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CLEVELAND PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (CPCA)
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2008

CPCA 2nd Vice President Len Oliver called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. 40 people signed in. Oliver introduced Judy Hubbard, who said there would be a DC rights rally on November 11 and a fundraiser for former Fire Chief Alan Dutton at *Nanny O'Brien* tavern on November 14. Hubbard reported that she is now working part time on community liaison for Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh. Hubbard said she can be reached at 202-966-1995 or hubbard.judy@gmail.com). Nelson Rimensnyder announced that the Historical Society of DC would be sponsoring an annual history conference on November 14 and 15.

Barbara Burton, Assistant Peoples Counsel, reported that the District Department of the Environment offers free home energy efficiency audits to help homeowners evaluate ways to cut energy costs. For information or to schedule an audit, contact Willie Vazquez (202-671-3304 or willie.vazquez@dc.gov).

Oliver then introduced Mark Plotkin, political commentator and analyst for WTOP Radio, who spoke about “what the election means for DC.” Plotkin noted that, while the November 4 election of Barack Obama bodes well for DC voting representation in Congress, his recent interview with the President-Elect did not reveal a sense of intensity or urgency on Obama’s part, though he did express general support for the issue. Plotkin, therefore, suggested the DC citizens and elected officials remind the new administration of DC voters’ overwhelming support for Obama and push for action during Obama’s first year in office. Plotkin urged voting rights advocates to take an incremental approach, given past history. He noted that in 1967 LBJ had favored giving DC power but no vote; in 1993 Congress gave DC delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton limited voting rights, and in 2006 Virginia Congressman Tom Davis proposed to create two new House seats, one for DC, the other for Utah. Plotkin suggested targeting the House and then moving to the Senate for full Statehood).

Oliver thanked the participants and adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Buchanan, CPCA Recording Secretary