

LeDroit Park Civic Association

Meeting Minutes for the Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2011

at the Florida Avenue Baptist Church, 623 Florida Avenue NW

Call to order at 7:03 pm

1. **Moment of silence.**
2. **Reading of the previous meeting's minutes by Mr. Eric Fidler, Secretary.** Mr. Jeff Herron moved to approve the minutes. The move was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's report by Ms. Donna Morris stating that the association had \$3386.10 in its bank account.**
4. **Historic Preservation Chair Eric Fidler announced that the next meeting of the LeDroit Park-Bloomingdale Heritage Trail Working Group would be on April 16, 2011 at 10 am in the LeDroit Park Senior Apartments.**
5. **Presentation on Shaw's Tavern by Mr. Steve May.**
 - a. Mr. May distributed a sample menu.
 - b. The restaurant will open mid-June and the three apartments upstairs will open in May.
 - c. The restaurant intends to seat 15-18 people outside up until 11:30 or midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.
 - d. The restaurant aims to seat 65-70 people inside until 2am on weekends and midnight or 1 am on other nights.
 - e. Mr. May suggested that people call him directly if they have any complaints.
6. **Presentation by Ms. Maybelle Bennett regarding Howard University's planned Freshmen Village.**
 - a. Ms. Bennett announced that the university would present its draft campus plan on Thursday in the School of Architecture.
 - b. Ms. Bennett thanked everyone for supporting the campus plan extension.
 - c. Ms. Bennett explained that the Freshmen Village might include sophomores, too.
 - d. Ms. Bennett said that the university currently houses 46% of its students in 4,600 bed in 13 halls, even though the demand exceeds 6,000 beds. Many students desire higher-quality housing that the university does not provide, including a "continuum of housing" from traditional dorms to suites, to apartments.
 - e. Howard Plaza Towers contains 40% of the university's beds, but over half of the university's beds are in buildings that are over 50 years old.
 - f. Howard currently houses 85% of its freshmen, a number that drops by 30% the following year.
 - g. Currently, 500 students live in P.G. Plaza and commute to the university.
 - h. Howard aims to create a living-learning community of two new dorms for underclassmen.
 - i. Howard wishes to take Drew, Carver, Meridian Hill, and Slowe Halls offline as student housing, but does not intend to sell the buildings.
 - j. In addition to the underclassmen dorms, the university aims to build two new dorms for upperclassmen
 - k. Ms. Bennett and the consultant described the composition of beds in each of the new dorms.
 - l. Ms. Bennett announced that 65% of the faculty are able to retire in 5 years and that new professors might be able to live in Slowe and Carver Halls since area housing is expensive.
 - m. Ms. Bennett said the university would file its campus plan by the end of June and the full plan would be presented at April's meeting.
7. **Mr. Juan Camilo from the mayor's office encouraged residents to attend the state of the District Address.**
8. **Ms. Yulandra Barlow from CM Graham's office said there was no date set yet on the bill to name the park.**
9. **Mr. McCoy from CM Biddle's office introduced himself as a neighbor.**
10. **Mr. Keenan Dunson announced the status of the garden plot lottery and announced the farm's kick-off date.**

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11. Public Safety presentation by Ms. Jana Baldwin, Public Safety Chair

- a. Ms. Baldwin announced an upcoming public safety walk.
- b. Ms. Baldwin announced a neighborhood watch training session for St. Patrick's Day.
- c. Ms. Baldwin described the public safety survey results.

12. Presentation by Mr. Eric Schuler of CSOSA

- a. Mr. Schuler announced an upcoming meeting on March 30 to discuss court supervision matters in the area.
- b. A resident asked whether residents returning to public housing will face background checks.

13. Update on the park by Mr. Jeff Herron

- a. Mr. Herron announced the park would be open in mid-April and that the weather had delayed construction.

14. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 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, April 26, 2010, by Mr. Eric Fidler, the secretary of the LeDroit Park Civic Association