

Minutes  
Woodley Park Community Association Executive Committee  
March 4, 2015

Present:

Peter Brusoe  
Barbara Ioanes  
Warren Gorlick  
Yoni Gedan  
Dan Dembkowski  
Bill Kummings  
Gasper Magallanes  
Rob Meisnere  
Sarah Taber

Members Present:

John Goodman  
Roger White  
Sammy Ellis  
Ray Behbehani  
Layla Behbehani

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Approval of Agenda

The Board approved the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes of the February meeting.

Update of Treasurers Report/Report on the Audit

Gasper Magallanes and Bill Kummings submitted documentation for the Treasurers Audit, stating the information presented to the WPCA Board was generally consistent with underlying information, it generally represented the organization's financial position and said all spending was consistent with the board approved budget and board decisions. During the audit they encountered a few difficulties in finding information because of inconsistent reporting practices. They recommended that in order to strengthen the board's internal controls reports should use the calendar month as a standard reporting period and also include the prior month balance when reporting on the current month balance. The board adopted the recommendations made by Gasper.

Membership Services Rep

Dan discussed that there would be 8 renewals via PayPal, and that there were 34 membership forms sent out throughout the community.

### Neighborhood Watch

The Board discussed the use of metal detectors at Zoo special events and the meeting with MPD in regards to having police officers all along the avenue on Easter Monday.

### Library Report

The Board and Roger discussed upcoming changes to the library. Roger shared that the library is on a pretty tight time schedule to have the work done and the first part is selecting an architecture firm to oversee the project. Currently there are 9 firms who are interested in the project. Roger also credited Council Member Mary Cheh for her work in ensuring that there are four community members on the board, including one from Cleveland Park and one from Woodley Park.

### Public Comments

Sammy Ellis discussed the reactions the community to news about changes in the school boundaries and feeder patterns. People felt they were not given sufficient notice to the changes. Sammy also discussed school boundaries, the impact changing the boundaries has on the community, and the importance of community input for the boundaries. Ray Behbehani discussed Woodley Park's loss in access to Deal stating that Deal is a top school in DCPS.

### Mary Cheh's Office

Megan Brown, Legislative Counsel, attended the meeting and walked the Board through the changes to the school boundaries. Councilmember Cheh heard from people and their frustration in the community regarding losing the access to Deal school. She wrote a letter to the education team in the Mayor's office expressing the communities concerns. The community was frustrated by the lack of notification about the changing school boundaries.

#### Motion:

- That Woodley park elementary students should have a right to attend Deal School
- The vote was 5-2-2 (5 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstained)

Resolved: "The Woodley Park Community Association opposes having John Eaton Elementary School become a feeder school for Hardy Middle School and further opposes having Deal Middle School being taken away as an option for Oyster- Adams students. The Woodley Park Community Association supports the 2013-2014 school year feeder pattern for residents of Woodley Park so that Alice Deal Middle School will continue to accept children within the Woodley Park community without limitation."

#### Motion:

- To oppose Francis Stevens as the non-Spanish Woodley school option
- The vote was 6-1-2 (6 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstained)

Resolved: "The Woodley Park Community Association opposes having School Without Walls at Francis Stevens as the alternative school for families opting out of the bilingual education

program at Oyster-Adams. The Community Association requests that the alternative school be located in Ward 3.”

#### ANC Commissioners

The ANC commissioners provided updates on concerns in their community. No written report was provided to the WPCA.

#### Documents from Armen's Estate

Brusoe is still working with Armen’s estate for the transfer of any documents from the WPCA.

#### Armen Tree Fund Final Collection

At the beginning of the discussion it was announced that we will need to raise \$110 more to purchase the tree for a total of \$300. The Board received the final donations at the meeting and now has enough money to purchase the tree.

#### Clean Up Day

Stephanie Zobay volunteered to help lead for Clean Up Day. The Board decided to use flyers to advertise for the Community Clean Up Day. There will also be a shredder provided, but will refuse to discard certain items. The board decided that during Clean Up Day, it has the right to refuse discarding bulk trash, furniture, bird cages, etc.

#### Picnic

Sarah Taber reported that she has not started thinking about the picnic, but possible dates would be on the 20th or 21<sup>st</sup> in June.

#### Acorn articles

The Board discussed the newsletter and the articles that are due.

#### Archives

Barbara reported that Kiplinger would like our records for the archives. Barbara will work out details.

#### Spring meeting/Forming election committee

The spring meeting and forming an election committee was discussed. The group decided that Mayor Bowser will make a great guest speaker and Peter was going to reach out to invite her.

#### Day of Service

Brusoe reported that the Day of Service that the WPCA co-sponsored with St. Thomas Apostle was amazingly successful with over 75 people showing up on the day of service.

#### Statehood Resolutions

Rob proposed postponing the vote to the next meeting because the board has not had enough time to be able to review everything. Other community boards are passing similar resolutions.

### Architectural Tour

Brusoe shared that the American Association of Architects was doing a historic walking tour of our community, but that there was a fee for that. The group discussed perhaps hosting one of our own in the future.

### Cmdr Reese Certificate

The commander who is leaving will receive a certificate for all of his efforts. The community greatly appreciates all of his work.

### Cleveland Avenue

The Board discussed the issue with lack of snow shoveling on Cleveland Avenue and how to resolve the situation in a diplomatic manner.

### Motion to adjourn

The group adjourned at 8:45PM.

**WOODLEY PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**March 1, 2015**

**Current Balances:**

**Checking:**           \$9797<sup>1</sup>

Transfer of \$3000 from savings and \$1500 from Paypal.

**Savings:**           \$5352

Contributions of \$215, withdrawal of \$3000 to checking.  
Minor interest earned.

**CD:**                 \$14,044

Minor interest earned.

**PayPal:**           \$786

Contributions of \$237, before fees, withdrawal of \$1500 to checking.  
Payment of \$342 to GoDaddy.com.

**Total:**           **\$29,979** (\$29,869 as of last report)

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<sup>1</sup> All accounts rounded to nearest dollar.