

From the desk of.....Michael J. Henderson

EDGEWOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

JANAURY 26, 2009

EDGEWOOD TERRACE

7 PM

Welcome

Opening prayer

Roll Call of Officers

Reading and approval of minutes

Fire Marshall presentation; talked about how to be safe; floor captains; general meeting place in case of fire; buddy system; eye glasses on night stand; medication near-by also; they hand handouts for fire safety; be aware of where grand kids go in case of fire also; don't plug too many things into one outlet; be careful with space heaters; kerosene heaters are illegal in this city; resident asked about fires that start in void spaces; used balloon frame (no fire stopping in void spaces); also spoke about carbon monoxide detectors; ward 5 has had too many fire situations; need one CO detector on every living floor; DCRA has electrical inspectors; signs are weakness, vomiting, nausea, and can cause death are signs of CO poisoning; flu-like symptoms; offered to take everyone's blood pressure and blood sugar right on site; Mike Clark thanked him

www.fems.dc.gov

Harry Thomas Councilmember; thanked everyone for supporting the family victim of the fire; thanked Fred Allen and the labor unions; door knockers will be brought back through Fred (helping folks deal with the economy, losing jobs, etc;) special things if you are a union member; call 211 and that number will help you out if you have any questions or need help (mortgage loans, etc). watch legislative calendar esp. how to dispose of public property – public should participate in that process; leadership roundtable has been moved ; 70th anniversary of Langston golf course is happening; Commander Green is working with the Councilmember to attend to crime issues

Councilmember Thomas swore in the Edgewood officers

Wants the committee to discuss his bill on properties asap; premise says bldgs are for rec or school purposes only; have to be careful because if population grows don't have bldgs anymore; also have to watch for bldgs that were not designed for schools but are now charter schools; officers asked about kids attending City Lights; resident asked about use of so many vacant bldgs; maybe charters won't want them; Councilmember said we have to have input from the citizens; Councilmember is not in favor of selling our assets; also many city agencies rent from landlords; Rashidi asked about schools closing and how charter schools have first choice; what about non-profits; have to be careful because there are many national non-profits (NRA for example); thanked Fred Allen again; Next Tuesday the 3rd is next Committee mtg of the Council

Community Concerns – Fred Allen folks 100 block of U street NE have had a petition drive against a group home being built next to them; mayor said cannot out group home out; have requested them meet with

Edgewood to create a document; have had trouble reaching the owner; asking Edgewood to help develop a voluntary agreement with them; 161 U Street NE is the address; don't know who will live in the home; Mike Clark said there has to be some answer/agreement with the owner; Rashidi asked why does the ANC not know about this; Rashidi and Fred spoke to each other about notifying ANC's about this; Fred said the ANC was not notified about this; Mike Clark said the city government has dropped the ball; Linda Y. on Lawrence street; wants to find out how active this organization is; Feb 10th has small area plan for Brookland Metro; will bring huge changes; Also mentioned Jim ABDO development on Catholic U; surrounds her house; her block will be surrounded by 8 story buildings; doesn't want that – losing green space, etc; character will change tremendously; Mike Clark said she will be affected and surrounded; we would invite Jim ABdo back; and will meet at St. Paul's College in March and can invite them; what can we do as citizens; Rashidi asked if she had attended mtgs with developers; she said yes but input was not incorporated; Why doesn't Tommy Thomas fight for more park land for us instead of group homes; Fred Allen said he fights for us every day; Mike Clark said we will invite them to mtg at St. Paul's College; Mike Clark spoke about cross walks needed on 4th street, Douglas, Channing and signs that say stop for pedestrians

Committee Reports

Treasurer – Deborah Christian – money from ANC should be separated from the total; 1429.87; 996 dollars of that is for the newsletter; actual balance is 497 dollars; report was presented and accepted; Edgewood donated 75 dollars to fire victims;

Membership – Rashidi Christian – five dollars per year; 17 paid members for 2009; dues runs January-December; collect dues in December/January; can pull anytime, but January is when new dues is due; Michael Henderson paid \$5.00 for 2009.

Room 107 and 418; smoke detectors not working;

Tim Clark new Web Site; Edgewood is such a big area; interactive web site not up yet; will have interactive links; www.theedgewoodcivicassociation.org; there will be many things, including city services, on the website

Alice Thompson – cleaned up another area, 3rd street; also, group homes are covered under the privacy act; you cannot stop them; you find out they are there once they are there; most fall under DHS; you cannot petition; they can come into any neighborhood they want; Fred spoke about the voluntary agreement; asked Alice about the pedestrian cross walks on 4th and Evarts, Douglas, Channing (the signs that say stop for pedestrians)

Dismissed 8:55 PM

Next meeting 4th Monday in February at McKinley Tech High School

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