

WPCA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 5, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Present

Jay Sushelsky
Barbara Ioanes
Sarah Taber
Bruce Forrest
Emily Wagner
Tamora Ilasat
John Goodman
Paul Brusoe
Anne-Marie Bairstow
Bill Kummings
Lee Brian Reba
Leslie Forrest

Call to Order

President Jay Sushelsky called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the April 7, 2010, meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Checking: \$2,758.27

Recent payments:	\$2,344.78 for Acorn printing \$200 to Oyster School; \$200 transferred to PayPal \$83.89 cleanout
Recent additions:	\$3000 from savings; transfer from PayPal \$165.96

Savings: \$874.25

Recent additions:	\$1,380 dues
Recent withdrawals:	\$3,000 to checking

PayPal: \$188.08

Recent additions:	\$200.00 from BofA checking
Recent withdrawals:	\$5.94 and \$5.98 Web site fees (GoDaddy); \$5.94 to John Goodman

CD: \$25,390.17 BofA

Total: \$29,210.77

Notes: IRS guidelines say to keep documents for six years. The motion was approved to destroy documents not falling within this time frame.

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Committee Reports

Tamora Ilasat reports that they hope to have a call box painting completed in time for the next issue of *The Acorn*. Please contact Tamora if you are interested in assisting her and Marie-Louise Bernal with this endeavor.

Old Business

June Acorn

Contributions for the June issue of *The Acorn* are due by May 13, 2010. Please submit to John Goodman, Jay Sushelsky, or Emily Wagner by this date.

Shredding and Hazmat Removal Program

Thank you to Anne-Marie, who headed up this activity, as well to all who volunteered. The event was a great success. Improvements in mind for next year include holding the event at an earlier time in the day and having additional help to off-load at the Fort Totten Transfer Station.

CAPA

Jay Sushelsky motioned to donate \$1000.00 to the CAPA program at this time, with the potential for further contributions in the future. The motion was approved by the committee.

Summer Picnic

The budget request of \$2,000 was approved by unanimous vote. Jay Sushelsky is checking his inventory of hats which it was agreed will be sold for \$10.00 each. Tamora Ilasat will be following up with Bill Menczer for the shirt quantity and whether more need to be ordered. Peter Brusoe will be forwarding information on a caricaturist to Sarah Taber to further round out the children's activities. Emily Wagner will forward information to Tamora about a potential musical group for the picnic, "The Sweaterset".

Public Urination Law Enforcement

While the Board agrees that public urination is not something any of us condone, we realize that the MPD, with its scarce resources, has higher priorities to face and higher laws to enforce. A motion by Peter Brusoe to have the Board write a letter to Mary Cheh encouraging her to take a stronger stand on the enforcement of public urination laws failed for lack of a second.

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Trash Pickup from Public Facilities

Peter Brusoe reports that, while trash pickup seems to have improved, there has yet to be an additional trashcan placed. Sarah Taber reports that an additional receptacle was placed in the vicinity of Woodley Road.

WPCAOnline.org Web Hosting

Thus far, the transfer of information from the current site (WebCrossing) to the new site (GoDaddy) has not been successful. Jay Sushelsky is pursuing some resources that may be able to assist with the transition. As previously noted, the cost to stay with WebCrossing will be \$700, while GoDaddy is substantially more affordable.

Available Council Funding for Business Association

There has been no apparent interest from the neighborhood businesses in availability of DC Council funds for the establishing a local business association. Only four businesses have signed onto the WP business listserv. John Goodman will follow up again, and Lee Brian has suggested that an additional attempt should be made to engage more businesses.

Woodley Park Business Overlay

A lively discussion transpired regarding this topic. It was indicated by Anne-Marie Bairstow that the restaurant limits could be increased from the current 25% to possibly 50%. Barbara Ioanes opposed this high of an increase, and Lee Brian Reba agreed that a comprehensive study of the regulations, requirements, and other issues needs to occur before the ANC could pass such a resolution. A committee comprised of Jay Sushelsky, Barbara Ioanes, Bruce Forrest, Lee Brian Reba, and John Goodman was formed to decide the role of the WPCA in addressing this subject.

Garfield Street Lots

The property at 2910 Garfield St. has been divided into two lots, one of which is smaller than permitted by the zoning regulations. This inconsistency was approved under a rule that allows the Zoning Administrator to authorize "minor deviations" from the regulations. This was done without giving any notice to the ANC or the neighboring properties. John Goodman proposed that WPCA join some neighbors in an appeal of this decision. Lengthy discussion occurred about whether the WPCA should challenge the splitting of the lot into two and erecting substantially larger dwellings, or only whether the proper procedure and due diligence were followed (and the action of the Zoning Administrator was arbitrary and capricious). The Committee approved joining the appeal on all issues, subject to letting the membership know and soliciting their opinions.

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New Business

Annual Federation Dinner

Barbara Ioanes moved that four tickets be purchased for Board members to attend the dinner. This was approved by the Board. Armen Tashdinian, John Goodman, and the Sushelskys will attend the dinner.

Reports of ANC Representatives

Lee Brian Reba reports that, at the last ANC meeting, safety concerns in the alley in the vicinity of Woodley and Cathedral were addressed. Additional signage advising that there are children at play will be requested.

Lee Brian reports that illegal parking issues are being addressed by further patrols in the area.

Bill Kummings reports that construction at 2816 Connecticut Ave. may require that the alley be closed for two thirty minute time spans and that the construction company had filed a petition to do so.

Questions from Members

Bruce Forrest commented that the Marriot Wardman flower plantings were especially nice this year. Jay Sushelsky will write a letter to the organization, complimenting them on their efforts.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next Executive Board meeting will be June 2, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.