

Minutes of Neighborhood Meeting of the West End Citizens Association

February 08, 2024

Attendance

- WECA Officers: Margaret Magner, President; Heidi Liu, Vice President – Outreach; Darlene Pierro, Treasurer; Jane Pontius, Corresponding Secretary
- WECA Block Captains: Nadia Azumi, Maggie Hadley, Doug Lunenfeld, Ricky Mui, Duane Rollins, Andrew Sellman, Brian Shipley
- Others Attending: Monique Ashton, John Barker, Zouli Bereddad, Julia Beyer, Don Hadley, Claire Hannan, Spencer Hauptert, Lt. Kenneth Mattney, Pablo Hernandez, Dory Hudgens, Jeff Hudgens, D’Anna Jensen, Eric Jensen, Kelly Kalepe, Erin Mahoney, Corey Pitts, Frank Zecca

Call to Order/Welcome

President Margaret Magner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting took place in-person at the Rockville Presbyterian Church meeting room, online via Zoom, and by phone.

Business Items

- **Treasurer’s Report**
 - We began the month of January with a balance of \$398.54. We received an anonymous gift of \$1,000, but no other income. Expenses totaled \$542.90, which included our recurring costs, the cost of the meeting yard signs and our annual donation to Rockville Presbyterian Church for the use of this room. We ended the month with a balance of \$855.64
- **Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting**
 - The draft minutes of the January 2024 meeting were distributed to the Block Captains in advance of this meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and carried.
- **Report from the City**
 - Hjarman Cordero was not in attendance during this meeting.
- **Report from the Rockville Police Department**
 - Lt. Kenneth Mattney gave the report

News and Information

- **BRT: 355 Bus Rapid Transit presentation**
 - Corey Pitts and Zouli Bereddad of Montgomery County Department of Transportation presented on the 355 Bus Rapid Transit Project
 - They explained that a stop on the BRT line is planned for the Carver Educational Center parking lot at Mannakee and 355, but this will not be a bus depot. No maintenance of fuel filling will happen there.
 - Details can be found at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/projects/MD355BRT/>
- **Neighborhood Traffic Management Project**

Margaret presented the process for the neighborhood traffic management project and discussion took place on the initial petition to begin this process in some areas.

Upcoming Events

- WECA will host a Leap Year Happy Hour on February 29th 2024 at Plaza Oaxaca in Town Center from 5-7pm
 - Plaza Oaxaca extended their Happy Hour for us!
- Souper Bowl Sunday canned food drive at Rockville Presbyterian Church on Super Bowl Sunday
- West End neighborhood Welcome signs are being replaced. We requested their replacement in September 2023 as a Capital Improvement Project and should be in place sometime in March. The existing signs at Nelson and W. Montgomery, Beall and N. Washington, and Maryland Ave. and Great Falls Rd. are showing wear and tear and traffic damage.

Open Forum

- Julia Beyer is starting a West End Women's Group. The purpose is to provide a networking group for women and is intended to be a supportive, non-judgmental, safe space for women in the neighborhood. More information will go out shortly in the next WECA community email.
- Let Margaret know if you are interested in taking part in the One Acre farm share (CSA) that delivers the vegetables on Upton Street.
- Mayor Monique Ashton attended the meeting and reminded residents to make their voices heard by taking the City's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Priorities Survey. She said the City was working on repairing multiple potholes on West End streets after the recent snow and storm. She also announced Black History Month events are on the Rockville website

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the March Neighborhood Meeting on March 14th.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.