

# LeDroit Park Civic Association

## Meeting Minutes for the Meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2011

at the Florida Avenue Baptist Church, 623 Florida Avenue NW

### Call to order at 7:08 pm

1. **Moment of silence.**
2. **Communications update by Ms. Danielle Ricks**
  - a. The association gained 50 new Twitter followers.
  - b. Ms. Ricks requested that residents send her events that should be shared with the neighborhood.
3. **Membership update by Mrs. Dina Lewis**
  - a. Mrs. Lewis said there were 60 household members of the association.
  - b. Mrs. Lewis noted that she and Mr. Morgan knocked on doors to seek members.
  - c. Mrs. Lewis reiterated the dues and the association's expenditures.
4. **Public safety presentation by Officer Garrett Higgins, MPD**
  - a. Off. Higgins said that the neighborhood is the safest part of the 3rd police district.
  - b. Off. Higgins noted that thefts from autos have dropped and that the total crime rate is down.
  - c. Off. Higgins reminded residents to call 911 when there is a problem so that the city has a record.
  - d. Off. Higgins advised residents not to talk on their phones while walking as this makes them targets for phone-snatchers.
  - e. Off. Higgins said to report people sleeping in vacant buildings as it is often a sign of drugs.
  - f. Mrs. E. Gail Anderson-Holness asked about the rate of criminal activity during Howard University's homecoming.
  - g. Off. Higgins asked residents to attend Wednesday's safety walk at 7pm at Anna J. Cooper Circle.
5. **Park update by Mr. Marc Morgan, President.**
  - a. Mr. Morgan said the only complaint he heard recently is that people occupy the park at night.
  - b. Mr. Morgan requested that residents call 911 when they witness any mischief at the park.
  - c. Mr. Kenan Dunson said he learned that several garden plots had been wrecked.
  - d. Off. Higgins reminded residents to report any problems at the park right away.
  - e. Ms. Ayo Handy-Kendi advised gardeners to harvest their food quickly and noted that children are treating the park better.
6. **Reading and approval of the previous meeting's minutes by Mr. Eric Fidler, Secretary**
  - a. Mr. Richard Myers moved to accept the minutes.
  - b. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
7. **Report on the proposed Howard University Campus Plan by Mr. Eric Fidler, Secretary**
  - a. Mr. Fidler noted that the university had clarified the definition of the campus and had excluded lots it did not own.
  - b. Mr. Fidler reiterated the stipulations other neighborhoods specified for their support.
8. **Report on Oktoberfest by Mr. Marc Morgan, President**
  - a. Mr. Morgan listed the performers, including the Peacemakers and chin dancers.
  - b. Mr. Morgan described the food at the event, including the food trucks.
  - c. Mr Morgan thanked all the participants and volunteers who made the event a success.
9. **Meeting adjourned at 8:00 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, January 24, 2012, by Mr. Eric Fidler, the secretary of the LeDroit Park Civic Association.**