

Minutes of the Woodley Park Community Association
June 5, 2013
7:30 PM
Herbert Hoover Room, Stanford in Washington

Present:

Executive Committee Members

President: Bill Menczer
Vice President: Paul Poe
Secretary: Peter Brusoe
Treasurer: Warren Gorlick
Barbara Ioanes (term expiring 2014)
Zev Lewis (term expiring 2013)
Rob Meisnere (term expiring 2014)
Sarah Taber (term expiring 2013)
Bill Kummings (term expiring 2013)

Committee Chair:

John Goodman

Guests:

ANC Commissioner Gwen Boyle
ANC Commissioner Lee Brian Reba
ANC Commissioner Dr. Catherine May
Zach Mancher, Esq Councilmember Mary Cheh's Office

Call to Order:

Bill Menczer called the meeting to order at 7:30PM and thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the meeting.

Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the April 10, 2013 meeting and the treasurer's report filed by Warren Gorlick. (follows the minutes) Peter moved adoption of both, seconded by Paul Poe, unanimously accepted by the committee.

Committee Reports:

Neighborhood Watch Report : There was no report

Tree Committee: There was no report. Bill stated that he would not place this item again on a future agenda unless this committee chair requested it.

Oyster-Adams School Report: There was a brief discussion of the school boundary changes. Lee Brian mentioned that the Local School Advisory Team and the Office of the State

Superintendent issued the report. Lee Brian was unable to send the report around to everyone at the meeting, but was able to send it to the president who will forward it to the executive committee.

Earth Day Cleanup: Peter reported that the Earth Day Clean Up was held on Saturday, April 13, starting at 8AM at the Woodley Road and 29th Street Triangle Park. The event had some good results with six bags of trash being collected. Next year's should be even bigger with more participation. He noted that Ace Hardware donated supplies and an employee to help out.

General Membership Meeting: The general membership meeting took place on May 1. Bill reported that it was very successful with a turnout of at least 35 people. President Menczer gave his executive report update, and the body elected Bill Kummings for the remainder of the term expiring in 2013. There was a presentation from DDOT, Mr. Angelo Rao, the Citywide Program Support Manager responsible for managing the city's parking and streetlight program (aka "Mr. Parking.") The meeting closed with a presentation from the leadership of the Cleveland Park Village, Barbara Stevens, Chair, and Susan Hester, Executive Director.

June 1 WPCA clean out Day June 1st was the trash, recycle and shredding day. It was very successful. Gwen helped Anne-Marie with emptying the UHaul at the DC Transfer Station and there was also help from Bill Kummings, Wayne Fisher, Rob, Sarah, and Warren. The committee approved sending flowers to Anne Marie.

Picnic on June 22, 2013: Sarah Taber reported on the picnic. Bill sent numerous personal invitations to special guests including CM Mary Cheh, the heads of Stanford and Maret Schools, the General Manager of the Marriott, the MPD-2 leadership and PSA-204 officers, and the principals of Eaton and Aidan public schools. The balloon artist was also confirmed.

Acorn: Bill obtained agreement on the following Acorn articles and writers:

Oyster School – Rob

Picnic – Sarah

Sally McDonald Profile – Annie Glenn

Parking – Emily

Transportation – Bill

Dan Nadeau profile – Jay

All Souls Construction project - Barbara

Public Safety – Nour

Computer virus - David Ensign (completed)

Article on home improvement projects/doing it yourself - Ace Hardware manager, Brian Stauber

Recycling and paper shredding – Paul

Cleveland Park Village status (if needed) –Bill

Filing an appeal of property tax assessments - John

General Meeting and elections - Bill

Completed articles are due to Bill by August 15th.

Nominating Committee:

Rob Meisnere is chairing the nominating committee along with Barbara Ioanes and Emily Harris.

They are charged with developing a slate of officers for our October 9, 2013 general meeting at which time elections will be held. The slate is due to the president by August 15 so that it can be included in the Fall Acorn. It was clarified that serving on the nominating committee does not preclude one from being nominated for office. If interested in running for office, members should contact Rob.

Fall Meeting: The executive committee members discussed speakers for the fall meeting to be held on October 9, 2013. It was discussed that it would be great to have Council Member Cheh attend or Police Chief Cathy Lanier (or senior-level substitute if not available). It was decided to invite only the MPD chief.

Idling vehicles: There was a concern brought up that Abe's Transportation vans were idling in the neighborhood and taking up parking spots on Calvert street.

Reports of ANC Representatives:

Commissioner Gwen Bole, 3C02, mentioned that she met with MPD-2 Officer Bob Fennell in the Woodley Park Business District on Connecticut Avenue at 24th Street, NW. She watched traffic with him for around 45 minutes and was shocked at how bad it was. Gwen was taking the issue up to the ANC at the recommendation of Kelly Peterson of DDOT who suggested that the ANC pass a resolution requesting a study analysis. She asked the WPCA for a resolution of support. After some negotiation the Executive Committee voted to approve the following: "The Executive Committee of the WPCA urges the ANC3C to ask DDOT to perform a safety analysis of pedestrian and traffic issues at the intersection of 24th street and Connecticut Avenue." Brusoe moved, and Ioanes seconded. The resolution passed unanimously. We made it clear to Gwen that we were not speaking for the membership at large, only for ourselves as the Executive Committee. Gwen asked the committee members to provide her with any safety issues regarding this intersection by June 30, 2013.

Commissioner Lee Brian, 3C01, read his report as follows:

1) NATIONAL ZOO

- Construction at the Zoo is not yet over. New exhibits are attracting more visitors - more visitors, means a busier park.
- Attention is now being paid on the shortage of parking.
- The Zoo's urban location makes it impossible for the Zoo to add additional parking without using land necessary for animals. The solution: build up, not out.
- The Zoo's master plan calls for building a six-level garage above what is currently Lot C - creating a convenient new entrance that leads guests right into the heart of the Zoo.
- The new garage will then allow the Zoo to convert Lots A, B, and D into larger animal exhibits.
- The structure underpinning the General Services Building on Lot C is aging. To build the long-planned garage safely, the service building needs reinforcing.

- Work during the project will require temporary narrowing North Road to a single lane of traffic and closing Lot C to visitors.
- Changes will begin after July 5 and will last approximately 18 months.
- The Zoo anticipates a summer 2016 completion.
- The Director, Dennis Kelly, apologizes in advance for any inconvenience.

2) LEBANESE TAVERNA

- Lebanese Taverna is approaching the final stages of its entire renovation.
- Currently addressing the facade, new front door canopy, and a freestanding side walk cafe awning.
- Building is noncontributing - and since there are plenty of sidewalk cafes along Connecticut Avenue - the DC Historic Preservation Review Board is inclined to be fairly liberal with their decision

Commissioner Dr. Catherine May, 3C08, reported that replacement of the fire hydrant in front of the Maret School by DC WASA was completed. Bill pointed out that WASA did a poor job of patching the hole they made to replace the hydrant and their failure to repair the curb. As a result, the pavement in front of the cut-out curb is uneven and a section of the curb is still missing.**Report of Ward 3 Councilmember Cheh's Staff:**

Zach Mancher, Esq from Council Member Cheh's office reported that the council member was marching in the Pride Parade going from Dupont Circle to 14th Street and up S Street this weekend.

Next Meeting Date:

The executive committee decided that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 due to both Labor Day and the Jewish holidays.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

WOODLEY PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report

June 4, 2013

Current Balances:

Checking: \$6453¹

Check # 1029 – Federation of DC Association – two tickets to awards banquet -- \$120

Pending -- \$450 to Paper Tiger Secure Shredding and \$59.44 to Bairstow for reimbursement of truck rental.

Savings: \$6505

Deposit of \$690.

CD: \$14,032

(no change)

PayPal: \$312

Contributions of \$100, minor fees deducted

Total: \$27,302

¹ All accounts rounded to nearest dollar.