

LPCA Community Meeting
September 26, 2017
7-8pm

Meeting begins at 7:06pm

Safety Report

From MPD website:

- Less robbery this time this year than last year
- Property crime: decrease in burglary, theft from auto
 - With the Howard Homecoming and holidays coming up, there will be an uptick of theft from auto.
 - Don't leave property in plain view

Q: Can you address motor vehicle moving violations? Along 4th street during rush hour at this intersection where there's no left turn but drivers do.

- They have officers devoted to traffic enforcement around that area.

Howard University

Homecoming Parade & Activities

- - Andrew Rivers, Director of Events and Protocol (ajoy@howard.edu)
- Events: same schedule and similar events
- Largest crowd begins on Friday, Oct 20 with Yard Fest: workshops, entertainments, symposium, performances, vendors
- Everyone is invited and is free, also kid-friendly
- Also activity around health care to help students and neighborhood developments
- Saturday: jumbo screen on the yard to watch the game bc the game is usually sold out (against Morgan State); along with vendors, food, family activity
- Parade begins on Saturday, October 21 at 10am and ends at 12pm:
 - Route: start on 6th street, left on Fairmont, left on Georgia, down to Florida, left on 5th, right on T, and end left on 4th
 - Accepting applicants to be part of the parade
 - 9am shutting down streets, as parade ends streets will be open
 - cars will have to be moved; there will be signs on the streets
 - There will be an alumni bus in the parade
- There are tickets left to the game but no home side. Tix can be bought at the box office or ticketmaster.com

- www.howard.edu you can find info about the football game
- Street cleaning will happen after the parade and not sure about the sidewalk cleaning
- Email: ajoy@howard.edu

Tax Exempt Revenue Bond Financing

- Derrek Niec-Williams, Executive Director of Campus Planning, Architecture & Development
 - Seeking city support and local community support to secure the financing
 - Based on 2012 Central Campus Master Plan – seeking to house 60-70% eligible student population
 - They adjusted campus boundary. Extracted slowe and carver.
 - Conditions for HU--HU will: undertake a new Campus Master Plan, create new public & private rights-of-way for Bryant & W Streets (public access), develop 50-100 affordable housing units

Slowe and Carver (162 rooms):

- HU will devote 50 parking spaces from their parking garage
- request DDOT to limit issuance of residential parking to zone 1 only
 - From community: could we then remove zone 1 from zone 5 areas for equal representation from HU regarding to parking? Whatever happens to zone 1 should also happen to zone 5.
 - Bc HU owns these properties, they are able to make those requests to that area. They can look into this.
 - None of these affordable units will be in Slowe or Carver bc there wasn't a requirement to do so because it pre-dated those zoning laws
 - They have under construction at Barry and Sherman where affordable housing at more spaces than required.

ANC1B

- HU will make best effort to develop 50-100 affordable housing units (at 30-60% AMI- \$109,000)
 - They are prioritizing deeper levels of accomodations.
- HU will present plans to the relevant ANC.
 - The developers will have to present to Civic Association and then to the ANC
 - Constructions will begin in 6 months.
 - They closed the deal with developers a few weeks ago.
 - Community and HU will work together

Robert and Mary Terrell House

- National Historic Landmark Property
- Building needs significant repair
- Finalizing negotiations with NFP institutional tenant
- Ultimate use as a student focused resource space
- Tenant agreed that there will be space that memorialize Robert and Mary Terrell
- 1-1.5 million to revitalize this building.
- Architect and builders have been selected, now finalizing contract
- Expected to delivery by Fall 2018
- Before they talked about using this place as a cultural center to tell the story of LeDroit Park but that wasn't self-sustaining. So they are still finding a way to sustain the legacy and also self-sustain. They will look into having an outside marker.
- How will you handle parking for this building?
 - They imagine there will a small group of people in the house. This will service the students and they can add a shuttle route through that street.

Walter E. Washington House

- Within Historic District
- Ultimate use as a University guest house and bed & breakfast
- Finalizing negotiations with a 3rd party operator
- Budget is over \$1.3 m
- Architect selection is under way
- Builder is selected
- Expected to deliver by Fall 2018
- Not zoned for commercial use but this will only be for University use
- They want to curate info about Walter Washington throughout this house

University Housing Nexus Goals

- Enhance the HU housing portfolio
- Have constituents to live closer to campus
- Recap underperforming assets
- Address access to housing for price-sensitive constituents
- Stimulate great jobs
- Who does it serve?
 - Faculty & staff (enhance recruitment & retention, "live-work-play" lifestyles), alumni & community (priority to local community)

members, opportunities to engage the campus), independent students (full-time

Howard Center – Overview

- The building is located at Georgia and Bryant NW. The building has heating, cooling, water challenges. They are in process of vacating everyone in this building to 9th and T Street NW. Leaving retailers at the bottom and vacating all the residents above.
- They want to quickly put it into a new use
- Late 2018/early 2019
- Objective: maintain Georgia Ave. retail, improve the exterior façade, execute housing nexus program,.
- Shared goals: provide 20-30 affordable units at 60% AMI, leverage city support, return vacant asset to productive use, enhance GA Ave.
- Level 1&2: maintain existing retail, Level 3&4: University conferencing space, Level 5-9: Nexus Housing – predominantly studio apartments
- Tax Exemption
 - HU has secured financing. So they are not asking for money. HU is asking DC to grant tax exemption for our financing and for the property
 - Tax-exempt treatment is important bc it enables more affordable units
 - Deal structure: Investors > DC > tax exempt financial partner > HU
- They would like to have a support letter from LPCA. They are asking for a support the project of developing of the building with these uses and therefore the application for the bond financing. This is to support those uses in that building (Howard Center).

Cindy makes the motion to support the renovation of Howard Center for the purposes as described in the meeting and to for the application for a tax-exempt treatment of the industrial bond.

- *The motion was seconded*
- *Vote: 1 against; motion is carried*

Contact Maybelle if you have any questions.

Ethan shared concern about the timing about when this will be delivered and that the timing issue and other points deserve greater discussion.

Proposed Bike Lanes – DDOT

Working on bike lanes south of florida ave to go north. Proposing bike lanes for 6th street to the Florida intersection. No impact on parking. This doesn't fix or hinder what's going on in that intersection.

- Single direction bike lane
- Concern: a FedEx truck will come and park in the striped lane and it's useless. Is there a way this will be constructed in a way that other cars and trucks won't block it?
 - These will not be protected bike lanes bc there isn't enough width for that
- Will there be physical barriers? No.
- Will you come back in a year for feedback? Yes
- Can you put signage? They will have warning signs w/ bike signs.
- Can you as DDOT ask MPD to enforce safe traffic and bike flow? Yes.

Eric makes a motion to support DDOT's plan to install bike lanes on T & 6th Street in LeDroit Park. It was seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Vote on Supporting Fall Event in Park

We will have a fall event in the park on Oct 28. More details coming soon! Saturday is their first planning meeting. Contact Maria if you are interested.

Committee Reports

LPCA finance: \$3934 in our account.

Community Announcements

- Office of the People's Counsel – Silvia Garrick
 - Plans to provide testimony opposing power merger
 - They provided consumer's guide to third party suppliers
- Ward 1 Councilmember rep is here. Councilmember gave birth to a baby girl 2 weeks ago. They are available by phone or email. U street metro station on Oct 5th, 5:30-6:30pm for a community meet up
- Anita Norman ANC commissioner:
 - There are pamphlets on Information on the following at the entrance table: Diabetic Education material, DDOT's Green Infrastructure (GI) Project and DPW's Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program (SWEEP).
 - SWEEP: call 311 to report high grass, trash cans not being emptied, etc.

- Anita met with Former commissioner Myla Moss as relationship to Howard Theater. John Garland is interested to be the community representative to the HTR board. This person will have to fundraise. If anyone is interested in this position let Anita know. Anita appoints the person as our ANC. They will be interviewed by the Howard board. This will happen as soon as Anita identifies this person.
 - Anita is taking nominations
 - John G. is a former president of Central State
 - He lives on 6th street
 - No one else has come forth as interested