

May 24, 2016

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:05 pm.

Safety Report from MPD

The report is that total violent crime and total property are down. We had a representative from Parking Enforcement to answer residents' questions regarding 2 hour parking enforcement, ROSA (Registration of Out of State Automobiles), the potential for additional spaces as a result of re-routing the bus, stepped up parking enforcement where people are coming into the neighborhood and parking and leaving their vehicles while they go out of town or go to party on U st.,

Vote to protest the Elks Lodge Liquor License

The floor was opened by the President for any questions or comments from community members about the issue of protesting the Elks Lodge liquor license. It was again clarified that the issue is not with the members of the Elks Lodge; they are and have been good neighbors. The issue is with the people to whom they rent the venue.

A community member noted her request to verify all facts in the protest documents and to present only evidence-based facts and not interpretation. Another community member asked to reconfirm that the vote being taken is to establish the LPCA's 'standing' as a party in the negotiation of the settlement agreement, not to take away the Elks Lodge liquor license. This was reconfirmed by the ANC Commissioner. Another three community members who live in the 1800 block of 3rd noted their own experience with the noise and trash they have experienced as a result of the patrons of the Elks Lodge leaving the establishment at its closing and then hanging out in the street. With no additional questions or comments from LPCA members, the motion was made for a vote to protest the Elks Lodge liquor license. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken by hand count, the result of which was 14 in favor of the protest and 4 against the protest. The vote was recorded as such. *Elks' Lodge Protest discussion from both sides, the community and the Elk's members. A vote was taken. The members of the community voted to protest the Elk's liquor license.*

Election of officers

The Chair of the Nomination Committee explained the process through which nominations were collected. He opened the floor to additional nominations. A nomination was made for Yolanda Jones for the position of Vice President. The Nomination Committee members hand-wrote the new nominee's name onto the existing ballots. Since there was only one nominee for the positions of President, Secretary, and Treasurer, those individuals were asked to introduce themselves. The nominees for President and Treasurer were present and did so. The Chair of the Nomination Committee then declared that because there was only one candidate, those candidates were elected to their posts. Congratulations were offered to the new officers present. The Nomination Committee members distributed the ballots to all paid-up members of the LPCA for the vote for the position of Vice President. Once completed, the Nomination Committee members collected the ballots and a hand count was done and confirmed again. Yolanda Jones was declared the winner by one vote. Congratulations were offered.

LPCA Committees

The President was asked to clarify the currently existing committees and the process to establish a committee. Currently existing is the Parks and Safety Committee; it is lacking a chair. The President encouraged community members to volunteer for chair, or to form other committees as members see necessary.

Safety Report

The Safety Report was given by the outgoing Safety Chair Anita Norman. She announced the Ward 1 Community Safety meeting was held on Wednesday April 27th from 6:30 pm - 8:0 pm. at Banneker Recreation Center located at 2500 Georgia Ave. N.W. WDC. Scheduled to be in attendance will be Council woman Breanne Nadeau, Police Chief Cathy Lanier and MPD. LeDroit Park Clean Up Day scheduled for May and the monthly Safety Walk were cancelled due to inclement weather.

Residents were given the number to the Mayor's Call Center, 311, to request Bulk Trash Pick Up, up to 7 items, and to request other city services. Areas were identified, The LeDroit Market and Bulletin Board at The Park at LeDroit, were residents, who do not have internet, can find out about community news/ events.

The telephone number was given out to residents who continue to experience mis-delivery of mail. Contact Customer Service at 202 636-1259.

Announced the day and time of the monthly Safety Walk, every third Tuesday at Anna J. Cooper Circle at 7:00 pm.

There has been a recent increase in graffiti.

Flyers will be posted at the market and park for pick up by residents. The Treasury report was given by Donna Morris (please ask Donna to give you the amount).

Anita Norman gave The Parks update as it related to the missing lights in the park.

Rev. Boddie talked about having a Community Day, July 9th.