

**WPCA Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2022
7:30PM**

Committee Members Present (by videoconference arrangement):

Nicole Field
John Goodman
Warren Gorlick
Katie MacFarlane
Melissa Maxman
Courtney Tolbert
Stephanie Zobay

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 Reports – The October and November Treasurer's reports were accepted. Stephanie will submit a proposed budget in advance of the February Board meeting.
 - c. Approval of Minutes – The minutes from the December WPCA Board meeting were approved.
3. Woodley House – Sue Breikoph, Development Director of Woodley House, presented on the planned purchase of a 23-unit building at 2607 Connecticut Avenue to be used for housing for people with mental illnesses. Each apartment is about 250 sq. feet, and would have a separate kitchen. This housing would be in addition to 2711 and 2713 CT Ave. where Woodley House already operates. The District will be funding some, but not necessarily all, of the costs of the building purchase. The criteria for housing will include a pre-existing mental health diagnosis and DC residency, and it will be for individuals rather than families. There are no special zoning approvals that will be required. Breikoph did not object when John asked if he could report on the pending sale of the building in the Woodley Park News.
4. Website – Katie has not yet completed the website, but said she expects to over the next week. Katie said that the website developer may charge to address outstanding issues, and she will cover those costs. The Board expressed its appreciation to Katie for doing so.
5. Wardman Park demolition – In Carolyn's absence, Courtney read a short written update that Carolyn had submitted on the status of the project which stated in relevant part that the developers intend to demolish and redevelop the site. John noted the existence of a zoning review compliance letter, but said that he does not have a copy of the letter. Both John and ANC Com. Pagats will provide information that can be included on the upcoming WPCA website.
6. Office of Planning Guidelines – John reported on the status of draft guidelines covering affordable housing issues. Com. Pagats further reported that OP is engaged in a planning process for the neighborhood that will focus on a racial equity lens with the goal of developing housing, especially affordable housing, along the commercial corridors of Cleveland Park and WP. OP will hire a consultant who will assist with the planning, with the consultant hopefully hired by spring, and then potentially a one-two year process for drafting the guidelines.

7. Han Palace liquor license – The Board debated whether there should be a policy for operating hours with respect to various restaurants in the WP business district, and whether Han Palace should be requested to amend their liquor license application for shorter hours than what had been included in their existing application.

John made a MOTION to request Han Palace to amend their application to the limited hours that they had informally discussed with Courtney. Melissa SECONDED the Motion. Warren then made a MOTION to amend John's original MOTION to request a limit on Han and any other WP commercial establishment to 12am on weekdays, and 2am on weekends (Friday and Saturday nights). Courtney seconded Warren's amended MOTION. Further discussion ensued but no vote was taken on either the original or amended Motions. Instead, John will solicit views from the WPCA membership that will help inform the Board's review of this issue..

8. Outreach – Courtney reported on her outreach efforts in conjunction with Nicole. They have communicated with a few neighbors, but have delayed engaging in a door-to-door campaign due to the pandemic.
9. Updates from Mayor's office, Council, ANC – Melissa commended Com. Pagats for her outstanding and informative contributions to the recent Board meetings. Other Board members agreed with how helpful Com. Pagats has been to the Board at these meetings.
10. Good of the order – No issues raised.
11. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 9:32pm. The next Board meeting is on February 1.

