



LEDROIT PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes for the Regular Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at the Florida Avenue Baptist Church

Call to order at 7:10 pm

1. Introduction by President Golda Philip
2. Presentation by Howard University and Gateway Partners regarding a proposed mixed-use development at Sherman Avenue and Barry Place
 - a. The project includes apartments, retail space, and parking.
 - b. 11% of the housing units will be set aside for affordable housing
 - i. 30 units at 80% AMI
 - ii. 6 units at 60% AMI
 - c. Nine of the units will be set aside for Howard University faculty, which is a goal of the Campus Plan.
 - d. The project includes workforce training for 50 students to learn to become certified HVAC technicians at no cost to the students.
 - e. The project requires two simultaneous zoning actions:
 - i. Amendment of the Howard University Campus Plan to exclude the site from the Campus Plan to which the Civic Association is a party.
 - ii. Approval of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the building's uses, height, and density.
 - f. ANC Commissioner & Civic Association Secretary Brian Footer voiced his disappointment that the Mary Church Terrell House and Walter Washington House, both owned by Howard University, were vacant and visibly deteriorating.
 - g. **Motion by Brian Footer:**
 - i. **The Civic Association support the project contingent on the university president meeting with neighborhood stakeholders within 60 days to develop plans to restore the Terrell House and Washington House.**
 - ii. Ben Ball seconded the motion.
 - iii. **The motion passed with 11 members in favor and 5 opposed.**
 - h. **Motion by Christina Gilbert:**
 - i. **The Civic Association met with Howard University leadership to discuss the importance of restoring the Terrell House and Washington House.**
 - ii. Richard Myers seconded the motion.
 - iii. **The motion passed unanimously.**
3. Councilmember Brienne Nadeau (Ward 1)
 - a. Ms. Nadeau introduced herself and mentioned the earlier walk-and-talk held in the neighborhood.
 - b. Ms. Nadeau mentioned that she raised the issue of low-hanging utility wires with the Public Service Commission, which regulates many utilities.
 - c. Ms. Nadeau introduced her staff.
 - d. Ms. Nadeau invited the community to meet her on Saturday, January 31 from 10 am to 11:30 am at the U Street Café (1301 U Street NW)
4. Ben Case, the Ward 1 liaison from Mayor Muriel Bowser's office, introduced himself.



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5. President Golda Philip thanked the LeDroit Park Market for supplying cookies for the meeting.
6. Park Committee Report: Nicole Bambas asked for volunteers to discuss ways to improve the Park at LeDroit and to help water trees in the spring. She said to contact her at nicolebambas@gmail.com
7. Presentation by Officer Morgan of MPD and two fellow officers. Ms. Philip thanked the officers for their work.
8. Public Safety Report by Anita Norman
 - a. Ms. Norman advised residents to call 911 when they see something suspicious.
 - b. Ms. Norman relayed reports of a suspicious van driving around the neighborhood.
 - c. Ms. Norman explained the Sex Offender Registry and ways to report concerns with its accuracy.
 - d. Ms. Norman said that DDOT requires a study for a requested stop sign at 4th & U Streets and for speed bumps on the 300 block of T Street and that this study must be requested by our ANC.
9. Maybelle Bennett of Howard University announced a public meeting regarding changes to campus discipline policy and campus police jurisdiction. The meeting will occur Thursday, January 29 at 6 pm at her office at 2731 Georgia Avenue NW.
10. Membership Committee Report by Christina Gilbert
 - a. Ms. Gilbert reiterated the dues.
 - b. Ms. Gilbert announced the upcoming LeDroit Park happy hour: Tuesday, February 10 at 6:30 pm at the upstairs bar at Costa Brava, 1837 First St NW.
11. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

This memorandum represents our understanding of the events that transpired and the actions that 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 Friday, January 30, 2015, by Eric Fidler, the Vice President of the LeDroit Park Civic Association.