

LeDroit Park Civic Association

Meeting Minutes for the Meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 2010

at the Florida Avenue Baptist Church

Call to order at 7:05 pm

1. **Moment of silence.**
2. **Membership report by Mrs. Ayo Handy-Kendi**
 - a. The Association now has 46 current members.
 - b. Three members joined during Community Day.
3. **Public Safety report by Off. Gore and Sgt. Jackson, MPD**
 - a. The officers relayed recent crime statistics.
 - b. Off. Gore stated that the biggest crime problems arose from thefts from cars.
 - c. Mrs. Dina Lewis voiced concern over possible crime in the alley behind the 400 block of Florida Avenue NW.
 - d. Off. Gore explained that they can only arrest trespassers when a sign is posted.
 - e. Off. Gore explained that car break-ins are up and that the vast majority of such break-ins are on out-of-state cars.
 - f. Off. Gore explained that closed alcohol containers are permitted and that the police cannot intervene if there is no crime.
 - g. Off. Gore opined that the city would benefit from an anti-loitering law
4. **Greeting from Pastor Trent, Florida Avenue Baptist Church**
 - a. Pastor Trent discussed the church's involvement in the neighborhood, invited Association members to services, and announced the church's upcoming sickle cell anemia benefit concert.
5. **Cdr. Campbell of the Metro Transit Police addressed crime around the Shaw Metro Station.**
 - a. Cdr. Campbell relayed the crime statistics for the previous year.
 - b. Cdr. Campbell reported that there was very little violent crime over the past year.
 - c. Cdr. Campbell announces that he recently inspected the area around the station.
 - d. Cdr. Campbell relayed the Transit Police's phone number (202) 962-2121.
 - e. Pres. Myers asked where the TP's jurisdiction began on 7th Street NW.
 - f. Cdr. Campbell suggested that the Association post the Transit Police's contact information on the Association's website.
6. **Presentation regarding the status of the park by Mrs. Dina Lewis.**
 - a. Mrs. Lewis announced that construction is continuing.
 - b. Mrs. Lewis said that DDOT is working with ZipCar to add car-sharing to the site and that DDOT intended to install a Capital Bikeshare station at the park.
 - c. Mrs. Lewis expects the park construction to be finished by January.
7. **Community Day summary by Mrs. Ayo Handy-Kendi**
 - a. Mrs. Handy-Kendi announced that the day was a success.
 - b. Mrs. Handy-Kendi thanked the organizing committee and noted that 160 students participated in the day's events.
8. **Pres. Richard Myers announced that park naming suggestions would be accepted until the next meeting and that a committee would select the names to submit to the Council.**
9. **It was announced that the Columbia Lodge would serve Thanksgiving dinner throughout the day on Thanksgiving.**
10. **Reading and approval of the previous meetings' minutes by Secretary Eric Fidler.**
 - a. Mr. Keenan Dunson requested that the phrase "cooking workshop" be replaced with "permaculture".
 - b. Mr. Murray Schmechel moved to approve the minutes with Mr. Dunson's edit; Mrs. Handy-Kendi seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
11. **Ms. Danielle Ricks announced that the Howard University Campus Plan Task Force had met with the university's president.**

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- 12. Mrs. Ayo Handy-Kendi suggested that residents join the Association in order to vote on the naming of the park. She also mentioned the Time Bank, the Parker Flats Halloween, and early voting.**
- 13. Mr. Keenan Dunson announced that the Common Good City Farm's season was fruitful and he thanked volunteers. The farm will close on November 13.**
- 14. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.**

This memorandum represents our understanding of the events which transpired and the actions which were taken. If they do not conform to a recipient's understand, prompt written notice must be communicated to the writer. If no corrections or objections are made, this memorandum will be relied upon as a factual interpretation of this meeting.

Submitted on Tuesday, November 23, 2010, by Mr. Eric Fidler, the secretary of the LeDroit Park Civic Association