



LEDROIT PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 25, 2014

Call to order: 7:08pm – 31 people in attendance.

- Moment of Silence
- Community Presentations (7:09-7:23)
 - Rev. Dr. Earl Trent, Florida Avenue Baptist Church: (7:09-7:)
 - Been in the community for 20 years
 - Church does workshops throughout the year that address various important issues in the community (e.g. domestic violence, depression and spirituality, etc.)
 - Asking members to complete survey in order to improve outreach and learn about various issues that could lead to a workshop.
 - Third Sunday in December 21 is Christmas Musical service starts at 10am.
 - February do an original play around Black History.
 - LeDroit Park Civic Association Holiday Party at Bistro Bohem on December 14.
- Committee Reports: (7:23-7:45)
 - *Public Safety, Anita Norman (7:23)*
 - **Survey of residents regarding crime:** in January will report on priorities determined by the survey.
 - **Safety Walk:** important for identifying issues in the neighborhood. Next walk is December 9 safety walk at 7pm at Anna Cooper Circle.
 - **Rodent Control:** it is getting colder so pests are looking for shelter. High grass and areas with lots of debris increase likelihood of rodents.
 - **Lost and found:** going to begin program. If you find something or lost something please contact Anita at anita.norman1@verizon.net
 - **Market on 4th Street:** date of opening was pushed back to middle of Dec.
 - **Slowe Hall:** meet with Howard University students to discuss safety concerns and ways to become more involved.
 - **Holiday Deliveries:** MPD recommends having deliveries sent to work rather than un
 - **Officer Report:** crime report for all 3D –
 - Over past year:
 - Increase of robberies – 8 to 12
 - Increase in violent crime – 5 to 9
 - *Treasurer, Donna Morris (7:35)*
 - Currently have \$2,094.53 in the bank
 - Due rates are: residential \$15, senior \$5, sponsors \$100, business \$250, corporate \$500.
 - Visit the website to join through PayPal
 - Mail check to P.O. Box 135, Washington, DC 20044

- Examples of how we spend dues: equipment for new trees in the park, Holiday Party, Easter Egg Hunt, “Hi” Campaign
- *Membership, Christina Gilbert (7:38)*
 - **Sign up for Membership:** please make sure you have paid your dues. Membership cycle is from May 1 – April 30. Funds help LPCA provide events and activities for the community. If you cannot remember, send me an email and I can verify.
 - **Neighborhood Happy Hour:** is great opportunity to meet neighbors and visit new businesses. No happy hour in December and details for January will come out next month.
- *Communications, Ashley Jefferson (7:39)*
 - **Join the listserve:** sign up through the website and stay informed.
 - **News Letter:** Winter Letter is out. Look for it on the website. They will be coming out seasonally.
 - **Looking for writers** to help put the quarterly newsletter together and participate with updating and maintaining our social media outlet
- *Parks Committee, Nicole Bambas (7:43)*
 - **Watering Plan:** the next step is to communicate with volunteers that signed up to contribute to the schedule to water the trees. If you are interested in helping out, please email Nicole at nicolebambas@gmail.com
- *Elks Lodge Letter, Brian Footer, et al. (7:45)*
 - Introduction of Elks leadership and Third Street residents
 - Brian Footer summarized the Notice to Cure letter
 - Question regarding the date of the notice to cure. Brian Footer described the difference between the Notice to Cure and the cover letter.
 - Question regarding the legal standing of the Settlement Agreement. Brian Footer and Richard Myers replied. A lodge leader responded that the Lodge intends to abide by all clauses of the Settlement Agreement.
 - Brian Footer recited the main points of the draft letter.
 - Parking
 - Moving the speakers to the rear of the building
 - Elevate bass equipment above the floor and regulate volume
 - Ask for additional patrolling from the MPD
 - Post “No Loitering” signs
 - Improve lighting and designate a smoking area behind the building
 - Designate a point of contact at the Lodge for complaints
 - Require DJs to inform visitors of smoking areas and parking options.
 - Various timelines for this process
 - Lodge member mentioned something about living near airports.
 - Brian Footer explained how the anonymous vote will work with the cards.
 - Larry asked about the consequences of voting yes versus no.
 - Richard Myers moved to support the Association signing the letter. Anita Norman seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed 14 votes for, 1 votes against, 0 abstentions
- *Rito Loco Great Streets Support Letter, Eric Fidler (8:15)*

- Ben Ball moved to support the Association signing the letter. Christina Gilbert seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
- Community Open Forum (8:15-8:30)
 - Next meeting January 22
 - David Do:
 - Interested in Ward One Education Consortium
 - Contact davidgdo@gmail.com to get involved
 - Ben Ball: Interested in getting tree beds on 3rd Street

Meeting Adjured: 8:30pm