

**Minutes of the Woodley Park Community Association
March 19, 2013**

Present:

Executive Committee Members

Bill Menczer, President
Barbara Ioanes, At-Large Member
Rob Meisnere, At-Large Member
Sarah Taber, At-Large Member
Emily Harris, At-Large Member
Bill Kummings, At-Large Member

Others Present

Armen Tashdianian, Membership Manager
John Goodman, Committee Chair: Communications
Michele Blackwell, Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh staff

Bill Menczer called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and Sarah Taber agreed to take the minutes in the absence of the Executive Committee's secretary.

The minutes for the February 6, 2013, meeting were approved by unanimous vote

The Treasurer's report was accepted. Barbara Ioanes suggested that the treasurer provide the Committee with quarterly reports of financial contributions.

Treasurer's report:

Current Balances:

Checking:	\$5603.15
	Check # 1120, Federation of Citizen's Assn of DC: \$120
	Deposit: \$565
Savings:	\$6,944.22
	Deposit: \$425
CD:	\$14,031.72
	(no change)
	(minor interest added)
PayPal:	\$917.77
	(no change)
Total:	\$27,496.86

ACTIVE PROJECTS

Neighborhood Watch

Nour Jurgenson, Chair of the Neighborhood Watch Program, was not present but informed Bill Menczer that there are no current issues to report. She told him that there is a national registry where you can register your bicycle since the District no longer offers this service. By having the information on file, it may be useful in recovering your bike if it is stolen. From a general discussion, the car break-ins continue to be widespread and are not limited to night time or certain areas, and there is evidence of vandalism in addition to theft from vehicles.

Tree Maintenance Project

Rob Meisnere reported that there was a meeting of a small group of neighbors who feel the District laws governing tree removal and maintenance by the city need to be reviewed since they do not believe they should be held financially liable. Other issues affecting the state of trees, such as erosion, also are being investigated on 29th Street, NW.

Spring *Acorn*

Bill Menczer reported that the Spring 2013 edition may in your mailbox by this weekend. He thanked the contributors and efforts of those who contributed to this edition, including Armen Tashdianian, John Goodman, Emily Harris, Peter Brusoe, David and Sarah Ensign, Sally McDonald, Annie Glenn, and Anne Marie Bairstow.

Oyster School Community Forum

Bill Menczer reported that the forum will be led by Monica Liang-Aguirre, principal of the Oyster-Adams Bilingual School on April 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm. Additionally, the Kalorama Community Association is a co-sponsor of the event and the Mt Pleasant Citizens Association will publicize it to its members. Bill posted a notice in the *Northwest Current*, and Rob Meisnere will confer with Anne Marie Bairstow if any additional advertisement is desired, such as the distribution of neighborhood flyers.

Earth Day Clean-up

Bill Menczer reported that Peter Brusoe will be heading up this event, which will start at the "Triangle Park" at 29th and Woodley, at 8:00 am on April 13, 2013. Trash bags and other implements will be provided to volunteers, as well as refreshments. The *Acorn* features a notice of this event, and Bill Menczer will submit a notice to the *Northwest Current*.

General Membership Meeting

On May 1, 2013, beginning at 7:30 pm, the featured speaker will be Anthony Rao from DDOT. He will address parking issues affecting the community. Emily Harris and Bill Menczer co-wrote the article featured in the upcoming edition of *The Acorn*. Prior to his speaking, there will be formal approval of last fall's membership meeting minutes and a vote to fill the At-Large position vacated by the resignation of Bruce Forrest. The Executive Committee voted to select

Bill Kummings to occupy the seat until its next meeting of the General Membership, May 1, 2013. Bill Kummings is running for this position and nominations for other candidates may be submitted to the WPCA website, www.wpcaonline.org, or at the meeting on May 1, 2013.

Hazardous Materials/Shredding Event

This event will take place from 9:00 am to 11:00 am on June 1, 2013 at the Maret School. It is co-sponsored by the Woodland Normanstone Community Association. Bill Menczer will followup with WNCA President Larry Aurbach regarding sharing of the costs of this event.

WPCA Annual Picnic

The annual summer solstice picnic will begin at 4:00 pm on June 22, 2013. No significant news to report from Sarah Taber. She is doing research into alternative rental companies to possibly find a better price or to negotiate for a better one with Allied rental, which has been the consistent provider of the tables/linens/chairs for previous picnics.

NEW BUSINESS

PEPCO Green Initiative

At the request of Stephanie Zobay, PEPCO's Green initiative was discussed among the members. This consists of a device that is installed by PEPCO that will automatically allow PEPCO to adjust your thermostat or air conditioner during peak consumption hours. Mailings by PEPCO have not generated an adequate response, and there has been door-to-door visits in hopes of gaining more interest from customers.

Cleveland Park Village

A report was given by Bill Kummings who attended an open house in February 2013. The Village board selected Barbara Taylor as its Chair and selected a new executive director. The CPV made a presentation to the ANC and subsequently was granted \$7500. While their website indicates the southern boundary for inclusion in the CPV is Cathedral Avenue, there remains a question whether Woodley Park residents can truly assume that they can be included in the program. Bill Menczer noted that Barbara told him Woodley Park residents will be accepted into the program even though CPV has not yet extended the boundaries to include Woodley Park. It is suggested that we invite Ms. Taylor to a future Executive Committee meeting to make a presentation once their bylaws are amended to show new boundaries that include us. Barbara expects to launch the program in Cleveland Park on May 1, 2013.

ANC REPORTS

Since there were no representatives present from the ANC, there were no reports.

Mary Cheh Office report

Michele Blackwell informed us that Will Handsfield has left the Councilmember's office and moved onto other endeavors involving transportation, so she will be the only representative from Ms. Cheh's office at our meetings. An upcoming "Chat with Cheh" will be posted on Ms. Cheh's website by Friday.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2013