

Woodley Park Community Association
Regular WPCA Executive Committee Meeting – December 12, 2023

Members Present:

- *Executive Committee:* John Goodman (President), Barbara Ioanes (Vice President), Jeff Myers (Secretary), Glenn Marcus, Leah De Hoet, Stephanie Zobay, Danielle Ojeda, Zach Messitte, Linda Raphael (all At Large)
- *Others:* Adam Prinzo (ANC member), Ilene Cook, Robert Meins (Woodley Park Main Street)

Agenda:

1. Establish quorum/confirm everyone can hear/see
2. Introductory items:
 - a. Approval of agenda
 - b. Approval of minutes
 - c. Acceptance of Treasurer's report
3. Introduction of new members
4. 2024 meeting schedule
5. Update from Carmel
6. Benin property
7. Grocery garbage enclosure
8. Holiday party post mortem
9. Updates from Mayor's office, Council, ANC
10. Good of the order
11. Adjourn

Minutes:

1. A quorum was present (8 members vs. the 6 required)
2. Agenda, minutes and treasurer's report: All approved without objection
3. New Executive Committee members Danielle Ojeda and Linda Raphael introduced themselves
4. It was agreed to continue meeting on the second Tuesday of each month for 2024
5. Grocery garbage enclosure – Adam Prinzo describes that this topic will be included on the January agenda for the DC Public Space Committee
6. Benin Embassy space at 2739 Cathedral Ave. –
 - a. Zach Messite hand-delivered a letter to the Embassy, and received a response from the Embassy acknowledging interest in WPCA's hopes for the property. Zach suggests we send representatives to the Ambassador after the start of the year
 - b. Previously, the lot was occupied by the Benin Embassy and a communications tower. There was a community garden on the neighboring property
 - c. The property is currently unused, but does seem to be maintained
 - d. Zach suggests that we should propose doing something that benefits Benin in some way – a friendship park, beautification, maybe a plaque honoring US-Benin friendship
 - e. Zach is not clear whether we want or need to get the city involved
 - f. John suggests a community garden (maintained by community members)
 - g. Zach suggests a park – maybe to walk dogs, provide a bench or two.

- h. Zach will schedule the meeting, and invites any other interested WPCA Executive Committee members to join him. Interested members should email Zach directly at zmessitte@gmail.com
7. Holiday party post mortem
 - a. There was good attendance, nice venue, good food, and a pleasant event
 - b. One of the best parties since the hotel hosted us and provided food
 - c. Not many folks there under the age of 50 (maybe 5-8PM is starting too early, we don't reach out to younger neighbors because they aren't on our email list; we don't have a Santa Claus, and it wasn't on a Friday or Saturday)
 - d. Jeff says: Maybe a kids' table at our events; and neither John nor I have email addresses for younger neighbors
 - e. Stephanie suggested we could put a QR code on the windows of neighborhood businesses and/or the Maret Farmer's market and the Art All Night market
 - f. Exec Committee members suggest arranging Meet Your Neighbor Nights at Elsa's Ethiopian and at Flavorture
 8. Update from Carmel – we had asked them to come to the November General meeting and tonight; John will invite their representative for January 9th or some other date that month.
 9. Updates from Mayor's office, Council, ANC
 - a. Robert Meins indicates that Elsa's Ethiopian Kitchen is seeking its liquor license
 - b. ANC is having a public safety committee meeting Weds, including a briefing from the Police and a briefing on the Smart 911 system. Commission meeting on next Monday includes concurrence with Elsa's liquor license. Janell Pagats will nominate Courtney Tolbert to be a member of the ANC's public safety committee. There may be a discussion over alternate uses of the SW corner of the Connecticut/Calvert intersection
 10. Adjourned at 8:35PM

Woodley Park Community Association					
Treasurer Report For the Period of Nov 1, 2023 - Nov 31, 2023					
Account	Balance as of 11/30/2023	Balance as of 11/01/2023	Net Change	Major Notes	
Bank of America Checking - 2797 (Main)	11082.25	10957.25	125.00		
Bank of America Savings - 8372	13505.08	13504.86	0.22	Includes mural restoration funds	
PayPal	1,427.78	1,164.94	262.84		
CD	10259.99	10226.72	32.95		
Total Balances	36,275.10	35,853.77	421.33		
Account Debits:	Date Cleared	Amount	Acct	Check #	Purpose
Paypal Fees	30-Nov	\$11.21	Paypal		
Zoom Fee	19-Nov	\$16.95	Paypal		
Total Debits		\$28.16			
Account Credits:	Date Cleared	Amount	Acct	Balance	Purpose
Membership donations (Checking)	30-Nov	\$125.00	*2797		
Membership donations (PayPal)	30-Nov	\$291.00	Paypal		
Interest (Saving + CD)	30-Nov	\$0.22	*8372		
Call Box Revenue Balance		\$25.00		\$33.18	paypal donation
Square Deposits					
Main Streets - Rajan mural restoratiion			*8372	2000	
Main Streets - New mural			*8372	3000	
Total Credits		\$441.22			
Net Revenue		\$413.06			
Donations + Interest		\$416.22			
Donations + Interest received 2023 YTD (R)		\$4,486.34			
Total Received 2022 YTD (P)		\$4,716.33			
Total Received 2021 YTD (N)		\$2,904.11			
Change vs 2022		-5%			
Change vs 2021		54%			

