**LPCA Meeting Minutes 6-26-18**

* *MPD Presentation*:
  + Violent crime – 1 offense over past 30 days; known suspect, so case will likely be closed
  + Property crime up from 27 to 33 incidents in the past 30 days– primarily theft from auto
  + Traffic concerns on 4th Street – DDOT is currently evaluating the area at 4th and T street and collecting data via a temporary speed camera
  + 3 reports of gunshot incidents over past 30 days, all in 200 block of W Street – may have been fireworks (no evidence of damage or shell casings found)
  + Question regarding enforcement of unpermitted parking at construction sites
    - If you see this, call and report to MPD, and they will schedule a time to come out and look at it. MPD can also refer it to DDOT and DPW traffic enforcement so they can come out and do a daily check on vehicles.
  + Community Outreach Coordinator – made a plug for upcoming events National Night Out and Beat the Streets
    - Re: parking at construction sites, make sure to raise this issue before the ANC before ANC approves – ANC should be asking about whether contractors will be bringing in heavy equipment, where workers are going to park, etc.
* *Presentation by at-large candidate Elissa Silverman* (independent, incumbent)
  + Background/bio
  + Key issues highlighted by the candidate
    - She does not take money from corporations/PACs/special interest groups
    - Sees her role as being a steward of taxpayer money (paying attention to finance/revenue, ensuring good return on investment)
    - Affordable housing
      * Proposed creating a first right of purchase for the city with regard to certain properties, so that they could be turned into affordable housing opportunities
    - DC jobs
      * Currently chairs DC Council’s Labor Committee
      * Working on increasing training and subsequent job pipelines for DC residents into key industries (e.g., health sector, IT)
      * Thinks DC needs to enforce existing laws re: developers using residents for contracting work
    - Education
      * Need to fight poverty in our schools
      * Get a good chancellor with a track record of closing achievement gaps
  + Questions from LeDroit Park residents
    - Horrible graduation rates at schools?
      * Early intervention; instill healthy habits
    - Tax on Lyft and Uber?
      * Metro is unreliable because we didn’t put money into it to maintain it
      * Thinks tax is warranted because (1) Lyft/Uber contribute to traffic and congestion issues; (2) many people who use ride shares would be using Metro if it were reliable
  + Reminder that all residents get two votes for at-large members in the general election
* *Block Party – August 18*
  + Will be combined with naming of Everett Just court
  + Seeking volunteers!
* *UIP/Howard University* – apartment development
  + Developer has entered into long-term ground lease with Howard University, property ultimately still owned by the university
  + Currently about 30-45 days behind, mainly because of a permitting issue
  + Working within existing structures
    - Currently under construction, finished demolition a few months ago
    - Carver Hall will end up being 63 units
    - Slowe Hall will end up be 101 units
      * Slowe Hall is within historic district but is not a contributing structure; no modifications will be made to exterior of the building
  + Passed out a packet reflecting interior plans for both projects
    - Will consist of studios, one bedrooms and two bedrooms
    - Cost will depend on the market at the time they are ready for rental– will look at units nearby and price at 15%-20% below that. Expect being at about $4/sq foot
  + Do allow pets
  + Historic value of the properties?
    - Would be open to including language on a plaque on the exterior of the building, will work with community on that if desired
  + Parking – zoning regulations don’t require UIP to add any parking, but they have entered into a deal with the university to lease 50 spots at 4th and V; shuttle parking currently in front of the halls will be turned into loading zones
    - People who have cars typically like to find an apartment with parking; people who don’t will gravitate towards apartments without parking; UIP also incentivizing public transport, including giving out smartcards
  + [NB: After the meeting, there was a discussion about concerns re: the naming of the buildings as “Lucy” and “George”; Howard University agreed to reach out to UIP to relay concerns/start a discussion on the issue.]
* *Community Survey Results* – decision to postpone full report until meeting at the end of summer, but at a high level, there were more than 160 respondents; consensus was that best asset of neighborhood is proximity/walkability; crime mentioned as top concern
* *Committee Updates*
  + 4th Street Task Force – invitation to join (reach out to Alison Welcher if interested)
  + Treasurer – reminder to pay dues; have started a new LPCA year
* *Community Announcements*
  + 4th of July events around the city
  + DCPS have several parent advisory boards they are looking to fill – deadline extended to this Friday 6/29