

**Columbia Heights Civic Association
Minutes of 6/8/09 Board Meeting (1st draft, 7/13/09)**

Attendees: Sarah McKinley, Ed Miltenberger, Allen Muchnick, Linh Ong, Joan Rineberg

1) Call to Order: The meeting was held at the Walter Reed Community Center (WRCC). There was never a quorum for board action at this meeting.

2) NCAC Matters: Sarah reported on the following:

* PRCR has hired a designer for the **WRCC fence project**. The designer will want to meet with CHCA in the near future.

* The **annual NCAC funding round meeting** is June 11 at the NRECA conference center in Ballston. Ed will attend as well as Sarah. CHCA must have a representative present at this meeting or we won't get any new project funding.

* Our **street lighting project and a sidewalk and curb & gutter project** are in the queue for next year. 13th St S between Cleveland and Edgewood is the most promising site for the latter.

3) Sienna Park Parking: Joan spoke about a proposed amendment to the special use permit to reserve more of the parking spaces for commercial vehicles and for canopy signs at Sienna Park (former Safeway site). The County Board is scheduled to decide this matter on June 13, and the application was not available until last week. Joan will investigate further, possibly with the assistance of CPRO staff, and tell us what position, if any, CHCA should take.

4) Affordable Housing: Joan reported that RPJ Housing assists low-income residents in maintaining their home. She recommended that CHCA invite this group to give a presentation to CHCA at a future meeting.

5) Columbia Place and Axumite Village Development Proposals: Ed led a review of the development plans for these two projects, which are within or near CHCA, respectively. Both projects are supposed to be fully compliant with the Form Based Code for the Columbia Pike Revitalization District. Columbia Place (immediately south of the Rite Aid) will have 8 townhomes (5 on Edgewood and 3 on 11th St S) and a larger building facing Walter Reed Dr with 2 retail stores on the ground level and condos/apartments above. Axumite Village (developed by ECDC) will be on S. Highland St south of 11th St S and consist of owner-occupied condos. The primary concern for CHCA is that the Columbia Place developer will build only the south half of the new segment of 11th St S, between Walter Reed and Edgewood. It would be preferable if the County could help build the full two-way street, with parking on both sides, when Columbia Place is under construction.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Muchnick, CHCA Secretary