

LeDroit Park Civic Association

Meeting Date:	Meeting Location:	Distribution:	Attachments:
November 27, 2007	Florida Avenue Baptist Church	Website: www.ledroitparkdc.org LeDroit Park Market	Attendee List

7:00 PM

1. Moment of silence.
2. Reading of October 23, 2007 Meeting Minutes by Ms. Andrea Feniak.

Motion:

- To approve.

Vote:

- Unanimous, Yes.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Vote.

3. Public Safety Committee Report:

Report by Mr. Jeff Herron:

- Security Camera:
 - The committee is in discussions with MPD to have them take control of the camera. A full turn-over can occur after the monitoring website is fully established.
 - The committee has discussed posting signage on the light post notifying passersby that a camera is in use. They are contacting city agencies to see what is required to post the signage.
 - Mr. Sedrick Muhammad, Constituent Services Specialist for Councilman Graham's Office indicated that he would provide assistance if needed.
 - The committee has contacted the Mayor's office about setting up a press conference (as requested by the Mayor at the July Civic Association Meeting). We have yet to hear from the Mayor's office.
 - Mr. Muhammad indicated that the city is looking to LeDroit Park as a model for other communities with regards to crime cameras, crime control, and private citizens' initiatives.
- The Public Safety Committee Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 309 T Street NW; the next meeting will be on 12/13/07

4. Nuisance Property Update:

Report by Mr. Robert Sullivan:

- 1806 8th Street NW has been referred to the DCRA Nuisance Property Task Force.
- 428 Elm Street NW had a recent fire and the owner has secured the building.
- 321 Elm Street NW has been referred to the Board of Condemnation.
- 535 Florida Avenue NW has been referred to the Board of Condemnation.
- 337 Oakdale Place NW has been secured and is under review by the Board of Condemnation.
- 511 U Street NW is "unofficially" for sale.
- 1907 3rd Street NW, the vacant apartment building just north of Anna Cooper Circle, has squatters living in it again. The building needs to be secured.

5. Elks Lodge Liquor License Renewal Update

Report by ANC Commissioner Myla Moss:

- Mr. Bill Frazier and Ms. Constance Razza-Thomas have volunteered to be the liaison between the Elks Lodge and the LeDroit Park community. Mr. Frazier and Ms. Razza-Thomas have reached out to the Lodge, and are waiting for a response.

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- Ms. Maude Hills-Harrod spoke on behalf of the Elks Lodge and indicated that they would like to facilitate a meaningful conversation. The Elks would like to maintain their historical presence as an African-American Fraternal Organization. The Elks feel that the community is culturally insensitive to their presence.
- Mr. Herron asked for an example of how the community was being culturally insensitive.
 - Ms. Hills-Harrod responded that there are other ways that the community can communicate with the lodge and the current methods have been confrontational.

6. LeDroit Park Mural Update:

Report by Ms. Rachel Dickerson, DC Office of Arts and Humanities:

- A mural will be installed on the west side of Ms. Dana Bryson's house next to the entrance of the Gage-Eckington School.
- A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued for artists in the mid-Atlantic region; 31 responses were received.
- The review committee selected 5 of the entries to advance to the next stage.
- The committee is composed of community members, the Gage-Eckington Principal and members of the Arts Commission.
- The artists were given a tour of the neighborhood by Ms. Loretta Jackson.
- The committee will meet on January 9, 2008 to review the final artist submissions and to decide on a recommendation that will be forwarded to the Arts Commission and the Mayor for final selection.
- Any questions may be directed to Ms. Dickerson at Rachel.Dickerson@dc.gov

7. Treasurer Report:

Report by Ms. Donna Morris:

- There are now 50 members of the Civic Association. ~~Several new members have joined this evening and are not counted in this tally.~~
- The membership one year ago at this time was 17!
- The goal by May 2008 is 75 members.

8. Citizen Milestones:

Report by Ms. Andrea Feniak:

- The community mourns the death of Rodney David Corry, the son of Mr. David Corry, on October 28, 2007. A card of condolence on behalf of the community was sent to the family.
- The community celebrates the accomplishments of Ms. Anita Norman who has obtained her Notary Public credentials. She may be contacted at 202.256.3517.
- The community is invited to make their announcements during this time or to submit information to Andrea Feniak at 1903 4th St. NW; Ph: 986.7680; email: Feniak-Buchanan@att.net

9. New Business:

- Ms. Feniak introduced a proposal on behalf of the Executive committee to plant memorial trees in memory of LeDroit Park Citizens. Potential planting locations include the LeDroit Park Archway, and tree boxes. ANC Commissioner Moss, is assisting in the planning by coordinating discussions with DDOT and the DC Arborist. Ms. Feniak is also reviewing the proposal with Casey Trees. The planning will be ongoing and the community is invited to participate. Contact Andrea Feniak at 202.986.7680 to volunteer.
- Volunteers are needed for distributing flyers around the neighborhood in advance of meetings. Contact Robert Sullivan at rbsll@yahoo.com. **We are thankful for the several people who volunteered to help! It was also suggested that we get help from Howard University students and possibly public school students as well.**

10. Special Guest:

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Mr. Gerard Brown, DC Department of Health and Hygiene:

- All requests for pest control or reports of rat sightings on the exterior of buildings should be made to 727-1000. The department can not provide assistance on private property.
- The Department has an on-going pilot program for pest control that is focusing on one block at a time.
- The department only assists with rat infestations. Mice extermination is not within the department's jurisdiction. If complaints are made to 535-1954 the department can only offer "Mice Advice".
- For rats, poison is applied according to the law. It is inserted into a rat hole and then covered. To date, no animals (except rats) have been accidentally poisoned.
- To prevent rats, trash receptacles must be sealed. Putting a bag on the street for collection is not allowed.
- Mr. Brown encouraged residents to call with reports of rat problems. His number is 202-535-1954.

11. Special Guest:

Ms. Suzanne des Marais:

- Local realtor Suzanne des Marais, with mortgage lender Dominic Turano from Wells Fargo, gave a presentation entitled: What's Happening With the Local Real Estate Market?
- Contact Ms. Des Marais for more information at: suzanne@desmaraisrealestate.com
- Contact Mr. Turano for more information at: dominic.turano@wellsfargo.com

12. ANC Update:

Report by Commissioner Myla Moss:

- The 4th Street Reconstruction project is scheduled to be completed on Tuesday December 4, 2007.
- A RFP for the WMATA Parcel at 8th and Florida Avenue has been issued and the board hopes to make a decision by the end of the year.
- The Radio One project is due for a vote by the Council by the end of the month. The current negotiations have the city providing \$8 million in addition to the \$6.5 land value.
- Howard University is developing a 10-year campus plan. Final negotiations for mixed use development across from the hospital are in progress. The city is in the final stages of the required land swap deal.
- Frazier's funeral home at 4th and Florida Avenues NW has been shut down because they were operating a mortuary without a license.
- DDOT is doing an inspection of alley lighting in LeDroit Park and will repair broken lights.

13. Special Guest:

Ms. Margot Hoerner, ANC 1B2 candidate:

- She is seeking the community's support for the seat, to replace Commissioner Wright, who recently died.
- Councilman Graham's office has endorsed her candidacy.
- Her contact information is 2110 2nd Street NW.

14. There will not be a Civic Association Meeting in December.

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 22, 2008.

This memorandum represents our understanding of the events which transpired and the actions which were taken. If they do not conform to a recipient's understanding, prompt written notice must be communicated to the writer. If no corrections or objections are made, this memorandum will be relied upon as a factual interpretation of this meeting.

Submitted by,
LeDroit Park Civic Association

/s/
Andrea Feniak, Secretary