

## **Minutes of the May 2006 Meeting of the Cleveland Park Citizens Association**

**Date: May 6, 2006**

**Location: Cleveland Park Public Library**

George Idelson, president, called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m.

Glenn Dixon, a consultant with Wells Communications, made a brief presentation on behalf of the Customer Education Advisory Board, a collaboration of DC energy offices including the Office of the People's Counsel. Mr. Dixon discussed the choices of electricity "suppliers" now available to DC ratepayers as a result of deregulation. The fact that deregulation has not resulted in much public awareness or the emergence of serious price competition – only a few suppliers have entered the DC residential market – is said by some to be the result of the market's being small. Warning against rogue "suppliers," Mr. Dixon advised residential customers "don't do anything over the telephone" if someone claiming to be a supplier calls. "See it in writing," he said. Mr. Dixon distributed educational materials on the subject.

Mr. Idelson, during a break in the political forum, introduced the new commander of the Metropolitan Police Department's 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Inspector Andy Solberg. In brief remarks, he advised citizens not to leave valuables showing in cars and to keep their house doors locked even when stepping out for a few minutes. He invited citizens to get in touch with him at 282-0042 (leave a voice message if he doesn't answer) or to e-mail him, [Andrew.Solberg@dc.gov](mailto:Andrew.Solberg@dc.gov). Inspector Solberg introduced Sergeant Albert Mercer, who is responsible for Cleveland Park. His phone number is 282-0034-5.

The forum was devoted to the contest for one of the Council's four at-large seats. The candidates are Phil Mendelson, the incumbent who seeks a third four-year term, and A. Scott Bolden, a Washington lawyer and former New York prosecutor, who is making his first run for elective office. Both men are Democrats and will appear on the ballot in the September 12 primary contest for the nomination for the November 7 general election.

An initial round of questions came from Ann Loikow, a Cleveland Park resident who has been active in public affairs. Keeping time on the candidates' answers was Carol Phelps. Edward Cowan served as moderator. He posed questions submitted in writing by members of the audience. The forum concluded with questions asked orally from the floor.

Mr. Idelson closed the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Cowan  
Recording Secretary

