

**WPCA Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2021
7:30PM**

Committee Members Present (by videoconference arrangement):

Carolyn Abbey
Nicole Field
John Goodman
Warren Gorlick
Katie MacFarlane
Melissa Maxman
Courtney Tolbert

1. Establish quorum/confirm everyone can hear/see – A quorum was established.
2. Consent items:
 - a. Approval of agenda – The agenda was approved.
 - b. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report – Deferred in light of the Treasurer's absence.
 - c. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from Nov. 2 Board meeting, and the Nov. 29 Membership meeting, were approved.
3. Website – Katie reported on the status of the new website. She is working on some final revisions, including incorporating comments from some of the Board members that she had received. Katie will send final text links by Dec. 11, giving people a few days to review. Katie plans to take the site live later in the month. It was discussed that Carolyn, Nicole, Melissa (or her husband), Courtney, Katie and Stephanie still need to submit their articles for the new website.
4. 2606 Connecticut Ave – John reported that a restaurant has proposed an enclosed sidewalk café. Concerns have been raised about the proposed café as the outward appearance was viewed as incompatible with the historic district. However, the ANC chose to support the application. It now goes to the Historic Preservation Review Board for review. It was decided that the WPCA will take no further action on this application.
5. Wardman Park –Carolyn met with Ronnie Gibbons of Carmel Partners, the buyer of the property. Carmel's plans at this point are just preliminary. Carolyn will connect them with the ANC commissioner and continue the conversation with Carmel.
6. CP-WP Office of Planning Guidelines – John reported on the pending study of the Woodley Park and Cleveland Park historic districts as part of OP's larger study of the Connecticut Ave corridor. He indicated that he had been invited to have initial discussions with the OP project manager of the study.
7. Han Palace liquor license – Roger White, a WPCA member, reported on his request for the WPCA to review the application, which includes extended outdoor patio hours, up to 3am on weekends. There was a general consensus that outdoor service until 3am was unduly late, especially given the proximity of residences. At the same time, the Board does not want to impose arbitrary constraints on the operating hours of WP restaurants as many District restaurants are open for long hours already. It was agreed that Courtney would contact the applicant and discuss the fact that the Board views outdoor service until 3am as too late and inquire what might be a more realistic closing time

for the patio. She will also contact Com. Lee Brian Reba to note the concerns with 3am outdoor service.

8. Outreach – Courtney and Nicole will contact people door-to-door to discuss the WPCA and solicit membership. On their walking tour, they plan to also discuss the District’s private security camera incentive program that provides rebates for District residents who install private cameras on their property. As a further outreach program, a food theme, such as a “recipe of the month,” was also discussed.
9. Updates from Mayor’s office, Council, ANC – No representatives from the relevant offices were available.
10. Good of the order – Melissa reported on efforts to purchase the property at 2607 Connecticut Ave., which would be used by Woodley House to operate programs for low income adults with mental disorders. It is unclear if the proposal is for residential living by the low-income adults, or simply to use the building for programming. Melissa will obtain further information from Woodley House and invite them to speak to the WPCA Board.
11. Adjourn at 9:15pm.