

LeDroit Park Civic Association

Meeting Minutes

September 24th, 2019

Board Present:

President - Francesca Blanco

1st Vice President - Sarah Bishop

2nd Vice President - Alison Welcher

Secretary - Elliot Seibert

Parliamentarian - Richard Myers

Motions:

None

Announcements:

None

Agenda:

Safety Report and Update

Captain Han Kim - Metropolitan Police Department

- 2 robberies; same MO. Suspect brandished handgun. Both cases open. Beefed up patrols in area. No more crimes in area since
- Arrests in past 30 days: search warrant in 200 block of W st; pretty successful. Gun arrest in 400 block W st. w/ 40 caliber handgun.
- Officers walking through park now that it's reopened.
- After park opened, all lights were out. Rangers will put in work order to DGS to put lights on.
- Theft on autos continues to be one of biggest crimes, but 40% decrease this month. Reminder: Don't leave bags in vehicles.
- Question: Gunshots at 3 in morning a few days ago. A: 2 days after Columbia Heights murders. MPD recovered shell casings. Nothing solid yet.
- Reminder: Camera rebate program – very helpful to MPD.
- Call 911 in emergency, but if you see a pattern or something suspicious record notes and send to Sgt. Kim (han.kim@dc.gov, Cell Phone (202) 507-2211, Office Phone (202) 671-6775)

Progress and developments on the Park at LeDroit

Ruxandra Pond - Friends of the Park at LeDroit

- Mission is to make park more enjoyable for all in the community.

- Renovations update: City has just completed renovations. 3 goals: 1) add more shade to playground, 2) Pave dirt paths (desire lines), 3) remediate field. Previous field was built on top of demolished school which infill was not properly removed. Grass wasn't growing. Trees weren't growing.
- Currently almost finished. Not happy with particulars of what was delivered.
- Councilmember Nadeau has secured more funding for improvements. About \$1 million.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Fundraiser at Nellie's – (\$1 per cocktail) Trivia night. Wednesday October 9th, 7:30 PM
 - Planting of additional trees with Casey Trees. Saturday October 12th, 8:30 AM. Still a few volunteer slots left.
 - "Falloween" event, Saturday, October 26th, ~10 AM-2 PM. Will be opportunity to weigh in on plans for future improvements.
- Website: www.theparkatledroit.com. Will have all info mentioned here.
- Facebook: Friends of the Park at Ledroit
- Email: theparkatledroit@gmail.com.

McMillan Reservoir Update

Zeba Floyd

- Brief history. Development has been locked up in courts. Proposal is for medical office building on North side, row of sand filtration, middle: residential mixed use, grocery store; bottom: community center + 8 acres of park.
- 1st court case was sand filtration historic preservation. In May, ruling found in favor of developers. Caveat: Developers need to show they can actually complete project before they demolish anything. Protests because earth moving equipment was on site. According to city, they are only making exploratory work.
- However, Zeba was concerned of something she heard at least community meeting. Some pro-development neighbors mentioned intimidation. If you feel intimidation, please come to Reba (contact the civic association for contact information).
- Zeba is LeDroit's representative of McMillan Advisory group (MAG) (distinct from Friends of McMillan) Position is up for election next meeting. That meeting is on November 14th and open to the public.
- Developers website: Vision McMillan; includes a traffic study per question.

What's new at Common Good City Farm

Josephine Chu, Common Good City Farm

- Tomorrow (Wednesday) is last market for full 3-7 PM timespan. Starting in October, 4-6 PM only.
- Night in the Park. The Royal, Big Bear, Baccios, etc. Bear, wine cocktails. Thursday, Oct 3, 6:30-8:30PM.
- After school program: Wednesday and Thursdays.
- Also hosting the same "Falloween" event as above, Saturday, October 26th, ~10 AM-2 PM. Pumpkins, food, etc.
- Question: is there a CSA? Yes: sold out for this season, but check website in March/April for next year.
- Question: Compost? Trainings ongoing once a month.
- Email: josephine@commongoodcityfarm.org

Other community announcements and updates

Discussion

- What are the flexposts? A: They are for traffic calming.
- TJ: Traffic calming on Florida Avenue. Is there anything we can do? A: Contact Anita.