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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Lamond-Riggs,

Please join us for our next meeting on April 1. The US Attorney's Office will share an update on the felons in possession initiative and the office's community engagement efforts. We will also have a presentation on the new South Dakota Avenue/Riggs Road Main Street.

An election for LRCA officers and trustees will take place in May 2019. If you wish to run for office or vote for candidates, you must be a dues paying member by April 1. Last month, we asked that individuals interested in a board position submit their names and the office they seek to info@lrcadc.org by March 25. Those names will be brought to the April 1st meeting. Nominations for office will be accepted from the floor at the meeting on April 1. The individual nominated must be present to accept the nomination.

Our neighborhood school, LaSalle-Backus, is looking for participants for Career Day on April 12. Please consider spending a few hours discussing your career with middle school students. To sign up, contact Jessica Silva at Jessica.silva@dc.gov by April 5.

Inside the newsletter, find information about LRCA's 2nd Annual Spring Clean. Details and registration at <https://lrcra-cleanup2019.eventbrite.com>. Also, find dates for the upcoming quarterly Explore! festivals. On the last page of the newsletter, find updates about two neighborhood development projects: (1) Art Place at Fort Totten, public hearing scheduled for April 4, 2019, and (2) community benefits agreement related to Fort Totten South, a mixed-use townhome project planned for the southeast corner of South Dakota Avenue & Riggs Road NE.

Finally, a reminder that the deadline for LRCA's college scholarship program is April 2, 2019. The application and program information are available at <https://lrcadc.com/scholarships>. Thank you to everyone who has paid dues and made donations large and small to support the scholarship program and other activities of LRCA.

In Service,
Uchenna Evans

NOTICES & AGENDA

LRCA Meetings

General meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month from October thru June, 7:00 pm—8:30 pm at:

LaSalle-Backus Education Campus
501 Riggs Road, NE, Washington, DC, 20011

The next LRCA meetings will be held on:
Monday, April 1, 2019
Monday, May 6, 2019
Monday, June 3, 2019
7:00 pm in the LaSalle-Backus EC Auditorium (off Madison Street NE).

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Officers Reports: Minutes/Treasurer
3. Public Safety Report
4. Guest Speakers
5. Updates from ANC and Elected Officials
6. Committee Updates
7. Community Concerns

Safety News**MPD Realignment**

All of Lamond-Riggs is now in PSA 406, Sector 2
Sector 2 Captain Bryan Christain
bryan.christian@dc.gov; cell phone (202) 439-6326

311 vs. 911

DC has revived 311 for non-emergency calls. Call 311 for non-emergency issues such as noise complaints, vandalism, and non-occupied vehicle-related incidents. Continue to call 911 for all emergencies.

ANC 5A Public Meeting

4th Wednesday monthly
6:45 pm
UDC-CC Backus (5171 South Dakota Avenue NE)

ANC 4B Monthly Public Meeting

4th Monday monthly
7:00pm
MPD 4D Headquarters (6001 Georgia Avenue NW)

Mayor's Office Liaisons (MOCRS)

Ward 4 - KeShawn Harris
(202) 724-7672; KeShawn.Harris@dc.gov

Ward 5 - Malik Miller
(202) 727-2822; Malik.Miller2@dc.gov

LaSalle-Backus Free Food Pantry

3rd Thursday monthly, 4:00 pm
LaSalle-Backus Education Campus (501 Riggs Rd. NE)
Free bags of groceries for community residents

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**Explore! Children's Museum Community Festivals**

Explore! Children's Museum is once again teaming up with the Modern (400 Galloway Street NE) to host free children's festivals in the neighborhood. The festival will take place 10:00 am-1:30 pm on the following dates:

May 4, 2019

June 29, 2019

August 24, 2019

Visit <https://www.exploremuseum.org> for information

2nd Annual Spring Clean

Eventbrite link with details and registration:
<https://lcra-cleanup2019.eventbrite.com/>

Join your Lamond-Riggs neighbors on March 30 and April 13 for our 2nd Annual Spring Clean! Even bigger this year, as we develop partnerships with the Anacostia Watershed Society and the South Dakota Ave & Riggs Road Main Street.

The Spring Clean events will bring together neighbors to make our community healthier and more beautiful. Volunteers will remove trash from neighborhood streets and alleyways across the Lamond-Riggs neighborhood, and have an opportunity to learn about the Anacostia River watershed through the installation of three artistic storm drain murals that were selected by popular community vote at the December 2018 meeting.

Events are lined up for March 30, April 6, & April 13.
Note: Each event would be shifted to the following Saturday in case of inclement weather on the original scheduled day.

March 30 - 10:00 am-Noon

2nd Street NE/Hellbender Brewery area Clean Up
Meet at 5788 2nd St. NE

April 6 - 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Storm drain mural installation at 3 sites throughout the community, including 1) Corner of South Dakota Ave and Galloway St. NE; 2) In the vicinity of 219 Riggs Rd. NE (between South Dakota Ave and the metro tracks); 3) Corner of 3rd St. NE and Chillum Pl. NE.

April 13 - Neighborhood Spring Clean

9:30 am-Noon. Meet at the Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center to pick up bags, gloves prior to going over to different work areas throughout the neighborhood.

LRCA

LRCA General Membership Meeting Minutes LaSalle-Backus Education Campus March 4, 2018

President Uchenna Evans opened the meeting at 7:07pm. Minutes from February 2019 meeting approved with one opposing. There will be a public safety committee meeting in April – there was not one in March.

Iyana Ndomale, LRCA Treasurer – Report for month ending February 28, 2019: Beginning balance \$9,608. Total deposits of \$685, which included dues collected and LRCA tote bags sales. Spent \$496 for newsletter printing and P.O. Box fees for balance of \$9,796.

MPD, Lt. Francis Martello PSA 406 – Lt. Martello recently took over PSA 406. Year to date, the neighborhood is down in homicides and assaults with dangerous weapons. Violent crime is down 17 percent year to date and property crime is down 19 percent. Motor vehicle thefts are up: 4 last year and 7 this year. One of the main causes of motor vehicle thefts is leaving cars unattended while they are warming up or running into the store. If you don't have a car that you can start with your key fob please don't leave it running and unattended. When officers are not on call or in between calls they try to do alley drive through as much as they can. If there is a specific alleyway you would like the MPD to monitor you can email Francis.martello@dc.gov. All contact information located at www.mpdc.dc.gov.

Travoris Culpepper, Pepco – Opportunities for DC residents to take part in employment opportunities – Quick Path to Energy program. Pepco is recruiting DC businesses to be a part of this project – if you know anyone interested they can contact Pepco. The Capital Grid project will allow for 30,000 additional homes to have solar hosted on the system. Main purpose is to enhance the flexible of the transmission system, to upgrade existing substations, and build an additional substation. The project is not yet approved by the Public Services Commission – anticipated start of construction is late 2019 at the earliest once approved. If you have questions please contact 1-833-CAP-GRID or CapitalGrid@pepco.com.

Baretta Francis, US Attorney's Office for DC — There is a community prosecutor and community outreach coordinator for each district. Call with any cases or anything you think the office can help with. There is a new program where felons caught with a gun will be prosecuted in district court as opposed to federal court. The US Attorney's Office will be back next month for a full presentation.

Paul Tummonds, Goulston & Storrs, and Matt Bell, Perkins Eastman– There is a Zoning Commission Public Hearing scheduled for April 4 regarding 2nd phase of Art Place. Update project overview handed out at meeting. Meow Wolf is estimated to draw around 450,000 people annually/9,000 visitors a week. The traffic that was projected for Walmart is three times that is projected for Meow Wolf and it is anticipated that most visitors will come by metro or in a group by large bus. Meow Wolf has timed entry to help with the flow as well. There will be bus and passenger pick-up and drop-off zones. Aldi's grocery store has signed lease for 2nd phase and 24 Hour Fitness gym has signed lease for 1st phase.

Barbara Rogers, LRCA Second Vice President – Barbara Rogers presented Lt. Posey with a certificate of appreciation from LRCA for her service in the community. Lt. Posey is retiring next month with 25 years of service.

Barbara Mitchell, Legislative Director, Ward 5 CM Kenyan McDuffie – President Evans sent in budget requests to be added to the letter sent to the Mayor including mental health support, affordable housing, and funding for direct bus transportation for students traveling to the new North School. CM McDuffie will do a ceremonial resolution 10am on March 5 to recognize the living Tuskegee airmen - a couple of them are Ward 5 residents. CM is drafting a bill to help small businesses affected by the DC water project and the Monroe street bridge and 4th and Rhode Island avenue – not specific to ward 5 – store traffic is being affected by these projects because people do not realize they are still open.

Gary Johnson, Constituent Services Coordinator, Ward 4 CM Brandon Todd – Senior dental program available for individuals 65 or older making less than \$100,000 annually. There is an additional \$175,000 of funding to the Riggs Park community through the Main Street Program. It is oversight season for those who are interested in testifying and a list of hearings were provided. Thursday, March 7 employee open house for anyone looking for a job at 744 Jefferson Street NW (Brightwood Park United Methodist Church). Use 311 to report potholes.

Malik Miller, Ward 5 MOCR – If you see anyone on the streets who need shelter, call the hypothermia shelter hotline 202-399-7093. The three year anniversary for the DC street car celebrated last week. Free rides for DC circulator extended through March 31, 2019. DPR camp registration has already started - registration started Feb 25 at noon. Contact Malik directly if you have any concerns.

ANC Commissioner LaRoya Huff (4B09) – On the 3rd Tuesday of the month, meeting 6:30-8pm at the Recreation Center. DOH will come out to talk about rat concerns in the area. People are leaving their trash cans in the alley and not picking up dog feces – both attract rats. A notice will go out about fines for those who are not putting trash cans back in yards after trash pickup. A workshop is being planned for vendors through DOEE to come out and speak to the community about solar panels.

ANC Commissioner Gordon Fletcher (5A08), Vice Chair ANC 5A — There is a new commissioner for the Providence Hospital area who is working aggressively to make sure communication is flowing between ANC commissioners, residents, and Providence Hospital. There is a proposed redevelopment of apartment building at 1 Hawaii Avenue NE that sits in Commissioner Sandi Washington's single member district. Commissioner Fletcher continues to advocate for public safety, especially with the increased traffic in this area. ANC 5A advocated to deny the liquor license for a proposed liquor store on South Dakota Avenue in North Michigan Park – still waiting for final order.

Edwin Washington, Executive Director, South Dakota Avenue/Riggs Road Main Street – Mr. Washington will be back next month to talk about the Main Street Program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm. /s/ Helen Li, Recording Secretary.

Congratulations & Happy Retirement to Lt. Ozetta Posey after 25 years of service



Welcome New Parliamentarian Deborah Grimstead

Please welcome our new parliamentarian, Deborah Grimstead. Ms. Grimstead has been an active community member for several years. We welcome her to keep order at our last few meetings of the program year. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in maintaining a neighborly, respectful atmosphere so that we can all work for the betterment of our community.

LRCA Prep for April 4th Hearing on the 2nd Phase of Art Place at Fort Totten

As previously shared with the membership, a public hearing on the 2nd phase of the Art Phase at Fort Totten project, proposed for construction on South Dakota Avenue between Ingraham and Kennedy streets, is scheduled for April 4, 2019. In anticipation of the hearing, LRCA conducted an online and paper survey over several months, shared written and verbal updates at public meetings, and shared written updates on our website, newsletter, and social media. In addition, the developer attended several development task force and LRCA meetings (and presented fact sheets and FAQs we required of them), the last one being at LRCA's March 4th meeting. A few days after the March meeting, we double checked our Phase 1 party status to verify LRCA could fully participate in the hearing and express the views and concerns of residents. The zoning office informed us that LRCA has to reapply for party status. This involved stating a position for or against the project and submitting a board resolution. Due to the tight timeline, the board had to make a quick decision on a critical issue. In doing so, the board analyzed survey results and feedback received during public meetings and approved a resolution in support of the 2nd Stage application for purposes of fulfilling the requirements of the party status application. For purposes of drafting the LRCA's final position for submittal into the April 4th hearing record, the board will bring a list of concerns regarding the project to LRCA's regularly scheduled public meeting on April 1, 2019, for a vote.

Anyone may request to testify or submit a written statement in support of or against the project by following instructions in the hearing notice posted on the Zoning Commission's website under case number 06-10D.

LRCA Next Steps Regarding EYA Community Benefits Agreement for Fort Totten South

We are in the final stages of the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) with EYA/JBG Smith for the Fort Totten South mixed-used townhome project that will be constructed on the southeast corner of South Dakota Avenue & Riggs Road NE. This has been a multi-year process. The LRCA development task force conducted online and paper surveys over several months, the overall results of which were used to establish funding buckets; allocate funds into each; and conduct related research. We shared written and verbal updates at public meetings, and online (e.g., the website). In addition, the developer attended several development task force and LRCA meetings. Recent updates noted that the board voted to approve CBA language as drafted by the task force, and that language is undergoing final legal review before LRCA takes next steps. That review will be complete by the April 1st meeting, where the language will be brought before the body for a vote.

As a reminder, information regarding neighborhood development projects is posted on LRCA's website at <https://lrcadc.org/development>