

LPCA Meeting  
Tuesday, March 27, 2018  
7-8pm

**Meeting began at 7:05pm**

### **Safety Report**

- Homicide 0, this year this month robberies without gun is 1, robbery with gun-1,
- Overall the violent crime went up by 1 compared to this time last year
- Most of property crime is burglary
- A little uptick compared to last year but nothing concerning out of the ordinary
- Package theft: they are able to close out a case bc there was a video footage; MPD also patrol around during the drop off hours; MPD is catching some package theft
- You can have your package sent to LeDroit Park Market or Cookie's Corner for \$1

### **Sheika Reid - Ward 1 Councilmember Candidate**

- She was exposed to world of politics through parents who supported Marion Barry
- Went to school in DC including public and private
- Howard Univ grad; studied civil engineering
- Concerned with affordable houses crisis in DC
- As DC grows and develops, she wants to make sure people have opportunity to own affordable properties and are not left out
- Education is a large pillar in her platform - bring oversight to our education offices and all schools are accessible
- Fb & Twitter @sheikareidforward1
- Website: [reidforward1.com](http://reidforward1.com)
- Q: DC has a large budget but we can't seem to get good education in place or good roads in place. A: 1st piece of legislation she would introduce is for affordable housing to be produced & improving quality of life is to work on ticket reform campaign about the high cost of tickets
- Q: 1 of the challenges we face is balancing the interest ppl who are focused on bikes and other who are main drivers. How would you balance those interests and what suggestions do you have for us? A: In studying civil engineering she studied urban development where you look at the road development as a whole. If the bike lanes are making DC more accessible for people who don't drive, then that's what we need to consider and find a way to make that work best for everyone. Not everyone will be happy with any decision.
- Q: how do you define affordable housing? How much does 1 need to make to A: there are several categories of affordable housing - 100% public housing, low to moderate income level (30% of AMI), work force housing (affordable for ppl making 60-70K/year). When she talks about affordable housing she is talking bout people who are low to moderate income level folks. 35% of DC residents are living at minimum income level or below.
- Q: do you have other ideas what the city is doing around for housing 30% AMI and below? A: if we are proactive about looking at properties coming into the market, looking proactively at how it can include affordable housing; also looking ahead 20-30 years and making those plans
- Q: poverty rate in DC is a third of the population. What can you say about the income disparities in our ward? What's the median income level in our ward vs other ward? A: income distribution is widely spread.

### **Park at LeDroit Park Upcoming Renovations**

- Maria, chair at Friends of the Park of LeDroit and Community & Safety co-chair of LPCA

- She passed around 2017 summary around
- They are looking for volunteers
- There's a big project coming — additional renovations to the park: received 750K grant from DC for renovation; the main priority for the funding is renovation of the playing field: removing debris, evening it out and adding grass.
- *Brent Sisco of DPR (landscape architect)*
  - The park used to be a school side
  - The space was redone as a park
  - There are a lot of issues that came inherently w/ the park
  - They are working w/ department of general services on an estimate for an RFP proposal
  - Add shade to field and to the playground
  - Splash park element might be a possibility
  - Q: during the construction, how much will be offline? A: there will be a staging area and try to keep most of the park open as possible
  - Timeline: try to get this RFP out soon; civil engineering done by spring, construction on mound by summertime; but this timeline is their goal and hope
  - There will be water fountains
  - Q: is the basement of the previous school still underground? A: they will find out
  - Relationship with KC trees- we get free trees
  - Q: Is there a plan to groom the bio retention area we have? A: It's on their radar.
- *Common Good City Farm*
  - They are in the process of constructing new chain link fence which will extend the perimeter of the farm by 10 feet out
  - They are ready to build the fence and start construction on Monday
  - Q: is there a process to undertake so that the larger community is on board and aware of the changes? Did you look at something diff than chainlink fence? A: They were told what the options were by DPR so they had to choose a chainlink fence. They followed the process for getting a permit, they did consult the community at LPCA and Friends of Park Group.
  - Q: what were the safety concerns and concerns that led to needing the fence? A: there are a lot of farm vandalism that occurs. The greenhouse enclosure- they have to change the plastic several times a year. Last week: BMX bikers used the farm as a biking track. People and animals touch the produce. They are planning to build a beautiful garden outside of the fence for people to touch and pick and interactive w/ the community.

### **Connection Between Health & Wealth - Andrew Coleman, Financial Planner**

- Licenses financial planner and broker
- He passed around a little test with 5 questions on the sheet: 1q: how many streams of income should 1 plan to have to plan for retirement? A: 5-7
- If you die w/o a will the state will take your assets - probate
- Insurance is for living and for dying
- If you would like free financial assessment, he is available
- 301-785-4252
- Q: Can you set up 401k outside of employer? A: Yes, absolutely.
- He was assistant dean at Howard university at 34 year old.

### **Annual Wellness Fair at Park at LeDroit**

- Capitol City Pharmacy Medical Reserve Corps, Howard Univ College of Pharmacy
- Nneka Soribe, Chief of Community Resilience
- They are the nation's first and only pharmacy personnel MRC

- Main goal is to strengthen public health, emergency preparedness and build community resilience
- They do a lot of community outreach
- Their 6th annual wellness fair is coming up
- They gather all orgs within College of Pharmacy to be involved and give back to the community
- This year they are asking if they can host the annual wellness fair at the Park at LeDroit for Sat, April 14, 10am-4pm
- Annual wellness fair will have different booths focusing on different diseases states, zumba, prizes, music, food, games, raffles
- Q: do you do all the set up and clean up? A: yes
- Q: how do you define resilience? A: equipping ppl w/ tools for people to be prepared and to always stay ready.
- Q: do you partner with dentists or other doctors who have offices in the communities? A: not this one bc it's pharmacy specific. Other fairs may do that.
- Q: who are you targeting for this fair and what kind of communications outreach are you doing? A: they are targeting Ward. They have a flyer they are going to disperse w/ a postcard all of Ward 1.
- Q: how many people did you have? A: 50-60 people bc of their diff location last year.
- Q: what makes you come at this particular time? The neighborhood has changed dramatically. What pushes you or prepares you to start this now? A: self reflection and community feedback. They have gone elsewhere for outreach but haven't done anything within the community in which they attend school.
- *Cindy Paladines makes a motion to write a letter of support for this wellness fair to occur on April 14 at the Park at LeDroit. Seconded and passes unanimously.*

### **Right Care, Right Now Initiative**

- Medical director for DC Fire and EMS
- Mayor Bowser's initiative
- Goal to reduce EMS needs and uncrown some of the resources in the emergency department, improve patient experiences and outcomes
- Emergency nurse will be included with the 911 system
- The call taker will decide if it's paramedic or a nurse is needed; at the end of that, the nurse will refer that person to the appropriate resources (outpatient clinic or er center)
- They looked at all the clinics they have in the city; they have to accept all forms of insurance and have to be opened on weekend and evening hours.
- They also looked at where the calls are coming from - it's focused from the east of the river. They think the main reason they are calling 911 is bc they don't have transportation. They have worked with medicaid and they have transportation benefits but have to call 3 days ahead of days to schedule. Now with this program, medicaid can provide same day non-emergency medical transportation. Hopefully this vehicle will arrive within an hour of the call and they will provide a ride back home.
- They are launching April 19, 2018
- The 911 call has been trained for years and decades to make decision and the computer will take the answers receive from the caller, there is a computer algorithm it follows to help the operator decide the level of emergency response
- Nurse is hipa-trained
- If you call 11pm-7am, you would be taken to an emergency room bc nurse option is off hours from 11pm-7am
- 25% of cases/calls would potentially be affected by this initiative
- For 50 years we have been telling DC folks to dial 911 so they are trying to meet them where they are already going and will prob not introduce 311 or another # for a non-emergency situation

**Committee Reports**

- \$4097.00 in our LPCA account
- Online Survey - will be circulated soon and also have physical copies distributed in the near future

**Community Announcements**

- Banneker City Little League - they are having opening ceremony on April 7. They are accepting new participants for t-ballers.
- Councilmember Nadeau's office - April 25, 6pm safety event in the spring at Banneker rec center. Chief of police and commanders and other orgs will be there.
- Community Job Fair, April 21, 9am-4pm, Park at LeDroit
- 517 T Street NW estate fair this weekend

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.**

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 Monday, April 2, 2018 by Jeehye Kim Pak.