

WPCA General Meeting Minutes  
Wardman Park Marriott Hotel  
Recorded by Stephanie Zobay

**I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:17pm, on September 13, 2005, by Past President Ron David. A piano prelude was presented by Alexander Lemmon, son of residents Michael and Michelle Lemmon.

**II. Speaker:**

Kathy Patterson, Ward 3 Councilmember gave a short presentation. Councilmember Patterson discussed the concept of giving back to our communities and giving thanks for what we have. One example cited was Oyster School, which demonstrated a community coming together and each making a sacrifice.

As Chairman of Education, Libraries, and Recreation Committee, Councilmember Patterson affirmed her commitment to getting all of our DC schools in shape. Current issues for Councilmember Patterson include emergency preparedness and communication, ongoing risk assessments for the area, regularizing the educational curriculum and updating the educational infrastructure. Additionally, the Department of Parks and Recreation is struggling, and she hopes to see progress in this area.

Finally, Councilmember Patterson offered many thanks to Woodley Park Community Association for working with neighborhood entities, such as Maret School to facilitate improvements on their campus. She also recognized and thanked the neighbors for maintaining and beautifying their personal green spaces. She also acknowledged that neighborhood list serves have been instrumental in helping to find housing and personal effect for Hurricane Katrina victims here in DC.

Community questions included:

A. Stephanie Clipper: Could Councilmember Patterson address the concern of residents over the potential bifurcation of the current joint Fire and EMS groups?

Councilmember Patterson responded that while there is legislation pending to create yet a third emergency group, it is not supported by her or Mayor Williams. Fire and EMS Workers are currently dual trained to perform both duties. The geographical dispersal of emergency fire hardware is absolutely necessary. Fire trucks also carry medical equipment so a fire truck may show up for a medical emergency. A new call-taking system has been instituted to help dispense the appropriate personnel for emergency calls.

B. Deborah Jane Lindeman: District of Columbia Public Schools (“DCPS”) has not been responsive to problems at Oyster School. There is a mound of dirt

- with sharp rocks protruding on the playground, and letters have been sent regarding parking sign change requests. The DCPS Safety Officer will not conduct a safety study to get the parking changes implemented. Finally, the traffic light directing the southbound traffic on 29<sup>th</sup> Street, NW and Calvert Street, NW is only 17 seconds, which is not enough time to facilitate traffic and allow children to cross at the intersection. Could Councilmember Patterson office assist in clearing up these problems?  
Councilmember Patterson will be happy to assist in this matter.
- C. David White: The National Zoo is moving into the next phase of their project and there continues to be problems with construction crews and noise. Who should the neighbors contact?  
Michelle Cole is the point person in the office. She can be reached at 202-274-8062.
- D. Terry Adlhock: Your office is doing a good job with the tree-trimming project. Please keep it going.
- E. Matt Forhey: What is the status of repaving Cathedral Avenue NW, since WASA crews are now finished with lead replacement lines?  
Stephanie Zobay responded that the repaving of Cathedral Avenue was supposed to be scheduled for this fall, but in lieu of the Maret School construction project and the Swiss Embassy construction project, neighbors asked for it to be postponed. All projects should be completed by Spring 2006 and repaving can commence at that time.  
Additional questions focused on whether the snow plows could maneuver the street without it being repaved and Kathy Patterson said she would look into this area.
- F. Kurt Vorndran: Mandatory School attendance is only until age 16. Students would be better guided/prepared if they were required to remain in school until age 18. Can Councilmember Patterson look into this?  
Kathy Patterson thought the mandatory age was already 18, but she will look into it. In addition, our society is no longer an agrarian society, which was the basis for the traditional school calendar. Perhaps we need to change the school calendar and promote a more even distribution of education throughout the year.

### **III. Agenda Items**

- A. President Jurgenson introduced Kurt Vorndran, Vice President, as the parliamentarian for the meeting.
- B. Stephanie Zobay, Secretary, confirmed that a quorum consisting of at least 6 members of the Woodley Park Community Association Executive Committee were present.
- C. Barbara Ioanes offered a motion that WPCA donate \$1000 dollars to the American Red Cross for the Hurricane Katrina victims. After receiving a second, the motion carried without opposition.

- D. Executive Committee At-Large Member Elections: Five Executive Committee At-Large seats are open for election. Current candidates on the ballot include: Stephanie Clipper, Mark Klapow, Bill Kummings, Rosemary Reed, Erin Seckso, and Roy Woodall. Each of the six candidates was invited to make a brief presentation on their behalf. Candidate Roy Woodall withdrew his name from the ballot. Roy Woodall made a motion to elect the current slate of 5 candidates. After receiving a second, the motion carried without opposition.
- E. Approval of May 2005 General Meeting Minutes: Kurt Vondran offered a motion to approve the May 2005 General Meeting minutes. After receiving a second, the motion carried without opposition and the minutes were approved.
- F. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Ellen Passman presented a comparison of the profit and losses statement for July 2004-June 2005 against July 2003-June 2004. Net income is up by \$1500 between the two years.
- G. CERT Training: Sally MacDonald offered an update on Emergency Preparedness Training. Residents wishing to enroll in the free 20 hour class should contact Millicent Williams, 202-727-2700. 28 members signed up for Cert Training classes and Sally MacDonald stated she would try to arrange them, perhaps in our neighborhood.
- H. Committee Reports
  - 1. Call Box Project: Camille Kurtz gave an update on the Call Box Restoration Project. This has been a 5-6 year project and Woodley Park is the third association to unveil their completed boxes. The unveiling will coincide with the Fall Festival on October 15, 2005.
  - 2. No update was presented by the Stanford in Washington Committee.
- I. Subcommittee Reports:
  - 1. JGB/Wardman Park Marriott Hotel: Kurt Vorndran indicated that the JGB Group will be doing a Water Table Study of the front lawn of the hotel as a preliminary step towards building the underground parking garage. A community meeting will be held on September 20, 2005 to update the community on the sale and conversion of the Wardman Park Marriott Hotel and address community concerns.
  - 2. Woodley Park House Tour: Therese Cox indicated that the House Tour subcommittee needs participants. Deborah Jane Lindeman volunteered to work with the subcommittee.
  - 3. Business Association: Ron David indicated that the WP Business Association will be revitalized. Their goal is to improve the business environment in Woodley Park. Their first undertaking is organizing the Fall Fair, to be held on the front lawn of the Wardman Park Marriott Hotel on October 15, 2005. No admission fees will be charged and nothing will be for sale. A handout of local businesses was provided and is attached to these minutes.
  - 4. No subcommittee reports were offered at this time regarding the Swiss Embassy construction, the Maret School construction, St. Albans School

proposed construction, the Acorn, WPCA Activities, Speakers, Oyster School, Crime, or the WP Triangle Park project.

#### **IV. Old Business**

1. Aidan Montessori School: Deborah Jane Lindeman announced that there will be a neighborhood meeting to inform the community about the ANC3C/Aidan Waiver Agreement and the ANC3C/Aidan/ WPCA Addendum to the 1995 Agreement. The participation of the WPCA will be discussed at the next WPCA Executive Committee meeting in October 2005.
2. National Zoo Construction Project: Dia Black announced that a community meeting is being planned to discuss the second phase of the Zoo construction project. The tentative date is September 28<sup>th</sup>, but look on the WPCA website for final confirmation of the date.

#### **V. New Business**

No new business was announced.

#### **VI. Announcements**

1. Melissa Hurst, Assistant General Counsel at the National Headquarter of the American Red Cross, and also President-elect of the Board of Trustees for Aidan Montessori School, thanks Woodley Park Community Association for their generous donation to aid the Hurricane Katrina victims.
2. St. Thomas Players: Valerie Caracelli reminded the community to enjoy four 1-act plays being presented by the St. Thomas Players this weekend at St. Thomas Apostle Church. Cost is \$10.
3. President Jurgenson offered her thanks to the Wardman Park Marriott Hotel for hosting the meeting, Armand Tashdinian for preparing for the election, the community for their support, and the new Executive Committee members.
4. Lost and Found: a jacket and umbrella were left at the last meeting. Please contact Erin Seckso if these items are yours.

#### **V. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

#### List of Executive Member Attendees:

Nour Jurgenson, President  
Kurt Vorndran, Vice-President  
Stephanie Zobay, Secretary  
Ellen Passman, Treasurer  
Roy Woodall, At-Large Member

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Mark Klapow, At-Large Member  
Ronnie Rosenwasser, At-Large Member  
Camille Kurtz, Call Box Committee Chairman  
Stephanie Clipper, Stanford Committee Chairman  
Bernie Arons, Past President