

ECKINGTON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY WE LIVE IN

MEETING MINUTES – MAY 4, 2015

INTRODUCTION BY RANDY NOLAN, PRESIDENT

COUNCILMEMBER MCDUFFIE:

Answered 4 questions sent in to his office:

- 1- Number of commuters who cut thru Eckington during rush hour and what can be done
 - Engage DDOT to assess traffic calming/safety measures that can be implemented. Also can request additional traffic enforcement from MPD
- 2- Update for development of MBT and railway area
 - That area is owned by Pepco and negotiations are taking place
 - NOMA has weighed in on that area; there is still money in the budget for this thru their BID
 - Stacey West, Dir. With NOMA Parks Foundation
- 3- What will be done to increase green space for the neighborhood
 - There is no green space in Eckington proper; may have to see what options are available for new developments coming up.
- 4- What is being done with the traffic pattern at Dave Thomas Circle
 - There has been some discussion with NOMA
 - Councilmember's issue is that you can't go East on Florida
 - Suggestion made to increase enforcement at the circle and onto Eckington Place

He has also considered:

- Increased bike facilities and lanes
 - Simplify the intersection and improve non-auto safety
 - Awaiting feedback from DDOT on alternative traffic patterns
 - New lane assignments
- 5- McMillan Project
 - There should be groundbreaking in the next year

Questions taken from the attendees:

- 1- McMillan; what is the traffic plan
 - Looking at WMATA to increase and improve service
 - Considering whether the Circulator would be appropriate for that area; shuttle service and negotiation with the developers
 - 2- Talk about new construction along NY Ave from the Gateway to Bladensburg Rd.
 - More affordable housing and hotel being constructed
 - Hecht's warehouse redevelopment including a nearby hotel
 - Crammell will look to develop a recreation area and workforce development project further east
 - NY Ave and Bladensburg Rd intersection is being redeveloped by Douglass but nothing firmly in place
 - Councilmember believes development should take place along this corridor to signal that you are entering the Nation's Capitol
 - 3- How is affordable housing defined
 - Definition is set by the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
 - Pushed to have information published on the DC median income vs the area median income with new developments
 - 4- What is the infrastructure in place for new residents and increased need for services to match the demands
 - Acknowledged that public utilities don't get talked about enough or serviced adequately enough
 - Increased investment in affordable housing by way of the Mayor's agenda
 - Adding money to the budget for renovations/improvements to the recreation centers in the areas that have not been taken care of recently
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- Final budget sent in for FY 2016. Trying to have money added back in that was taken out to fund a renovation of Langley
 - Roundtable being held by his office for MPD and use of body cameras (he is in support of this but opposed to exemption of the use of that footage) Council Chambers, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW; May 7 at 2pm Room 500.

DDOE PRESENTATION- RIVERS SMART HOMES PROGRAM

- Management of storm water at individual homes to capture for reuse
- To participate there is a 3-month waitlist for major work
- Offers incentives/rebates on pavers, specifically tonight for pavers (\$10/sq ft); offering free pavers
- Rebate is only available in a specific area adjacent to Bloomingdale and in line with the Stronghold service line

- Once the inspection takes place on proposed work and approval can take up to a week; no permitting necessary; turn around time for reimbursement of out of pocket expenses is 30 days
- Sept. 30, 2015 is the deadline for construction to be completed as the FY ends then
- They recommend getting estimates from 2 contractors and they can help with the design. The program can provide a list of contractors

BEAUTIFICATION COMM. REPORT: NES ROBINSON

- Next Clean-up is May 16, 2015 at 10am at HTRC; BBQ to follow

EVENT COMM. REPORT: ADAM DUFFY

- Wednesday, June 11, 2015 6:30-8:30pm at Pub and the People
- Sunday, August 9, 2015 for baseball game

COMM. PINCKNEY'S REPORT:

- Welcome to Eckington Packet completed and is available for her SMD; a hardcopy was circulated
- SMD meeting and issues identified. Document circulated from that meeting
- Acknowledged renewal notice for Super Liquors and passed out information on process to give feedback for the renewal; discussion followed
- Comm. Pinckney invited the owner of Super Liquors to the meeting over a week ago but there was no representative present at this meeting
- Rodent abatement this Thursday/Friday along with alley sweep
- Working on lights for the gateway sign
- Has yet to pin down a start date for 50 Florida Avenue
- Eckington Place roundabout is to start this month
- Motion made to support protest of the renewal of the license for Super Liquors
- Vote taken and all voting members voted in favor of protesting the license renewal. Request made by Comm. Pinckney to submit recommendations from the community for the agreement to be given to the liquor store owner. Additional feedback will be brought back to the community.
- Brian and Adam volunteered to help Randy with the voluntary agreement for the license renewal

- Comm. Pinckney gave feedback that newer commissioners are against seeking input from civic associations so Bylaws section requiring attendance at civic association may be changed to reflect this as voluntary
- Malik Williams, from the Mayor's Office, was present but needed to leave early. He sent his apologies and will commit to attending the next meeting. He will be given notes from this meeting and past meetings regarding issues unique to Eckington