

Woodley Park Community Association
Jan. 10, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting

Present:

- *Executive Committee:* John Goodman (President), Barbara Ioanes (Vice President), Stephanie Zobay (Treasurer), Jeff Myers (Secretary), Courtney Tolbert (Past President), Philip Anderson, Leah De Hoet, Rob Heffernan, Glenn Marcus, Zach Messitte, and Nico Ojeda (all At Large)
- *Other Woodley Park resident(s):* Janell Pagats and Adam Prinzo (ANC Commissioners for Woodley Park), and Robert Meins (Executive Director, Woodley Park Main Street), Elizabeth Merritt, Nan Simpson

Agenda: Approved without objection

1. Establish quorum/confirm everyone can hear/see
2. Consent items:
 - A. Approval of agenda
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - C. Minutes for December 6.
3. Card night
4. Wardman Park update
5. 2618 Garfield St
6. Plans for 2023
7. Outreach
8. Website
9. Updates from Mayor's office, Council, ANC
10. Good of the order
11. Adjourn

Treasurer's Report: November report was approved; a request was made and accepted to modify the December report to reflect both revenue and expense for payments for the Holiday Party at Lebanese Taverna.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes for Dec 6 were approved without exception

Card Night: Let's do it again, but not have it on the same week as the Meet Your Neighbors Night. Stephanie will find a venue and date.

Meet Your Neighbors Night: Next set for Nando's on February 9th, from 6pm-8pm

Discussion/Action:

- Wardman Park update:
 - Demolition is underway. Adam Prinzo will let us know when the ANC has scheduled a public meeting to with Carmel is organized. The DC Office of Planning has asked for input by Feb 20.
 - Robert Meins noted that some residents have sought to halt demolition, but anticipates that neighborhood businesses want to get it done as quickly as possible.
 - Janell Pagats noted that the Office of Planning is seeking to gather input, and address any neighbors' concerns about the demolition and construction processes, but that the demolition permit has been issued, and will not likely be rescinded. She also notes that

it seems unlikely that the city will accede to requests to acquire the property via eminent domain.

- Several attendees expressed surprise that Carmel is planning 800 parking spaces - approximately one parking space per unit of housing. There was slight concern that the desire for so much parking might be based in part on an unspoken hope that Carmel may have that it could subsequently add building space to the property beyond what is currently approved.
- 2618 Garfield Street – no one objected to the proposed plans for a deck on top of a garage
- Plans for 2023 –
 - Zach suggested flags or other recognition for members who contribute to WPCA
 - Robert Meins notes that he has some grant money for a mural to be created above the exit of the Woodley Park Metro station, as well as for restoration of the mural above Rajaji. As well DDOT has plans for three endangered animals to highlight on light posts in the neighborhood
 - Jeff suggests neighborhood handyman list, or ways to connect those with a need to those who can offer charitable service
 - Other ideas include activating the area outside the Swiss embassy on 29th St, making use of old Benin Embassy property and tree box beautification.
 - Glenn will ask Katie for an update on the website.
- Philip Anderson made a suggestion that WPCA consider initiating a membership drive; Glenn suggested that this be part of the website update and he will check with Katie on the status.
- Janell Pagats noted that another person committed suicide by jumping from the Taft Bridge, and described that advocates are encouraging DDOT to place suicide prevention bars / fencing along the bridge to discourage jumpers
- John recommended that we defer the remaining agenda topics until our next meeting, on Feb. 14.

Adjourned: The Executive Committee adjourned at 9:00 PM

