

**Winlow Place Civic Club  
General Meeting  
November 27, 2007 Minutes**

The business meeting was preceded by an ice cream social. President, Mary Needham called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

1. **Treasurer's/Membership report:** Denise Hanks reported that the civic club currently has 77 members, with paid dues of \$5070  
General account balance: \$7,453                      Security fund balance: \$3,719
2. **Deed Restrictions:** Mary reported that copies of deed restrictions have been provided to several property owners where new construction is taking place  
Minimum setback and lot size: petitions have been completed and approved for most blocks where this is needed except for 1700 block of Kipling and 1900 block of Marshall  
Compliments to the Loes who have broken ground on their new house; they are taking care to follow the deed restrictions and have engaged a "green" architect with the goal of achieving a very high LEED rating
3. **Security:** Vernon Durke provided handouts on the current proposal for a security patrol and a survey to be used in a door to door poll seeking resident commitments to fund the patrol. Discussion followed, including: background on patrol discussions; potential for management district contribution; benefits to subscribers and non-subscribers; practice in other subdivisions (e.g., in New Orleans) of levying a tax on property owners to pay for 24 hour patrols; security cameras.  
Mary asked all present to complete the survey before leaving to provide an idea of how much support we might get; responses from meeting attendees would likely represent a "best case" for what we could expect from the neighborhood as a whole.  
Vernon reiterated the importance for residents to make incident reports, and get badge numbers and names of officers investigating incidents and to share these with the civic club. These will be posted on the WP website and having the details will provide a way to track incidents and reference them to HPD and the Constable's office.
4. **Other old business:**
  - Mary asked everyone to make sure she has their updated email addresses – e.g., ev1 and rr no longer work.
  - Congratulations to Ken Rice and Sarah Goodpastor on their Gold Brick Award (to be awarded in February) in recognition of their wonderful restoration of the house on Kipling at Dunlavy – an exciting development for the neighborhood.
  - Need a volunteer to help with getting new Winlow Place signs done.
5. **New business:**
  - Mary asked if anyone would be interested in chairing a "Yard of the Month" program. Janok and Cyndy offered to ask their neighbor who is a landscape designer.
  - Thanks to Kathy LeGros who has volunteered to take an open block captain position – suggest the 1800 block of Alabama.
6. **Election of officers:**
  - Mary reviewed the slate of nominees and asked for volunteers for the Neartown Rep, Newsletter and Deed Restriction positions which are being vacated.  
Kris Kelly noted that she has created a template which she will provide for the newsletter.  
George Barnstone volunteered to fill the Newsletter chair opening.  
Discussion of Deed Restriction chair responsibilities.
  - Tony Carroll moved that the slate of officers be accepted as published, Carol Nelson seconded. The slate of officers and committee chairs was approved as follows:  
President: Mary Needham  
Vice President: Bruce Smith  
Secretary: Kay Warhol  
Treasurer: Denise Hanks  
Security Chair: Vernon Durke  
Publications Chair: George Barnstone  
Membership Chair: Denise Hanks  
Historian: Audrey Cook  
Neartown Rep and Deed Restrictions Chair remain open

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7. **Other discussion:**

- Carol Nelson commended the board for doing a good job. She also expressed concern about the lack of membership and got broad agreement that this is an issue.
- Doug Morrow, who has purchased and is building on a property in the 1700 block of Harold that has been vacant has some comments about deed restrictions that he would like to share. There was additional discussion on the impact that our deed restrictions have. Mary offered to sit down and discuss this at greater length and issued the invitation to others who are interested to join. No date was set for the meeting.
- Audrey Cook thanked Mary for agreeing to serve as civic club president for another year. Members signaled their agreement with applause.

8. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the July general meeting have been posted on winlowplace.org. Tony Carroll moved and Vernon Durke seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.