

**Woodley Park Community Association  
Executive Committee Meeting  
December 7, 2017**

**Committee Members Present:**

Carolyn Abbey  
Emily Curley  
John Goodman  
Warren Gorlick  
Barbara Ioanes  
Bill Kummings  
Jeff Myers

- President Carolyn Abbey called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.
- *Acceptance of Agenda* – The agenda was accepted.
- *Approval of Minutes from October 3, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting* – The minutes were approved.
- *Treasurer Update & Tax Exemption Status* – Emily provided an overview of the Treasurer’s report. Emily will check further on the tax exemption status with assistance from other Board members.
- *Review of 2018 Budget* – The Board discussed various expenditures possibly to be included in next year’s budget, including the picnic, tips for servers at WPCA events, and the Acorn publication. Emily will prepare a budget for the January meeting. As part of this discussion, the Board also discussed possible ways to increase membership and other forms of outreach.
- *Planning for 2017 Audit* – Jeff and Warren volunteered to audit the 2017 books.
- *Planning & Zoning topics including:*
  - *McDonalds Signs* – John provided an update of the plans and comments received from members. John believes that the McDonalds plans are not consistent with HPRB guidelines because they are not “compatible” with the historic district. Specific concerns relate to façade materials, color branding, signage and areaway enclosure. Membership comments were against by about a 2:1 majority. After extensive discussion, John submitted a motion to oppose McDonalds current renovation plan and that the WPCA would like to work with McDonalds, HPO and ANC3C to improve the current plans. The motion was unanimously approved, with one abstention.
  - *Starbucks Sign & Awning* – Carolyn provided an update, stating that Starbucks is not yet ready to discuss the plans with the WPCA.
  - *2607 Conn Ave DCRA Application* – John reported that the owner filed a building permit application.
  - *2803 28<sup>th</sup> St Renovation Plans* – John discussed the plans he had previously distributed. The owner will put a mock-up on the roof so that people can get a better sense of what will be visible from the street. John has not heard concerns from the immediate neighbors of the premises. Barbara and some WPCA members expressed concerns about the proposed renovation. No action by the WPCA is contemplated at this time.
- *Holiday Party volunteers to coordinate canned good donation collection and drop off, RSVP response, flyers* – Emily volunteered to take the canned good donations to Martha’s Table. Jeff will send an email invitation to the holiday party to a wide distribution list of Woodley Park residents. Carolyn will greet guests and sign up new members.
- *Other Neighborhood concerns:*
  - *Recent Crime* – Carolyn noted recent crime incidents in the areas immediately adjacent to Connecticut Avenue. It was agreed that the WPCA would revisit this issue early in 2018, and possibly hold a membership meeting to discuss crime issues.
  - *Mural Graffiti* – The Board discussed ways to prevent further graffiti of the recent mural created on the east side of Connecticut Avenue. Carolyn will follow up with Nancee Lyons, the District’s

- o official responsible for mural creation and maintenance.
  - o *Zoo Path Closure update* – Warren provided an update of the recent tour that he and Mark Jacobson had with Zoo officials. The WPCA will consider drafting a letter to the Rock Creek Park Superintendent requesting priority maintenance of the bike path that is on Zoo grounds, given the significant disrepair of this part of the Rock Creek bike path.
  - o *Zoo Lights Traffic Impact* – Deferred.
  - o *Trash Collection Initiative* – Deferred.
- *Update from ANC, Mayor's Office and DC Council members if present* – No officials present.
  - *Scheduling of Solar Event in January/February* – Discussion of possible venues for a solar event was discussed, likely one of the local churches.
  - *Other Community Events (Upcoming and recommendations for next "Meet Your Neighbors, Fire/EMS Fire Safety Prevention, etc.)* – Jeff provided an update of 2018 Meet Your Neighbors events. Carolyn stated that fire officials have offered to present on fire safety prevention issues.
  - *Executive Meeting Dates for 2018* – It was agreed that barring unforeseen conflicts, Executive Committee meetings will generally be held the first Tuesday of each month. The January meeting will be held on January 9.
  - *Open Discussion/New Topics* – None.
  - *Adjourn* – The meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

