

LeDroit Park Community Association Meeting
May 22, 2018

- **Anita Norman, ANC Representative**
 - DC Department of Housing and Community Development Housing and Expo Show, Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Saturday, June 9, 2018
 - Will have free credit reports
 - Arcadia Market is open – every Wednesday at the Park at LeDroit, 3-7 pm
 - New signs installed at Anna J. Cooper Circle that park closes at night
 - If you see violations call MPD
 - New signs for alley next to Park at LeDroit
 - You cannot park overnight
 - Soliciting interest in joining Anita for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, contact Anita (Anita.Norman1@verizon.net)
 - Discussion of property on 2nd street, owner permitted to extend house 10 feet

- **General LPCA Announcement**
 - Reminder that DC has free graffiti removal
 - If you are affected by the whistling and noise at 6th and Florida, the Councilmember's office has met with DDOT about crossing guard conduct

- **LPCA Elections**
 - Ethan Armhiem – nominated as president and approved by vote
 - Sarah Bishop – nominated as VP and approved by vote
 - Alison Welscher – nominated as Secretary and approved by vote
 - Danielle Lopez Lezama – nominated as Treasurer and approved by vote

- **Brianne Nadeau – Nominee for Ward 1 Council**
 - Spoke about accomplishments –
 - Solicited more money for DC schools
 - Working on public safety and created new programming for youth
 - Got a grant for the Park at LeDroit Park
 - Extended pool hours, new hours for laps at Marie Reed
 - Traffic calming on 4th street
 - New money for repairs to sidewalks, streets, and alleys
 - Created Main Street program on Georgia Ave. to keep small businesses
 - Focus group on economic inequity
 - Has worked with the tenant advocate and going after negligent landlords – having an elected Attorney General has been pivotal
 - Reformed homeless services for more benefits
 - Questions:

- Q: Lax traffic enforcement, such as vehicles in bike lane and vehicle issues with pedestrians. How can we hold police accountable and what can the council do?
 - A: working with MPD, DDOT and Washing Area Bike Association about responses and enforcement
 - Asked DMV for letter to all vehicles about rules of the road
 - Meeting with DDOT, DDOT needs to follow its own rules
 - Has additional recent pedestrian updates, will share news of pedestrian upgrades soon
- Q: What would be the changes in the next four years?
 - A: Hope term to not be too different. Gotten her legs, now firing on all cylinders
 - Will work on schools and accountability
 - Affordable housing
 - Started position when single, living on 14th street, now mother with a house in Parkview, has grown along with DC
 - Will do more work in the Park to make sure project is done right
 - Running again because there is more work to do
- Q: What are her views on new requirements that childcare workers need college degrees and what can be done to lower childhood education costs
 - Long term childcare providers will be grandfathered in
 - Scholarships are being provided and additional time given for compliance
 - Four year degree not required, Associates degree required
 - Requiring college degrees will help childcare providers long term
 - Expand home visiting program for infants
 - 0-3 program for limiting differences for children in different economic classes
- See her campaign manager if you are interested in volunteering for the campaign
- June 19 is Election Day

- **Karl Racine – Democratic candidate for Attorney General**

- Believes DC is a multicultural place and should continue to be
- Began work grassroots, working on migrant farm issues. He then worked as a Public Defender, then in private practice as managing partner at Venable. He was the first African-American to run a major law firm. In this role, he required partners to give 2% of their income to their communities.
- Law should be used to help most vulnerable people
- Are currently building the best “public law firm”
- Spoke about accomplishments:
 - Sued Sanford Capital several times, they have now agreed to not return to DC. Has received restitution for tenants.

- Juvenile justice reform team, created a diversion program for young offenders to handle matters outside criminal justice system to avoid recidivism.
- Set up Public Advocacy Division for consumer protection, with an Attorney General line that gave consumers' return of their money without resulting in lawsuits
- Against Muslim travel ban
- Sued Trump administration to stand up for DC values
- Work on elder-care, collaborate with other Attorney Generals in other states across party lines
- Wants to increase his communications with his constituents
- Plans to keep Attorney General's Office independent from Mayor
- Working for AG office to be included for large negotiations for the city, example: DC negotiations for payment for new Wizards' stadium
- Early vote on June 4, Election Day on June 19
- Questions:
 - Q: Individual wanted to know why bike accident not prosecuted.
 - A: MPD decides if a crime is committed and if to prosecute. To prosecute, AG needs police to submit a file. AG then decides if it can be proven beyond a reasonable doubt. If can prove case, go forward, if not, the AG does not proceed.
 - Need to find the right rules so that everyone follows them and failure to follow them has repercussions
 - Q: Status of Hofgard Properties flipping homes in the neighborhood and what can be done to diminish problem developers
 - A: Need great leadership to get the job done. With Sanford, matter now out of AG's hands after they won the lawsuit, now up to DC to develop the properties with the community in mind.
 - Q: Status on Howard Theater
 - A: Recused self from Howard Theater first because of personal relationship with Mr. Ellis, then because Mr. Ellis stated AG had no business with the Theater and wasted tax payer money. Angered at response because Howard Theater has never provided an audit of spending. Disagrees with lending Howard Theater more money, need to hold people accountable.

- Announcements

- Exiting LPCA President Jon Goldman thanked everyone for a great year.

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Submitted on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 by Sarah A. Bishop