

WPCA Executive Meeting – Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2025

Committee Members Present:

John Goodman
Warren Gorlick
Leah De Hoet
Barbara Ioanes
Glenn Marcus
Jeff Myers
Nico Ojeda
Linda Raphael
Stephanie Zobay

1. Establish quorum/confirm everyone can hear/see – A quorum was established.
2. Introductory items:
 - a. Approval of agenda – The agenda was approved.
 - b. Approval of minutes – The minutes were approved.
3. Financials
 - a. Treasurers Report – The Treasurer’s report was accepted.
 - b. 990 filing – Deferred.
4. Call box repairs – Barbara updated on the callbox repair, the vendor who had previously serviced these call boxes no longer takes on such projects. ANC Com. Adam Prinzo said that depending on the final price, the ANC might be willing to take on the full cost of the project.
5. Initiatives for 2025 - Various options were put forward in terms of priorities and money-raising measures. The idea of membership cards that might provide for discounts at local restaurants and other establishments was raised as one possibility that might incentivize membership and also assist local businesses. In general, the strongest support was for the picnic, but there was also strong support for maintaining the holiday party, too, so long as it could be done at an affordable price and made more attractive to families with children. In that regard, the possibility of an early start time, and the appearance of a Santa Claus were mentioned as possible options. It was also noted that WP will receive many new residents with the Carmel redevelopment of the former Marriot site, which will begin leasing in one of the buildings this summer, and that it will be critical that the events are open to newer residents. It was also agreed that the Shred Day event should be discontinued due to cost considerations and the availability of other options.

Woodley Park Day – Leah reported on behalf of the Woodley Park Day Committee, which would also assist in introducing new residents to the WPCA. She indicated that a possible location may be near the new Carmel redevelopment on Woodley Road from Connecticut Avenue up to 29th Street. New DDOT initiatives make the street closure process easier and less bureaucratic. The committee is hoping for donations, including from the ANC. It would be designed as a family friendly event, including activities designed for children. It is hoped that Carmel and other commercial establishments might donate food, which could be served on the Carmel property.
6. Judy Heumann – John noted that he had received an email about re-naming the Klinge Valley bridge in honor of Judy Heumann. John believes that CM Frumin will offer up a bill later this year, upon the two-year mark of Heumann’s death. Various questions were raised about the process for renaming District infrastructure such as a bridge or a street.

Barbara made a motion to support the naming of the bridge in Judy Heumann's name. The Motion carried.

7. Website – Leah and Stephanie reported that the website is progressing well. One outstanding issue is who would maintain the website. One possibility would be that each WPCA Officer take responsibility for particular months in the year. Another option would be to appoint a website manager. No decisions were made.

8. ANC updates – Adam noted that the next ANC meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 18. ANC Com. Janell Pagats stated that she is circulating a resolution that would ask the DC Council to allow ANCs to spend public funds on food purchase grants. New businesses have also opened in Woodley Park.

9. Good of the order – Jeff proposed Duke's Counter for a Meet your Neighbor's event. Villa Roma also just opened and was noted as a candidate for a future event as well. A discussion of measures to reduce the prevalence of rats in commercial areas was also mentioned.

10. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 9:25pm. The next WPCA Board meeting will be held on March 11.

