

LPCA Meeting Nov, 28 2017
Meeting begins 7:02pm

MPD report:

- Last time this year we had 44 crimes, this year 23.
- Drug issues are being addressed in the park. There were 4 arrests recently related to drugs.
- The two shooting that were reported recently: it was actually just one, the other was just reported hearing of a shooting. The shooting wasn't at the park, it was 334 V Street NW. The light towers will be deployed there— placed there during the evening, at the park, in the middle of V Street, facing the park.
 - Q: A nanny witnessed a shooting at the Park – this was the 334 V Street NW.
 - On Tuesday night, there was a report of gunshots fired, but there were no confirmed shooting.
 - The other shooting was at 5th district.
 - Q: in general can we trust that if there are shooting, it will be tweeted out? A: yes, it will be alerted on twitter and the listserv.
 - Q: Can you explain how shot spotters work? A: there are microphones or cameras on top of buildings and it detects a loud noise. An officer will listen to it and confirm if it's gunfire.
- There was 1 shooting that happened in the park, and the other was in 5th district, which could be heard here, therefore was reported from LeDroit Park.
- Going into the holiday season, please be mindful of: 1- theft of packages. Please monitor where it is and try to have a neighbor pick it up. Use the LeDroit Park Market to have it delivered there for \$1. 2- theft from vehicle. Put everything out of sight. 3- robberies then to go up this time of the year.
- 1900 block of 4th street – now there's police patrol because there were reports of people damaging properties

McMillan Advisory Group – LeDroit Park representative, Elizabeth (Zeba)

- McMillan Sand Filtration Site: Zeba is part of the group to inform and gather community consensus to be in correspondence w/ developers and advise the district w/ concerns and etc.
- There was a law suit against the developer. The plaintiff (friends of McMillan) succeeded. They have gone through zoning and historic hearings. No order has been issued as a result of those hearings yet.
- The city has started contract to repair and stabilize the brick work. Should someone want to apply for a job in stabilization, please contact Zeba.
- Also if anyone want to volunteer to be the representative and take over Zeba's role, please let her know.

DC Water – Community Outreach team and construction team

- This project will kick off 2018. The ask tonight is to talk about the impacts of this projects.
- High level look: 1st street tunnel projects: there will be 7 projects active simultaneously
 - This tunnel will address systemic flooding. They are proposing development of NE boundary tunnel from RFK stadium to Florida & R. There will be a lot of moving pieces.
 - 2019 kickoff for this area. 3rd Street will be shut down for 25 months.
 - They will probably come back early January for a deeper discussion and working groups. Any concerns raised will be taken into consideration.
 - Overall,
 - R street, Florida, T Street will have impact.
- DC Water will contact the EC about scheduling a community-wide meeting specifically about the project

Howard Center Renovation Update

- Today is the 2nd time to discuss the Howard Center.
- Property is on Georgia Ave. and Bryant Street. (Starbucks is in this building)
- They were here in October to present about tax exempt bond to finance this project with. There's a big rush to move forward on # of tax-exempt bond funded deals right now. They thank us for our support for that application.
- The building was vacated above the retail. That part of the building has been renovated but floors 3-9 has building damage so they had to vacate. They now want to renovate the building: 1-2 floors are retail. 3-4 will be conferencing, and the rest as apartments.
- Objectives: maintain the retail, improve the exterior façade of the building, maintain conference rooms in the building and add dormitory/residential use. The hotel rooms of the building will be renovated to studio living space.
- They have a fast track schedule of delivery.
- Today they are here to talk about the modification of consequence to the Campus Master Plan. This site is a commercial zone and any all campus uses. Currently the CMP says that this space can be used for “academic space, support facilities, public safety space, plus ground level retail.” They want to modify this to say: “academic space, support facilities, public safety space, DORMITORY/RESIDENTIAL, plus ground level retail.”
 - They want to get a letter of approval from the CA.
 - There isn't a hearing, they just need a letter of support from the community and the zoning commissioners will take that into consideration.
 - One of the conditions of the zoning order is that Howard will need to file a new master plan.
- Cindy Paladines moves to have the Civic Association approve the letter and language as read. It was unanimously approved.

Neighborhood Fire and Safety – DC Fire and EMS (Inspector Harris, Sergeant Cole from Fire Marshall Office)

- Safety issues around this time: please make sure your smoke detectors have batteries. You can also request smoke detectors if you own your home. They will come and install it in your home.
 - Don't store the Christmas tree by heaters. If you have a live tree, please water it everyday. Make the cords don't have any breakage.
 - 202-727-1614. You can call their office with any questions.
 - They have a community outreach team who will be happy to come out and talk about fire safety.
 - To get free smoke detectors installed:
<https://fems.dc.gov/service/free-smoke-alarms>

Committee Reports

- Treasury: \$4394 in our accounts. We are still accepting membership dues. There's also a box at the Ledroit park market.
- Community Spaces and Safety: the benches at the Anna cooper circle have been cleaned, painted, and updated.
 - Holiday party is Sunday, Dec 17, 3-6pm
 - Continue to send Sarah any community concerns
 - There are quarterly community walks where we can walk around and point out any concerns. Next one will be announced by Sarah soon.

Community Announcement

- Saint George's Episcopal Church is having their Christmas bazaar Dec 9. Open to all neighbors. They sell food, gifts and poinsettias. 10am-4pm.
- We have Scott Roberts here from Bloomindale. Scott sends out regular emails about community events. If you want to be on the list, you can email him at <ScottRoberts01@outlook.com>
- Anita Norman, commissioner for 1B01:
 - There will be police stationed at Kelly Miller until the near future.
 - Anna Cooper Circle: we are going to get 8 lights put in and DDOT will be installing them.
 - If you are getting a package, get it delivered to your office, your neighbor's or LeDroit Market if you are not going to be home.
 - If you have a concern or request, contact 311. Get a confirmation #, follow up on it, and if you don't get the answer you think you should, then contact the civic association leadership as next step. And then you may contact the commissioner.
 - Case # 1142, proposed merge between WGL and Alta Gas. Alta Gas company wants to merge with Washington gas.
 - Office of the People's Counsel (OPC) urges DC public service commission to reject the proposed gas company merger.
 - There are hearing coming up. If you want to give a testimony, you can do that. For more info go to opc-dc.gov

- ANC chair 1A, Kent Boese is here.