

**Minutes of the
Meeting of the WPCA Executive Committee
November 26, 2012
Stanford University in Washington
2661 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, DC 20008**

President Bill Menczer called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

In attendance were the following individuals:

Executive Committee Members: Bill Menczer, Paul Poe, Warren Gorlick (after the commencement of the meeting), Rob Meisnere, Barbara Ioanes, Sarah Ensign, Emily Harris, Jay Sushelsky;

Other Attendees: Lee Brian Reba, Gwen Bole, Anne Marie Bairstow, Bill Kummings, Armen Tashdianian, John Goodman, Michelle Blackwell, Esq.;

In the absence of the Secretary, the President requested Jay Sushelsky to record the minutes of the meeting.

Bill Menczer called the agenda, and with the Executive Committee's approval he proposed that the Executive Committee defer the Treasurer's Report agenda item, as Treasurer Warren Gorlick had given Bill notice that he anticipated arriving late at the meeting.

On request of Bill Menczer the Executive Committee approved the minutes of the October 3, 2012 meeting.

Active Projects:

Neighborhood Watch – Bill announced that he had received notice from Nour Jurgenson that she would be unable to attend the meeting, but that she planned to email to Bill tips addressing several issues that tend to surface during the holiday season, including the following: 1) Security tips while holiday shopping; 2) Tips for avoidance of fraud schemes which frequently target the elderly; 3) Information on internet schemes of which to be wary; 4) Information concerning Smartphone malware. When received from Nour this information will be posted on the WPCA website, and Bill also requested John Goodman to include them in his regular email distributed to the neighborhood.

Bill next called upon MPD Officer Bob Fennell to give a crime report. Officer Fennell mentioned the fact that there continue to be frequent car break-ins in the neighborhood. There was also a robbery. Discussion then ensued about the recent fatality which occurred in the Woodley Park Metro Station. In that connection, Barbara Ioanes requested Bill to write letters to the District 2 Commander about recent crime incidents, and particularly the Metro incident – the aim being to seek a more conspicuous police presence in the neighborhood. Bill requested John Goodman to send him the current crime statistics for Woodley Park so as to better inform the letter to be written. Bill agreed that he would send such a letter to Metro Police Chief Michael Taborn, District Two Commander Michael Reese, and a copy to Council Member Mary Cheh's office.

Treasurer's report:

Since Warren Gorlick arrived at the meeting during the foregoing discussion, Bill Menczer called upon him to proceed with the Treasurer's Report which had been previously deferred. Warren noted that the recently published *Acorn* had been printed and distributed at a cost of \$2500 primarily on account of which WPCA expenses were up in the recent quarter, as *Acorn* is generally WPCA's most significant expense. Warren observed that WPCA revenues are also up for the quarter, largely he surmises, due to donors wanting to gain a year-end tax deduction for their contributions. The report is attached to these minutes.

Bill Menczer mentioned that he and Warren were planning to meet in the upcoming weeks for the purpose of formulating a budget for WPCA's 2013 calendar year and they plan to present it to the Executive Committee, as called for in the WPCA bylaws.

Next Warren spoke to his purchase of Quicken and how the President and Treasurer might through its use jointly administer WPCA's business affairs and thereby gain some efficiencies for the organization.

Following discussion of those matters comprising the Treasurer's Report, and with no Executive Committee member objecting, the President stated that the Treasurer's report would be deemed accepted.

The President thereupon resumed call of the Active Projects part of the Agenda:

Membership Development – Bill noted that Executive Committee Member and Membership Development Committee Chair Zev Lewis was not in attendance so there would be no report from that committee.

October 16, 2012 General Membership Meeting – Bill proceeded to review the October 16 General Membership Meeting. The meeting drew approximately 20 member attendees. Jennifer Steingasser, Deputy Director of the DC Department of Planning, gave a lengthy presentation providing copious information about the scope of responsibilities of her office, particularly the proposed revisions to the DC zoning regulations.

October 20, 2012 Historical Walking Tour – Bill Menczer called upon Jay Sushelsky to report on the October 20 Historical Walking Tour of Woodley Park. Jay related that the actual turnout was recorded at 44 attendees to the pre-walk presentation at Stanford, which was well short of the approximately 70 advance reservations received for the event. Notwithstanding the lower- than-planned number in attendance, Jay observed that it appeared that the Walking Tour was a success in that all who participated seemed to enjoy the program. Many who walked the Tour route also stopped by the post-Tour reception held at Woodley House on the Maret School campus. Jay mentioned that he believed it would be a good idea in future such programs at Maret to obtain in advance a name and telephone number for the school custodian who is scheduled to be on duty during the event, rather than just a name, as it would have been beneficial on the 20th to have been able to contact the custodian in the moment.

October 23, 2012 ANC 3C Candidate Forum – Bill Menczer brought up the October 23, ANC 3C Candidate Forum, which Peter Brusoe, Bill Menczer, and John Goodman had

coordinated. In Peter's absence Bill went on to observe that the event was unfortunately not well attended. Lee Brian Reba mentioned that although it would have been hoped for greater attendance by neighborhood residents, he had high compliments for Stephanie Zobay, who acted as moderator for the program.

December 12, 2012 Holiday Party – Bill next called upon Sarah Taber to report on the upcoming winter holiday party, which with Bill she had agreed to organize. Sarah mentioned that Rob Meisnere and Peggy Gleason had agreed to staff the sign-in table for the first hour of the party; Bruce and Lesley Forrest will take the second shift. Trish Savage will take the third shift, and Pat Dading agreed to be a backup. Bill informed the Executive Committee that again this year the Wardman Marriott has committed to sponsor the holiday party, at which they offer to provide hot passed food items and a complimentary bar. The party is scheduled to be held in the Thurgood Marshall North Banquet Room, which has a capacity of 200 persons. The menu will be available about 10 days before the event. There will be 10-12 servers. Bill plans to conduct a raffle. He has invited our council member Mary Cheh and her staff, as well as the MPD District Commander Michael Reese, MPD Officer Bob Fennell, and Adrienne Jamieson and Emma Ogiemwanye of Stanford in Washington. There was discussion as to whether to deliver flyers to multi-family dwellings on Connecticut Avenue. Barbara Ioanes agreed to deliver 500 flyers to be printed. Emily Harris volunteered to produce the flyer. John Goodman reported that as of the date of the Executive Committee meeting there were 90 RSVP's received for the party

New Business:

Annual verification of Treasurer accounts – Paul Poe has agreed once again this year to do a verification of the Treasurer's accounts for the year. Treasurer Warren Gorlick agreed to make available to Paul all pertinent records to permit him to do so.

Review, approval, and posting of Secretary's minutes – Bill raised the issue of what should be WPCA's formal procedure as to the timing and sequence of posting the minutes of WPCA Executive Committee meetings. Discussion ensued, some members expressing the view that the minutes should be posted on the WPCA website in draft form as soon as they are ready for distribution and review by the Executive Committee. President Bill Menczer and others expressed the view that the minutes should not be made public until they had been accepted as final by the Executive Committee, either formally or at least preliminarily with the only formality remaining being a formal acceptance on the record at the next Executive Committee meeting. After the expression of several views, Jay Sushelsky moved that the minutes should be permitted to be posted seven days after distribution and revision suggestions by Executive Committee members unless it should appear to the President that there remained some controversy as to any aspect of the minutes, in the President's sole discretion. After second and further discussion, the President called for a vote on the motion and it failed passage. Bill Menczer next moved that the minutes should be permitted to be posted only after formal approval by the Executive Committee at the next Executive Committee meeting. After second of that motion and discussion, that motion failed to carry. Jay Sushelsky amended his previous motion to provide that either the President or the Secretary could determine that there was a genuine controversy as to the draft minutes so as to withhold posting of the draft pending formal approval of the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded and when called for a vote, it

failed to garner a majority. President Bill Menczer observed that it appeared the meeting would yield no change in the policy as to posting of Executive Committee meeting minutes.

Oyster School Survey and Possible Consolidation – There was discussion about a recent survey administered by the DC School Superintendent’s office concerning options on revision of the designation and use of the neighborhood school facilities. The survey results yielded a number 5 lowest priority for bringing about the consolidation of the Oyster and Adams School campuses. Because of the relatively low priority of that measure, it is believed that the consolidation of those two campuses is unlikely to proceed. There were various views expressed about hypothetical scenarios and outcomes and what would be most beneficial to the neighborhood. No consensus emerged. Barbara Ioanes requested that parents of Oyster School children keep a watchful eye on developments concerning our neighborhood school and potential changes that may arise. Warren expressed the view that Oyster may not be optimally suited to be a neighborhood school, but it may serve better as a magnet school. Anne Marie Bairstow will continue to follow this issue.

Reports of ANC Representatives:

3C01 Lee Brian Reba –

1. 2013 Rock N Roll USA Marathon / Half Marathon

The Marathon is slated for Saturday, March 16, 2013 and will be cutting through Woodley Park at the Rock Creek Park entrance at 24th Street. The runners will exit Rock Creek Park at 24th Street - turn right onto Calvert Street, NW - proceed towards Connecticut Avenue - cross Connecticut Avenue onto the Duke Ellington Bridge - proceeding towards Adam Mills Road.

2. DC Water

From Monday 11/26 through Friday 11/30, DC Water is going to be performing emergency work to inspect sewers, clean sewers, or both. Contact is Jill McClanahan, Construction Outreach Coordinator, at (202) 787-2202 or jill.mcclanahan@dewater.com

3. CVS // ANC and Residents Protest Against Beer & Wine License

The ANC along with 115 residents have filed a Motion to Dismiss the application in it's entirety. CVS has filed a Motion to Liming. Both motions will be heard at a Motions Hearing scheduled for Thursday, December 13 @ 4pm at the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street, NW, 4th Floor.

3C02 Bill Kummings – nothing to report;

3C03 Anne Marie Bairstow – Anne Marie mentioned that there was a “snatch” robbery of a pedestrian’s electronic gear on Garfield at Connecticut Avenue. She also provided an update on the plans for the clock tower at 3000 Connecticut Avenue.

3C08 Catherine May – not in attendance;

Report of Ward 3 Councilmember Cheh's staff: President Bill Menczer introduced Michelle Blackwell, Esq., the representative from Council member Mary Cheh's staff, who attended the meeting, as Will Handsfield was unavailable to attend. Ms. Blackwell had nothing to report. She thanked Bill Menczer for the introduction and the opportunity to attend the meeting.

Questions from Members: there was none.

Next Meeting: Upon the polling of the Executive Committee by the President, there was a consensus that the next meeting of the Executive Committee would be held at 7:30 on January 9, 2013.

Adjournment: The meeting of the Executive Committee was duly adjourned at 8:59 PM.

WOODLEY PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

November 24, 2012

Current Balances:

Checking: \$3,763.55

1105	US Postmaster	Postage	644.06
1106	Print1	Acorn	1,866.13
1118	Gorlick	Quicken Reimbursement	42.39
1107	Meisnere	Flyer Printing Costs	47.7
1108	Sushselsky	Jay Sushelsky-walking Tour Expenses	78.64

Savings: \$6,953.59

Additions since last report: Deposits of \$1580 and minor interest.\

CD: \$14,024.47

Minor interest payment added.

PayPal: \$579.37

Additions since last report: \$200, minor fees deducted.

Total: \$25,320.98

Respectfully submitted,

Warren Gorlick
Treasurer