

# KPCA

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## KENWOOD PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

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### Annual Meeting Minutes, May 23, 2017

Walt Whitman High School, Cafeteria

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 pm by President Krishna Collie. About 20 people were present.

KPCA President made opening remarks, explaining that over the past three years KPCA has pivoted from concentrating on security enrollment to civic engagement and social events. An announcement was made about the start of Front Yard Fridays on June 16. Addresses for location each week will be posted on the KP Yahoo listserv.

KPCA Vice President Linda Chaletzky gave remarks recommending that more people get involved in KPCA. She reported that it has been a pleasure to serve on the Board and the Board is our voice for the neighborhood so it is important to participate.

At Large Board member Foroud Arsanjani and Joann Harrison gave a presentation on Neighbors United. Neighbors United was started by Ms. Harrison and Kenwood Park residents and other neighbors post-election in response to area hate crimes. The group currently has about 50 members and has been a model for other Montgomery County anti-discrimination groups formed. Mr. Arsanjani reported on what an opportunity it has been to work together with neighbors in the area. Neighbors United hosted a Persian New Year party, a model Seder and an Iftar ceremony at the Muslim community center in Potomac. There are various subcommittees to serve on. "Hate Has No Home Here" yard signs are available for purchase. Ask to be added to the Google group here <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/neighbors-united> or visit their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BethesdaNU/> for more information.

The Secretary Elizabeth Haile gave a Communications Committee report. A newsletter is mailed to all residents four times a year. We have a revamped website, [www.kpcaonline.org](http://www.kpcaonline.org), with current events and all past newsletters as well as links to enroll. We now have a Facebook page. An explanation of how to use the yahoo group was given. All are encouraged to sign up for the listserv to get timely news. A suggestion was made to advertise the Annual Meeting with yard signs and on 20817 listserv.

Elections were held for six At-Large Board Member positions for 2017-2018. Nominations from the floor were sought. Nominations were made for Foroud Arsanjani, Lindsey Dickinson, Ed Elson, Joann Harrison, Katherine Kerxton and Mariam Lamech. A motion to vote on the slate was made and seconded. The slate was approved unanimously.

The rest of the 2017-2018 Board is as follows:

President: Krishna Collie

Vice-President: Linda Chaletzky

Secretary: Elizabeth Haile

Treasurer: Hannah Elson

### Committee Chairs

Security Patrol: Cameron Groves

Community Outreach: Lindsey Dickinson

Traffic and Safety: Katherine Kerxton

Membership/Block Captains: Mariam Lamech

Welcoming/Special Events: Sarah Najafi

Communications: Elizabeth Haile

The Treasurer Hannah Elson circulated a financial report. Our fiscal year is July 1 – June 30. KPCA collected revenue for only 9 ½ months rather than 12 this year because we foreshortened the security patrol year so that it would now end on June 30th, when our normal fiscal year ends. We have 80% of our normal revenue to date. We have incurred regular expenses for the year of approximately \$60,000. We will carry forward assets of approximately \$15,000 into the next fiscal year.

KPCA President gave the Security Committee Report. Residents have complained of loitering at Radnor school. Urban Alarm is aware and can patrol next to it but it is MCPS property. We do not have Urban Alarm coverage for all hours of the day due to the lower number of security memberships. Discussion was held on how to increase resident enrollment in security memberships. KPCA over the past several years consistently has a 33% membership rate, despite different tactics to increase it. A suggestion was made that we have a new member welcome packet delivered personally. The speaker remembered that there used to be an annual party for new residents and all the board volunteers, which convinced him to join KPCA. Residents reported that Urban Alarm has been the best security company Kenwood Park has contracted with. They are very responsive to members.

KPCA President gave the Community Outreach Committee Report. KPCA has signed on to support the Quiet Skies initiative. Joann Harrison gave a presentation on the Quiet Skies Coalition and more information on action steps can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/208xxquietskies/>. KPCA sent a letter to Montgomery County supporting green space at Bethesda Metro center and in support of the planned redesign for Bradley Boulevard to include sidewalks from Wilson to Glenbrook.

Traffic & Safety Committee Chair Katherine Kerxton gave the Committee Report. Speed studies were done last year in the neighborhood but no speeds recorded were high enough to warrant any special calming measures. Kenwood Park can make a request for speed cameras on Whittier Blvd. A request was made to ask residents to post reports of traffic violations they see on the KP yahoo listserv.

Membership Committee Chair Mariam Lamech gave the Committee Report. KPCA currently has 203 security members and 36 resident level members. For the next fiscal year i.e. July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, membership dues will be \$295 for security and \$85 for resident membership. She stressed the value of the resident level memberships and how important it is to participate to create a feeling of community. A request was made to spread the word to your neighbors about joining at that level if a security membership was not of interest.

The Welcoming/Special Events Committee Chair Sarah Najafi gave the Committee Report. There will be the third annual Back to School Ice Cream Social on September 3, second annual Fall Festival on October 29, and seventh annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Bike Parade and Party. KPCA sponsors the cost of all these events with membership fees.

A call for new business was made. A discussion was held about the pace of development in downtown Bethesda and the departure of Barnes and Noble, as well as the delays in trash pickup.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.