

MINUTES
CLEVELAND PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (CPCA) with
WOODLEY PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (WPCA)
Cleveland Park Library
Tuesday, May 15, 2007

George Idelson, CPCA President, opened the meeting shortly after 6:30pm and introduced co-sponsor John Goodman, WPCA President.

Idelson noted that much of CPCA's agenda is focused on land use issues. Notable among such issues is the twenty-acre Tregaron estate, located between Macomb Street and Klinge Road. After years of neighborhood controversy, the threat of development has been contained and plans are underway to restore and preserve Tregaron's gardens and grounds. Idelson introduced Richard Hall and Tom Alexander, of the 6-acre Washington International School (WIS), and Bonnie LePard, Chair of the Tregaron Conservancy Board.

Hall and Alexander presented plans for the WIS expansion project (to include a new theatre, library, classrooms, soccer field, and basketball court). WIS worked closely with CPCA, the Tregaron Conservancy, Friends of Tregaron, and the Cleveland Park Historical Society to get project approval from the ANC, the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB), and the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

LePard advised that the HPRB agreed to designate thirteen acres as open space, which the Conservancy will restore and maintain. The remaining acre will be developed into up to 6 houses (2 on Macomb Street, 5 on the currently closed part of Klinge Road, and one – the largest lot – on “open” Klinge). LePard noted that a recent volunteer clean-up day was highly successful, with some 50 participants. The Conservancy is seeking funding for the rehabilitation and maintenance of the gardens and grounds.

Gregory New, vice chair of the Nominating Committee, then presented the proposed 2007-2008 CPCA Officers slate, to be voted on at the June 7

CPCA meeting. Idelson announced that Cathy Lanier, DC's new police chief will be the speaker at the meeting.

Kristen Barden, the Mayor's Ward 3 Outreach Coordinator, reported on the Wilson High School pool renovation project, scheduled for completion by fall 2009, and on plans for the Tenleytown Library and Janney School renovations.

Bill Adler and Peggy Robin, co-owners and administrators of the Cleveland Park Listserv, responded to audience questions about the Listserv (www.cleveland-park.com). All submissions to the Listserv are reviewed by 6 moderators, who decide whether or not to run them based on rules outlined in the "FAQs" provided on the website. Adler and Robin talked about their latest project, Now Public, a citizen journalist web site: (<http://www.nowpublic.com/clevelandpark>). A meeting on this new initiative will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, May 29 at the Cleveland Park Library.

Idelson adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Buchanan, CPCA Recording Secretary