

LeDroit Park Civic Association

Meeting Minutes for the Meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2012

at the Florida Avenue Baptist Church, 623 Florida Avenue NW

Call to order at 7:12 pm

1. Public safety presentation by Ms. Jana Baldwin, Public Safety Chair

- a. Ms. Baldwin said the police could not attend because of the president's State of the Union address.
- b. Ms. Baldwin noted that the neighborhood was removed from the police district covering U Street and that residents should now expect faster police response times.
- c. Ms. Baldwin said to consult the association website for the new police district boundaries.
- d. Ms. Baldwin said there was a fire at 333 Elm Street, the house in which there was a hostage standoff last summer.
- e. Ms. Baldwin asked residents to contact her with problems with trash and illegal dumping.
- f. Ms. Baldwin said that the District will remove graffiti for free from private property.

2. Treasurer's update by Marc Morgan, President

- a. Mr. Morgan said the association had \$3,491.25 in its account.
- b. Mr. Morgan noted that the association made a profit of \$200 from Oktoberfest due to sponsors.

3. Presentation on the Howard Theatre by Mr. Malik Ellis and Mr. Earl Horton

- a. Mr. Horton said the theater will open in April and is seeking an alcohol license beforehand.
- b. Mr. Horton said that the theater is seeking a CX (multipurpose) license, which would permit the theater to serve alcohol from 10 am to 2 am on weekdays and to 3 am on weekends.
- c. Mr. Horton said that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board will hold a hearing on the proposed license in February.
- d. Mr. Horton said there will be no sidewalk cafe.
- e. Mr. Horton said the theater will be operated by the same company that runs B.B. King's, Blue Note, and the Highline Ballroom in New York.
- f. Mr. Horton said they do not expect to serve lunch and that most of the food and alcohol will be served in the evening during the shows.
- g. Mr. Ellis said the theater will hire 100 employees and has a first-source agreement to prioritize the employment of District residents.
- h. Mr. Ellis said that the original columns are among the few original elements left in the building.
- i. Mr. Ellis noted that the theater intends to be open every day.
- j. Mr. Horton noted that the theater has 100 parking spaces reserved at Progression Place after 6 pm and more spaces reserved on Howard University lots.
- k. Mr. Ellis directed a volunteer to contact Howard Theatre Restoration, Inc., which may need volunteers for the grand opening.
- l. Mr. Eric Fidler moved to support the license.
 - i. Mr. Larry Holeman seconded the motion.
 - ii. Ms. Baldwin expressed the desire to see a more delineated security plan.
 - iii. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Reading and approval of the October meeting minutes by Mr. Eric Fidler, Secretary.

- a. Mr. Fidler apologized for missing the November meeting and said he would type up those minutes soon.
- b. Mr. Fidler read the October minutes.
- c. Mr. Richard Myers moved to approve the October minutes.
 - i. Mr. Larry Holeman seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion passed unanimously.

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5. **The applicant for the alcohol license for Inception was absent.**
6. **Miscellaneous introductions and announcements**
 - a. Mr. Juan Camilo Barragán of the mayor's office invited residents to attend the One City Summit on February 11, 2012.
 - b. Ms. Yulondra Barlow of Councilmember Jim Graham's office introduced herself.
 - c. Ms. Shi Faust of Councilmember Vincent Orange's office introduced herself.
 - d. ANC Commissioner Cedrick Muhammed of the mayor's office introduced himself and said the commission was looking for a volunteer or employee to serve as the ANC 1B staff assistant.
7. **Request of support for zoning relief by Mr. David Rosenblatt, resident**
 - a. Mr. Rosenblatt said his patio is at basement level and is impractical at such a depth.
 - b. Mr. Rosenblatt said that his back door opens into nothing and that there is a big drop from the door to the ground.
 - c. Mr. Rosenblatt said that in order to build a deck he will need a special exception from the Board of Zoning Adjustment.
 - d. Mr. Myers asked if Mr. Rosenblatt had informed neighbors. Mr. Rosenblatt said he had mailed his immediate neighbors and had not heard any objections.
 - e. Mr. Myers noted that the association should have had this item on its written agenda so that more neighbors could weigh in.
 - f. Mr. Eric Fidler moved that the association support Mr. Rosenblatt's application for zoning relief.
 - i. Mr. Richard Myers seconded the motion.
 - ii. The motion passed unanimously.
8. **Meeting adjourned at 7:53 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, February 28, 2012, by Mr. Eric Fidler, the secretary of the LeDroit Park Civic Association.