

WPCCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING
February 18, 2010
Locust Shade Conference Room, Ferlazzo Building

The regular monthly meeting of the WPCCA was opened at 7:00 PM by Chairman Ron Smith. The chairman introduced the agenda and discussed its contents and the subjects for discussion in the meeting.

1. Treasurer J. Michael Hill presented the WPCCA Financial report. At present, we have a total of \$610 in our account, \$510 of which is for beautification projects.
2. Chairman Smith then introduced Michelle Casciato, PWC Neighborhood Services Division Chief who gave an outstanding presentation on the efforts of her agency to reduce Property Code Violations. She distributed a report on total county violations and also a list of violations applicable only to the Woodbridge District. She stated that there was definitely an increase in violations, attributable primarily to Property Foreclosures. She noted that as a result of the county becoming proactive, there has been a marked decrease in tall grass and weed violations and that current procedures for reporting and followup action were definitely effective. Michelle also reported that Legislative actions placing Building Violations and Zoning Violations on the same playing field, along with increased fines have greatly reduced the number of Building Code violations. Michelle was asked about snow on sidewalks and she reported that contrary to popular belief, there is currently no law regarding snow removal on sidewalks, but rather a “good neighbor policy” is applicable in Prince William County. Some discussion followed regarding the signage issue. Michelle stated that the issue has lessened over that of 2 years ago when about 40,000 signs were removed versus 25,000 last year.
3. Kayne Karnbach of the Prince William Clean Community Council (a not for profit agency) was introduced. He discussed the council’s actions regarding graffiti removal and the fact that they have been working with Neighborhood Services. He expressed a willingness to work with Civic Associations. He stated that a form to report problems could be downloaded from Neighborhood Services on the County Web Site. Michelle stated that removal of Graffiti is the responsibility of the property owner. The membership applauded Michelle and her department for there support and effort to improve the appearance of not only the Woodbridge area but the entire county. There being no further questions for Michelle, she was excused.
4. Chairman Smith introduced Mr. Jim Giddings of Lustine-Toyota, who presented a general concept and his desire to erect a huge flag similar to Pallone Chevrolet and a memorial area honoring service personnel. He said he wished to do this in honor of our military personnel at a great personal expense. Several questions were raised about lighting, precedence, etc. At the completion of questions by the membership, Chairman Smith thanked Mr. Giddings and informed him that the Civic Association would discuss it and get back with him. After his departure, it was agreed that the concerns which had been addressed, required attention as well as a drawing and detailed plan need to be presented. Mr. Principi (Woodbridge Supervisor) informed the association that this particular request does not need to go to the Planning Board but that action could be taken directly by the BOCS.
5. **Old Business:** Frank Principi reported that the Environmental and Transportation portions of the Comprehensive plan had been updated and that the Master Plan for North Woodbridge needs to be reviewed with a fine-tooth comb by each of us and let him know of any discrepancies. He urged our support as the plan will be voted on by the BOCS at the evening session of the March 2 BOCS meeting. Mr. Principi reported that a \$250,000 UDU grant for a transportation study had been awarded and that CSX has donated \$1,000 for our cleanup efforts in the area. He also provided a general update on new development potentials and stated that many developmental plans had come to a halt for economic

reasons. Chairman Smith asked if the Potomac Town Center Designation had been forward to VDOT and mr. Principi stated it had.

6. Reuben Johnson, Board Member and Beautification Coordinator stated that the next large cleanup efforts are scheduled for April 24 in Veteran's Park and on May 22 for North Route 1.
7. Chairman Smith stated that Malloy had originally been scheduled to go before the BOCS with their request to build a new auto dealership; but due to citizen concerns, have withdrawn their application for the present while they endeavor to resolve the issues surrounding their application.
8. **New Business:** Chairman Smith encouraged the membership to pass information about WPCCA to their neighbors and to encourage wider participation and awareness.
 - a. The membership was informed of the appointment of Collin Davenport as Director of Communications for the WPCCA.
 - b. An amendment to the bylaws, required by IRA rule will be brought before the membership for approval at the April meeting.
 - c. Mr. Martin Briley, Director of Economic Development will be the guest speaker at the March meeting, briefing us on what is happening in Woodbridge.

The next meeting will be held on March 18. Nothing else to claim the attention of the membership, the meeting adourned on motion by Mike Hill and Lynda Silverstrand at 9:10 P.M.

Attendees:

Lynda Silverstrand, J. Michael Hill, Walter Peterman, D. Eugene Inge, John Karhnaak, Jim Owen
Reuben Johnson, Kayne Karnback (PW Clean Community Council) kayne.karnbach@gmail.com
Jennifer Roccanti, Russell Bryant, Pam Buchenauer, Bob Buchenauer, Jim Gibbins, Hilda Barg
Michelle Casciato (PWC) mcasciato@pwcgov.org , Mary-Ellen Pfister mep.arch@yahoo.com
Sandra Crossley, Jay DuVon, Paul Davis, Frank Principi (BOCS Woodbridge Supervisor)