

WPCA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Wardman Park Marriott Hotel
Recorded by Stephanie Zobay

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm, on January 11, 2006, by President Nour Jurgenson.

II. Guest Speakers

Millicent Williams, Deputy Director for Citizens Corp for District of Columbia, provided information of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training. Training instructs residents how to be prepared in the event of an emergency. Traditionally classes have been held over the course of 3-4 weeks, as 16 hours of training is required for certification. Classes include Emergency Preparedness, Medical Operations 1, Medical Operations 2, Fire Suppression, Terrorism, and Light Search and Rescue. CERT is willing to bring the classes to Woodley Park, and provide a schedule that accommodates the needs of the local residents interested in attending classes. Additional information can be found on the website, www.serve.dc.gov, or by emailing Ms. Williams at Millicent.Williams@dc.gov. Handouts were provided and are attached to the minutes.

Sally MacDonald praised Ms. Williams as a wonderful leader of CERT and added that Stanford in Washington has agreed to host the classes for the community residents interested in taking the class.

III. Agenda Items

- A. At the request of President Jurgenson, Stephanie Zobay, Secretary, confirmed that a quorum consisting of at least 6 members of the Woodley Park Community Association Executive Committee were present.
- B. Minutes: President Jurgenson moved that the December 2005 minutes be approved, and received a second from Kurt Vorndran. Tony Nuland indicated he had a few minor editing changes. Deborah Jane Lindeman inquired if the minutes were available on the WPCA website and stated that if they were not, they should be posted so the community could review them. President Jurgenson responded that she would take that into consideration. With no further discussion, the minutes were unanimously approved.
- C. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Ellen Passman presented a brief Treasurer's report. The current Balance Sheet and a Comparison Profit and Loss Statement are attached to these minutes. The current balance is \$39,741.95, with a current net income deficit of \$-5096.98. The current deficit is due to payment on previous commitments. The Comparison Profit and Loss Statement reflects a difference of \$-7471.51 in net income between July-

December 2005 (\$-5096.98) as compared to July-December 2004 (\$2377.53). Nan Simpson asked what WPCA's commitment to the Call Box Project was. Ellen Passman responded that WPCA's commitment was half of the total cost, and payment from two sponsors is still outstanding. Barbara Ioanes asked if the District of Columbia sent in their payment, and Ms. Passman said she would investigate by examining the 2003 and 2004 bank statements. Vice-President Vorndran moved that the report be approved. After receiving a second from Bill Kummings, the financial reports were unanimously approved.

C. Committee Reports:

1. Stanford in Washington: Director of Stanford in Washington, Adrienne Jamieson presented an update. Currently, no sidewalk, alleyway, or street is being blocked by the construction dumpsters. Richard Parsons is the Construction Manager and indicated that the current sheeting and shoring process will take quite awhile. Community members were encouraged to contact Ms. Jamieson at any time if anyone had any questions. The project completion date is still scheduled for the Winter 2007. Barbara Ioanes asked Ms. Jamieson if she would inform the community when she learns of any construction updates. This could be done via the WPCA email letter. Ms. Jamieson said she would definitely do so. Nan Simpson asked the information to be sent to the community via the local list serve, Woodley Friends. Deborah Jane Lindeman commented that it should be posted on the Cleveland Park list serve as well.
2. Call Box Committee: Committee Chair Camille Kurtz was not in attendance to provide an update.
3. Financial Committee: President Nour Jurgenson provided an update. The current committee consists of Nour Jurgenson, Treasurer Ellen Passman, and Armen Tashdianian. The committee is preparing a five year projection statement for WPCA. As WPCA is a 501C Corporation, the committee is careful about funds passing through the Association.
4. Working Group Reports:
 - a. Swiss Embassy: Liaison Sally MacDonald provided an update.
 - 1) Regarding the question of the physical location of the residence, a plot of the old residence has been provided as well as a plot of the new residence site. the new residence is essentially in the same place as the old residence, protruding a bit southward due to the configuration of the new residence. in addition, the new residence is essentially the same height, but the flat roof makes the building seem taller than the previous peaked roof. In addition, the new building has won a worldwide competition for its architecture.
 - 2) Regarding the sewer line issue, the current task force will be increased to include Roy Woodall and Michael Lemmon, whose properties bound the Swiss Embassy property. The contact person at WASA for questions related to the sewer and sanitary connections is

Jim Shabelski. Sally MacDonald provided the number for Jim Shabelski, 202-787-2379. Roy Woodall provided a brief update on the current sewer situation for 29th Street, NW. The neighborhood has separate storm sewers and sanitary sewers. However, some of the homes still have roof runoff which drains into the sanitary sewer. If 6 inches of rain falls within one hour, there are at least seven homes on 29th Street which may experience sanitary flooding into their basements. Mr. Woodall has requested more information on this situation.

- 3) The Swiss Embassy is receptive to community input with respect to its landscaping plans.
- b. Maret School: Liaison Sally MacDonald reported no issues at this time.
 - c. St. Albans: Liaison Nour Jurgenson reported no issues at this time.
 - d. The Acorn: Editor Nour Jurgenson provided an update. She has met with Judy Arbus, a graphic designer assisting with the newsletter, and the newsletter should be forthcoming. Ms. Jurgenson moved that the newsletter be mailed to all Woodley Park residents in an attempt to facilitate membership. The Acorn is currently sent to only WPCA members. Stephanie Zobay seconded the motion. Deborah Jane Lindeman said she could provide the apartment numbers for her apartment building, Cleveland House, located at 2727 29th Street. After a brief discussion regarding the expense of this mailing, the motion passed with a vote of 7-1.
 - e. Aidan Montessori School: Kathy Minardi, Head of School for Aidan Montessori provided a brief update on previously requested data. Aidan lost 10 neighbor students this year, but accepted 24 Woodley Park students, nine of which have siblings in the school. Aidan has accepted one Hurricane Katrina family, who receive free tuition. Aidan lost 22 DC students who live in close proximity to the school (Adams Morgan, Cleveland Park, etc), and accepted 16 new students. Aidan lost 10 Maryland students, and accepted 5 new students. Of these five, 2 have siblings and 2 are the children of one of the staff members. No Virginia students were lost, and one VA sibling was admitted. Thus Aidan's enrollment is a total of 203. With respect to the faculty, Aidan has 21 Full Time Equivalent faculty members on site. Barbara Ioanes asked about Fall 2006 student acceptances. Ms. Minardi stated that Aidan would not exceed 210 students, but predicted approximately the same number as the current count.
 - f. House Tour: Liaison Nour Jurgenson provided no update at this time.
 - g. JGB/Wardman Park Marriott Hotel: Liaison Kurt Vorndran provided an update.
 - 1) The next working group has been scheduled for Wednesday January 18, 2006. Deborah Jane Lindeman, ANC3C-02 Commissioner,

asked if the meeting could be changed as it conflicted with other meetings she needed to attend. Mr. Vorndran said he would consider changing the date.

- 2) JGB has agreed to sign a Construction Management Agreement. A draft has been sent to Andrea Ferster, legal counsel for WPCA with respect to the JGB Construction Project.
- 3) The Public Space Curb Cut Application has been received by Mr. Vorndran as of 1/18/06, and he has sent the application to Ms. Ferster for review.
- 4) Tentative drawings for the construction project with respect to elevations and aerial views have been provided by JGB and Mr. Vorndran has a copy if neighbors wish to review. The drawings include a pre-construction layout and a post-construction layout.
- 5) A previous question had been submitted to Ms. Ferster with respect to the nature of hotel zoning and whether the ratio of meeting space to hotel rooms remained applicable. Mr. Vorndran read the response submitted by Ms. Ferster, which indicated that the hotel was zoned RSB RSC, and there is no rule requiring the hotel to reduce its meeting space area.
- 6) Community discussion began with a vehement response from Deborah Jane Lindeman who stated that she did not feel that the Executive Committee was representing the community by President Jurgenson wanting to keep the meeting restricted to only one hour. President Jurgenson stated that the Executive Committee meetings were open to the public, but were essentially meetings of the Executive Board and allow for decisions to be made. Ms. Lindeman proceeded to attack Kurt Vorndran for his management of the Task Force and used profane language in characterizing Nour Jurgenson and her leadership of the Association. With much effort, President Jurgenson proceeded with the meeting.

Barbara Ioanes stated she was shocked to learn that the curb cut application had been sent to the attorney without any notification to the Task Force that it had even been received, much less reviewed. Mr. Vorndran responded that he had only received the application materials the previous day. Stephanie Clipper asked the community as to how they would like to receive information. Nan Simpson inquired as to the date on the Curb Cut Application, and Mr. Vorndran said he did not look at the application documents, and did not have a copy with him. Stephanie Clipper asked if the ANC could vote on the Curb Cut Application without comments from WPCA. Ms. Lindeman said yes, but her vote would only be representative of her constituents that verbalized their preferences. Nan Simpson indicated that she thought the Curb Cut Application

was conditional upon JGB providing WPCA a traffic plan, and wondered what the status of the traffic plan was. Secretary Zobay reread the resolution approved at December 2005 Executive Committee meeting. Sally MacDonald encouraged the community to make a list now of the conditions they wanted in the Construction Management Agreement, and directed members to check the ANC3C website for examples of other Construction Management Agreements. Barbara Ioanes said that ANC3C would not consider the Curb Cut Application without WPCA weighing in, and also the Stanford in Washington Construction Management Plan has good items pertinent to Woodley Park. Stephanie Zobay asked what was the preliminary consensus of the Task Force on the Curb Cuts? Mr. Vorndran responded that consent to the curb cuts application was not currently being considered until a Construction Management Agreement was in place. Stephanie Clipper reiterated that the current WPCA By-Laws allow subcommittees to handle issues related to large projects occurring in the community. One community resident inquired as to a time line for the project? Mr. Vorndran responded that the date for the next meeting of the Task Force was to be determined and that ANC3C had not yet received the Curb Cut Application. Nan Simpson concluded by saying that the agreement should be by the community and not just the Executive Committee as the issue was too big.

- h. WPCA Activities: Liaison Erin Seckso reported no issues at this time
- i. Speakers Committee: Liaison Judy Waxman was not in attendance to provide an update.
- j. Oyster Bilingual School: Liaison Stephanie Zobay reported no updates at this time.
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- k. Crime: Liaison Nelson Morais was not in attendance to provide an update.
- l. Website: Liaison Kevin Johnson was not in attendance to provide an update.
- m. Annual Awards Dinner: Liaison Nour Jurgenson provided the update. Co-chairs for the Dinner are Ron David and Ed Rudzinski. A committee is needed to consider neighbor/member nominations. Interested persons should contact the Co-chairs. President Jurgenson added that there will be a small fee assessed to attend this event.
- n. Woodley Triangle Park: Liaison Martin Murray was not in attendance to provide an update.

IV. Old Business

- A. Membership: Armen Tashdian provided a brief update. There are currently 450 residence members. As of early December 2005, 120 of those memberships have expired, 25 of those expired in 2004. It is hopeful that the current mailing of the Acorn to all residences will attract new members.
- B. Katrina Task Force: Olivia Morgan reported on the Woodley Park Katrina Task Force. The task force comprised a list of recommendations that were taken to the Katrina Cleveland Park group. Current questions for the community include whether Woodley Park wants to adopt additional Katrina families (Katrina Cleveland Park could help with guidelines), and does Woodley Park want to provide support with upcoming fundraisers, such as 1) a Wine, Dessert, and Silent Auction to be held at the Cleveland Park Club, and 2) a Zydeco dance party? Those interested may contact Ms. Morgan at omorgan@deweysquare.com.
- C. Stephanie Zobay inquired as to the invitation of Dr. Janney, and Counsel members Patterson and Graham to a community meeting proposed by Deborah Jane Lindeman. Ms. Lindeman stated she had been too busy to set up a meeting at this time, and is also waiting until the Master Education Plan is revealed.

V. New Business

- A. Chuck Carlsen informed the WPCA of the disastrous state of affairs of 28th Street, NW between Woodley Road and Cathedral Avenue. Washington Gas and WASA have contractors working on the street, both having complete disregard for cleanliness and condition of the street. President Jurgenson advised Mr. Carlsen to get the tag numbers and names if possible of the offenders. In addition, Mr. Carlsen noted that some residents were without heat and hot water for as long as 36 hours. When he contacted the Mayor's Call Center, Mr. Carlsen was told that there were no plans for the street, but that 28th Street would get new curbs, sidewalks, and streetlights.
- B. Barbara Ioanes inquired about the vacant business site formerly occupied by All Wrapped Up. The "For Rent" sign has been gone for several months and upon inquiring, she learned that Subway Restaurant has gotten ¾ of their application approved to locate in the space. WPCA has an overlay zone for fast food, with MacDonald's being grandfathered in. The accompanying alley is already rat infested and in her opinion, Woodley Park does not need another fast food restaurant. Kurt Vorndran responded that the overlay zone restricts restaurants to 25% of the linear footage, and Woodley Park is at that now, so no restaurant may come in without zoning approval. A motion was made by _____ that the Chair request strict enforcement of the overlay zone. After receiving a second from Bill Kummings, the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

VI. Announcements

- A. Deborah Jane Lindeman warned residents to be careful after the murder of the New York Times reporter in NW Washington.
- B. The next Executive committee meeting will be held Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 7pm at the Wardman Park Marriott Hotel.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was offered by President Jorgenson. Kurt Vorndran seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:1647 pm.

List of Executive Member Attendees:

Nour Jurgenson, President
Kurt Vorndran, Vice-President
Stephanie Zobay, Secretary
Ellen Passman, Treasurer
Bill Kummings, At-Large Member

Erin Seckso, At-Large Member
Rosemary Reed, At-Large Member
Mark Klapow, At-Large Member
Stephanie Clipper, At-Large Member
and Stanford Committee Chairman

List of Member Attendees:

Sally MacDonald
Ronnie Rosenwasser
Deborah Jane Lindeman
Barbara Ioanes
Tony Nuland
Kathleen Pleasant
Olivia Morgan
Jane Howard
Armen Tashdianian

Buffie Brownstein
Betty Miyanaga-Lupton
Roy Woodall
Adrienne Jamieson
Nan Simpson
Charles Carlsen
Susannah Baruch
Mike Lemmon

List of Non-Member Attendees:

Mary Lou Schramm
Elizabeth Franklin
Richard Spector

Cathy Wiss
Cheryl Browning
Kathy Minardi