

WPCA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church: Cathedral Avenue, N.W.
Recorded by David MacDonald

- I. Call to Order:
President John Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. on November 9, 2006.

- II. Agenda items
 - A. Establishment of a quorum: Secretary David MacDonald confirmed the presence of a quorum of eight members of the Woodley Park Community Association Executive Committee – President John Goodman, Vice President Wes Bizzell, Secretary MacDonald, Treasurer Bill Kummings, at-large members Barbara Ioanes, Elba Morales, Terry Shea and past president Nour Jurgenson.
 - B. Approval of the Minutes: The Minutes of the October 3, 2006 Executive Committee meeting were approved without objection.
 - C. Organizational stuff - future meeting schedule: Goodman said the next Executive Committee meeting would be Thursday, December 7. He suggested setting the first Thursday of each month for these meetings and setting a regular starting time of 7 p.m. Committee members agreed with both suggestions and agreed to let Goodman know beforehand if a meeting date was impossible for anyone.
Treasurer's report, preparation of budget, audit: Treasurer Bill Kummings reported on the two WPCA bank accounts, saying that as of the end of September there was under \$17,000 in the checking account and about \$18,500 in the savings account. Goodman said Andrea Ferster had been paid for the legal work she did for the WPCA on the agreement with Stanford in Washington. Goodman said we need a budget, a requirement of our bylaws. Goodman and Kummings would draw up a plan to handle the finances. Goodman reported that a grant of \$1,250 was received from ANC 3C in June for improvements to the Triangle Park at 29th Street and Woodley Road. Expenditure receipts for less than \$300 were available to provide in the report to the ANC so a check for \$900 was issued to refund the balance of the grant to ANC 3C.
 - D. Bylaws question re entity voting: Goodman said there had been discussion about whether it should be possible for one member to vote twice at WPCA meetings if the member also represented an entity. After further discussion, Bizzell proposed a motion that under our current bylaws, it is the Board's interpretation that an entity can have one vote, which may be cast by an individual member, who may also cast his own vote. The motion was approved.
 - E. JBG construction report: Bizzell reported that at a meeting two weeks before, JBG officials said they no longer needed the westernmost curb cut (opposite 28th Street) for the condominium tower. JBG was told that the WPCA had passed a resolution to oppose all curb cuts and it would take a

vote of the membership to change that. JBG was also told that the main objection to the proposed tower was its 90-foot height. JBG responded that it would not appear to be 90 feet high, when built, because of the setback 120 feet from the curb. JBG was invited to come back to the membership to discuss their plans. Jurgenson suggested JBG be invited to give a presentation to the Executive Committee before addressing the full WPCA membership. Goodman said he did not think two meetings were necessary and would just have a general meeting for all members. There could be a half hour for the JBG presentation, followed by a half hour for residents' questions. Bizzell said JBG had originally said we could have reports from monitoring of any settlement, or movement, of surrounding properties, but he had seen nobody come by to check his own property, which is in the relevant area.

- F. Neighborhood Watch: Goodman said he had received a suggestion for setting up a Neighborhood Watch. Ioanes said a Neighborhood Watch had been tried in the past and it had fallen apart. Goodman said this version was informational, rather than involving patrols. It would involve Woodley Park residents telling block captains when they were going on vacation, reporting suspicious activity, noticing what was going on in the neighborhood, similar to advice given by Commander Solberg at the General Meeting. Jurgenson said we could talk to Detective Nelson Morais. Such a project could attract more members to the WPCA. Older people with no relatives would find it helpful. Morales and Bizzell suggested asking members what they think of the idea. Goodman said it would be a big job to get block captains. He would send an email to the neighborhood to find out what support there is for the idea.
- G. Reports: Bizzell reported that, so far, there has been no response from AAHSA to the letter he sent in reply to their request to amend our joint agreement regarding public access to their parking garage. Goodman reported that the latest issue of the Acorn was out and had been delivered. He said each issue costs about \$3,000 and \$2,000 is recovered by the sale of ads in the Acorn. Tashdininian said the Acorn is the main way we get new members, as well as membership renewals. He also said that there had been few new members or renewals this time. MacDonald said that between issues of the color Acorn, information could be sent to members at modest cost by printing black and white two-page or four-page Acorns containing no ads. He asked whether we were mailing at the nonprofit rate. Goodman said we do not mail as a nonprofit because of the cost of getting a nonprofit permit, and the slower rate of delivery at the nonprofit rate. Bizzell drew attention to two neon signs on Connecticut Avenue, saying there had been a prohibition on such signs in the Historic District. In 2003, when the regulations were revised, the prohibition was left out of the regulations. He needed more information from Ellen McCarthy, head of the Office of Planning, before making a recommendation to the Board. Jurgenson said she was preparing a final cost for ads on the web site.
- H. Adjournment: Goodman adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.