

**Community Relations Committee**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 15, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Members present: Ann Wild (chair), Tom Brault, Putnam Ebinger, Rose Edwards, Rose Miller, Julie Stanish, Kathy Strom (Town Council liaison) and Cathy Wolf. Also attending was Warren Rizzi, the Town management assistant.

Julie Stanish offered a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2009, meeting. Cathy Wolf seconded the motion, which was approved.

The members discussed a budget request from Chevy Chase at Home, an Aging-in Place initiative that is being assisted by the committee, for \$150 to help pay for three mailings to Town residents. Joan Urban, an organizer of the initiative, attended the meeting during this discussion. Cathy Wolf offered a motion to approve the request. Rose Miller seconded the motion, which was approved.

Discussing efforts to set up a Neighborhood Watch program, Kathy Strom said it was unclear if the Police Department would be able to send a representative to a scheduled April 16 meeting; Town residents had been invited to the meeting to learn about the program and offer suggestions. Committee members supported a suggestion from Rose Miller that the Town ask the police if some of the training of block captains could be done by DVD.

Putnam Ebinger outlined a draft document she had prepared laying out a proposed Town policy on making charitable contributions. Rose Edwards made a motion to accept the document, as amended. Rose Miller seconded the motion, which was approved.

The committee looked over a listing of Spring Events. Cathy Wolf asked for volunteers to help staff the various activities; Tom Brault, Julie Stanish, Ann Wild and Cathy agreed to help at the Wine Event on May 2. The committee settled on May 28 for the next Chevy Chase Dinner Club, at Gaffney's; and an event to honor Jane Lawton, a former Town mayor who died in 2007, will be on June 14.

On committee volunteer recruitment, the members discussed how best to highlight the committee's activities and recruit new members at the Town's annual meeting and at the June 6 Volunteer Appreciation event. Ann Wild agreed to ask former committee member Ketch Ryan to design a list of the Top Ten Reasons to join the Community Relations Committee.

The committee discussed plans for a progressive dinner to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first platting in Chevy Chase. Town resident Bridget Hartman, who has volunteered to organize the dinner with Cathy Wolf, attended the meeting during this

discussion. Members favored the idea of asking families to sign up to host dinners in their homes that other residents could attend. The evening, tentatively scheduled for September 12, could begin and/or end for everyone at the Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rose Edwards