

Safety Report – MPD

- In attendance: Officer Morgan, Sergeant DJ Terestre, and Lieutenant TH Smith – knows this area very well; he is going over crime plan for the area and is asking us for suggestions
- Compare stats this year to last year: dec 24, 2017-jan 3, 2018
 - Total violent crime is down
 - Total crime is up by 3
- If you see someone milling around a car, acting suspicious, or with a screwdriver, call 911 and say something
- Concern from a neighbor: She was a victim of auto theft on Wednesday. Someone also shot through her screen door. She's on 3rd & U. These days she doesn't see as many police cars as before. The police took longer than usual to get there. Officers were very nice but didn't seem to know what they were doing. She would like increased control in the area and better response time.
- Another concern shared by neighbor: package thefts, running red lights; MPD cars are there and just sits there even when there are illegal parking in the street. There are quality of life issues that can be addressed.
- Other concerns from neighbors: there have been a lot of vandalism and graffiti, especially in the park and in the playground; what can we do as community members to improve safety? What do you do when you see a problem happening? Call 911 as soon as you see anything suspicious.
- If someone is harassing you and you call 911, you do not need to make a statement before getting an officer out.
- Even if it's a non-emergency, you can still call 911.
- If you see anything suspicious going on, please call 911 and let them know.
- Take advantage of the camera rebate program. Part of the agreement is that you have to share the footage with MPD if there is a need to solve crime in that location.
- Also network with your neighbors like a FB group page, and share any public safety issues.

Request for Support – New LED Street Lights – Bonnie Garrity, DC Street Light Task Force

- A group of neighbors got together to form DC Street Light Task Force to advocate for better LED street lights.
- AMA warning about blue lights: harm to human melatonin production; and other health concerns
- Asking DDOT to warm it up and get rid of the blue light to reduce glare and harm to health.
- Bonnie is here to ask for community support for 2700 Kelvin LED street light

- There's a difference between how much light and the color of light. You can have lights that are bright, but also less blue.
- She is asking the CA to support them for max 2700K
- Q: has DDOT done this successfully? And are they willing to change if there are enough community support? A: not sure about the 2700K in DC. Other cities have done it successfully. DDOT has been listening and the more community support the more they will consider. At first the 2700K cost a little more and wasn't as widely available. But now cost diff is coming down and efficiency has gone up.
- How extensively have they installed the white LED lights? A lot.
- DC streetlight task force is composed of 4 people.
- Zeba makes a motion to support the resolution. It was seconded. A change to the motion was made (see below). There were 2 objections. The rest supported. The following resolution passes:
 - *RESOLVED: The LeDroit Park Civic Association recommends that the D.C. Department of Transportation (DDOT) install warm-white maximum 2700 Kelvin lights for all street light installations in the District.*
 - *FURTHER RESOLVED: The LeDroit Park Civic Association recommends that DDOT replace all existing LED street lights in the District with warm-white maximum 2700 Kelvin LED lights.*

Councilmember Brianne Nadeau – Ward 1

- Update: in the last 3 years she helped create/save more than 300 units of affordable housing
- Secured more than \$200 million for Ward 1 schools
- Public safety concerns: she is supporting MPD; camera rebate is still going on and you will be reimbursed for camera; all police officers have body worn camera; also have increased MPD's budget; comprehensive criminal justice reform has begun
- She is on the committee on human services: they have reformed homeless services act and also working hard to serve families in need
- Q&A:
 - Q: Affordable housing: they hired someone to research how many affordable housing stay that way. A: if you buy an affordable dwelling unit, that's set aside for ppl w/ a certain income level. The person buying has to be certified and eligible to buy.
 - Q: how is price for affordable housing determined? A: percentage of area median income. Department of Housing and Community development is managing this process.
 - Q: infrastructure: In the last 2 months, my garbage has not been picked up. Roads in Columbia Heights are so terrible. Where is our money going to cover these bases? A: Potholes are more frequent in the winter. In the Spring there will

be Pothole Palooza. If there are spots that are really bad, DC gov can see if we can get someone out. There's a new DDOT director she is hopeful about. She will continue to push for more budget in Ward 1 to get these work done. Also budget season is coming up and so please come and share your thoughts. There's law that if you are digging up the road, you are supposed to contact others who may work on that road to coordinate.

- Neighbors pointed out they need to make sure the filling needs to be used with better quality mixer
- Q: He lives in condo in florida & 6: the traffic control officers are there but they are very loud with the constant whistling. Not asking them to leave, but for a more noise restricted way to do that job. A: Brianne will revisit this project and see if there is another solution. They won't take the officers away but will see what they can do.
- Q: reinvesting in public housing in our neighborhood: how can we better reinvest in public housing areas? A: in newer public housing they are doing public private partnerships. They are doing more and more of that. They also have public private partnership w/ Howard university and so they are trying to push more \$\$ into public housing. They are trying to leverage all the resources they have.
 - Q: As a private citizen how can I help? A: come out to the mayor's budget forum to participate in the budget process. Keep on sharing your voice and be an advocate.

Committee Reports

- Treasury report: \$4036.80

Community Announcements

- Zeba will be out of town for the McMillan Advisory Group, Thurs Feb 8. She needs someone to fill in for her to have a proxy there in case they vote on something. If anyone is interested, please let her know: Efloyd007@earthlink.net
- We may have our first inaugural house tour this fall. This is an exterior and interior walking tour. Ethan is looking for people to work with him on this event. This function can also serve as a fundraiser.
- What happened to the Howard theater board?
 - Anita will come back and share any updates
- Next month: DDOT will be here re: sidewalk

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

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 understanding, 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 Wednesday, January 24, 2018 by Jeehye Kim Pak.