



January 2019 ECA Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2018 | 7:00PM-8:30PM Location: The Summit at St. Martins

Meeting called by: Eckington Civic Association

Facilitator: Conor Shaw

1. Website Problems

- We recognize that the ECA website and payment platform is down
 - We are actively working to get it back up and will be in communication about 2019 dues.

2. 2019 Officer's Goals

- Community outreach → goal is to have more people to meetings and more committee involvement
- Social media outreach
- Further Digital outreach
 - Survey forms to use digitally
- Dave Thomas Circle

3. ANC Updates

- Halfway house at the end of ward 5 has been scrapped
- Dave Thomas Circle
 - Project manager is leaving to become director of transportation in Seattle
 - Either going to purchase one part of the land or all of it instead of switching land
 - Comprehensive manager, 3,000 comments
 - Within Year there will be another draft to go into a comment section
- Projects:
 - 50 Florida Ave- complete in the next 2 months
 - Community Amenities (must get occupancy first)
 - 65 black rod iron tree boxes on Q street Quincy and R St.
 - Planning group- meet with Cultural DC to come back to community to show what is going to be done
 - 70 Florida Ave- started work with complete wall
 - 1500 unit storage place
 - No manager yet
 - 60 Florida Ave- Sirius XM data center
 - 50 Florida Ave developer is trying to buy from 60 FL. Ave to build 60 apartments or condos
 - Andrew Violas retaining walls problem → community may not want this

- Want to have meeting
- Lincoln Road and North Capitol street
 - Can go up high because on North Cap st
 - Will be doing 3 units
- 6 P St. and another on 1703 North Cap St.
 - CBD store with lotions and oils
 - Concern about growing crowd
- Vacancies
 - 1715 NC
 - 1707 NC- old workafrolics
 - 1709 NC-use to be salon/barber
 - 1713 on Lincoln Rd.
 - hot place
 - AG can step in and take owner to court
 - Must have agreements be upstanding citizens
 - Clean up graffiti
 - Internal work (elec and plumbing)
 - 1923 Lincoln Rd.
 - market and deli- illegal construction
 - unknown if inspection
 - unknown if anything will be done
 - Super liquors store
 - May come back to area→ notice will be on front of the building
 - License currently held
 - 1629 NC
 - Needs work on building
 - ANC will help
 - Flea market will remain
- ANC 5 E
 - Voted for public toilets
 - Expensive potties with only one person in at a time
 - Clean up not discussed yet
 - Council agreed to place public toilets in community
 - Will be up to see if people want this
- Invited Chief Nushum and interim director of DCRA out to community
 - Will be getting new directors very soon→ hopefully agencies will get better

4. Eckington 2020 Initiative

- Goal: to create a long- term vision for clean, vibrant, safe, and affordable community
 - Framework based on other communities who have found success in something similar
 - Active member of the community Shelley Vinyard will be leading the effort and special Committee
- Plan: Recruit many neighbors (outreach will come)
 - New sidewalks
 - Potholes
 - Look of neighborhood

5. Update for Mail Problems

- Rep. Norton sent a letter to the Post Office General
- Said to be caused by new wave of employees who weren't trained adequately

6. ECA 2019 Comprehensive Plan ***

- Action postponed on resolution to make [2017 Comp. Plan](#) the working policy of the ECA
 - Comprehensive plan should be Eckington focused as well
 - Problem: city has fallen behind on proposed amendments
 - Until DC planning actions took action → look to document for proposed amendments
- Questions
 - Plan to work on review board?
 - Association will still act in decisions, this just sets principals agreed upon
 - Developers to take away historic buildings?
 - They can do that by right yet we are in the chain of who they need to go to

7. McDuffie Updates

- First leg meeting of year Jan 8th
 - Intro legislation from years past
 - Dave Thomas Circle: support eminent Domain because it is very dangerous → “what ever it takes to get this moving”
- 2020 census- how it can affect ward and ANC districts
 - i. locally affected by council, ward, and ANC boundaries
 - ii. wait for info from national level to do redistricting locally
 - iii. will be shifting of wards and will trickle to ANC ballots for 2021

8. Dave Thomas Circle

- Letter proposed with the intent to be sent to the Director of the D.C. Department of Transportation → approval vote next meeting
- Includes accident history along with requests to mitigate any more accidents from occurring in the short-term.
- Concerns/Proposed Changes:
 - Reach out to add other neighborhoods on board
 - Traffic Signals got worse
 - Enforcement necessary- many people run it to mitigate their waiting time
 - No turn on red initiative
 - Concern with more congestion with lower speed limit but should be a problem because no one goes past speed limit during traffic

9. District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH)

- Postponed and Rescheduled to Feb 4th