

LeDroit Park Civic Association

Meeting Minutes for the Meeting on Tuesday, September 28, 2010

at the Florida Avenue Baptist Church

Call to order at 7:06 pm

1. **Presentation on the restoration of the Howard Theatre by Mr. Chip Ellis**
 - a. Job fair on November 13, 2010, from 1 pm to 3 pm in the basement of the Florida Avenue Baptist Church.
 - b. Another job fair next year to staff the permanent positions.
 - c. Mr. Ellis encouraged applicants to consider work at his UNCF project, too.
 - d. Mr. Ellis promised to install rat traps at the site perimeter.
2. **Presentation on the Howard University Homecoming by Dr. Steven Johnson.**
 - a. The parade will be held from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday, October 30.
 - b. Dr. Johnson also announced the route.
 - c. The football kickoff will be at 1 pm that day.
 - d. MPD is in charge of security and DPW in charge of cleaning before, during, and after the parade.
 - e. Cars in the parade route will be towed to the university parking lot on Sherman Avenue.
 - f. Dr. Johnson invited all residents to attend the Yard Fest on Friday, October 29, and the events on Saturday, October 30.
 - g. Dr. Johnson promised homecoming tickets to those who participate in Community Day. (Dr. Johnson presented 12 tickets to C.A. President Richard Myers at the end of the meeting.)
3. **Presentation by Lt. Allan Lacey of the Howard University Police**
 - a. Lt. Lacey explained that off-campus matters must first involve the MPD, which will then contact the university police.
 - b. Lt. Lacey mentioned persistent problems on Flagler Place and Elm Street.
 - c. Lt. Lacey advised residents to insist that the MPD respond first.
4. **Park update by Mr. Jeff Herron and by Ms. Jacqui Glover of DMPEd**
 - a. DDOE had to inspect the site.
 - b. "Dirt will turn" in a week.
 - c. The majority of the park should be finished by the end of the year.
 - d. Planting will be delayed until the spring.
 - e. The site superintendent is accepting job applications.
 - f. A resident requested rat abatement and Ms. Glover promised to address that and Mr. Herron promised to contact the Dept. of Health.
 - g. A resident inquired about the stability of the park wall beside his house. Ms. Glover promised that the wall was stable and safe.
 - h. Ms. Glover promised the installation of a sign on the site.
 - i. Mr. Herron said the naming matter would be addressed in October.
5. **Presentation on the Common Good City Farm by Ms. Pertula George & Ms. Olivia Ivey**
 - a. The farm would host a cooking workshop from October 15 - 17.
 - b. The farm would host a celebration on Community Day from 1 - 3 pm.
 - c. Mr. Herron gave a short history of the site.
 - d. Farm staff explained food distribution.
6. **ANC Commissioner E. Gail Anderson Holness** addressed the recent violence on U St.
7. **ANC Commissioner Myla Moss addressed the meeting:**
 - a. Invited residents to the public safety meeting at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month.
 - b. Introduced Sean Alaziz, owner of the new restaurant at 600 Florida Avenue.
 - c. Announced the UNCF groundbreaking for mid-October.
8. **Presentation on LeDroit Park Community Day by Ms. Ayo Handy-Kendi**
 - a. Timeline
 - b. Student participation and open dorms.
 - c. Yard sales, historic tour, garden tour, business open houses, raffle, farm party
9. **Presentation on the Howard University Campus Plan by Ms. Danielle Ricks**
 - a. Explanation of the process and that the presentations so far addressed the current state of the area.
 - b. Ms. Alice Aughtry requested Ms. Ricks ask the university about budgeting for the Terrell House.
10. **Officer introductions**
11. **Capitol Hill Energy Co-op announcement**
12. **Time Bank announcement**
13. **Ms. Donna Morris announced the association's bank account balance was \$2767.88.**
14. **Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.**

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 understand, 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 on Tuesday, October 26, 2010, by Mr. Eric Fidler, the secretary of the LeDroit Park Civic Association