

Woodley Park Community Association Meeting
September 9th, 2009
All Souls Episcopal Church Conference Room

Present:

Jay Sushelsky, President
Barbara Ioanes, Vice-President
Armen Tashdininian, Membership Manager
Bruce Forrest, Treasurer
Peter Brusoe, Secretary
John Goodman, Past President
Bill Menczer (Board Member)
Bill Kummings (ANC 3C02)
Anne-Marie Bairstow (ANC 3C03)
Lee Brian Reba (ANC3C01, Late arrival, early departure)

Call to Order, Minutes and Budget:

President Jay Sushelsky called the meeting to order at 7:31PM.

The minutes of the July 15, 2009 Executive meeting were approved as a matter of course.

Treasurer Bruce Forrest presented the financials. There are currently \$1,542.60 in checking. This included a \$1,000 transfer from savings into checking. There is currently \$4,037.32 in savings. We have received an additional \$435 in dues. In addition we have \$25,000 in a CD. Our current holdings are \$30,579.92

Neighborhood Watch:

Neighborhood Watch Chairperson Bill Menczer presented his report. Council member Cheh and 2nd District Commander Matthew Klein have been working to issue reports on crime in the neighborhood. Burglaries are down 12%. However, Automobile theft is up significantly (38 cars stolen so far this year over 27 cars last year). Thefts from cars are also up, 26 from 20 last year. The Councilmember and the Commander are working on ways to address these problems.

In addition Menczer mentioned that there were two very alarming incidents of robberies with guns in the neighborhood (woman held up behind 3000 CT avenue, with a gun in the broad daylight and a hold up at 29th and Garfield St at 2AM). There were also two home break-ins recently on Cortland Place and on 2623 Garfield Place.

Vice-President Barbara Ioanes discussed several concerns. She mentioned fire trucks being called out Wednesday evening for a suspicious odor and they remained on site over 90 minutes. On Saturday, fire trucks were again summoned by another neighbor for a suspicious odor and they did not have the report of the earlier call. In addition, a suit case and golf clubs were reported and MPD

responded. Probably on the same day, a holster was found and reported. MPD does not have a record of either event.

A discussion was had about having Chief Lanier attend and how to best communicate concerns to the police department. Ioanes was going to talk with Councilmember Graham about recent crime in Ward 1 of Woodley Park.

Call boxes:

Tamora apologized that she could not attend the meeting. This project is currently on hold because we are trying to find someone who can sandblast in an environmental system and be HPAC. Without a sandblaster we can't move on a proposal or a request at this time.

AAHSA

We have heard nothing back from AAHSA at this point about their request to close the garage on Sundays. A conversation occurred regarding the history of WPCA and AAHSA on this deal. A conversation also occurred about New Heights needing valet parking and the ANC possibly supporting an exemption under the new valet parking rules. The WPCA had a sense of the body that no waiver should be granted to any restaurant in Woodley Park at this time.

Bike Racks:

A small conversation took place about adding more bike racks. John Goodman reported that METRO was adding more bike racks at the station. Peter Brusoe was going to check to see about the level of interest by St. Thomas Apostle of having bike racks.

Website:

Brusoe overviewed the current state of the website project and the steps that we had done. It was decided that at this time we would not pursue the project but that the bids would be kept for informational purposes. Brusoe will prepare a letter and circulate for review by the board.

Fall Event:

Several events were talked about for the Fall including a possible bike tour. It was decided to do a children's Halloween party with Anne-Marie, Peter and Jay working on it. The committee was allocated \$1,000 to plan it.

Fall Acorn:

Articles are due by 9/24/2009 to Jay.

Possible articles include:

- Stephanie Clipper's piece
- Bill's follow up to the spring issue
- John Goodman could have an article

An article from the HPRB and the ANC.

Hats:

It was moved by Sushelsky and seconded by Ioanes to purchase khaki hats and they should be high quality embroidery.

Overview of officers for next year:

Tamora is not returning to the board

Brusoe is not running for secretary again.

The Committee appointed Tamora Ilasat, Chuck Lupton and Bill Menczer to be the Nominations Committee for the upcoming elections.

Fall meeting:

The Fall Meeting will be held on 11/18/2009 with a guest speaker of Matt Klein. Menczer will be communicating with Commander Klein.

Brusoe is securing the meeting location.

ANC Reports:

Bill Kummings is working with New Heights and the Valet Parking issue.

Lee Brian Reba is working on an event on September 29th at All Souls Church with Councilmember Jim Graham, and a number of other people from the city. Lee Brian stressed that this is really designed for Ward 1 and not really Ward 3. After his report Lee Brian left.

Anne-Marie Bairstow reported that there was some issues with traffic that would be addressed at the ANC meeting.

Next meetings:

Sushelsky reminded everyone that we're meeting on October 7th 2009 at 7:30PM.