



# March 2019 ECA Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2019 | 7:00PM-8:30PM Location: The Summit at St. Martins

Meeting called by: Eckington Civic Association

Facilitator: Conor Shaw

## 1. Mayor's office- community relations

- DDW app
  - Street cleaning notifications and parking recommendations
- DC circulator- March free
  - Veterans get free capitol bike share
  - \$1000 tax credit 2027074829
- Mayor partnering with emergency SOS to pinpoint 911 calls (down to 50 yards) for faster response

## 2. Eckington Park

- Permits approved
- Soil testing started
  - Most is contaminated they will be clearing the soil in a safe and thorough manner
- Approval for site remediation plan
  - Contamination for park and building development areas
    - Companies will work together to remove the contaminated soil
    - Looking to follow up on the exact process that will be used
    - Wanting to do it the safest manner
    - District does it's own testing to maintain and consistently test site
- MET will be relocated starting around August- Early next year
- Park construction will take about 12 months
  - Goal is shooting for early 2020

## 3. Foulger Pratt

- 7 floors; 327 apartments; (meaningful) retail below; art live/work studios will be included
  - 2 Year construction cycle
- Working on plan for traffic control
  - Trucks will be in and out (document showing truck pathways)

## 4. Application for Variance- 318 Seaton Place NE

- Addition was built 3 feet too long
  - Builder had wrong permits and built it wrongly

- Owners found this out while doing their due diligence on the property
- Must be torn down if the special acceptance isn't approved
- No neighbor complaints
- **Approved by vote of ECA members- 19**

## 5. Eckington Heritage Trail (handout of map)

- Trail will have two-sided signs with historical stories (8 signs)
  - People, infrastructure, notable events
- Historical photos and written narrative will be displayed to keep the soul of the neighborhood
- **Community request:** Historian reference looking for anyone to offer up information of Franklin Nash Church
  - Longstanding members of the community to offer older photos for use
- Working to offer audio and brail options for those hearing and visually impaired
- Timeframe goal is TBD (looking at around 18 months)→ up to the response of the neighborhood
  - It's a nexus relationship with the community to help keep the history alive through those who know the neighborhood best
- Next planning date will be March 14<sup>th</sup> at Summit at St. Martin's

## 6. Neighborhood Violence

- Homicide on Eckington Place→ class is almost closed
  - Unrelated to the community
- Shooting near Lincoln
- Additional Police Officer Presence
  - 1600-1700 Lincoln St
  - North Capitol and Florida
- Twitter- keeps up with real time crime
  - Response time depends on timeliness of call and accuracy of call
    - 911 call is confirmed then turned over to twitter in real time
- Listserv
  - Statistics
  - Arrest Reports
- Crime Camera Incentive Camera Program
  - Department requests that everyone will put up cameras→ very helpful to expedite the investigation process

ECA Written Letter to the Mayor's office (wanting to offer it before the budget is set by the mayor)

- Written at the request of many Eckington residents
- Chronologically discusses the events of crime (Oct-Current)
- Asks for reasonable requests
  - More cameras

- Additional monetary funding towards prevention
- Fill up vacant or unused properties to fill in open space
- Additional lighting and sidewalk improvement
- Delves into deciphering the root of the matter
  - Not enough oversight
  - Mental Health
    - For context- 3 stabbings were perpetrated by the same person who suffers from ailments of the mind
- Suggestions
  - Adding a Letter Recipient: Office of Neighborhood Safety engagement (mayor's office suggestion)
    - Contracts out work and works with agencies
    - Programs to foster relations with people who are the most at risk engage in crime
  - Bolstering schools to engage in violence prevention efforts
  - Strike bullet on mental health facilities and insert language in a different bullet that isn't quiet as discriminatory towards those who suffer from mental health issues
- **Approved by vote of ECA members**

#### **7. Dave Thomas Circle**

- Community needs to be vocal and advocate for positive changes to the circle
  - Send an email or make a phone call to the Mayor's office
  - Goal is to get it in the budget

#### **8. Survey**

- Bolster small business on Rhode Island
- After analyzing the survey Nextdoor will be the main avenue of communication
- Community involvement

Community Involvement Request: We would love help from an Accountant!

#### **9. McDuffie's Office Update**

- Hoping to map out and analyze data of violence
- Legislation to provide relief for distressed businesses on Rhode Island
  - Found funding source for businesses
- DC water added funding to the Rhode Island project
- Mayor will bring Budget on March 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Asking at least 3-4 people to testify for ward 5 to the respected agencies → dates will be sent out on listserv and Nextdoor
    - More people means more likely to be heard
  - Wanting Ward 5 to have the most people testifying to increase the budget

#### **10. ANC updates**

- Cortney Segman

- Community Cleanup- Trash problems
  - Day of cleanup that happens every month April through October
- Sylvia Pinkney
  - Crime
    - Request from P street up to Rec center
      - a. Presence from U all the way up to Rhode island
    - Resolution for the Near Act
      - a. Aimed to get money to mitigate crime
      - b. Will be voted on March 19<sup>th</sup>
    - Gate for R street Alley will be locked
    - Lincoln Rd. Residents were talked to
      - a. Person engaging in solicit activity was removed by landlord → those who were visiting will not be around to visit said individual
    - Community involvement
      - a. Get to know the policemen
      - b. Safety walks with policemen
      - c. Get to know your neighbor

#### 11. Crucible Liquor License

- Temporary to Permanent license
- Was already voted on by the ECA- Approved by overwhelming numbers
- No complaints by neighbors
  - **ECA member vote-12 → Prior approval will stand**