

ECKINGTON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY WE LIVE IN

MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Introductions were made of residents in attendance

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

- Beautification committee:
 - Sept. 19, 2015 at 10am at Harry Thomas Rec Center
- Events:
 - August Nats game was successful (and they won!)
 - October happy hour. Date to be announced
 - Suggestion for Progressive dinner party in late fall, possibly November
- Safety committee:
 - Ask for volunteers to join the safety committee with Brooke Edgecombe

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO MEMBERSHIP FOR VOTING:

- 1- Affordable housing: Resolution to oppose the petition to waive provision to provide affordable housing in the new development.

No discussion

Motion made to submit letter in opposition of petition. 11 in favor, 0 opposed
1 abstention

- 2- Allocation of funds: \$10,000 allocated for support of a heritage signage program. Initially the funds were to be used for banner replacement.

Discussion:

A question was raised about the duplication of services that spending this money may cause. Check with Joel Larson, Office of Planning, and the office of

zoning within that office to see if the funds can be used for a new assessment of a Heritage Trail.

Motion made to approve allocating funds for heritage program / historic preservation research. 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions.

- 3- Amendment of By-laws: add historic and heritage preservation and quality of life to the by-laws as part of the explanation of civic welfare.

No discussion

Motion made to change by-laws to “the purpose of the Association is to promote the civic welfare (to include, but not be limited to, social, economic, and environmental issues/concerns) within the District of Columbia and especially within the vicinity of the area described in Article I, Section 3.” 13 in favor, 0 opposed.

MICHAEL SKENA- MRP REALTY- REDEVELOPMENT OF THE RI AVE SHOPPING CENTER

- Will be replacing the majority of the 200,00 sq ft retail space. Will be redeveloped with the Bernstein Group, which was the original developer.
- 1500 residential units to be built out over several years. Phase 1: two residential buildings near the MBT. Asking for height relief through the PUD. Up to 90ft. In exchange are community benefits to the surrounding communities.
- Stage 1 on entire site, and a Stage 2 consolidation allows for all permits to be pulled for the first Phase. Groundbreaking projected for 2017.
- Street level: In total about an acre of proposed green space. Bike friendly to join the MBT to 4th St., NE. 47,000 sq ft of retail space available. 30,000 sq ft. proposed for a gym.
- Proposing to keep existing entrances but making it more efficient. Parking is proposed at 1500 underground spaces. Asked for a range for parking in the PUD up to 1900. 8% at 80% AMI for housing.
- Asked to come back and a possible letter of support.

ALICE THOMPSON- DC OFFICE OF AGING

- Long term care- being able to live in your home independently. When that is not possible, paying for someone to provide assistance.
- Senior wellness centers provide health services for those over 60.
- Is DC an age-friendly city? Are parks and recreation available designed for seniors in particular? Can seniors get transportation easily? Gail Carne with Age-friendly Cities. Does walk-thrus to allow residents to identify problem areas.
- Office of Aging can also monitor and assist with reports of elder abuse whether physical or financial. But the office does no policing. Encouraged to contact Councilmember and other oversight agencies for policing.

SAFETY REPORT- NO REPORT. SGT. ELLIS HAD TO LEAVE.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION:

- Application sent in to do a history of Eckington. Four proposals sent in. The range seems to be in the area of \$15,000-25,000.
- This will be used to produce the Heritage Trail signs and to justify historic designation.

COMMISSIONER PINCKNEY WILL PROVIDE A FUTURE UPDATE.

- Application to be on NCMS Board deadline is tomorrow night at midnight.
- Representative from Councilmember McDuffie's Office:
- Sept. 15, at 10am, John Wilson building room 500 , public safety meeting
- Sept. 17 Panel on Police Reform sponsored by National Bar Association

FLOWER MARKET DEVELOPMENT

- Mike Aiello spoke about conversations with Boundary Company and JBG on the Flower Mart development. Created a proposal of changes to the plans. Density and height of the project hasn't changed so will be high near the storage unit. Ongoing and cooperative talks so far. Suggested possible idea to purchase small patch of land next to the storage unit to create a connector to from R St. to the alley. The zoning meeting may be pushed back to December from October.

ART ALL NIGHT WILL BE SEPT. 26 AT N. CAPITOL AND BETWEEN P AND R ST., NW.