

MINUTES
CLEVELAND PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (CPCA)
WOODLEY PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (WPCA)
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

CPCA President George Idelson convened the meeting of 32 people at 10:15am, introduced WPCA President John Goodwin, and announced that Councilmember Jim Graham would not attend the meeting, due to the last-minute convening of an all-day Council meeting. Idelson then turned the meeting over to Peter Espenschied, Chair of the ANC3c Transportation Committee, who introduced Karina Ricks, the Director of Transportation Policy and Planning for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT).

Ricks advised that, effective August 1, DDOT reorganized to create a more efficient system that balances traffic and community needs and focuses on public transportation.

The audience raised a number of issues related to pedestrian safety. Ricks observed that there is a need for public education about such issues and advised that DDOT had begun training bus drivers, but agreed that driver education and police training are also necessary. It was suggested that CPCA might play a role in such education efforts. DDOT is seeking permission from the federal government to establish “beacons” at key mid-block crossing spots. It was generally agreed that there is a need to change the cultural mind-set, so that everyone respects laws to protect pedestrians. Ricks suggested that further inquiries on pedestrian issues be directed to George Branyon (george.branyon@dc.gov) or to 727-1000.

There followed a discussion on parking issues, including complaints about enforcement of residential parking and dumpster permits, valet parking policy (new regulations are under review), and a new Georgetown pilot program that enables residents with parking permits to park across their driveways. It was suggested that Cleveland Park apply to become part of this pilot program.

Ricks advised that the DDOT Mass Transit Administration is looking at ways to facilitate use of public transportation. Under consideration are

potential free transit areas, creating more surface transport, and possibly limiting stops.

Idelson presented the treasurer's report and noted that the next CPCA meeting will be on November 3. The meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Buchanan, CPCA Recording Secretary