

# ECKINGTON CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY WE LIVE IN

MEETING MINUTES - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017

## ECA Officer Updates

- Introductions
- Katrina Update on Eckington Day
  - o Huge Success – near 600 people, overall went very well. Hoping to do it next year as well.
  - o Next meeting will be elections and then holiday party. Potluck (food or baked goods are welcome).
  - o Want to encourage more people to run for positions!
  - o If you're not interested in running for position on the Board, Committee chair is another great opportunity to volunteer.

## Committee Reports

- Beautification/Community Service (Andrea)
  - o Table at Eckington Day with brochures about tree cover and tree care. City offers options for trees in your property (rebates).
  - o Email [alfrei@gmail.com](mailto:alfrei@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering for community service and clean ups (December 2).
- Outreach (Lyndsi)
  - o Table at Eckington Day to get people more involved in the community.
  - o Want to get people more involved, even if they don't have internet.
- Social (Adam)
  - o Thank you for volunteers for making it a success.
  - o Katrina recognized Adam for his contribution and organizing Eckington Day.
- Oral History
  - o Several people have signed up to share stories about growing up in Eckington.

## ANC 5E Commissioner Updates

- Sylvia
  - o 22 P Street (Exxon with parking lot) sold for \$11 million. Don't have plans but can do about 135 condos/apartments. They are planning more towards 200. Sylvia waiting for more information from buyers.
  - o 1709 N. Capitol seat has sold and will be vacant as of 19<sup>th</sup> of November. 2 doors up from Yum's Carryout.
  - o 1705 N. Capitol being developed illegally (height). They have been reported and will likely face stop-order.
  - o 1733 for sale on N. Capitol.
  - o 1633 (Super Liquors) and 1631 (faces Lincoln Road) wants to meet with Sylvia.

- Police cars have been around that area to move people along but some people have complained that it doesn't look good for visitors when they are having guests.
- Flea market has corrected violations.
- Light at Lincoln/Quincy/N. Capitol noted as not well timed. DDOT is working on it. DDOT noted that the triangle that is now blocked off can be used by groups to do things in the space for "pop ups". Contact Coleen Harkinson if you want to use that information.
- DPW giving tickets to people who do not have their trash cans in the back yard (it is illegal to keep them in the alley). Rodent abatement completed – if you want to know if there are burrows on your property, please contact Sylvia.
- Held Q St meeting last week with developer building 50 Florida Ave. 50 Florida Ave discussed cement pours at 2 am, residents weren't informed in time. Last cement pour was completed this last weekend.
  - Contractor is going to widen the alley from 15 to 20 feet. Unclear whether retaining walls on alley of Q St will fall down as a result (many of them are old/cracked).
- DGS has approved Capitol Bike Share at Harry Thomas Park (up near the north side by the football field). They will commence putting that bike share in soon.
- Question: Super Liquors meeting – Sylvia thinks that they might not want to correct all violations, in which case property will be condemned.
- Question: Is 1709 going to remain residential? – Sylvia doesn't know.
- Question: Do you know who purchased the Exxon area? – Yes, but I can't remember the name. Believe it's a young couple.

#### Elected Officials Update

- McDuffie office
  - Holiday party on December 13 at Dock 5
  - Leaf collections started today
  - DC Health Link Open Enrollment starting soon
  - Councilman McDuffy is aware about some concerns regarding number of self-storage facilities coming into Ward 5. Councilman would like to hear about more concerns/thoughts about this. Please feel free to reach out to the Councilman's office.
  - Question/Comment: Can developers do more to have the first few levels be something that increase "eyes on the street" or have businesses?
- Mayor's office (not in attendance).

#### Public Safety Report & Committee

- Update on Super Liquors
  - Owners of Super Liquors have been listening to feedback from the ECA. Have been sending in logs and denying service to those who are intoxicated. Loitering still an issue but that isn't something they can do much about.
  - Katrina commended them for working well with the ECA.
  - Sylvia noted that in the next settlement agreement they should include that they must come to the ECA meetings.
- Tracking Suspicious Activities/Crime
  - Shooting at 3<sup>rd</sup> and T St NE. Case is ongoing.

- 1700 Lincoln block – police called due to individual trying to break down door with meat cleaver. Police arrested suspect on R St.
- Investigation about T St girls is ongoing. No arrests yet.
- 106 arrests in this area. City-wide narcotics calling MPD to transport people to jail.
- Carjacking 1821 2<sup>nd</sup> St NE. Know your iPhone password to Find my iPhone as police will use that.
- Robbery using a knife at 4<sup>th</sup> and Rhode Island – case was closed.
- MBT robbery this past month. Police have photos of juvenile suspects.
- House burglary in northwest side, 2 suspects caught in house, 2 suspects ran into Harry Thomas Rec and were apprehended there. None of them live in the area.
- Violent crime – 30 day crime comparison. Increase of 53% from this period last year.
- TextTip – 50411 is very responsive. Gets broadcast to everyone and allows you to stay out of it.
- A few safety tips:
  - Have a contact that you remember.
  - Know your Find my iPhone or Android app.
  - Be vigilant and scan your surroundings.
  - Watch commander phone #: 202 327 4392
    - Use in case you have problems.
- Question: There was a Harry Thomas Park log book for MPD. They used to go multiple times a day but now they don't go. Sgt will have 5D folks restart it.
- Question: Friends and people who have lived here for a while want to know how they could mitigate people being concerned by a few black men hanging out in front of their house? Sgt said that communication is important.
- CRIME COMMITTEE: Still looking for someone to lead the crime committee. Will help coordinate suspicious activities, etc.

#### Foulger Pratt Development

- Development Committee & FP CBAs
  - Shelly introduces CBA and vote that needs to be held for Foulger-Pratt development.
  - Shelly noted that she believe FP has done a good job of providing affordable housing larger units and investing in Latino Economic Development Council, which helps communities understand their rights and the process.
  - Traffic situation (Erwin Anders with Grove Spate Associates)
    - Loading will be off street (from R St NE) and garage parking will be accessed via R St NE.
    - Softening turn on MBT.
    - Two intersections affected by development:
      - 3<sup>rd</sup> and Rhode Island and Eckington and Harry Thomas Way
      - 3<sup>rd</sup> and Rhode Island needs a new traffic signal, which has already been approved under other projects.
      - Eckington and Harry Thomas needs to be an all-way stop.
        - Including flags to warn drivers, as well as cross-walks and ramps.
    - Working with DDOT to allow 1-year bike share subsidy, transit displays and car-share vehicle spaces (in order to prevent people from needing as many cars).
    - Question: A lot of developers will buy places and then sell them before they break ground – FP generally doesn't sell their places and holds them for long term.

- Question: Parking - 128 spots that are additional fee; FP willing to not allow Residential Parking Permit for people.
  - Question: Eckington doesn't have a lot of easy E-W streets but traffic study doesn't address those issues and where cars go – FP responded that many people will choose this area without cars, etc. Most people have a car for the luxury to use it but more often than not don't use.
  - Question: R St and Q St are already busy. What can be done – FP said they understand but their hope is that people will choose to have fewer cars.
  - Shelley – need to push DDOT on doing a comprehensive study because the majority of the traffic is people that are not from the community but are cutting through the community to avoid difficult places.
- Community benefits
  - (See photos for information)
  - Question: Can there be preference for people who are already in Eckington? – Answer is no, that is a DC decision.
  - Question: Why are we giving \$40K to an organization in Ward 4? – Answer, community discussed this with several options that were available. This solution allowed for the most impact by providing services to communities in Eckington to take advantage of affordable housing.
  - Question: Will this be built in phases? – No. All at once. Permitting will be ongoing for the rest of 2017 and 2018. Hoping for 2019 breaking and 2 year construction.
  - Question: Can we restrict affordable housing to families rather than groups on 25-year olds? – Answer is no, these are DC rules.
  - Question: Working with Gearing up Bicycles? – Happy to keep talking with them about additional information.
  - Question: Is FP contributing to upkeep of parks? – No, they will be owned by DC DPR.
- Vote on R & Harry Thomas Way Development
  - VOTE:
    - In support: 12
    - Opposed: 0
    - Resolution passed.