

September 2, 2015
Executive Board Meeting
of the
Woodley Park Community Association
7:30PM

Present:

Peter Brusoe
Barbara Ioanes
Warren Gorlick
Dan Dembkowski
Bill Kummings
Bill Menczer
Gasper Magallanes
Rob Meisnere
Sarah Taber
Stephanie Zobay

Others present:

Judy Waxman
John Goodman
Lee-Brian Reba
Elaine Etienne
Meghan Brown
Laura Gamse
children and parents from Oyster-Adams

1) Opening items:

Peter Brusoe gaveled the Executive Board open for the September meeting of the WPCA. He thanked everyone for attending and apologized for the confusion on arriving to the undercroft of the church. A quorum of executive committee members was present. The group approved the Agenda as presented.

2) Presentation on Nico's Project with School Sculptures with Kevin Reese:

The Group heard from a delegation of students from Oyster-Adams School who talked about their former classmate Nico and the project that the school was doing in his honor. They talked about the fundraisers they have held and how they need an additional \$500 to fund the project. The group asked a few questions of the children. Owing to the lateness of the hour and that someone's math homework wasn't done, Brusoe thanked them for coming and said they would be in touch with the WPCA decision soon. The group applauded the children for their presentation.

3) The Library Update: Roger White gave an update on the library project. A new architect who has a background in commercial real estate has been hired by DCPL. The library is having a hard time locating real estate to locate a temporary location. The monthly rental prices have ranged from 13K to 30K. John Goodman suggested that they may want to look at the former Bank of America location. Warren Gorlick raised a question about the possibility of locating it

at the UDC campus in Van Ness and some speculation about the fact that UDC, which is funded by the District, would charge rent to a separate entity within the District government. Warren asked if the WPCA should take a position on the rent costs proposed by UDC. The group did not take action on a resolution and wanted to see how the process may work out.

4) Call Box Project: Judy Waxman presented on behalf of the call box committee. The committee had costed out the work to be done on each call box, approximately, \$1,700 each. The total cost for this project is just south of 14K. It was moved by Bill Menczer and seconded by Bill Kummings that the Call Box Committee was authorized to begin fundraising and soliciting for donations. The motion was passed unanimously. Judy will email the board for lists of people to solicit for donations. Sarah is working on developing a list of people who we receive donations from for the picnic. The group applauded Judy for her work and the committee's work.

5) Administrative issues:

The group approved the minutes from March, April, May, and June.

The group accepted the Treasurer's report. Brusoe mentioned that Warren has asked to rotate out of treasurer having served in that role for five years. Gasper has agreed to run for election.

Membership Director's report: Dan gave an update on membership and reported things are going well. He did share he would be stepping down at the end of the month. Volunteers were asked for and Gasper is stepping forward to take over some of the responsibility but also asked for someone to help him identify who various people are on the membership list. Barbara offered to help Gasper.

Neighborhood Watch: The group discussed the need for a more vigilant neighborhood watch. There are still some communication gaps. Sarah Taber has stepped up to take over the neighborhood watch. Laura Gamse offered to help Sarah. There is a neighborhood watch training coming up at the Second District headquarters.

6) Old Business:

(A) Electronic Recycling and Shred Day: this was very successful. Brusoe thanked everyone who volunteered their time. There was a mixup in communication between us and Woodland Normanstone and we will not splitting the cost.

(B) Annual Picnic: was a tremendous success with over 100 people attending. The group applauded Sarah for all of her work on this.

(C) Trees at Wardman: Trees at the Wardman Tower were recently cut down. The tree cutting was properly permitted but serious questions remain about the project and neighbors have questions. Commissioner Gwen Bole has been doing an amazing job working with the developer and keeping people informed about activities and actions. There is a meeting on September 9, 2015 at the Omni Shoreham at 6:30PM

(D) Metro issue: Metro continues to have issues. The glass was broken in the elevator for two weeks. WMATA has finally fixed it. There have been several cases where the elevators and escalators were broken and WMATA established bus service.

(E) Overlay Issue: It was reported in the newspapers that Nandos decided they would not comply with the simple 5 year review of their promised compliance for the variance and are not coming to Woodley Park. The WPCA has not received any other communication from Nando's, or Holland & Knight.

(F) Documents from Armen's Estate: The executor is still going through the estate to see what, if anything, belongs to WPCA. The estate is taking longer to close out than they thought.

(G) Tree in honor of Armen update: Tregaron Conservancy and the donors for the tree are still working out details and will update the group.

(H) Alley behind 2600 Block: Roger White shared some concerns about the alley behind 2600 of Woodley Place and Connecticut Avenue. There have been issues with asphalt being used instead of concrete, allegedly at the request of business leaders, asphalt splashing onto people's property.

7) New Business

(A) Fall Meeting 11/4/15

The group is looking at having the Fall Meeting on November 2,3 or 4th. Our two guest speakers would be Chancellor Henderson and Councilmember Mary Cheh. Peter will follow up with Stanford to see which days the facility is good to use.

(B) Acorn

i. Acorn will be published in time for early October. Some of the articles we agreed on:

- The Interview with new head of Cleveland Park/Woodley Park Village, which will be sent back to the author to update.
- Changes in school boundaries (Rob and Barbara)
- Update on the library (Roger White)
- Update on the art project at Oyster Adams
- Wardman Tower tree update (Gwen)
- Story about St. Thomas Apostle and the Pope (TBS)
- Football at MacIntyres (Gasper)
- Story about the new Panda from Pamela at the zoo.
- Bus Route Changes (Stephanie)
- Call boxes (Judy Waxman)

ii. Publication Deadline: 9/19

(C) Elections Committee – Chaired by Rob. Peter appointed Roger White to serve on the committee, with the understanding some of it would be via email, and Yoni Gedan. We are in the market for people willing to serve as Secretary and Vice President at this moment. Other executive board members should indicate to Rob if they wish to serve or not.

Peter floated the idea that we may want to look at changing the term limits for at large members from six years to something else. He asked that people think about it and we will discuss in October.

(D) Holiday Party: Peter will start talking to the Marriott about a Holiday Party for December with the hope of publishing it in the Acorn or having it for the November meeting.

(E) Second District Police Banquet: The group proposed buying four tickets for the 2nd District Police Appreciation Dinner. The motion was passed unanimously. Two tickets would go to police, and one would go to Bill Menczer, Past President, and Dan Dembkowski.

(F) The group discussed the request from Oyster-Adams school for support for their art project. The group debated and discussed several issues related to this including if it set a precedent or not. Given the lateness of the hour, the group tabled the discussion until October. In the meantime, individuals should consider making a donation on their own via our treasurer Warren Gorlick.

(G) Metro Bus: Stephanie Zobay shared concerns about the elimination of bus routes. The Group voted unanimously to oppose reductions in service to Woodley Park on the 96s and the express busses.

Update from Councilmember Cheh's Office:

Meghan from CM Cheh's office shared that the councilmember is coming off of break. A couple of questions were asked of her related to trash in and around CT avenue relating to the zoo.

Lee Brian Reba, ANC3C1 commissioner shared some of his concerns relating to trash.

WOODLEY PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Treasurer's Report
September 1, 2015

Current Balances:

Checking:		6842 ¹ (\$9450) ²	
		Clean up day expenses	
6/05/15	Peter Brusoe	(copies)	135.00
		Clean up day expenses	
6/15/15	NexCut shredder		387.00
		June picnic (food)	
6/16/15	Bill Menczer		84.16
		June picnic (tips)	
6/16/15	Peter Brusoe		20.00
		June picnic (tips)	
6/16/2015	Barbara loanes		60
		Clean up day expenses	
6/16/2015	Junk in the Trunk		600
		June picnic (food)	
6/28/2015	David Ensign		1262.51
		Clean up day expenses	
7/17/2015	NexCut shredder		60

Savings: \$7327 (\$6087)
Contributions of \$1239
Minor interest earned.

CD: \$14,048 (\$14,046)
Minor interest earned.

PayPal: \$1730 (\$1323)
Contributions of \$421
Minor fees charged

Total: \$29,947 (\$30,906)

¹ All accounts rounded to nearest dollar.

² Parens indicate prior month.