

ECA January Meeting, 2015

ECA President Randy Nolan welcomed the group

- Each resident present introduced themselves and said why they appreciate the neighborhood
- Randy noted the civic association is collecting 2015 dues
 - Any donations are welcome and help support the activities of the civic association
 - We are now a registered non-profit so contributions are tax deductible.
- Committees are now up and running; we would love involvement by as many people as possible
 - Heads of committees
 1. Membership--Lana will let people who move into the neighborhood know about the association
 2. Beautification--Nes and Kimon will be organizing clean ups starting in March
 3. Safety--Brooke Edgecomb will be doing safety walks, etc. starting in March
 4. Events--Adam Duffy will organize activities
 - Please participate in committees! Contact David if you want anyone's contact information.
- North Capitol Main Street has a new slate of members
 - Arlene (in attendance), Randy, and others from Eckington are on the committee
- Technology
 - An updated website and web presence is a goal
 - There will be a new Google Group web presence as well

Councilmember McDuffie's office--John Mandell

- Just back from the Council recess for a new session
- New committee assignment for McDuffie--now chairs judiciary (oversees police, fire, and other public safety)
- New bill--a bill to make changes for hearings on developments
- Community updates:
 - Dunbar pool has new hours for residents
 1. Weekdays: 6am-8am and 5pm-9pm; Sat and Sunday 9am-5pm
 - Community vouchers for discounts for the Verizon Center Disney on Ice were made available (please email if you would like one)
 - Questions from ECA members:

1. What about limiting the height of popups? Council has no stake in zoning commission rewrites; it's the Board of Zoning. John can identify someone from Zoning to come to an ECA meeting.
2. McMillan--it might be good to hear an update on what is going on there.
3. If I feel as if I am being impacted by traffic, what should I do? There is a transportation plan from the McMillan Advisory Group. If there is feedback, you can send to developer and/or the Councilmember's office
4. There are challenges with alleys not being cleaned. What should we do? DPW can help. Also, report to 311 and follow-up. Contact the Councilmember's office if there is an issue. There is also a mechanism to have a review of the collection route if there are repeated complaints. Residents suggested policy change in addition to implementation. Perhaps we'll have a meeting to address this

MPD police report - Sgt James Ellis

- Burglaries have been reported recently (Stealing from a house under construction)
- Robbery from individuals
- Theft from autos reported (but down)
- Homicide at 200 T Street--did not appear to be random. Was after midnight. Question about number of shots: more than 2 shots, but not 30. One resident at the meeting reported 6 shots. Some cars were struck as well (and unfortunately they had to be towed for evidence).
- Another mountain bike officer is on patrol
- No problems on the MBT (but may be because use is down on account of the weather)
- Questions:
 - Do officers drive through alleys? There are a lot of problems back there. Answer: some random routes. But please call or text.
 - What about motorcycles? 40 of them driving by without lights on. MPD can't chase them--creates a very hazardous situation. Over the summer they were trying to follow them by helicopter to catch them while they refuel.
 - Where does the Truxton Circle Island fall? It's a nuisance? It's 5D PSA 501. It's a frustrating situation. There is an effort by the civic associations to address this.

- If we see illegal dumping and there is a license plate number, call it in. Even better if it's in the act. A resident shared that there's a DC311 app to report things.
- Any crime trends in the area? Not that the officer is aware of
- How do you identify areas that could use better lighting, cameras, etc.? This is the forum—civic association or ANC commissioner. If we can say “We have 35 calls in the last month” then it helps the case for more services. Funding for lighting would come from a general fund.
- A resident asked how to best interact with officers. Sgt said that you should just say hello! You can also do a ride-along.
- Lt. Wright will answer the phone whenever. James.ellis@dc.gov

Washington Cancer Institute Breast Cancer program

- Right next to Children's Hospital
- They are from the cancer control and prevention unit
- Today's presentation is about a study of women in Ward 5
- Cancer can often be helped if found early
- Early mammograms are important
- What we found is that almost 1500 women with advanced breast cancer (stages 3 and 4) came into the hospital, many of whom are in Ward 5—97% have health insurance.
- So the question is why they did not have mammograms and early detection. They have a grant to find out why. A health worker is asking women to take questionnaires.
- The biggest response so far is fear of finding out that you have cancer.
- We would like your help in reaching out to women—churches and other locations.
- We can specifically target this community if we have people fill out the questionnaire
- Is the rate higher in Ward 5?
 - There are challenges across the district, but we're hoping to survey women in Ward 5
- If there are folks that are interested in filling it out, they can contact the office and come out. Melanie.laughinghouse@medstar.net
- Also concerns about colo-rectal cancer

Randy thanked everyone for coming and then raffled off some Downton Abbey DVDs (donated by Kim Mosely).