

Membership Minutes of the Woodley Park Community Association
March 10, 2016

Present: Approximately 55 people were in attendance. A quorum of more than 12 WPCA members present was established.

President Brusoe gaveled the meeting to order at 7:05PM. He thanked everyone for coming.

Peter updated the members about upcoming events, including the Spring recycling/clean-up event on May 7 at the Maret School, the annual picnic, which will likely be held in mid-June, and upcoming events at the National Zoo. Barbara updated the members about the call box project, which involves repairing and re-painting of the existing call boxes. Roger White updated the members about the upcoming renovation of the Cleveland Park library. Roxane Sismanidis provided an update about the rewrite of the Woodley Park Historic District Guidelines.

JBG provided an overview of its proposed redevelopment of the Marriott Hotel complex. At this stage, JBG has not finalized any plans, but presented some concepts regarding its current thinking for the medium and long term redevelopment of the complex.

JBG stated that it will take up to 24 months for the District to review the existing DC comprehensive plan for the site. Goals include greater pedestrian access, a central and enhanced public park, and a cohesive architectural vision for the site. JBG stressed that the redevelopment would be a very long term process, and it seeks community input. JBG estimated that construction might begin as early as 2018. While JBG emphasized that it was only a preliminary and very rough estimate, the firm stated that roughly 300-350 housing units, mostly with a larger square footage, would be built in two new building on the Woodley Rd side of the site, with additional residences in the buildings that would replace the Hotel.

Various concerns were raised, including the impact on parking, local schools and local metro stations, the height of the complex, the percentage of affordable housing, the overall density and number of units, the possibility for commercial development (particularly a grocery store), the loss of green and park space along Woodley Road, and the impact on neighboring residents during the construction period.

As a next step, JBG stated that it hoped to develop more specific plans by mid-April, and would like to have the opportunity to meet again with the WPCA later in the year to receive further community input on their redevelopment proposal.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:50 pm.