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“A Community Newsletter” — LRCA, P.O. Box 60272, Washington, DC 20039

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Neighbors,

Hope you'll join us for our March 2020 meeting. We've got a lot of "good stuff" on the Agenda!

Remember you'll hear from the Mayor's Office, Councilmembers Todd and McDuffie, the Police and our ANCs. As always, you'll have an opportunity to ask them questions.

Our agenda also includes Officer's Reports and a discussion with the DC US Attorney's Office regarding hate crimes in DC, local concerns, etc. We'll hear from Pepco on its Power Grid Project, related road construction and how it's going to impact traffic in our community very soon! Then we'll resume our budget discussion and vote, on LRCA's draft Budget (from Dec. & Feb. meetings). Lastly, you'll hear updates from our Seniors, Development Task Force and Education Committees.

Do you, your parents, grandparents or other Seniors, need information regarding free or reduced services? If so, the Senior Committee (Sr. Comm.) will share its plans to have DC's Office on Aging and Community Living come to our April meeting. In April, they'll provide information regarding programs seniors can apply for (i.e. reduced utility bills, real estate taxes, plus free security cameras, renovations to make your home safer, etc.). In April, the Sr. Comm. will also provide details about upcoming info sessions with other Agencies. So please share this with others and watch this space!

Then there's Community Concerns and Announcements, where you tell us what's on your mind.

Remember to pay your membership! It covers our newsletter, student scholarships, etc. Please pay before the meeting starts (see page 4) or mail your appl./payment to LRCA, PO Box 60272, Wash. DC 20039 or pay online at <http://lrcadc.org/join-lrca>. Please consider donating more for scholarships!

Look forward to seeing you again!

Rodney

NOTICES & AGENDA

LRCA Meetings

General Body Meetings are scheduled the first Monday of each month from October through June, 7:00pm—8:45pm at LaSalle-Backus Education Campus, 501 Riggs Road NE

**Our meetings are held on Monday:
March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th and June 1st
2020 in the LaSalle-Backus Auditorium
(enter from Riggs Rd. & Madison St. NE).**

Hope you enjoyed Black History Month!

AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Prayer

- MPD and Elected Officials Updates: 20 Mins.
- Officer's Reports: Minutes & Treasurer: 10 Mins.
- DC US Attorney's Office: 15 Mins.
- Pepco Power Grid Project Update: 15 Mins.
- Draft Budget Presentation: 10 Mins.
- Committee Reports: 20 mins.
- Community Concerns & Announcements: 15 Mins.

Closing Prayer

Please bring this agenda with you to the meeting!

Safety News

Sector 2 Captain Bryan Christian

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There's been a spike in thefts from autos. To stop thieves from opening your car, place your keys in a metal box at night, which will block your car's remote access signal! *Don't leave any valuables in your car and make sure it's locked!*

311 vs. 911: Continue calling 911 for all emergencies including if you see what looks like drug sales (**safely** get car color, tag #, clothing, etc.). Use 311 for non-emergency calls.

Culture Coffee Too cares about neighborhood safety and continues its monthly **"Sip and Safety For Seniors"** from 10am-12pm the 2nd Weds. of each month! Lisa Ellis Williams of Damsel In Defense helps seniors be more aware of their surroundings and create a personal safety plan for home and in the community (different theme each month). Safety products such as personal alarms for doors and a Road Trip flashlight (cuts seat belts and charges your cell phone in an emergency) are available. Attendees will receive 10% discount on a large regular coffee or cold brew. Call Ms. Williams at: 202-567-7186.

It's winter now so please "check on" your neighbors, especially Seniors to make sure they're ok, heat is working, need help shoveling snow, etc. Ensure all smoke alarms and surge protectors/ext. cords, are in good working order!

Trees blocking your street lights? Call 311 to trim them.

ANC 4b08 meets the 3rd Sat. of the month, 12:00pm at Christian Reformed Church, 5911 New Hampshire Ave., Contact: Commissioner Alison Brooks, 2-423-0826 or 4b08@anc.dc.org.

ANC 4b09 meets the 3rd Tues. of the month, 6:30pm at Riggs LaSalle Rec. Ctr. (Riggs Rd. and Nicholson St. NE). For info contact: Commissioner LaRoya Huff, 2-704-2427 or 4b09@anc.dc.org.

ANC 4Bmeets the 4th Mon. of the month, 7:00 p.m. in the community room at the Metropolitan Police Dept's 4th District, 6001 Georgia Ave., NW

LaSalle-Backus Free Food Pantry, occurs the 3rd Thursday monthly, at 4:00 pm at LaSalle-Backus Education Campus (501 Riggs Rd. NE). Free bags of groceries are available.

LRCA extend condolences to Alexander Roberts and the Roberts Family for the passing of his mother, former *ANC 5A01 Commissioner* Patricia Roberts. Patricia & Alexander are former LRCA Officers, friends of many LRCA Leaders, residents and moved to CA years ago. We'll miss her.....

LRCA Newsletter Staff: Rev. Mays(Lead), Rodney Foxworth and Ashley Wilson.

NEWS YOU CAN USE!!

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LRCA's Development Task Force meets every 3rd Tues. of the month, 7pm in the Riggs LaSalle Rec. Ctr. We are looking for volunteers to serve as Liaisons with the Cafritz and EYA Projects! Please contact Rodney Foxworth, Chair (2-997-1875) or Dr. Melvin Rhodes, Co-Chair (2-731-1668) for info.

Help your community! LRCA is looking for Trustees, Scty., a Recording Scty., etc. Please contact any Board member or go to <https://lrcadc.org> for responsibilities, Committee list, etc.

Like what LRCA does? If so, why not donate? Any amount helps and pays for the newsletter, scholarships, etc. We are a non-profit 501(C)3 with tax deductible donations!

Need to register to vote? You can do it at the Lamond-Riggs Library. Just bring a valid government picture ID!

Can you say New Year's resolution! Need to work out? Lamond Rec. Ctr., 20 Tuckerman St. OR the Riggs LaSalle Rec. Ctr., 501 Riggs Rd. (see classes on page 4). Both open Mon - Fri 10 am -9 pm, Sats. 10 am – 4pm (closed Suns.)

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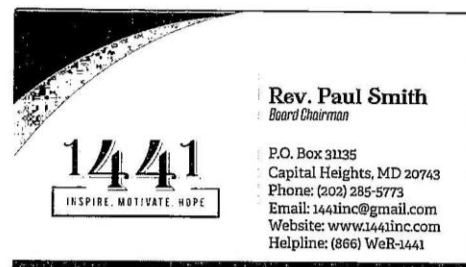
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LRCA General Body Meeting Minutes, LaSalle-Backus Ed Campus, February 3, 2020

President Foxworth opened the meeting at 7:03 pm and welcomed residents, Rev. Mays led an opening prayer.

MPD 4th District Report: Sgt. Bonilla and Detective Wheeler introduced themselves and asked for questions. The following are resident's questions with MPD answers: 1- Can you give us more info. about the arrest, in relation to the 2018 homicide in the 600 block of Nicholson Street NE? Answer – It's an open case and MPD can't comment. 2- Were shots fired on Jan. 30th in the 600 Block Nicholson Street, NE? Answer – Shell casings were found and sent to the lab for investigation. 3- When you leave your name/number with 911, is someone supposed to call you back? Answer – Yes and if no one responds, report it to 4D. 4- What is a Ghost Gun? Answer – A gun made without a serial # or identifying markings. 5- What are Shot Spotter's? Answer – Listening devices on poles that "pick up sounds", the sound's location, determines if it's a gun shot and immediately alerts MPD. 6- Can anything be done about loitering/smoking on the corner by the Nicholson St NE football field? Answer – No, DC does not maintain a loitering Law but continue to call 911 if there's suspicious activity.

Ward 5 Councilmember McDuffie's Office (Ms. Crawford-Riddick): Noted the Councilmember needs Ward 5 resident's ideas on the city's upcoming budget, distributed budget surveys to Ward 5 residents in attendance with a request to give completed forms to her before leaving or to the library by Feb. 12. A resident asked if anything can be done about abandoned vehicles at 835 Kennedy Street NE, with related concerns about them being rodent infested, etc. President Foxworth said that LRCA will also follow up with them and contact Councilmember McDuffie's Office for assistance.

ANC 4B07 Geoff Bromaghim (Lamond): Spoke about a 2019 Traffic Safety regarding Chillum Pl./Kansas Ave. NE and that DDOT will attend next 4B meeting, to resolve on-going traffic issues. He also responded to a question regarding the bad traffic accident at Blair Road & Aspen and stated that the driver was at fault due to speeding.

ANC 4B08 Alison Brook (Manor Park and Riggs Park): Was under the weather and will come to the next meeting.

ANC 4B09 LaRoya Huff (Riggs Park): Gave updates on Breakfast with Santa (distributed over 200 toys incl. 4 bikes). She also noted how well the community came together and helped provide clothing, shoes, household items, a storage unit, etc. to the family on Madison St. NE who suffered a house fire. The following are questions asked followed by her response: 1- Is there a height limit on fences or sheds in front yards? Answer- Please contact DCRA for the fence height and the shed is not a violation. 2- Will the alley at 600 Nicholson/Oglethorpe Street NE be re-paved? Answer - She'll reach out to DDOT. 3- Residents are concerned that the solid lane line on Riggs Road NE by Eastern Ave. is no longer there. Now you can't park there and cars are speeding. Answer - She'll reach out to DDOT as well.

Tanya Slade, LRCA Treasurer: Presented the Treasurer's Report including balances for Oct., Nov., Jan 2020 with a balance of \$8,481.31 (written copies available). A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report and it was approved.

President Foxworth presented the December minutes and noted a few revisions will be added. A motion was made, seconded to accept the minutes as presented with the revisions to be added* and approved.

Guest speaker LaSalle Backus Principal Gray: Provided an update and noted that within 3 years, LaSalle will return to an elementary school model (including PreK, etc.); they are making strides in academic achievements; re-starting their PTA, the school no longer has crossing guards, etc. In response to questions, she noted that all volunteers must pass a back-ground check and people can contact her office for more info. Commissioner Huff will meet with her re: crossings guards and parking.

Draft newsletter sponsorship guidelines: President Foxworth presented the guidelines and noted why it's needed as clear rules for ads that comply with IRS regulations, etc. A motion was made, seconded to accept the guidelines and approved.

Draft budget presentation: The President presented the draft, noted estimated revenue/expenses, reductions saving over \$1,200, options to balance, his recommendation (Board agreed) that we don't touch surplus funds in checking account unless needed and that drafts were provided for all in this/December meetings. Questions/answers included: why can't we send out newsletters electronically to save over \$2K but in informal pole during the meeting, over 40% said they wanted a hard copy; why can't folks "opt out" of getting hard copies but the President noted the logistics to do that, deciding houses to drop off a newsletter or not, etc. was too much; why do we have a deficit to which the President noted in 2018, 2 members donated \$1K each and 2 others paid \$1,300 each for the newsletter and that we encourage members to make similar donations this year, to balance the Budget. A motion was made, seconded to table this topic giving members more time to think and it passed.

Support for Madison St. family who had the fire: The President noted ANC Commissioner's Huff's efforts that led to tremendous support from this Community for the family. Members noted other resources that the family received and there was a general consensus that given our budget, we were not in a position to donate any funds.

Community Concerns, Announcements: The President reminded all of the following programs: Marion Barry Summer Jobs, free security camera for seniors, Safe at Home Program, Utility Discounts, etc., asked folks to take fliers in the back, apply and share with others. He also noted his co-facilitation of ANC 5As Comp Plan Community mtg., ANC 4Bs and ANC 5As Comp Plan responses, his attendance and 1st VP Cockrell's attendance at Councilmember McDuffie's mtg. re: the Comp Plan and how concerns from Civic Leaders and ANCs across Ward 5, echoed LRCA concerns re: development, density, traffic, etc.

* **The Oct. mtg. minutes are revised to reflect that:** There was 1 "no " vote for LRCA's attending the DC Fed. of Civic Assocs. Oct. Event and that there is a new pedestrian HAWK Signal Crosswalk on South Dakota Ave./Ingraham St. The signal will be upgraded to full signalized lights after Phase B of the Cafritz Development is done. The lights are confusing, call 311 for problems and David Kosub coord. this effort.

MORE NEWS YOU CAN USE!!

Riggs LaSalle Rec. Ctr., (202) 576-5224, 501 Riggs Rd NE, Washington, DC 20011

Class Schedule	Day	Time	Ages
Bingo	Friday	4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	6-13
Young Ladies On The Rise	Thursday	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	6-15
Young Men Future Leaders	Tuesday	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	12-18
Teen Program	Tuesday	5:00pm- 6:00 pm	13-18
Easy Does It Chair Class	Tues. & Fri.	10:30 am - 11:30 am	50-99
Strength & Conditioning	Mon. & Wed.	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	18-99
Enrichment Zone	Mon. – Fri.	3:30 pm - 4 30 pm	6-12
Hand Dance	Thursday	6:30 pm - 7 30 pm	21-99
Kreative Kids	Wednesday	4:30 pm - 5 30 pm	5-11
Piano: Level 1	Thursday	5:00 pm - 6 00 pm	6-12
<u>Senior Day Program</u>	<u>Mon. – Fri.</u>	<u>10:30 am - 3.00 pm</u>	<u>50-99</u>
Basketball	Mon., Tues., Weds. & Fri.	5:15pm - 8:30 pm	6 to 18

(Cut here and mail your membership form with payment, or bring to the next meeting)

Membership Form - October 2019 through September 2020

LAMOND- RIGGS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 60272, WASHINGTON, DC 20039

Your membership donation may be Tax-Deductible, LRCA is a 501(C)3 public charity. Please consult with your tax professional.

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I/We volunteer for the following committee(s):			Use code:1=Self, 2=Spouse/Partner, 3=Both, 4=Other	
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<i>Budget/Audit</i>	<i>Environmental</i>	<i>Communications</i>		<i>Development/ Task Force</i>
<i>Education</i>		<i>Newsletter Distribution</i>		<i>Youth Development/ Recreation</i>
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