

Minutes of the Ward 3 Democratic Committee
for the October 20, 2011, Committee Meeting

The fourth regular meeting of the 2011-2012 term of the Ward Three Democratic Committee (the Committee) was convened at St. Columba's Episcopal Church in the District of Columbia on Thursday October 20, 2011. There were approximately 60 members and guests present.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:18 p.m. by the Chair, Shelley Tomkin, and proceeded with the presentation by Peter Espenshied of an amended resolution to support the nomination by Mayor Vincent Gray of Elizabeth Noel for an appointment as Public Service Commissioner to the D.C. Public Service Commission. The resolution passed with a roll call vote of 23-Y, 1-N, and 6 abstentions.

The Committee then proceeded with elections of at-large delegates to fill vacancies on the Committee. The newly elected at-large delegates were Judy Chesser, Joel Cohn, Mary Alice Levine, Keshini Ladduwahetty, Jon Mandel, Yolanda Savage, Marilyn Simon, and Bob Summersgill. The new delegates were congratulated and welcomed to the Committee.

The meeting continued with the two guest speakers, Political Commentator Mark Plotkin, and At-large Councilmember Vincent Orange, who offered informative presentations on D.C.'s struggle for self-determination and statehood and D.C. government ethics reform legislation, respectively.

The Chair thanked the at-large Delegate Elections Committee (Carol Shapiro, Isabel Sternberg, Brian Lederer, Debby Shore, and its Chair, Mike Gold) for facilitating the election and extended kudos to Peter Espenshied for all the effort and research he put into preparing the resolution, and John Chelen and Nancy Macwood, who supported that effort. And the efforts of Irene Morris, who orchestrates the room set-up and refreshments for our meetings were noted.

The next Ward 3 Democratic Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at St Columba's Episcopal Church.

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