

LeDroit Park Civic Association

Meeting Minutes for the Meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2011

at the Florida Avenue Baptist Church, 623 Florida Avenue NW

Call to order at 7:09 pm

1. **Moment of silence.**
2. **Pastor Trent** invited neighbors to attend the church's opening of the solar roof on Tuesday at 10 am. It is part of the church's green ministry.
3. **Reading of the previous meeting's minutes by Mr. Eric Fidler, Secretary.** Mrs. Dina Lewis moved to approve the minutes, Mr. Jeff Herron seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's report by Mrs. Donna Morris, Treasurer.** The association has \$3,404.54 in its account.
5. **Park Update by Mr. Jeff Herron.**
 - a. Tentatively opening on May 9.
 - b. The park is 75% complete.
 - c. Mr. Herron requested that children stay out of the park until it opens.
 - d. Mr. Herron explained the park configuration and that the garden plots and exercise equipment were funded by grants.
6. **Announcements by Mrs. Dina Lewis, Communications Chair**
 - a. Safety walk on Thursday at 7pm.
 - b. DC Water & CM Jim Graham will host an open house from 6:30 – 8 pm at the CHEC.
 - c. On May 6 at 7pm, the mayor will host a budget town hall.
 - d. Common Good City Farm will brainstorm at 614 S St NW on May 7 on how to build a food-just DC.
 - e. Tomorrow at 6:30 at 1908 3rd St is a budget talk with CM Kwame Brown.
 - f. On May 8 from 4-6 pm is a dog park information session at Rustik.
7. **Nomination committee formation by Mr. Richard Myers, President**
 - a. Mr. Richard Myers asked for nominations.
 - b. Mr. David Gelles, Mrs. Dina Lewis, Mr. Nick McCoy, Ms. Maria Fyodorova, and Mr. Josh Kern were nominated.
 - c. Mr. Myers moved to accept the committee composition as listed above. The motion passed with only one vote of opposition.
8. **Mr. Steven May requested support for the liquor license for Shaw's Tavern.**
 - a. Mr. May said the license placard would be posted in 10 days.
 - b. Mr. May recited the proposed hours of the restaurant.
 - c. Mr. David Gelles moved to support the license as stipulated by ANC 2C. The motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Mr. May said they would start hiring on May 15.
9. **Mr. Richard Myers thanked Howard University for the Day of Service** during which students cleaned the neighborhood.
10. **Presentation on the Howard University Campus Plan by Mrs. Maybelle Bennett of Howard University.**
 - a. Mrs. Bennett said she was sharing the plan as approved by the Board of Trustees.
 - b. A university official explained the goals of the plan, the details of the massing plan, and the details of the phasing plan.
 - c. Bryant Street would become an east-west axis on the campus.
 - d. Campus housing for faculty furthers the university's sustainability initiative.
 - e. The university aims to decrease parking demand over time and is not trying to increase parking on campus.
 - f. HU official said the parking consultant said the campus has enough parking.

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- g. Mr. David Gelles asked when the university would like to start construction. An official answered that they aim for the spring of 2012.
 - h. Mr. Gelles asked questions on the construction traffic, who would be the point of contact for the construction, and where the construction workers would park.
 - i. Mr. Nick McCoy asked what would happen with the existing retail spaces on Georgia Avenue.
 - j. Ms. Diane Branch of Howard University stated that Slowe and Carver Halls would eventually no longer serve as student dorms and that their new uses, yet to be decided, will be “respectful of the community.”
 - k. Mrs. Bennett announced that the plan will be submitted by the end of May.
 - l. Mr. Gelles expressed a desire for a construction management plan.
11. **Public safety report by Officer Garrett Higgins, MPD**
- a. There were no burglaries in the neighborhood.
 - b. There were two non-aggravated thefts.
 - c. There were two assaults on the 200-300 block of W Street
 - d. There were five thefts from autos.
 - e. Off. Higgins requested that people remove their GPS devices from their cars as well as remove the suction cups.
 - f. Off. Higgins expressed a desire to make the forthcoming park more secure.
 - g. Mr. Herron strenuously objected to any idea of enclosing the park with a fence.
 - h. Off. Higgins said he would ask the lieutenant about re-installing the police camera on V Street.
12. **Meeting adjourned at 8:47 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, May 24, 2011, by Mr. Eric Fidler, the secretary of the LeDroit Park Civic Association