

Membership Minutes of the Woodley Park Community Association June 8, 2016

Present: Approximately 40 people were in attendance. A quorum of more than 12 WPCA members present was established.

WPCA President Peter Brusoe gaveled the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. He thanked everyone for coming and announced that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss proposed WPCA design guidelines for the Woodley Park Historic District. Peter thanked Sarah Taber for organizing the picnic, not just for the June 2016 picnic but also for her work on many other WPCA picnics in prior years. On behalf of the Executive Committee, he presented her with a gift.

Peter also proposed to elect the following persons to replace Board members who had recently departed, or, in the case of Gasper Margallanes, been elected to an officer position within the WPCA: Jessica Wasserman (Rob Meisner), Melissa Maxman (Gasper Magallanes), and John Goodman (Dan Dembkowski), for the remainder of terms for Board members who had resigned, as indicated in the parenthesis. Each of these nominations was unanimously approved.

Peter then proposed the following changes to the bylaws:

No member may serve as President or Vice-President for more than ~~three~~ four consecutive terms or combine service in the two offices for more than four consecutive terms. No member may serve as an at-large member of the Executive Committee for more than six consecutive years.

A substantial discussion ensued about the proposals, with concerns raised about the lack of explanation regarding the proposals, and the failure to provide a written handout to the attendees that would clearly describe the proposed changes.

A motion was then made to vote on the the bylaw changes. In a series of three separate votes, the 1st regarding the change from “three” to “four” consecutive terms, the 2nd with respect to combining service in the President and Vice President for more than four consecutive terms, and the 3rd with respect to eliminating the restriction on at-large members for more than six consecutive years, each proposed bylaw change was rejected by the Membership by a large majority of those voting.

It was further agreed that a Bylaws Committee will be formed to determine what changes, if any, are needed to the document as a whole, and not just to the part covering term limits. The following WPCA members volunteered to serve on the Bylaws Committee and to select their own chairperson:

John Goodman
Melissa Maxman
Mark Jacobson
Betsy Merritt
Leila Smith
Warren Gorlick

It was further agreed to establish a Membership Committee. The following WPCA members volunteered to serve on the Membership Committee and to select their own chairperson:

Gasper Magallanes
Janet Temko-Blinder
Sally Wilhelm
John Goodman
Glenn Marcus

Peter requested that the Membership Committee present a membership growth plan by the September meeting. Various members also suggested other functions for the Membership Committee, including improved communications, a better WPCA website, and better identification of what the WPCA might do for its members.

It was also agreed to re-convene the Nominating Committee for the Fall elections. The Committee will be chaired by Jessica Wasserman.

Barbara then introduced two executives from the Historic Preservation Office, Anne Brockett and Tim Dennee. The presenters described the history and purpose of historic neighborhood guidelines and took questions from the Membership.

After the HPO presentation, there was a brief discussion about the status of the proposed JBG development that would replace various buildings in the Marriott property. Peter noted that prior votes had already been taken by the WPCA Executive Committee opposing the development, but that once specific proposals were made, the WPCA would need to take a more detailed review of the plans.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.