

## **WPCA Fall General Membership Meeting**

October 16, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

Stanford in Washington

### **Executive Committee Members Present:**

Bill Menczer, President

Paul Poe, Vice President

Peter Brusoe, Secretary

Sarah Taber

Barbara Ioanes

Rob Meisner

John Goodman

### **ANC**

Bill Kummings

Anne-Marie Bairstow

20 WPCA members present

President Menczer welcomed everyone for attending the annual autumnal general membership meeting.

President Menczer asked for approval of the minutes of the previous session. Barbara Ioanes moved approval, Paul Poe seconded and the members present approved.

President Menczer gave his executive report from the last meeting which follows:

### **President's Executive Report**

*May 3, 2012:* Stanford in Washington sponsored an opening reception for the 20 local artists show at its gallery with about 150 attendees

*June 16, 2012:* The Annual Summer Solstice Picnic at Woodley Playground had 200 attendees which was the largest ever.

*September 27, 2012:* Fall Acorn edition was issued – 1500 copies were mailed, 500 copies were distributed to apartment buildings, and a PDF copy was posted on the WPCA website.

*October 20, 2012:* Historical Woodley Park walking tour will be conducted from 1-4 pm. RSVP wpcaweb.org to get the location. The tour begins with a presentation by historian Judy Waxman and the tour will end with a reception at the Maret School.

*October 23, 2012:* The ANC 3C candidates' forum will be held at Stanford's Distant Learning Center @ 7:30 pm for ANC 3C02/3C03. Stephanie Zobay will serve as the moderator.

*December 2012 – Marriott Wardman Holiday Party* – President Menczer is currently working with Marriott management to set a date. An email notice will follow to all members with the date, time, and location.

### **Annual Elections**

The President then called on Executive Committee Member and Chair of the Nominations Committee Sarah Taber for her report. Sarah reported that the nominating committee put forth

the following nominees for officers and at-large members:

Nominated are :

*President:* Bill Menczer

*Vice-President:* Paul Poe

*Treasurer:* Warren Gorlick

*Secretary:* Peter Brusoe

*At-Large:* Emily Harris

*At-Large:* Barbara Ioanes

*At-Large:* Rob Meisner

The membership present was asked if there were any other nominations, and since none were offered, Secretary Peter Brusoe moved that the slate be adopted by unanimous vote. Vice President Paul Poe seconded the motion, and the slate was unanimously elected. President Menczer thanked Sarah and her committee for their hard work, and congratulated the officers and at-large members for their having been elected, particularly Emily Harris who is new to the Executive Committee.

### **Keynote Address**

President Menczer then introduced Jennifer Steingasser, Deputy Director, Development Review & Historic Preservation for the DC Office of Planning. President Menczer gave an abridged version of her biography, including her having served as a municipal planner for local and state governments in Texas and Virginia. She holds a bachelor's degree in geography from the University of Texas at Austin, and a Master's degree in planning from the University of Virginia. She is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

She made a power point presentation on the proposed regulations. This was a needed upgrade given the date of our current zoning regulations. We are currently operating under the 1958 zoning code. The zoning code has been amended 1,000 times. 78% of the DC population is younger than the current zoning code.

There was a vigorous discussion about the issue of Additional Dwelling Units.

A community member asked that they consider adding a special exception to add an additional ADU on R-1.

A question came up about the number of people allowed to live in a rooming house. There was a discussion of using HUD figures versus DC figures. The limit of 8 was drawn as an arbitrary number and the Planning Office is looking at it.

There was a suggestion to separate out Fraternities and Sororities from dorms and that it should be treated differently.

There was a discussion about the need for the Planning Office to reach out directly to religious leaders for their input rather than using the politically appointed office of the mayor for liaison with such leaders.

There was a discussion on Wag Time in dupont circle. There was an issue of how animal care facilities can operate. Right now, animal care facilities may not be located in a residential neighborhood.

President Menczer thanked Ms. Steingasser for her presentation and all of her efforts in revising the DC zoning code. Ms. Steingasser then distributed her business cards for members to email her about other zoning issues they want to bring to her attention.

**Adjournment**

The President then called for a motion to adjourn. Paul Poe so moved, Peter Brusoe seconded, and the membership present voted unanimously to adjourn the general membership meeting at 8:45 pm.