

**Woodley Park Community Association  
Executive Committee Meeting  
February 6, 2018**

**Committee Members Present:**

Carolyn Abbey  
Peter W. Brusoe  
Emily Curley  
Warren Gorlick  
John Goodman  
Barbara Ioanes  
Mark Jacobson  
Bill Kummings  
Katie MacFarlane  
Melissa Maxman

- *Acceptance of Agenda* – The agenda was accepted.
- *Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting* – The minutes were approved.
- *Starbucks presentation* – The new Starbucks is located at 2649 Conn Ave. Joe Gibbs, the Starbucks Development Manager for the DC region, and other Starbucks officials presented on the new Woodley Park Starbucks that will open on February 10. Starbucks officials described the outdoor seating that will be available. No objections were raised to the seating plan. The managers also discussed that they will deliberately delay some further work on the store, such as the awning, until they see how customers are using the store. Local residents inquired about the parking situation in the rear of the store, and how the store will restrict excessive lighting. Starbucks assured the community that there would be no lights or external speakers on the patio. Starbucks assured the community that they would routinely clean the patio seating and that all chairs will be brought inside at the close of business. Questions were also raised about trash and litter abatement. Due to city Code there would be no trash can in the patio area. The issue of parking also came up, Starbucks shared that one of their spots in the rear of the store will be reserved for their manager and that they anticipated that other employees will likely take mass transportation or a ride-sharing service to their place of employment. All loading for the store will be done on the Connecticut Avenue side and not via the alleyway. The store will be open from 5:30am-9pm on weekdays. On weekends, opening may be slightly later.
- *Treasurer Update & Tax Exemption Status* – Emily presented the Treasurer's report, indicating relatively small changes from the prior month. Peter volunteered to check further about WPCA's being dropped from the IRS list of tax exempt entities.
- *Planning & Zoning topics including:*
- *McDonalds Update* – Carolyn updated on the proposed redesign of McDonalds issue, and the fact that a letter had been submitted to the architect. She explained her rationale for doing a joint letter with Ryan Wegman's Friends of Woodley Park group and why the letter sent was on the Friends letterhead.
- *Update from ANC, Mayor's Office and DC Council members if present* -- Mark raised a concern that three of the four ANC representatives from the Woodley Park area are not regularly attending the WPCA Board meetings. Carolyn will reach out to each of these Commissioners who are not regularly attending in order to encourage them to start attending WPCA meetings. Com. Reba described the results of his separate discussions with Starbucks and the results achieved.
- *Scheduling of Solar Event* -- Emily updated about the upcoming Feb. 28 event at All Souls Church. The issue of Audio Visual materials came up. Katie offered the use of a screen if one is needed.
- *National Park Service response to bike path through National Zoo* – Warren updated on the responses from the National Park Service to our concerns about deterioration of the National Zoo bike path. Carolyn will send a response to the Superintendent's recent emails in case we have not already sent a response.
- *Scheduling of KVT Trail improvements with Jeff Marootian with DDOT* -- Carolyn and Barbara updated on the March 20 event scheduled at All Souls Church. It was agreed that an agenda with a list of issues and concerns will be drafted and sent to DDOT in advance of the meeting. It was also suggested that neighbors submit questions ahead of time via John Goodman's weekly emails.
- *Other Community Events (Upcoming and recommendations for next "Meet Your Neighbors, Fire/EMS Fire Safety Prevention, Spring Cleaning/Recycling Day, etc.)* – Meet Your Neighbors update deferred to when Jeff Myers is present. Peter updated on the Spring Cleaning Day, which will probably place on May 5. The board authorized Peter to reach out to the sponsors from last year to see if they would be willing to sponsor

again.

- *Open Discussion/New Topics* – (a) The Board discussed recent graffiti on the east side of Connecticut Avenue, including on the recent new mural in that area. Com. Reba noted that the police were investigating the recent events. It was agreed that the WPCA will send a letter to local businesses noting our concern about the increase in graffiti. The possibility of enhanced lighting and additional cameras was also discussed. (b) Barbara noted a concern about unauthorized window replacements were taking place at 2748 Woodley Place in violation of the Historic Preservation guidelines, and the fact that neighbors were successful in getting a Stop Work Order placed on the residence. (c) It was noted that the District Council will hold hearings about noise issues in residential areas.
- *Member Announcements* — Melissa discussed an event that she is having in her personal capacity for CM Cheh at her home at 2838 28th Street NW on Sunday, Feb. 25 from 2-4pm.
- *Adjourn* – The meeting adjourned at 9:15PM

