

LeDroit Park Civic Association

Meeting Minutes

October 22nd, 2019

Board Present:

President - Francesca Blanco

1st Vice President - Sarah Bishop

Secretary - Elliot Seibert

Treasurer - Danielle Lopez-Lezama

Financial Secretary - Elizabeth (Zeba) Floyd

Motions:

None

Announcements:

MPD Third District Haunted House - October 31, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

1620 V St. NW. For more info contact Jackie Beathea (Community Outreach Coord.)

Falloween Park Bonanza - Saturday, October 26, 10am - 1pm

The Park at LeDroit

Howard Community Advisory Committee - Monday, October 28th 6:00 pm

2201 Georgia Avenue, NW

DC Comprehensive Plan Open House - Ward 1 - Friday November 1, 6pm-8pm

Columbia Heights Education Campus - 3101 16th St. NW-Cafeteria

LPCA Happy Hour - Thursday, November 7, 6pm-8:30pm

Truxton Inn - 251 Florida Ave NW

November LeDroit Park Civic Association Meeting - Tuesday, November 26, 7pm - 8pm

Florida Avenue Baptist Church - 623 Florida Avenue NW (enter at the back)

Agenda:

Safety Report and Update

Sgt. Keirn - Metropolitan Police Department

- 600 block S shooting - Bad guy shot a bad guy. Found with a gun. Good leads. Still open.
- Fall crime initiative - More personnel. 2 distribution lockups nearby. Lot of overtime officers. Canine in the area.
- Be aware of surroundings.

- 10/19. Robbery 323 U St. 1:40 AM. 5 BM suspects approached. Fled scene. There were 5 arrests. All suspects had SE addresses.
- Shooting on 2nd St. & W. 3 students + 1 civilian. Stemmed from dispute on GA avenue.
- Streetlights or overgrown trees - call 311. E.g. 500 block of T St.
- Serial masturbator near Farm at Park. Has happened 10 times this summer. Only 2 times has gotten a strong MPD response. Happens between 10 AM- 2 PM.
- Any plans for a surveillance post at park? Question for ANC/Councilmember. They are expensive. Just put one at 7th and S.

Call for Safety Committee Nominations / Safety Walks

- Sgt. Keirns: we can participate. Ideally same date every month.
- Possible: 3rd Tuesday of each month. Any volunteers, please contact Francesca at ldpcapresident@gmail.com.

4th Street Traffic Calming Measures

Jack Gillum - Interested Neighbor

- Informal group of neighbors was concerned about safety on 4th street. Couple years ago, they organized to get DDOT to come out. End result is flex posts.
- Purpose of "bulbouts":
 - Essentially narrows road so psychologically it slows them down.
 - Has effect of extending curb for pedestrians.
 - Every time that DDOT puts these intersections in they see a reduction in collisions and speed.
- That being said, DDOT is open to changes. Not set in stone.
- In Bloomingdale, their civic association worked with DDOT to get planters and painted street art. DDOT wants to know neighbors are there to take care of planters. Willing to improve aesthetics if there's buy-in from LPCA.
- What is repaving order? Just a matter of administration? Once they repave it they'll put them back.
- LPCA 4th Street Group will put together a list of suggestions/recommendations for what we'd like to propose to DDOT. Will present options at next meeting. Contact Jack Gillum (jgillum@gmail.com) to participate.

McMillan Advisory Group Rep Nominations

Zeba Floyd

- Next meeting November 12th
- If anyone else interested in being our representative, let Zeba know ASAP. (zebafloyd@gmail.com) She's happy to serve, but also happy to pass the torch. Zeba can provide more information on responsibilities.

Lower Georgia Avenue Equitable Development Project

Tom Fazzini - Brianne Nadeau's Office

- <https://www.brianneknadeau.com/lower-georgia-avenue-equitable-development-project>
- Lower GA is last corridor not gentrified.
- The goals of the Lower Georgia Avenue Equitable Development Project are to:

- Uphold racial diversity and cohesion
- Preserve and create affordable housing in integrated, mixed-income neighborhoods
- Promote and protect community-serving businesses
- Re-invest dollars spent in the corridor back into neighborhoods
- Create welcoming public spaces
- Modeled after 11th street bridge project.
- Next steps will be working groups.
- End result will be united community vision to inform legislation, investments, community partnerships. Nadeau will step back during the process but will reengage to enact end results.
- [Project Launch Event](#): November 9, 2019, 2 - 4pm - Cardozo Education Campus

US Census – Short-Term Jobs Available Now

- Visit 2020census.gov/jobs or call 1-855-JOB-2020 for more information
- Washington, DC gets over \$3 billion in federal funds. We were undercounted in 2010.
- There are paid jobs available. \$25/hour. Background check. Need to be 18 yrs old. If male born after 1959, need to be registered with selective service.
- Commitment: Jan/Feb 2020 to Sept/Oct 2020. At 3000 DC jobs now, looking for total of 9000.

Other community announcements and updates

Anita Norman – ANC Commissioner SMB 1B01

- Reminder: camera program. For seniors, department of aging will put cameras up for free - no money up front.

Discussion

- None