Woodley Park Community Association Executive Committee Meeting March 6, 2019

Committee Members Present:

Carolyn Abbey Peter Brusoe Emily Curley John Goodman Warren Gorlick Barbara Ioanes Bill Kummings Katie MacFarlane Jeff Myers

- Acceptance of Agenda and minutes from February 6th Executive Committee Meeting The agenda was accepted and the minutes were approved.
- Report from Treasurer The Treasurer's report was accepted.
- Neighborhood Topics:
 - National Zoo Update with Pamela Baker-Masson Pamela Baker-Masson-, the Zoo Public Affairs Director, updated the WPCA about various security and traffic issues, including the following:
 - Perimeter fencing and security screening With respect to the Zoo's plans for perimeter fencing, there will be fewer entrances for public access. Baker-Masson reiterated that there will not be permanent security checkpoints, but the Zoo does plan to do security screenings at certain high visitation periods, including for about two weeks around Easter. The Zoo would also undertake screening any time they are notified of a "creditable threat." The Zoo recently hired a new security chief.
 - <u>Bike path</u> Baker-Masson stated that the District Department of Transportation will soon enter into a contract for a repair of the bike path that runs adjacent to Zoo property. The Zoo will cooperate to the extent possible.
 - Traffic issues With respect to traffic issues, Baker-Masson stated that the Zoo hired extra staff to ensure pedestrian safety during the peak of Zoo Lights. The Zoo is also enhancing peak periods where Circulator route will extend north on Connecticut Ave to the Zoo, with a view to changing the summertime Circulator route so that there is a bus connection from the metro to the Zoo. Baker-Masson committed to reviewing available parking spaces immediately adjacent to the Zoo on Connecticut Avenue.

- Neighborhood engagement The government shutdown impacted the Zoo's plans for enhanced engagement. However, Baker-Masson expects that further processes for neighborhood engagement should be in place by spring, including some type of advisory council that will include local ANC Commissioners, the WPCA President, and possibly others. Baker-Masson offered to provide information that John, in his capacity as communications director, could distribute to WPCA members.
- <u>Zoo hours</u> Summer hours will soon take effect. Various WPCA Board members urged the Zoo to return to the hours that were in place until 2016. Baker-Masson made no commitment to doing so, noting that it was problematic to have Zoo service vehicles moving on paths when visitors were present.
- Woodley Park Main Street Update with Ryan Wegman Ryan Wegman, Director of Woodley Park Main Street, described the various activities that his organization is involved in. Ryan stressed that he is always available to meet with community members on issues of concern. Generally, Main Street acts as an information clearinghouse for the community, maintains volunteer engagement, and supports and promotes other community activities such as the rehabilitation of the Marilyn Monroe mural and enhancing signage and historic preservation.
- Restoration of the Marilyn Monroe Mural Barbara discussed the need for the restoration of the mural. The amount needed for restoration is unclear. Barbara will explore whether public funds may be available, as well as the possibility of the WPCA serving as a conduit for donations dedicated to the restoration of the mural.
- Updates from ANC and Mayor's Office Rich Harrington, Ward 3 Liaison, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, noted that for police non-emergency issues, the public should call 311, rather than 911. Com. Reba highlighted:
 - the Cleveland Park and Woodley Park Village, and the many services the Village provides to seniors;
 - o 2607 Connecticut Ave., there has been no movement;
 - A bike rack may be placed by the Tono Sushi restaurant on Connecticut Ave.
 - Christmas tree pickup went well this year. Reba will inquire as to why bus shelters have been eliminated along Connecticut Avenue.
 - Reba will host a bike lane event on March 12. Reba said that while the public can attend, the meeting is primarily for residents along Woodley Place to discuss their concerns with DDOT. The ANC will consider the matter on March 18.
- Upcoming Community Events

- "Meet Your Neighbor" events Jeff stated that the next event will be at Open City on March 12. For April, there is a possibility of Lebanese Taverna.
- Hazardous Waste-Shredding event Peter said the date has been set for April 6 from 9 to noon at Maret. He also discussed the possibility of destroying hard drives when people dispose of hard drives. While there may be some volunteers on hand to offer their services, we will not reach out to a vendor to do so and make no guarantees. Peter will also inform those interested that Hearst will have an event at which someone will be available to destroy hard drives.
- Woodley Park Residents' Art Show -- Barbara shared that the planned art show will be postponed until May, as the current exhibit has to stay through the end of the month. Thirty-five artists have signed up, and we cannot take any more artists.
- Jeff is going to reach out to David Ensign about leading the charge on the summer picnic and will also seek some sponsors for the picnic. The Board also discussed possible co-chairs or people form the executive committee to help out.
- Spring Meeting Topics and Scheduling -- Carolyn asked everyone to send around ideas for our Spring Meeting and dates, probably in May so not to conflict with Easter or Passover.
- Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 9:31pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 2.

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Treasurer Report For the Period of Feb 1 to Feb 28, 2	019			
Account	Balance as of 2/28/2019	Balance as of 1/31/2019	Net Change	Major Notes
Bank of America Checking - 2797 (Main)	7,254	7,364	(110)	
Bank of America Savings - 8372	30,475	30,475	0	
PayPal	1,612	1,554	57	
Total Balances	39,340	39,393	(52)	
Charles Written To:	Date Cleared	Amount	Chack #	Durnoco
Checks Written To:	Date Cleared		Check #	Purpose
Caroline Hickman	2/15/2019	\$250.00	1281	Thanks for historic preservation
Total spent		\$250.00		
Donations Received:	Vehicle	Amount		
Membership donations	checks	\$140.00		
Interest	Savings	\$0.47		
Membership donations	Paypal	\$57.48		
Donations received this month		\$197.95		
Donations received 2019 YTD		\$531.25		
Total received 2018 YTD		\$430.33		
Change vs 2018		23%		
Total received 2017 YTD		\$1,406.06		
Change vs 2017		-62%		
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