

Woodley Park Community Association

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2014, 7:30p.m.

ATTENDEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Peter Brusoe, President
- Barbara Ioanes, Vice President
- Warren Gorlick, Treasurer
- Emily Wagner, Secretary
- Sarah Taber, At-Large Executive Committee Member
- Stephanie Zobay, At-Large Executive Committee Member
- Gasper Martinez, At-Large Executive Committee Member

ANC COMMISSIONERS:

- Commissioner Lee Brian Reba
- Commissioner Catherine May

COUNCILMEMBER CHEH'S OFFICE:

- Michelle Blackwell, Communications Director

COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

- John Goodman
- Paul Poe

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

a. QUORUM –

- i. Quorum was established.

b. TREASURER'S REPORT - PRESENTED BY WARREN GORLICK

- i. Warren shared that all was in good shape, and that contributions were high in December. We ended out the year at approximately \$2,800, spent less than we planned, came in under-budget on the *Acorn* expenses, and had a hundred-dollar increase in membership donations. Barbara requested that, going forward, Warren include the previous month's total budget number alongside the current month's information. Warren agreed. [December Report to be attached to this document once finalized.]

c. MINUTES

- i. November Minutes approved. Final PDF posted to WPCA website.

2. ELECTED OFFICIAL UPDATES AND COMMUNITY UPDATES

- a. Catherine May reported, on Gwen Bole's behalf, the ANC has approved Morrays (sp) plans for their very modest changes: namely, they will 1) fill in an area between the old gym and Woodley and make it a conference room; 2) add a third floor to the lower part of the academic building; and 3) add a modest extension in the rear of the athletic building in order to put a trainer's room on

the 1st floor. Catherine also reported a situation that she is helping to resolve, involving a far western Woodley Park corner with DDOT equipment in front of the house; she is assisting the residents to address the situation. She also added, by way of an update, that Glover Park is reversing their lane changes, and suggested that we invite George Branyan to one of our meetings. She said he is the “Pedestrian Safety Czar,” and could talk us through what is best for our intersections. Catherine promised to forward an email to Peter so we can invite him to one of our future meetings.

- b. Michelle Blackwell reported that Councilmember Cheh’s office has addressed trash pick-up issue. DPW has assured us that they are now on their regular pick-up schedule. Michelle also extended an invitation to the next “Chat with Cheh,” which will occur on Saturday, January 18th. Time to be sent to Peter, who will distribute the information accordingly.
- c. Commissioner Lee Brian Reba reported that the ANC approved the SunTrust Rock n’ Roll marathon (the same marathon that went through Woodley Park in 2013). Date is slated for Saturday, March 14, 2014, first thing the morning. Marathon has approximately 25,000 people participating, and 23% of participants are from D.C. Spectator range across the city is estimated to be at 20,000 people. Lee Brian also reported that he has been in touch with Dunkin Dounts regarding their signage. The issue is that they were advised of the historic district and that their signage should fit into the personality of the neighborhood. Barbara is sharing the District Manager’s contact information with Lee Brian, who will plan to reach out directly to him. Lee Brian also hopes to work with DCRA and historic preservation to address the situation.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Oyster School – According to Barbara, it appears that Abigail Smith will be in charge of the school boundary conversation city-wide going forward, and that city officials are not going to look at changing Oyster in terms of its bilingual status. The boundary issue is still an unknown. Soon, a rebuttal letter to the LSAT letter from the Oyster parent group is to be presented to WPCA and ANC. As for the budget, it appears that they won't need any funding at the moment, although this could change in the future.
- b. Facebook page – We are up and running! If you are on Facebook, please find and like our page: www.facebook.com/WoodleyParkCommunityAssociation.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Holiday Party and Food Drive – Presented by Peter & John
 - i. Holiday Party was a great success. Attendance somewhere between 175 and 180 people. Members donated 185 pounds of food to Martha’s Table (including nearly 32 pounds of dried chickpeas from Lebanese Taverna!). Thanks to the Goodman-Breslin’s for transporting all the donated items.
 - ii. Peter is sending thank you letters to Marriot and Lebanese Taverna.
- b. Dunkin Donuts – Discussed during Commissioner Lee Brian Reba report.
- c. Membership – Peter shared an update re: processing membership forms throughout 2014. No changes to the current process where recommended. A

question was raised about the location of a third mailbox key. (We determined that Bill Menczer currently has the third key) and Peter agreed to investigate our mail process (i.e., formalizing a process for who checks and opens the mail).

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Set date for the spring meeting: Tentatively **Wednesday, April 2, 2014**. Alternative suggestion is **Wednesday, May 7, 2014**.
- b. Set date for the spring clean-up: **Saturday, June 7, 2014**.
- c. Set date for the spring picnic: **Saturday, June 14, 2014** (with Sunday, June 15 as the rain date).
- d. Public Meeting for the Klinge Valley Trail on January 16, 2014 – Emily agreed to attend as a WPCA representative, and will report back to the group.
- e. Bus Stop – Moved to put out a letter about busses; draft pending.
- f. Budget – Reviewed proposed budget line-by-line. Stephanie moved to pass the budget with the group’s revisions. This was seconded by Barbara. Warren distributed revised budget to the group via email on 1/13 for final comments. [Budget to be attached to this document once settled.]
- g. The *Acorn*
 - i. We moved to price ads in the *Acorn* according to the following ad rates:

PAGE	SIZE IN INCHES	RATE
	2½ x 2 3/8	\$175
	3½ x 2	\$200
	2½ x 4½	\$275
	5 x 2 3/8	\$295
¼ PAGE	5 x 3 ¾	\$375
½ PAGE	5 x 7½	\$595
FULL PAGE	10 x 7½	\$895

- ii. The group discussed several topics, including whether we could mail the *Acorn* bulk rate, how many issues we publish a year (two publications at 2,000 issues each in B&W), how we can reach more people, and what kind of format might work better than what we have now. Discussion tabled for another date when we have some proposed plans for spending the budgeted money.

6. ATTENDANCE POLICY

At the close of the meeting, Sarah Taber requested that group review the attendance requirements within the WPCA Bylaws, including Section 5-G: “The Executive Committee may remove any member of the Executive Committee who has not attended three consecutive in-person Executive Committee meetings.”

- **MINUTES PREPARED BY:** EMILY WAGNER, SECRETARY, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
- **NEXT MEETING:** FEBRUARY 5, 2014, 7:30PM, STANFORD UNIVERSITY IN WASHINGTON, HOOVER ROOM, 2661 CONNECTICUT AVE., NW D.C. 20008