

**MINUTES**  
**THE ASPEN HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**17 February 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by President Jamison Adcock at 7:02 P.M. in the Aspen Hill Library.

**CALL OF THE ROLL:**

**Present** at the meeting were board members: Jamison Adcock, KC Chronopoulos, Robert Clarke, Marna Cary, Joan Cohen, Steve Cohen, Sheila Convery, Gail Cooper, Sharon Dean, Susan Eisendrath, Suzy Levy, Jiri Malek, Sam Nasios, Carol Petzold, Walter Petzold, , Selene Robinson, Melissa Ryan, Michael Salay, Jane Salzano, Rena Samuel, Carla Steinborn, and Judy Tankersley.

**Absent** from the meeting were board members: Judy Fink, Patricia King, Sol Levy, JoAnna Nasios, Linda NeCastro-Pastel, Monica Reyes-Dame and Roselia Rodriguez and Kris Vaitkus.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of the 13 January 2016 meeting were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

For Treasurer Steven Cohen's financial report for 1 January through 31 January 2016 please see page 6. The expenditure of \$200 was spent to rent space at the Berman Hebrew Academy for meetings on 16 March, 13 April, 18 May and 8 June, 2016 because the Library is scheduled to be closed for "refreshing." The Academy is located at 13300 Arctic Avenue and the meetings will be held in the upper chapel.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

Sheila Convery reported that membership stands at 131 members.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Environment Issues - No chair**

- Carla Steinborn, committee member, inquired about having a meeting with representatives of the Green Street program.
- Susan Eisendrath, committee member, volunteered to arrange the meeting with written questions to be solicited in advance.

## **Government Relations - No chair**

- Judy Tankersley reported on the Feb 16 meeting of the MCCAB. Joshua Faust, County DOT, at the request of MCCAB, reported on the snow removal efforts during the Jonas Storm. The County indicated it costs \$1 Million dollars an inch for snow removal operations.
- MCCAB is attempting to schedule its April meeting in the Aspen Hill area, using the Library if possible.
- Judy also mentioned that the Wheaton-Kensington Chamber of Commerce is soliciting nominations, due 2 March, for an award to an individual and an organization for outstanding contributions to the community.
- Jamison Adcock noted that County Councilman Katz would be holding a community meeting on 16 March at Bell Elementary School.

## **The Library Committee - Marna Cary chair**

- Marna Cary reported that the library has recently added 6 locking charging stations for public use while in the library.
- Lastly she said that the library was sponsoring free Sunday movies at 2:00 p.m. On 28 February: *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*.
- Carol Petzold announced that the spring used book sale is scheduled for 19 March. The books will be sold at reduced prices to clear the inventory prior to the library being closed for "refreshing."
- Joan Cohen inquired about why our community seemed to be getting so little investment when compared to what is being spent on rebuilding the Wheaton Regional Library.
- Judy Tankersley replied that with the tight money situation the county was only "refreshing" community libraries.
- Marna Cary added that Wheaton was no longer accepting book donations because it would be closing. Donations now need to go to the library site located on Boiling Brook.
- Carla Steinborn noted that capital improvement plans are made 5 years in advance but that does not excuse the slight to our community.
- Joan Cohen proposed that a letter be sent to the proper county authorities regarding the situation.
- Carol Petzold mentioned that Elliot Chabot spoke in behalf of the library at the county budget hearings. She also said the proposed storage and layout changes at Aspen Hill would negatively impact book sales that bring in \$3,000 a year for the library.



**Media** - No chair. No report.

- Sharon Dean suggested that our association establish ties with the Sentinel to report community and association news.
- Jiri Malek added that we should be putting pictures about life in our neighborhoods on our website.
- Jamison Adcock recommended that this be supplemented with other community information.

**Membership** - No chair

- Sheila Convery said that the scheduled committee meeting was postponed because of the recent bad weather. The meeting will shortly be re-scheduled.

**Neighborhood Relations** - No report, Judy Fink chair.

**Public Safety** - No chair

- Jamison Adcock reported that the Neighborhood Watch organization is up and running.

**Schools** - No chair

- President Adcock reported that the current plan for the former English Manor Elementary School site is to turn it into administrative offices for the 70 some professionals involved in the Infant and Toddlers Program. He indicated that the association will continue to monitor the developments.
- He also mentioned that there will be a meeting to discuss the future of the Blair Ewing Center on Tuesday 1 March 2016 from 7:00 until 8:30 pm at their site at 14501 Avery Road.
- Suzy Levy inquired if a decision had been made regarding the bus depot relocation. Jamison Adcock replied that he had no new news to relate.

**Utilities** - Joan Cohen chair

- Joan Cohen reported that WSSC was doing sewer service line repair on Bauer Drive.
- Melissa Ryan inquired about the possibility of lead pipes in the Aspen Hill community. Joan Cohen replied that there are lead pipes but they have all been relined to eliminate lead contamination and the water is being monitored. She also noted that the wooden pipes were being replaced.

- Carla Steinborn inquired if anti-corrosives were being added to our water and Joan responded in the affirmative.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Wheaton Regional Park**

- Jane Salzano reported that the Government Relations Committee met with Dominick Quattruchi and other Park and Planning staff to request facilities for inclusion be incorporated in the Wheaton Regional Park Master Plan. Mr. Quattruchi stated he would get back to us.

### **Parkland Middle School Cell Tower**

- Jamison Adcock reported that he attended a meeting on 10 February at Lucy Barnsley Elementary School regarding the erection of a 104 foot cell tower next to the Parkland Middle School building. Representatives from Verizon and the school system made presentations. President Adcock noted that our association had not been notified when the proposal was initially made, contrary to school board policy. He said that the stake holders present voted at the meeting's conclusion, 51 against it, 3 abstentions and no votes in favor.
- Suzy Levy moved that the association send a letter to the appropriate authorities stating our concern about the process, that we would be following matters closely and that we expect to be kept informed. The motion passed unanimously.
- Joan Cohen proposed that the Board survey the membership on their positions regarding the cell tower. Jamison Adcock, Joan Cohen and Sheila Convery volunteered to undertake the survey.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Pedestrian Safety**

- President Adcock reported that he had been contacted by the rabbi from the Beth Joshua congregation that meets at the Berman Academy regarding our support for the installation of a crosswalk at Arctic Avenue and Oriental Street.
- Joan Cohen moved that we should send a letter to the Academy as well as the local Montgomery County Traffic Department responsible for traffic control and pedestrian safety indicating our support for the Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy's request for traffic control and increased pedestrian safety measures at Arctic Avenue and Oriental. She added that additionally in the same letter we should request a detailed and extended traffic study for all of Arctic Avenue, Aspen Hill Road and the

surrounding areas. Following a discussion the motion passed unanimously.

### **Bylaws**

- Bob Clarke moved the adoption of the Bylaws Committee report regarding a revision of the Bylaws. It was seconded. Discussion then took place on Articles I and II. All of the sections in Article I were adopted with minor changes. Article II, sections 1 through 6 were also adopted with minor changes. Further discussion will resume at the next Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 16 March at 7:00 p.m. at the Berman Academy Upper Chapel, 13300 Arctic Ave.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert Clarke  
Recording Secretary

**ASPEN HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION,  
Inc.  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
January 1 - January 31, 2016**

Submitted by  
***Steven Cohen***  

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Steven Cohen  
Treasurer

**Checking Account - Suntrust xxxx6769**

<b>Balance as of January 1, 2016</b>	\$4,806.20
<b>Income: - January 1 - January 31, 2016</b>	\$14.00
<b>Expenses: January 1 - January 31, 2016</b>	\$200.00
<b>Balance as of January 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$4,620.20</b>

**Petty Cash**

<b>Balance as of January 1, 2016</b>	\$47.34
<b>Income: January 1 - January 31, 2016</b>	\$0.00
<b>Expenses: January 1 - January 31, 2016</b>	\$0.00
<b>Balance as of January 31, 2015</b>	<b>\$47.34</b>

**Total Available as of January 31, 2015** **\$4,667.54**