

Woodley Park Community Association Special General Membership Meeting
December 2, 2015
7:30PM

Present were 45 people
20 non-members from east of the Zoo

The Special meeting of the WPCA was held on December 2, 2015 at 7:30 PM. The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the recently announced changes to the hours of the National Zoo. Director Dennis Kelly shared that the change was needed to ensure safety and security of the people using the zoo grounds and to ensure that the resources needed for the animals arrived in time for the day.

The community discussed many of their objections to the changes in the zoo hours. Some neighbors shared that they had been using the zoo's early morning hours for exercise for 30 years. Another neighbor shared that she and her children loved walking there after school hours. Another neighbor asked if there were any statistics on the number of accidents between motor vehicles and pedestrians (Director Kelly responded that there were not). Another person shared that they disliked the lack of notice and community engagement.

Though repeated requests were made by the community to keep the current hours or to perhaps compromise on the hours Director Kelly was adamant.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM. Brusoe thanked Director Kelly and everyone else for attending.