

# KPCA

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## KENWOOD PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

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### Annual Meeting Minutes, June 11, 2019 Walt Whitman High School Cafeteria

After time for socializing, the meeting was called to order at 8:05pm by KPCA Acting President and Vice President, Foroud Arsanjani. Twenty-four people were present.

The Acting President welcomed everyone to the meeting, gave a brief overview of the agenda and then introduced Katherine Kerxton, Chair of the Committee on Traffic and Safety. She noted that smart units had been placed on a few streets in the neighborhood during the Fall to show the speed of drivers. She also noted that an application for a sidewalk on Millwood Rd has been submitted to the County but she has not heard back on it yet. A review of bumps on Millwood Rd and Lenox has also been sought along with studies for stop signs on Wilson and Marbury. Speeding concerns on Whittier Blvd. were also mentioned.

The obstruction of sight caused but trees on the corner of Goldsboro and Millwood was discussed again. A request to the County to look into this situation has been passed onto the State of Maryland Department of Transportation.

Michael Hartnett, a Montgomery County Police Lieutenant, was introduced. He noted that Whittier Blvd. is a county road and Wilson Blvd. is a state road. With regard to Whittier Blvd. he noted that speed trailers could be put out and that the Police Department could commission a traffic study on Whittier Blvd. He indicated that speed bumps on Whittier Blvd. might be a problem for school buses.

Lt. Hartnett noted that speed cameras in the county are a vendor-based system and are not owned by the Police Department. The Automated Traffic Enforcement unit determines where cameras are placed. Currently, there are cameras on Wilson Lane and there are no cameras on Whittier Blvd. There has been a low accident rate on Whittier Blvd. He recommended the Apexmobile app, a tool that helps Police and Fire Departments communicate and engage with their communities. Lt. Hartnett also highlighted the reduced speed limit in effect on River Road.

With regard to crime statistics, Lt. Hartnett noted that auto theft is by far the biggest problem in our area. He urged KPCA residents to lock their cars and their garage doors as well as interior doors in the garage. Steve Buck suggested undertaking a study of crime in Kenwood Park and a similar neighborhood to assess the value/impact of the KPCA Security Patrol. Lt. Harnett noted that he is a Bethesda native and that he will be retiring in 131 days. The Acting President thanked him for his service and for the support of the Police Department.

The KPCA Treasurer, Hannah Elson, provided an update on finances. There is currently a \$13,000 deficit in the Association finances due to a reduction in the number of the Security Patrol members. Possible actions to address this situation include reducing the number of daily hours for the patrol, increasing the membership, etc.

The Community Outreach Chair, Joann Harrison, gave a brief overview of the Committee's recent work and the materials she had brought to the meeting from the Montgomery County EPA including information on the Poop Loop, recycling, storm water collection, bee spraying restrictions, etc. The Committee also continues its work on the aging in place/Village initiative.

Krishna Collie noted that KPCA does not have its own list serve, the establishment of which continues to be an Association goal.

Linda Chaletzky informed the group of a new law in effect in Montgomery County as well as D.C. to permit the construction of accessory dwelling units/living quarters in backyards.

As required by our Bylaws, an election slate was presented:

President: open

At-Large Directors: Krishna Collie; Ed Elson; Katherine Kerxton; Joann Harrison and Lindsey Dickinson

Committee chairs, appointed by the President, were announced:

Community Outreach: Joanne Harrison

Traffic and Safety: Katherine Kerxton and Rebecca Kahlenberg

Welcoming Committee: Lindsey Dickinson

Information Technology/KPCA website: Krishna Collie

Coordinator of Block Captains: Susan Goda?

There were no nominations for President. It was moved that the slate of At Large Directors be approved and the motion passed unanimously.

No further calls for new business were made. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Notes prepared by Patty McAllister 6-12-19