

Woodley Park Community Association

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2014, 7:30p.m.

ATTENDEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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

ANC COMMISSIONERS:

- Commissioner Lee Brian Reba

COUNCILMEMBER CHEH'S OFFICE:

- Michelle Blackwell, Communications Director

MAYOR VINCENT GRAY'S OFFICE:

- Michael Fabrikant, Ward 3 Liaison

COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

- John Goodman
- Sonja Hochevar
- Dan Dembkowski, Co-Chair of Neighborhood Watch

1. WELCOME

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

a. QUORUM –

- i. Quorum was established.

b. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA – Accepted.

c. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- i. Acceptance of the May minutes postponed to next meeting.

d. TREASURER'S REPORT - PRESENTED BY WARREN GORLICK

- i. Warren reported that everything has remained relatively unchanged since our last meeting, and predicted more significant activity in the coming months (approximately \$3,000), given the costs associated with the spring picnic and hazmat/shredding event.

3. ELECTED OFFICIAL UPDATES AND COMMUNITY UPDATES

- a. Mary Cheh's Office – Michelle spoke with Kelly of her office, who let her know we had some questions about the Cleveland Park Library renovation. Michelle forwarded information about the money set aside in the budget to Peter, who

shared with the WPCA board. She also shared a copy of a letter to Abigail Smith that was sent regarding school boundaries, and promised to share information about Nationals Day and Shakespeare Theater, as well as any developments regarding the Klinge Valley Trail.

- b. Executive Branch Officials – Michael Fabrikant reported that he recently attended the Wilson High School annual Pride Day event, at which the Principal of Wilson came out as a gay man. He said that the students were very supportive.
- c. ANC Commissioners – No reports.
- d. Other Legislative Officials – None present.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Facebook page – We now have 29 subscribers. If you are on Facebook, please find and like our page: www.facebook.com/WoodleyParkCommunityAssociation.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Engaging with the National Zoo and the Friends of the Zoo – Dan Dembkowski, who has agreed to be new co-chair of Neighborhood Watch, attended the meeting. Peter coordinated with Dan to get him up to speed and to introduce him to contacts at the Zoo and MPD.
- b. Hazmat and Shredding Day – Peter and Stephanie are coordinating. 9am to 11am at Maret, rain or shine. MPD will be present to pick-up medication. We reviewed and voted on the new plan: Barbara moved; Stephanie seconded. Rest of board in agreement, with the exception of two board members who abstained. The new plan is to hire Suburban Solutions to provide the truck and staff to collect and properly dispose, donate, or recycle the items collected. This will preclude any need for “heavy lifting” or driving by WPCA volunteers.
- c. Summer Picnic – The picnic will take place on Saturday, June 14th with Sunday, June 15th as the rain date. Stephanie agreed to call the National Park Service to have the grass mowed. Councilmember Cheh will be in attendance.
- d. Arcadia Book Publishing – Peter has made the connection, but reported no updates.
- e. Mural – Bill Kummings reports that he has been unable to make contact with Humanities thus far. He will ask Michael Fabrikant, Ward 3 Liaison from the Mayor’s office to reach out.
- f. Park Improvement Project – Marty Sherr talked to National Park Service contacts about his proposal for the corner. They are investigating whether or not they have plans for the corner; if not, Marty and his committee can move forward as long as NPS is under no obligation to perform additional work.
- g. School Feeder System – Rob reported that we are waiting for the next announcement from the deputy mayor. Reported that there was talk about Roosevelt becoming an international school that Oyster may feed into, but this is still tentative.
- h. Community Safety Meeting in Anacostia – Sonja Hochevar attended a community safety meeting in Anacostia, the day after the Woodley Park safety meeting, hosted by the Far-Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative. She is

interested in creating opportunities for collaborative follow-up to neighborhood violence that isn't just confined to isolated neighborhoods. Dan to help Sonja with outreach.

- i. International Visions Gallery – John circulated the announcement that the gallery was closing their space after 17 years. A final closing reception will feature a showing of work by Tim Davis entitled, “New Beginnings” on Saturday, June 28, 2014 from 7-11pm and Sunday, June 29 from 12-5pm. More details here: www.inter-visions.com.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Fall General Meeting – Peter proposed the date of the next general meeting to be Tuesday, November 12. (Nominations must be published by November 7.) A guest speaker will be identified at a subsequent meeting.
- b) Next issue of the Acorn – The board agreed that the next issue of the Acorn will be sent to the printer on October 8. Final deadline for articles will be September 20. Please send your ideas and submissions to Peter.
- c) Nominating Committee – Bill Kummings, Bill Menczer, and a third TBD member.
- d) WIS Concern – Warren Gorlick expressed concerns about construction/staging noise before 7am. Sarah Taber to reach out to her contact, Dale Temple.
- e) Breaking for the summer – Unless in the event of an emergency, our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10, location to be announced due to an upcoming construction project at Stanford.
- f) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

- **MINUTES PREPARED BY:** EMILY WAGNER, SECRETARY, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
- **NEXT MEETING:** WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014, 7:30PM (LOCATION TBD)