

**Woodley Park Community Association
Executive Committee Telephone Meeting
July 11, 2018**

Committee Members Present:

Carolyn Abbey
Emily Curley
Warren Gorlick
Mark Jacobson
Katie MacFarlane
Melissa Maxman

The President of the WPCA called for a telephone conference call of the Executive Committee and invited all Executive Committee members to participate in order to discuss how to proceed with written communications with the National Zoo relating to parking and security issues. At the Executive Committee meeting it was unanimously agreed that the WPCA President would immediately send the letter set forth below to the National Zoo and those copied on the letter.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.

Dear Zoo Director,

On behalf of the Woodley Park Community Association (WPCA), I am writing in the hope of re-establishing an open dialogue with the National Zoo to facilitate an ongoing partnership which we believe will better serve the mutual interests of the Woodley Park Community and the Zoo. Two primary concerns are the traffic and congestion issues and the recently announced security plans.

With regard to the traffic and congestion issues, the Woodley Park Community Association has supported the efforts of the National Zoo to increase the amount of on-site parking available for Zoo visitors, from comments on the proposed facilities master plan in 2007 to last year's NCPC proceeding. We are pleased that the Zoo is moving forward with a new garage, but we recognize that it is not a solution to the parking and traffic problems shared by the Zoo and adjoining neighborhoods.

In its order last year, the NCPC asked the Zoo to update its transportation demand management strategies to address the current issues, which everyone realizes will only get worse in the future. That order asked that the Zoo consider a variety of measures, which we believe are good starting points, but will not alone be the solution that we all need.

Because of the effect that any change in the Zoo's transportation demand management plans will have on Woodley Park and other nearby neighborhoods, we would like to be

part of the Zoo's development of its new strategies. We believe that, working together, we can meet the needs of the Zoo, its visitors and its neighbors.

The recently announced security plan proposal came as a surprise and has caused concern within the Woodley Park community. We believe that if you include the community in discussions on the security issues we could arrive at a workable solution.

I will be reaching out in the near future to schedule a time where members of the Woodley Park Community Association, and the local Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, can meet to begin a dialogue.

Carolyn Abbey
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