

Meeting Minutes
WPCA Executive Committee
December 2, 2009

Present:

Jay Sushelsky, President
Barbara Ioanes, Vice President
Sarah Ensign, Secretary
Bruce Forrest, Treasurer
Bill Menczer, Board Member
Emily Wagner, Board Member
Tamora Ilasat, Board Member
John Goodman, Past President
Anne-Marie Bairstow, ANC3C03 & Chairperson
Bill Kummings, ANC302
Lee-Brian Reba, ANC3C01

Call to Order

President Jay Sushelsky called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 4, 2009 Executive Committee meeting were approved by a unanimous vote.

Neighborhood Watch Report

Neighborhood Watch Chair Bill Menczer presented his report. Bill recently recruited Martin Gurria to be the Captain for the 2900-3100 blocks of Garfield Street.

On December 1, 2009, the Cathedral Park Condo at 2900 Connecticut Ave had a crime prevention meeting with MPD-2 Lt Ralph Neal to discuss recent break-ins and “peeping tom” incidents at the building.

On December 5, 2009 at 10 am in the Cleveland Park Library will be a Cleveland Park Citizens Association meeting that will include a discussion of a neighborhood watch program for the area. MPD-2 Commander Matt Klein and CAC Chair Samantha Nolan will attend.

Holiday Party

The Executive Committee voted to approve the WPCA 2009 Holiday Party that is being sponsored by Marriott and will be held on 12/16/09, from 5:30pm to 8:00pm in the Perle Mesta Suite in the Wardman Tower. Fliers for the event have been designed by John

Goodman who will also make E-mail notifications to the community of the event. Special invitees include the Councilmembers Cheh and Graham as well as Mayor Fenty.

Winter Acorn

This issue will be published in March 2009, featuring recipes of our contributors, as well as a spotlight on neighborhood restaurants. Other article contributions are welcome.

Treasurer Report

Bruce Forrest reported that we have approximately \$25,000 in a certificate of deposit and about \$2500 each in our checking and savings accounts.

Winter Event

The Winter 2009-10 activity/event possibilities offered (final decisions to be made at the January meeting) were::

1. Hazmat/Shredding event which would entail coordinating the collection and disposition of hazardous household waste (e.g., paint, cleaning compounds, etc) and the rental of a truck to perform large scale shredding of paper. The date for this event is TBD. Anne-Marie and Bill Kummings volunteered to work on this event.
2. Rock Creek Park clean-up with volunteers from the community.
3. A speaker from Johnson's Nursery on plantings.
4. A Politics & Prose book discussion or children's author visit at a site other than their bookstore.
5. A lecture from a local architect on the architecture of Woodley Park.

March 2010 is the most likely month for a winter event.

Tutoring

There was discussion of a suggestion made by a member that WPCA help organize/facilitate neighbors' tutoring at Oyster and Eaton. Anne-Marie will check on DCPS rules and restrictions on non-parent volunteers working with children.

CPCA and WPCA Event

Jay Sushelsky reported that Eric Cox has offered to sponsor a brunch for the executive committees of both the Cleveland Park and Woodley Park Community Associations to be held at the Kennedy-Warren Apartment complex. Jay will work with CPCA President John Chelen to set a date.

ANC Reports:

Bill Kummings discussed the WASA Sewer Separation Project in the 2600 block of Connecticut Avenue. Some markings (indicating location of utilities) are incorrect and WASA and the contractor are aware of this. Preliminary pits have been dug and are finished. Work to start again in March.

Anne-Marie Bairstow indicated that Debonair Cleaners is considering expanding the existing restaurant space in the building, which will require zoning exceptions.

Lee-Brian Reba mentioned that CVS in partnership with the DC government will distribute reusable Shopping Bags since effective January 1, 2010, such grocery bags will cost 5 cents each. Distribution will be as follows:

- o CVS 5550 Connecticut Ave., Dec. 8, 2009

- o CVS 5013 Connecticut Ave., Dec. 9, 2009

- o CVS 1403 Wisconsin Ave., Dec. 14, 2009

All times 10:30am to 1:30pm.

For 3C01, visitor parking passes should be received within the next two weeks.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm by unanimous vote.