

## **Edgewood Civic Association Monthly Meeting**

**February 23rd, 2009**

### **McKinley Tech High School 7 pm**

**Roll taken** at 7:10; Deborah Christian, Donetta Clark, Mike Clark, Michelle Turner Denise Clyburn, Rashidi Christian

**Discussion of Crime in Edgewood** around McKinley Tech; also about counterfeit money (that handled by Secret Service). Mike Clark asked if there was a PSA meeting.

**Reading of the Minutes** – Denise Clyburn read them aloud (not handed out); there was a correction about money collected (could not hear amounts). Motion to accept minutes (Rashidi), motion passed unanimously.

**Lt. Wright – MPD** – Robberies is only category going up. Made 9 arrests for robberies so far in February; often its kids robbing kids; met with McKinley tech principal to deter and stop; placed an officer at front and read of school and foot beats around McKinley Tech and Dunbar until kids are out of school; taking iPods, coats, etc; Denise asked about increase in drug activity in the evenings; thefts occurring at the RI Safeway also; Lt. Wright also spoke about the number of people that require city services (drug rehab, homeless, mental health, etc; Lt. Wright also talked about the good work that was done cleaning up alleys and other areas in PSA 501; Commissioner Marshall Philips asked about curfews and also about kids attacking the CVS on RI Avenue; Lt. Wright said this is first time he's hearing about the CVS; Curfew comes into effect in summer once school is out; regular curfew is in affect now. As far as CVS an officer is in the area, and they hire their own part-time officer; Lt. Wright said please et him know about any meetings held with respect to CVS; many other categories in crime are down; Donetta asked about truancy, "pack" of boys roaming streets daytime; Lt. Wright said there was supposed to be a PSA 501 meeting last week; Commissioner Phillips mentioned the 5DCAC meeting this Thursday; Lt. Wright said the crime has been going down; resident asked if MOD will remain at 2<sup>nd</sup> and t NE. Lt. said yes

**Todd Chapman from St. Martin's Apartments** – 5 months into construction; 17 months left; are totally on target; amount of truck traffic should go way down; less in and out traffic now because most of dirt has been moved; working to help get occupant into building next door so that it does not remain vacant; in mid-April traffic plan will be updated; if there things that they hear about they listen; also supposed to be no parking on either side; DPW is ticketing; DPW is not going to enforce signs that the company puts up – they have to be DPW signs; Commissioner Farmer is looking into it; Rashidi asked when applications for these apartments will open; plan is to get convent finished first to show everyone. DCRA may or may not permit that; 178 units; 50 units for folks making 20,000 or less; couples 40 thousand; DC North ran an article about St. Martin's Apts. that was wrong; a resident asked if they will accept vouchers and section 8's. Presenter said not sure yet; Donetta said St. Martin's clients have always been respectable

**Tony Norman from McMillan Reservoir Project** – 25 acres that the city has designated historic; many community meetings have occurred; City formed advisory group; site has been awarded to EYA (did the St. Paul's campus project); there are other projects coming to the general area; need to do a comprehensive traffic study; unfortunately projects are not doing comprehensive traffic studies that incorporate all projects together; also present sewer lines cannot handle future sewer and storm water drainage; it appears that many of the community groups are asking for a comprehensive study on traffic and environmental impact; in other words want to implement traffic mitigation issues on the front end not the usually back end; developers often turn in traffic studies at the last minute, not giving communities ample time to look at the data; how will you deal with all the new cars for example, and we want answers on the front end not the back end; it is hard to get them to change things when it is before the zoning board; Rashidi said Clover Leaf is the project that will affect the overall traffic plan most by far; since city is proposing Clover Leaf traffic study should be done first; presenter handed out the resolution that says don't care who does the study but it must be done; Michael Henderson asked Mr. Clark if he had spoken to the other members of the McMillan Advisory Group about the resolution (document); including other civic association heads; answer yes; Rashidi moved to accept the resolution; Donetta 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion passed unanimously

**Community Concerns** – Commissioner Phillips proposed March 12<sup>th</sup> 7 pm to have a meeting at Greater Mt. Calgary Family Center; agenda item is CVS pharmacy not maintaining medical records properly; not everyone trained properly; also on agenda will be the National Wholesale Liquidators closing – don't want that property to stay dark; Commissioner Phillips said Brookland wants a Harris Teeter, but Edgewood will determine what store will go in there; why not have the DMV at where the wholesale liquidators was; could also have a training facility in there; also H Street Development has a development project; come out on March 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss these things; Mike Clark said he talked to Lee Harris (VP for retail for Van Guard Development); and he said there was discussion about how that building will be used; Mike Clark said Brookland has ideas already and they are "going to bum rush the meeting about what will go there"; there was lively discussion about politics, Mayor Fenty, the Brookland neighborhood, Harry Thomas, and others; discussion was about kinds of stores that are OK to replace the NHSL store, discussion seemed to imply that the store/project should be for residents that either fit a certain profile or have lived in DC for a certain amount of time.

**Mike Clark brought up DASH** – expected them to have respect for Edgewood but they have refused to be upfront with us; he asked them how much money they received from the city, and they did not provide that information directly; He checked into it and they received 5.2 million dollars; there was no vote on it from the Council; Mike Clark said they also got other funds – 10 million in total; Mike Clark said they refused to give out that ; on the website it says the site is for low income women only, but they did not say that they had to be low income; Mike said he is not against it it's just they have not been forthright; how will they handle substance abusers if they can't test the women; construction should start in a month

*9:10 pm – meeting was still in session, this writer had to leave.*

*Meeting notes only. For official minutes please contact one of the Edgewood Civic Association officers.*