

**General WPCA Membership Meeting
October 9, 2013 @ 7:30 pm
Stanford University in Washington
Distance Learning Center
2661 Connecticut Ave, NW DC 20008**

Call to Order and Welcome

President Bill Menczer called the group of about 22 members to order at 7:30PM. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Establishment of a Quorum

President Menczer confirmed that there were in excess of 12 members present, thereby constituting a quorum so that Association business could be conducted.

Approval of the Minutes

The first item of business was approval of the minutes of the Spring Membership meeting of May 1, 2013. They were approved unanimously.

President's Report

President Menczer gave a quick overview of the actions of the association since our last meeting and future events as follows:.

Events since our May 1 General Meeting

- June 1, 2013: 9-11 am Clean Out Day at Maret School – household waste and shredding truck jointly sponsored with Woodland Normanstone Neighborhood Association
- June 22, 2013: 4-7:30 pm Annual Summer Solstice Picnic at Woodley Playground on Cortland Place, NW 150-175 attendees; food sponsorship by Lebanese Tavern and Ace Hardware
- September 17– Fall Acorn edition issued – 1500 copies mailed, 500 copies distributed to apartments along Conn Ave, Woodley Road, Cathedral Ave, 28th, 29th Streets and PDF copy posted on the WPCA website

Future Events thru Year's End

- Today @ 9pm after tonight's meeting: WPCA 29th St Tree Committee meeting to review progress and determine if any further actions are needed (dead trees

removed & brush cleared) Committee has worked with Urban Forestry, DPW, and Mary Cheh's office

- November 14 @ 7 pm – Special Membership Meeting on Oyster School @ Stanford in Washington
- December – Marriott Wardman Holiday Party – currently working with Marriott management to set a date; An email notice will follow to all members for RSVP and information on date, time, and location

Election of Officers and At-Large Members

The association moved to electing a slate of candidates for the following year. The nominating committee consisted of Rob Meisner, Emily Harris, & Barbara Ioanes.

President.....Peter Brusoe
Vice President.....Barbara Ioanes
Treasurer.....Warren Gorlick (incumbent)
Secretary.....Emily Wagner
At-Large #1.....Sarah Ensign (incumbent)
At-Large #2.....Bill Kummings (incumbent)
At-Large #3.....Zev Lewis (incumbent)
At-Large #4.....Stephanie Zobay

Bill asked if there were any nominations from the floor and there being none, entertained a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate. It was moved and seconded and unanimously approved.

Bill congratulated all of those elected tonight and thanked the Executive Committee for its past service and the new members for their future service. It was announced that with Barbara's election there is now an opening on the Executive Committee which will need to be appointed by the board.

Gift Presentation to Out Going President

Sarah Ensign presented a gift to Bill on behalf of all the members of the executive committee for his many years of dedicated service to the association.

Keynote Speaker

Bill introduced our guest speaker Assistant Chief of Police Diane Grooms. In addition to the assistant chief, also attending were Commander Michael Reese (2nd District), Captain Marvin Gresham, Lt. Ralph Neal, Detective John Rucker, and Officer Bob Fennell.

Chief Groomes shared many positive attributes of the crime reduction that has occurred in the community. She also shared that Officer Fennell was honored with an award for his service to the community.

One of the things to be concerned about are “bumps” and car thefts. There are groups of people who are going around and bumping into a car, when the bumpee gets out of the car the bumper rushes in and steals the car. It was advised that if that happens to stay in the car and make as much noise as possible.

Chief Groomes also shared that bike thefts are on the rise throughout the district and the number one item to be stolen in DC.

Chief Groomes also shared that people should be aware of their surroundings and possessions, lock their doors, make sure their windows are closed and have someone pick up your newspapers if you are not going to be there. She and Commander Reese responded to numerous questions from members including traveling the wrong way on alleys, bike lanes and their impact on motorists, trespassing onto people’s property, plans to backfill impending police officer retirements, enforcement to prevent cell phone use, and “blocking the box” at Cathedral Avenue and Connecticut Avenue.

Bill thanked Chief Groomes and all of the officers present for their participation in tonight’s meeting and expressed his appreciation for all of their efforts in keeping the Woodley Park community safe.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:19PM.