

**Minutes of the Woodley Park Community Association  
Spring Membership Meeting  
April 5, 2017**

Present: Approximately 40 people were in attendance. A quorum of more than 12 WPCA members present was established.

WPCA President Carolyn Abbey gaveled the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. She thanked everyone for coming and introduced the other Board members that were present. [Jeff Myers, Warren Gorlick, John Goodman, Barbara Ioanes, Bill Kummings, Mark Jacobson, and Gasper Magallanes.]

- A presentation on the National Zoo Capital Improvements by Director Dennis Kelly – Director Kelly provided an overview of relevant issues concerning the zoo, including i) security enhancements around the Easter/spring break holiday season, ii) traffic concerns, iii) the possibility of new parking facilities that would provide 400-500 additional parking spaces over the current number of parking spaces, and iv) a number of new animals that have recently been introduced into the zoo.
- 2607 Connecticut Avenue Redevelopment Presentation & Discussion – The developers and architects presented an overview of the redevelopment. They plan, among other things, to restore the facade that is in poor condition, extend the footprint of the building in conformity with neighboring developments, increase the overall height of the building to five stories, and additional landscaping on the front. A total of 23-26 units would be included in the building, though there may potentially be up to 52 residents in the building.

Concerns expressed by the membership included the overall density of the building, the lack of parking for the residents, the height of the building, possible disruptions during the construction schedule, and lack of notification to neighbors about the proposed construction.

- Update from Council Member Elissa Silverman – CM Silverman gave a presentation about the District government. She mentioned affordable housing, job training, expanding childcare subsidies, improving District agencies, paid leave, public transportation (specifically bus services), and improving schools and parks.
- Updates from ANC and Mayor's Office – Gwen Bole noted that the driveway in front of the Wardman Tower was promised to be red brick, but submitted and received District approval to utilize asphalt. Bole also reported that the planned sale of the Marriott Wardman Park property to a potential buyer has fallen through. There are other parties who have expressed an interest in purchasing the property.
- JBG-Wardman Park Marriott update – [covered by Gwen Bole's presentation].
- Community Events (“Meet Your Neighbors Nights”, Picnic Planning Update, Clean Up Day, etc.) – Carolyn noted the “meet your neighbor” event, and Jeff provided further details. Peter reported on the upcoming hazardous waste and shred day event at the Maret School campus on May 13, from 9:00am to 12 noon.

- The meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.