABRA/> or contact Commissioner Reba at
3C01@anc.dc.gov or (202) 328.2212

2) All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church

ANC-3C passed a resolution in support of their Historic Preservation Review Board application for concept approval to renovate, update, and modify the existing structure and facilities in order to provide accessibility for individuals with disabilities

3) Break-In at 2701 Connecticut Avenue, NW

Dennis Donlon, site manager, reported a building robbery / break-in

The robbers broke into the building twice

The robbers knew their way in and out of the building – and were bold, took the elevator, and knew exactly where to go.

The robbers used a key or something to "jimmie" the door

A report was filed with Officer Everett Thompson from 2D

I connected Dennis Donlon with the following:

- a) Bill Menczer - President of the Woodley Park Community Association
- b) Nour Jurgenson - Captain for the Woodley Park Neighborhood Watch.
- c) Zev Lewis Block Captain for Connecticut Avenue - East of Connecticut Avenue

Commissioner Bill Kummings: Bill reported that an old town trolley recently had a brake problem, and the trolley tried to use the median of the curb as the break. It did not stop, jumped the curb, knocked out three trees and came to a stop about 100 feet from 29th Street. It took over a week to get the tree limbs out of the way and reconstruction work is on going, including planned tree replanting.

Report From Mary Cheh's Office: Will Hansfield reported for Mary Cheh's office. He is a former resident of WPCA, and expressed his pleasure in seeing all of the changes in the community. There are two new hearings coming up:

- 1) Autonomous vehicles, like Google Cars.
- 2) Automated traffic enforcing working with CM Wells, and lowering the fines for automated traffic enforcement.

There were no community members present by the end of the meeting.

The Executive Board will next meet on November 26, 2012 and will cancel the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM.