

**Woodley Park Community Association
May 9, 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 (At Large), Nico Ojeda (At Large), Rob Heffernan (At Large), Glenn Marcus (At Large), Zach Messite (At Large)
- *Others:*
 - Adam Prinzo, Gawain Kripke, Janell Pagats (ANC Commissioners for Woodley Park)
 - Peter Colarulli, Charles Warr (Residents of Woodley Park)

Agenda: Approved without objection

1. Establish quorum/confirm everyone can hear/see
2. Consent items:
 1. Approval of agenda
 2. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report
 3. Approval of Minutes
3. 2023 budget and other treasury matters
4. Picnic planning and promotion recommendations
5. Connecticut Avenue development guidelines
6. Spring membership meeting – May 16
7. Embassy of Benin
8. Outreach
9. Crime committee
10. Administrative suggestions
11. Websites
12. Updates from Mayor's office, Council, ANC
13. Good of the order
14. Adjourn

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Treasurer's Report: Accepted

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes for Mar 14 meeting were approved without exception

Discussion and Actions:

- *Budget & Treasurer's Report:*
 - Stephanie indicates that she does not have a certificate of exemption from DC Sales Tax, but was asked to seek one from the government of DC
 - Barbara asked if we have changed signatories on the WPCA checking account; John asked if we really need the capability to write checks, and also asked if we can ensure that there is a person in addition to Stephanie (as Treasurer) who is authorized to disburse WPCA payments.

- Stephanie will share an update of the 2023 budget this coming week
- Picnic planning and promotion:
 - Philip, Courtney and Rob are the picnic promotion team. They will create and distribute paper flyers with the help of other members of the Board, a Facebook post, a post on the WPCA website (to reserve a spot, and to donate). a post on the following but not limited to: NextDoor, the WoodleyFriends Listserve, and Instagram
 - Flyers will be distributed to homes, apartment, and posted on lampposts. It will include a QR code that facilitates easy access to RSVP
 - The Outreach committee believes we should launch the new website BEFORE the picnic. Philip asked John to establish a committee to make sure that the new website is launched before the picnic.
 - Barbara reports that Katie MacFarlane has agreed to design a flyer
 - Barbara reports that David Ensign really needs people to sign up to fill the volunteer slots – particularly for the sign-in table. Please also encourage neighbors to sign up to volunteer
 - Barbara emphasizes that we need an accurate RSVP count for picnic attendees, especially to make sure that we don't run out of food.
 - Lebanese Taverna has offered food for the picnic; shall we ask other restaurants to donate food? Courtney supports the idea, and offered to ask restaurants for donations – Jeff and Glenn agreed to work with Courtney. It was agreed to also ask restaurants to post the picnic flyer in the restaurants.
 - Rob and Zach agreed to help transport food from restaurants to the picnic.
- Website:
 - Stephanie is working with Katie MacFarlane to gain access to the source code for the new WPCA website – she needs the password. Courtney asked for access, too.
 - Stephanie believes it will be possible to launch the new website
 - Jeff noted that if we launch the new website, it may resolve the misdirection of searches for WPCA to Secure-RX.com
 - Jeff made a motion that Stephanie should try to gain access to the new website (with a password provided by Katie MacFarlane, and launch it to replace the old website if she is able technologically to do so.
 - The motion was passed: Five votes in favor, three against.
 - Stephanie points out that we may need to take turns creating content/updating the website.
 - Courtney suggests that the Outreach Committee (perhaps Jim) would be willing to start with managing content for a month or two. Courtney also indicated that we should have the website receive payments via PayPal, Zelle, Venmo, etc.
- Connecticut Avenue development guidelines – John sent a first draft of input from the Board. He will send it to members, and then he will prepare to send it to the DC Office of Planning.
- Spring membership meeting – May 16 – our new Police Commander will present, and we can promote the picnic, shred day, membership and the Meet Your Neighbors Night at Lillie's
- Embassy of Benin the property on Cathedral is owned by the Embassy, unoccupied, pays no property tax (though the grass is regularly cut). Zach and Rob propose that they would like to arrange an exploratory meeting with the Embassy of Benin to see if they would agree to some sort of use of the property that is beneficial to our community. Zach has drafted a letter; John will help arrange to have it be sent on letterhead.
- Crime committee Courtney proposes a Public Safety committee to keep an eye on trends (such as wheels stolen from cars on Devonshire). The committee could consider and recommend solutions. Barbara wonders if this would involve neighborhood watch, which she describes as successful in the past. The committee would provide information about crime in the

neighborhood, liaise with MPD re: prevention, help respond to public safety issues, perhaps resurrect the neighborhood watch program, and consider requesting cameras to monitor the neighborhood.

- Transit Service/Bus Routes:
 - ANC commissioner Gawain Kripke asks if WPCA has an opinion on the “New Better Bus route” that would replace the #96 bus route that runs through Woodley Park
 - John expressed support for keeping the #96 bus route
 - Barbara expressed concern about elimination of the Circulator Bus service as well
 - Stephanie says 148 students asked for transit cards/subsidies to commute to Maret
- Outreach – Philip expressed upset that no time was made to discuss the Outreach Committee’s work and recommendations.
- The Board ran out of time for topics about which several members feel strongly
 - Nico suggests that committees report on their topics as a way to shorten these meetings
 - Rob suggests using an electronic hand versus a physical hand
 - Jeff suggests Outreach go first next time
 - Philip suggests Committee reports be made at the beginning of the agenda (following consent items).

- **Adjourned:** The Executive Committee adjourned at 9:15 PM

Woodley Park Community Association					
Treasurer Report For the Period of April 1, 2023 - April 30, 2023					
Account	Balance as of 04/30/2023	Balance as of 04/01/2023	Net Change	Major Notes	
Bank of America Checking - 2797 (Main)	2039.72	2387.72	(348.00)		
Bank of America Savings - 8372	15503.41	15503.16	0.25	Includes mural restoration funds	
PayPal	9125.91	9065.04	60.87		
CD	10032.53	10000	32.53		
Total Balances	36,701.57	36,955.92	(254.35)		
Account Debits:	Date Cleared	Amount	Acct	Check #	Purpose
Paypal Fees	30-Apr	\$3.58	Paypal		
Zoom Fee	19-Apr	\$16.95	Paypal		
DC Square			*2797		
Chubbs	7-Apr	\$498.00	*2797	1330	Officer's Insurance
Total Debits		\$518.53			
Account Credits:	Date Cleared	Amount	Acct	Balance	Purpose
Membership donations (Checking)	30-Apr	\$150.00	*2797		
Membership donations (PayPal)	30-Apr	\$81.00	Paypal		
Interest (Saving + CD)	30-Apr	\$32.78	*8372		
Call Box Revenue Balance				8.18	
Square Deposits					
Main Streets - Rajan mural restoratiion			*8372	2000	
Main Streets - New mural			*8372	3000	
Total Credits		\$263.78			
Net Revenue		(\$254.75)			
Donations + Interest		\$263.78			
Donations + Interest received 2023 YTD (R)		\$1,618.85			
Total Received 2022 YTD (P)		2,065.63			
Total Received 2021 YTD (N)		\$1,565.84			
Change vs 2022		-22%			
Change vs 2021		3%			