

Minutes
WPCA Executive Committee
July 15, 2009
Stanford in Washington

Attendees

Jay Sushelsky
Barbara Ioanes
Janelle Dennis
Tamora Ilasat
Bill Menczer
John Goodman

Bill Kummings
Lee Brian Reba
Officer Yudis Zuniga

Sushelsky called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm

At Reba's suggestion, there was a moment of silence for the victims of the Red Line crash and for Desi Deschaise.

The Treasurer's report was deferred until the next meeting.

Officer Zuniga\Neighborhood Watch

Officer Zuniga (MPD-2 community liaison officer) reported that the crime rate has risen throughout the Second District. It was also noted that there has been a spate of street crime in the part of the neighborhood near the Metro station.

Thefts from auto and burglaries, including burglaries in multi-family buildings, have been a special problem. Zuniga (once again) urged people to be careful — don't leave valuables (cell phones, computers, GPS devices) visible in cars, lock doors etc.

Menczer brought up the problem of buses parking on the Klinge St. bridge on Connecticut Ave. Zuniga said it carries a \$500 fine and he would mention it to other officers. Menczer asked what specific actions MPD is taking to address the spike in crime. Zuniga indicated that MPD is resource-constrained and is doing all it can with limited personnel.

Sushelsky thanked Zuniga for coming and said that we might like to have him return with an update at the September meeting.

Callboxes

Ilasat reported that there was nothing new to report.

After some discussion, it was agreed that we ask the ANC to defer WPCA's application for a grant until the ANC's September meeting.

Summer Solstice Picnic Recap

Ilasat reported that picnic attendance of more than 132 was excellent, especially in light of the postponement to the rain date. Feedback from attendees was very good, the event generated several new members and came in within budget. Sushelsky thanked Ilasat and all the others who worked on the picnic.

AAHSA

The group agreed to send the letter to AAHSA Dennis drafted asking for more information about AAHSA's garage operations and marketing efforts.

Bike racks

Discussion of location and types of bike racks was deferred until the next meeting.

WPCAonline Website

Discussion of whether WPCA make any changes to the website was deferred until the next meeting.

Proposed Dates for Mayor's Visit

It was agreed that there was no reason at this time to invite the Mayor to speak to a WPCA meeting.

WPCA Fall Event

There was discussion of a Fall WPCA event. The consensus favored something outdoors and it was agreed to look at something on Halloween.

Construction at 2816-22 Connecticut Avenue, NW

Goodman reported on the status of the project at 2816-22 Connecticut Ave. This will involve considerable work behind the existing townhouses and potential disruption in the alley and parking lot. Goodman said he met with the developers last month and urged them to have a meeting with their neighbors to discuss what would be going on. He also reported that the owner of the apartment house next-door, 2828 Connecticut Ave., is concerned about the effect of the project on his building and its tenants.

Fall Acorn Publication

Sushelsky asked for people to be thinking of articles for the Fall *Acorn*. Menczer offered to write another installment of his series on "Celebrities of Woodley Park" and Dennis offered to write tips on crime prevention in apartment buildings. If we want to use it to promote a Halloween event, work on it would have to begin promptly in September.

MPD-2 Banquet Ticket Purchase

The committee voted unanimously for WPCA to buy four tickets (at \$40 each) to the annual Second District MPD awards banquet to be held on September 29 at Maggiano's. This action is consistent with past practice of the WPCA.

Report of ANC Representatives

Kummings reported that HPRB would consider the application to build a residential addition behind 2608-2612 Connecticut Ave. at its July 23 meeting. He also passed around the latest architects' drawings of the building.

It was agreed that there be no Executive Committee meeting in August and that we revert to the first-Wednesday-of-the-month schedule, making the next meeting September 2. Secretary Brusoe was asked (in absentia) to make the necessary arrangements with Stanford in Washington.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

John Goodman