

LPCA Meeting
February 27, 2018

MPD safety update – 7:04 pm

- Presented by Lieutenant Tom Smith
 - Crime statistics from the previous year: up two property crimes, down two violent crime
 - Two hours ago MPD arrested suspect 300 block of V street for package theft. Found property from three different addresses. Suspect was linked through RING doorbell to other offenses and will be charged with four offenses.
 - Mountain bike tactical unit will start in two to four weeks. A lieutenant and other officers will participate, including one officer with detective experience. The unit will improve surveillance, can follow people that are suspicious, and with four people can catch people in the act of committing crimes. Members are still being selected and MPD wants to make sure that officers are motivated and experienced
 - Anita Norman commends MPD. Sgt Kearns, has partnered with him over package theft.
 - OFC Morgan was involved in package theft arrest.
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DDOT

Mike Goodno - Transportation planner at DDOT, recently took over from colleague

- On the T street bike lane, earlier there were markings missing. Signs have been installed. A few painted parts will be installed soon.
- Regarding controversy over the bike lanes, it has been raised with higher ups at DDOT.
- In the winter, there were lower volumes of bicyclists. Now, with more volume, DDOT will observe how bikers interact with cars, especially at 6 and T.
- DDOT is open to other changes, like how to better ID driveways.
- Main update: DDOT is going to study the lanes for longer at least until the fall. DDOT will hang video cameras to observe bicyclists and look at interactions. Likely will be at intersections 5 and T and 6 and T
- Eric Fidler thanks DDOT for including lanes on their list of projects. It was voted unanimously at LDPCA and ANC1B committee. Aaron Buck made all these presentations and was supported and conducted extensive outreach.
- Regarding outreach from resident at 6 and T: Resident felt excluded from process. Concerned that it is contraflow. Some cars think that it is a two way street and going the wrong way.

- Another resident: it was done under cover of darkness.
- DDOT: car should not fit in bike lane. Posts can be installed to make sure cars don't go the wrong way.
- Resident: Why is there a double yellow line? Its a rarity in DC. DDOT: there are 4 miles of double yellow lines. There is a do not enter except bicycles sign.
- Elm street resident: There is confusion about directions even on streets without bike lanes. It happens on Elm Street and elsewhere
- Comment from bike rider: Rides with daughter on the back. Bike lane has been very helpful. Otherwise would have to ride on sidewalk or go down 4th. Has been much safer to have those lanes come out of LDP.
- Resident: Why is it so much easier to get a bike lane than a pedestrian crosswalk? 4th street is a war zone to cross.
- To mitigate bike lanes, how about a green arrow?
- Resident from 6th Street: Lived for many years. Dramatic increase in cars going the wrong way off U Street. People disregard signage. It is dangerous now, it was ok before to ride with a child on the back for decades. Bike lane is not very much used. Sidewalks aren't crowded and can be used for sidewalk. Bike lane has created more problems than it has caused. Someone may get hurt with the way that it is set up now. Group of bikers have dominated the process. How many tickets have been issued to cyclists going the wrong way?
- 517 T Street Resident: Cannot see bicycles coming because it is contraflow and parked cars obscure. There will be an accident. Concerns about liability.
- Conclusion: DDOT will observe over the summer and if people have concerns they can contact him at email and phone that will be provided over the list mike.goodno@dc.gov

Inaugural speaker in LDPCA's Candidate series
Lori Parker, Candidate Ward 1

Running to make for all. Everyone should be able to weigh in and participate in what happens. A lot of people feel that improvements haven't been accessible to them.

Only candidate in race who has 20 plus years of experience in all branches of government. Has served in DC courts, interim deputy mayor, served in operation of corp council

Has 1st hand knowledge of how policies impact neighbors. Discussion about bike lanes is an example of different views. Need to figure out how we can come together. Pedestrian concerns are not an afterthought. Need to be at the forefront.

Grew up in Ward 4 but a committed resident of Ward 1. Lives in Columbia Heights on 15th street. Has seen a lot of changes and improvements. But a lot of people feel like they can't benefit.

Community is only strong and sustainable if all voices are heard

Concrete priorities: Focus is on affordable housing in the ward. Needs to be income based. Needs to have level of affordability based on family size. Needs to have better investment in public housing unit. Too many residents living in public housing are not living in safe and habitable units

Needs to insist on safe and responsible constituent services. Some residents have emergencies like rental assistance, childcare assistance.

Regarding constituent services, its limited to up to \$40,000 per year. Is that a lot of money? It's not zero and it can help citizens with funerals and other emergency needs. Only candidate in race who wants to bring back constituent services

Third priority - make sure everyone has notice of whats going on at the council and changes in the ward. Access to info in multiple ways - not just the internet

Can reach out by email or google her.

Qs from audience

Which wards don't have cs funds? Ward 6 and Ward 1. Also one at large.

Problem with constituent services funds is that they raise funds from developers and then it creates bias and dissolves public trust? CS funds are allowed by law. They're limited in how they can be used. Transparent and accountable fund would not lead to unethical behavior. Will report on how funds are spent. Campaigns also raise a lot of money from developers - it happens then, so can be used for mayors.

In LDP, there is an increasing number of children. How can public ed be improved so that parents will be motivated to stay and send their kids to public school?

Passion has been around children,. They should be first and foremost in decisions. DCPS has been in the news a lot, especially fo their data. It has eroded public trust. Plans to hold

education stakeholders responsible. DC Public Charter School and Mayor need to answer questions from the public. Kids and parents need to know what grade and how much on target they are to graduate. Need to make more optyps for children with disabilities and special needs. Parents should have options bw public and charter schools. Top priorities are class size, truancy, and giving teachers support they need.

Letter of Support Discussion – Rear yard fence HPRB approval Alison Welcher

4th street, would like to build a fence at 400 U St NW. there are shootings, speeding, etc. they want to make it more safe for their kids. They have approval for fence but with hiccup from the historical (HPR) approval process. They want to straight back of the house so it will cut the yard by a third. It has to be lattice but they don't want that (not attractive, not as strong).

- they are seeking a proposal to build a fence at the tree line.
- fence would run south along 4th street across the back of the house
- fence would be 6 feet high
- they haven't given any historical reasons for these exceptions
- corner lot but it's a rear yard
- paying members took a vote:

Cindy Paladines makes a motion that the CA sign a letter of support of a fence at 400 U Street NW, second. This motion passes.

Councilmember Robert White

- At large council member, year and half into 1st term
- He set up a transition committee to work on the ideas he campaigned on. There's a transition report for accountability
- 4 areas of focus: education, workforce development, returning citizens, affordable housing
- This year we will see info about a new style of ways to reach more people and more different people
- Working on now: moving into budget season - want to be included in budget: 300k for 2 new attorney positions to help with senior issues, 500K for adult literacy program, 43k to fund bill for office of affordable housing task force, and funding for school libraries
- His definition of affordable housing: people making minimum wage should be able to afford rent. Average market rate rent is \$2000.
- To address education residency fraud: he's brought up in several hearings. He will now go back and bring up this issue to find a meaningful solution.

LeDroit Historic House Tour Discussion

- Benefits to community: highlight our neighborhood, our assets, our architectural features; fundraiser for LPCA; great for people who are interested in design and homes
- Planned for October 2018, spear-headed by a LeDroit Park neighbor Aaron Rinaca
- There are still opportunities for people to get involved
- Will get Architectural students to present and give insights during the tour
- Real estate, developers, etc. can all get involved and help
- If you want to feature your house, would love to consider it.
- Bloomingdale has been doing this for over a decade successfully fundraising.
- We are planning to do it alternating years.
- Ticketed tour; price has not been determined

ANC Updates - Anita Norman

- 2 businesses on Florida Ave - Pizzaro and Spott's Barber Shop - they are asking for ATM's to be placed outside of their businesses.
 - Owner of the business will come to discuss if there are concern
 - They have only applied to have it on the outside, not in the inside
 - LPCA makes decision on if we support this or not.
 - Neighbor: To put an ATM machine on the sidewalk is totally out of character of the community
 - Anita is going to go to the ANC transport committee and ask what does the community think about this?
 - **Jonathan Goldman motioned: we cannot support the new ATMs until the community hears from the owner; seconded; passed unanimously**
- Anita has been working with DDOT to add additional pedestrian crossing on 4th street
- 541 Florida Ave pop up weed business. MPD will be on keeping noise down.
- Mr. Garland to be appointed to the Howard Theater Restoration Board. This is on hold until Howard Theater gets it together.
- Looking for members for ABR, get in touch with Anita

\$4,034 in treasury

Community announcements

Safety walk will be held March 5, 2018 at 5:45 pm

6th FL intersection update: spoken to managers to address over zealous whistle blowing officers

Job fair will be held April 21, 2018 at the Park at Ledroit , 1 pm – 6 pm

Survey for the Community - will be sent out in the listserv soon. Please fill it out and share your feedback.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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 Tuesday, March 6, 2018 by Jeehye Kim Pak.