

**Columbia Heights Civic Association  
Minutes of 12/8/08 Board Meeting (1st draft, 12/8/08)**

**Attendees:** Geoff Gerhardt, Sarah McKinley, Ed Miltenberger, Allen Muchnick, Reggie Nixon, Linh Ong, Joan Rineberg

**1) Call to Order:** The meeting was held at the Walter Reed Community Center (WRCC). Ed called the meeting to order a few minutes after 7:00 PM.

**2) CPRO Christmas Party:** Ed said he can't attend this event but encouraged the others to participate and express our gratitude to the officials present (e.g., Chris Zimmerman and Barbara Favola) for the recent progress on CHCA projects, such as the completed Park Enhancement Grant (\$12,000 for landscaping along the south side of Walter Reed Community Center) and the two upcoming Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Commission projects (WRCC fence and neighborhood streetlight upgrades). Sarah mentioned that, earlier today, the board had approved, via an email vote, a \$20 donation to CPRO to underwrite part of the expenses for this party.

**3) Treasurer's Report:** Geoff submitted a written treasurer's report. Our bank balance is \$1001.68 (prior to giving CPRO \$20 today), and we have no outstanding bills and 43 paid members. Since 9/22/08, our account gained at net of \$456.06, from \$613 in deposits (\$420 from \$15 dues from 28 members and \$193 from the Election-Day fundraiser) and \$156.94 in withdrawals (\$94 for 1-yr rent on our post office box and \$62.94 in expenses for the Election-Day fundraiser). Geoff suggested we have a briefing on the NCAC streetlight project at an upcoming CHCA meeting.

**4) Update on Reggie's Projects:** Reggie reported that he is still working to get the damaged sidewalk repaired along 16th St S, near the boundary between Arlington Village and WRCC. He still intends to look into joining the task force on affordable housing in the Columbia Pike corridor and into applying for a vacancy on the Arlington County Housing Commission.

**5) Predatory Towing at the Westmont Shopping Center:** Sarah reported that in September she observed tow truck operators spying on the Westmont Shopping Center from the Exxon station across Columbia Pike. When she complained about this to the Exxon station manager, the manager got the tow trucks to depart. She recommended that we remain alert to whether further action is needed to stop this predatory towing.

**6) Adams Square Giant Update:** Sarah reported that Giant's closing has been delayed because the developer has lacked project financing. Ed reported that CPRO CEO Jim Whittaker had recently stated erroneously, in a public forum, that neighborhood demands for grocery shuttle service have delayed the Penrose Square project.

**7) ACCF Dues:** Allen asked Geoff to check when CHCA last paid its annual dues to the Arlington County Civic Federation, since ACCF reports that many ACCF member organizations have not yet paid their dues this year.

**8) Meeting adjournment:** Ed adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allen Muchnick, CHCA secretary