

Woodley Park Community Association Meeting Minutes
November 12th 2008
7:00PM

Present:

Jay Sushelsky, President
Barbara Ioanes, Vice-President
Bruce Forrest, Treasurer
Peter Brusoe, Secretary
John Goodman, Immediate Past President
Bill Menczer, At Large Board Member
Warren Gorlick, At Large Board Member
Chuck Lupton, At Large Board Member
Bill Kummings, ANC3C02 Commissioner-elect
Anne Marie Bairstow, ANC3C03 Commissioner-Elect
Armen Tashdianian, Membership Manager
Leslie Forrest
Lee Brian Reba, ANC3C01 Commissioner (late arrival)

Jay Sushelsky called the meeting to order at 7:04PM. Sushelsky moved to approve the minutes of the previous Executive Committee meeting. Barbara Ioanes seconded and the body unanimously approved the minutes.

Executive Board Vacancies:

Sushelsky then talked about filling vacancies on the Executive Committee. Sushelsky introduced Bruce Forrest who graciously agreed to serve as treasurer and moved that he be appointed treasurer. Brusoe seconded the appointment and the body unanimously approved the appointment.

Sushelsky then called on Ioanes to report about filling the at-large seats. Ioanes had several conversations with members, and Jenelle Dennis and Susan Morrison have agreed to serve as at-large members of the community association Executive Committee (both had conflicts and could not make this particular meeting). Ioanes moved and Bill Menczer seconded their appointment. The body unanimously approved it.

Meeting dates and times

Sushelsky then reviewed the upcoming meeting dates. The WPCA Executive Committee will meet the 1st Wednesday of the month excluding February when they'll meet on the 2nd Wednesday. Warren Gorlick moved that the starting time be moved from 7PM, to 7:30PM. Ioanes suggested that it may be too late to walk home. It was suggested that meetings will be kept to about one hour and that if it is a problem then escorts to homes

will be offered to those wanting it. Brusoe was directed to contact Stanford to ensure that times worked and to get on their calendar.

Committee Reports

Sushelsky then called for various committee reports.

Tour

Bill Menczer gave the report on the walking tour. It was reported that over 65 people attended and that it was wildly successful. A lot of positive feedback was given and that we should look at ways of doing it again, or building off of the success of this event. Jay Sushelsky thanked Bill, Tamora, Armen, Judy Waxman, Alan Weinstein and the Tour guides for all of their hard work on making this event successful. The Group seconded Jay's appreciation.

Neighborhood Watch

Bill also reported on the neighborhood watch. He was very pleased to report that there are two new captains for Woodley Park. Lelia Smith agreed to cover the 2200 block of Cathedral Ave (which is east of Connecticut Avenue), and Jenelle Dennis agreed to survey her building for a captain to cover 3100 Connecticut (which is between Cathedral and Devonshire). If no one volunteers, then Jenelle will serve instead.

A brief conversation ensued about what type of crime alerts are sent out and to whom. It was later decided and Bill agreed to send out some information in December about crime prevention measures during the Holidays. After discussion regarding video surveillance in high crime areas, Bill and Barbara agreed to research the issue of possibly placing such camera(s) in selected areas of Woodley Park.

Call Box

Bill Menczer gave a report on behalf of Tamora about the call boxes. Duron Paints advised that the re-painting of the call boxes should wait until the Spring when the weather improves and gets warmer. Preparation and cost issues are resolved; open issues are color and design, both of which will be addressed in December.

Wisconsin Giant

John Goodman updated the group about the proposed Giant project up on Wisconsin Avenue. This process has been going on for ten years and it has generated a great deal of debate about what should happen with that area. Giant has requested a PUD (Planned Unit Development) to erect a mixture of residential and commercial properties. A discussion occurred as to whether or not WPCA should get involved in the issue. Ioanes suggested that we should advocate for a larger Giant with Parking, but stay out of the other issues. It was also suggested, however, that because it borders the northern part of Woodley Park there is an interest in traffic and other issues. A committee was appointed consisting of John Goodman, Warren Gorlick and Jay Sushelsky.

Annual Membership

Armen reviewed how the membership renewal process occurs and how people are reminded when their membership is about to expire. The executive committee discussed different concepts on how to reach out to people, and whether a change in the process should be implemented. After the discussion it was decided to leave the system as is.

Budget

Bill Kummings and Bruce Forrest will confer and recommend a budget for the upcoming year in December.

Audit

In accordance with the bylaws an audit committee was appointed consisting of Gorlick and Brusoe. They will also solicit a third member to come from the general membership. They will give a preliminary report in December with a goal of finishing the audit in January.

Christmas Caroling

Brusoe reported that St. Thomas Apostle's Young Adult Choir was looking at possibly doing caroling in the neighborhood.

Woodley Park Business Association Christmas Party

A brief conversation occurred regarding the Woodley Park Business Association Christmas Party. Brusoe reported that he thought it was set for 12/4 at 6:30 at the Marriot Wardman, Perle Mesta suite, but offered to check with Nour

Giving the businesses Christmas baskets:

Lee Brian suggested that the WPCA use its funds to purchase all of the businesses in Woodley Park a basket. Brusoe strenuously objected on the use of WPCA funds for this purpose. Lee Brian argued that these baskets would make for a nice goodwill gesture to the businesses. It was finally decided that the businesses would prefer to have patronage rather than holiday baskets, and that the proposal would constitute an inappropriate use of Association funds.

Random issues:

Lee Brian reported that he had DDOT trim trees on 24th and CT which allows for the traffic signal light to be seen more clearly. There was also tree work done on Woodley Place and Cathedral.

Lee Brian is also looking at having the alley behind Woodley Place paved and wondered if he might get feedback from the neighbors. Finally, Lee Brian reported that he put the DPW workers "on notice" that they must pick up all of the leaves.

Federation of Citizen Associations

Armen reported that he has been elected treasurer of the Federation of Citizen Associations. He explained how the Federation addresses important issues and meets the 4th Tuesdays of the month except for this month when it will

be the third. WPCA is allowed to send two more delegates to the Assembly of the Federation. Brusoe and Menczer volunteered.

A motion was then made to adjourn at 8:40PM and was approved unanimously.