

Fall Membership Minutes of the Woodley Park Community Association  
November 2, 2015  
7:30PM

Present: 20 members

President Brusoe gaveled the meeting to order at 7:30PM. He thanked everyone for coming. A quorum of more than 12 members present was established.

The first piece of business was a nominations report from the nominating committee. Roger White Delivered it and put the following names forward for election: Peter Brusoe, President; Barbara Ioanes, Vice President; Warren Gorlick, Secretary; Gasper Magallanes, Treasurer; and Dan Dembkowski, Bill Kummings and Sarah Taber, At-large members. Roger asked for nominations from the floor, there being none, It was moved by Roger and second by Alan W. The body approved unanimously. With the election of Gasper as treasurer the accounts will have Gasper and Brusoe on them and rotating off Warren Gorlick.

Brusoe thanked everyone for re-electing him, and thanked everyone for stepping forward and serving for another year.

Brusoe called upon Vice President Ioanes for a report on the callbox project. Ioanes shared that the call art project is in need of refurbishment, repainting and restoration in the neighborhood. Judy Waxman is working on securing the \$13,600 needed for the refurbishment of the call boxes. Those with contacts or suggestions on people who could support or donate to the project should reach out to Judy

Brusoe then discussed the plans to honor Armen Tashdianian at Tregaron Conservancy. The plaque will be unveiled on November 15, 2015 at 1PM.

Ioanes updated the group on historic preservation efforts for alleys and the work her committee is doing. They are in the process of working on draft regulations and talking with Anne Brocket in the office of historic preservation.

Roger White updated the group on the Cleveland park library. The current plans are under review and there will be a January community meeting to discuss the plans and next steps. Brusoe thanked Roger for all of his hard work and leading the charge, and Thanked Council Member Mary Cheh for putting Roger on the committee working with the library.

Brusoe updated the group that currently the WPCA is looking at re-starting the neighborhood watch. If interested please reach out to Peter.

Warren Gorlick gave a treasurer's report appended to these minutes. Brusoe thanked Gorlick for his work the past several years as treasurer, and agreeing to step into the role of secretary.

The Association then moved to our guest speaker, Councilmember Mary Cheh and Eli Hoffman from DCPS.

Councilmember Cheh updated the group on the work she has been doing on budget and infrastructure issues. She has sought greater oversight into the capital construction budget for DCPS and ensuring that they are audited. Klinge Road is still going on construction. She also shared that they are looking for interim space for the library at UDC. She is also concerned about the low test scores and working with DCPS to increase test results.

Councilmember Cheh also updated on how she was able to secure money for Ward 3 for a Main Street initiative program in Tenleytown and Van Ness as part of a great streets program. There was a question if some of that money could be used to help fund the call box project.

Councilmember Cheh also updated the group on the current state of the Pepco-Exelon merger. There are several concerns about rates, and how this will benefit the DC consumer.

The council member was asked about campaign finance reform by a member and the Mayor's Super-PAC. The Councilmember shared that campaign finance reform is not likely to happen. She also is greatly distressed by the current practices of the SuperPAC currently backing the mayor and their fundraising efforts.

The council member was also asked about the trees in front of the Marriott and updating the laws around taking down trees for construction. There was a question about improving bus access to Hardy School since there is currently not a direct route. She also talked about continuing to fund the DC Tuition Assistance Grant at its currently level. She also updated the group that a bottle bill is not likely to be coming any time soon.

Eli Hoffmann then updated the group on school updates including his group's efforts to create relationship with the community. Some questions occurred around food service contracts, improving HD Cook school, and upcoming budget hearings.

Brusoe pointed out Lee Brian Reba, ANC3C1 Commissioner, and Mike Matthews from the Mayor's office.

The group then considered a resolution to oppose the Pepco merger based on public interest concerns. Dan Dembkowski moved, and Bill Kummings seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

The Association then adjourned at 9PM.