

LeDroit Park Civic Association

Meeting Minutes

June 23rd, 2020

*Meeting conducted virtually via Zoom.

Recording available at Youtube: <https://youtu.be/7-NfnWbwsJE>

Board Present:

President - Francesca Blanco

1st Vice President - Sarah Bishop

2nd Vice President - Alison Welcher

Secretary - Elliot Seibert

Treasurer - Danielle Lopez-Lezama

Financial Secretary - Elizabeth (Zeba) Floyd

Motions:

- Motion to sign on to letter of support. 23 Aye. 1 Nay. 0 Abstentions. The motion passes.
- Motion to pass Slow Streets proposal (including T St). 20 Aye. 0 Nay. 1 Abstentions. The motion passes.

Announcements:

Common Good City Farm: Produce giveaway – Wednesdays, 4 – 6 pm. Donations welcomed. If you do not have food insecurity the farm asks you to wait until 5:45 pm to come by.

Historic Preservation Review Board of 421 T St: June 25, 2:45 pm. Call-in (650) 479-3208

ANC1B Meeting: July 9, 2020 6:30 – 8:30 pm

LeDroit Civic Association Meeting: Tuesday, July 28, 2020, 7–8 pm

Agenda:

Call for Nominating Committee

- Will put together slate for next month's meeting

Safety Update - Commander Emermann

- Concerns about dirt bikes, fireworks. MPD will not chase dirt bikes because it has historically been more dangerous to do so. They do confiscate fireworks, something they can do better.
- Report damage or destruction of property. Reminder of camera program - it's very helpful.
- Concerns that there is no way to call in non-emergency information without being connected to 911. A: 911 is prioritized, so it is still the right venue for lower priority calls.
- Arrest in drug den on 5th and Florida: arrests for drugs (9 lbs of marijuana) and for two illegal firearms. Two options for property: declare as nuisance property; work with property owner to abate.
- Carjacking: victim stopped there and was attacked. Still searching for suspect. Unclear as of yet whether it is connected to drug nuisance property.

The Royal "Streeteries" Proposal

- Opening for Phase 2 hopefully tomorrow
- Want to use sidewalk on 5th st from Fl Ave to Alley. Want to have a safe sidewalk for neighbors. There is a crosswalk for accessibility.

Slow Streets

- Key elements of Slow Streets:
 - 15 MPH, shared by cars, bikes, joggers, walkers, etc.
 - Parking will not be affected.
 - Residents, emergency vehicles, deliveries, and trash collection will continue to have access as normal.
 - The city has stated it will not seek to ticket or otherwise target enforcement toward those who use the corridors.
 - The policy makes no mention of adjusting traffic patterns, such as one-way conversions.
 - Slow Streets will be in place for the duration of the public health emergency.
- LeDroit is a good candidate due to narrow sidewalks.
- Idea is for a Slow Streets District to allow safe access to Park at LeDroit and the Heritage Trail ("Worthy Ambition").
- First step is to propose it to the ANC, council member Nadeau, DDOT. DDOT selects nominations.

Discussion:

- Widespread desire to include T St in proposal - Proposal is updated to reflect that

Brianne Nadeau - Council Update

- Higher level coordination on fireworks.
- Council work on policing reforms, including banning tear gas.
- Budget: Behavioral health, violence prevention, homeless outreach, mental health. Early childhood programs. Undocumented immigrants.
 - Need revenue raisers. E.g. high-tech tax credit. Raising income tax for \$250k+ per year.
- We are in Phase 2. Social distancing and masks are still really critical. There are walk-up sites available. Also by-appointment sites. Open to anyone - no screening.
- Public Safety Event: Last week was telephone town hall.
- Event on July 7 on community action on violence. Look for email and Nadeau's social media for signup details.
- Vote on DC statehood this week.
- Very excited about LeDroit Slow Streets proposal. Will incorporate into their map.
 - Che, Allen, and Nadeau led on legislation to require DDOT Slow Streets plan.
 - 18th street pedestrianization pilot this weekend.

Discussion:

- Concerns with contractor rates for road construction, councilmember's alleged focus on high profile issues rather than local issues. Councilmember disputed that impression.
- Concerns about shootings at 7th and S St NW. Councilmember offers strong defense of violence interrupter and pathways program and need to fully fund. 400 people total are ones committing violence. Think there's a way to get them out of harmful cycles.
- Request for sharing evidence of violence interrupter efficacy.
- ATV Tip Line: Call (202) 727-9099 or text 50411 with your information.
- Sign up for newsletter at BrianneKNadeau.com.