

*From the desk of Michael J. Henderson  
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**Eckington Civic Association  
Monthly Meeting  
Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Harry Thomas Recreation Center**

**Ted McGinn opened meeting at 7:05 pm**

**DASH** – Is a safe housing building for 46 or 47 units for transitional housing (tenants are not in crisis mode anymore); they are doing major renovations to the building; staff includes case management; tenants can live there two years; they set their own goals such as financial security; DASH wants to work with Eckington folks, presenter handed out her card; tenants are often facing homelessness as a result of domestic violence; the overall tone of the meeting was positive from the attendees; DASH building will remain for women only; the building looks like regular apartments, but is transitional housing for victims of domestic violence; Ted mentioned that the group of people coming will be diverse; building will also have a lot of improved security



**North Capitol Main Streets Gary Clark** – gave a brief bio of himself (grew up here in DC); he handed out a glossy flyer/brochure; they are a non-profit 501C3; they have business partners and have funding for services for local business owners and events that will attract residents to the local community; but the only way it works is if they get volunteers; they have an organization, they vote, have exec board, etc; they have 4 separate committees; design committee (façade improvements, trees, and tree boxes, etc); organization – builds up the organization; promotion – promotes business activities, etc; economic restructuring – breaks down the property listings, tells folks what market looks like in our corridor, gives people actual figures; Ted said this is our golden opportunity, NoMa is coming, and if we still want to have a voice in what is happening in our community, this is our golden moment to get involved; see the North Capitol Main Street website at [www.ncmsinc.org](http://www.ncmsinc.org)

They need volunteers;  
Ted thanked him for coming



**Sylvia Pinkney (ANC5C Commissioner 5C02)** also responsible for Eckington and Truxton Circle, there are 4 schools in her area – Dunbar, MM Washington, Cooke and Armstrong; she has been working on an advisory committee; church parking was an issue; they developed solutions (one way streets etc); Cooke School is going to be developed by Kipp Charter schools (and retail?); RFP's that came in are from Urban Matters and the church; Dunbar school – needs a lot of volunteer help (tutors, web site, etc); like Michael Henderson has a lot of experience with web sites; they

could also put signs in tree boxes that would inform people about goings on; ANC5C has 10 thousand dollars for speed humps; also if you place your address on the back of your property you will be reimbursed up to 50 dollars; she will place it on the listserv; there is also money for please clean up after your pet signs; Commissioner Pinkney will also place a matrix of developers on the listserv – where they are, who they are, size, etc; Ted talked about the process of how properties are decided to be a charter school or not; Ted would like to invite some of them to Eckington Civic Association meeting; Charlene M. suggested a fair for the summer; Commis-



sioner Pinkney worked on a flyer for it; she met with Ted and Jim B. and Anita Bonds on Saturday; they will find volunteers and get things moving; between Father's Day and July 4<sup>th</sup>; maybe use park on Florida; one of the themes is the history of your community; looking for volunteers; 5C02 has some historic schools; Commissioner Pinkney suggested writing a grant; Commissioner Wright and Pinkney have teamed up to do a petition to send into the city so that they can get low level humps to keep trucks out;

Commissioner Wright has a walkthrough that will be announced at the appropriate time; there was some discussion about postings on the listserv; 3<sup>rd</sup> and T street some folks are in their 4<sup>th</sup> year – there is disappointment because there has not been a lot of change/improvement; another resident said her biggest beef is with the traffic; Commissioner Wright said although folks may do their own thing in their own silos, they also need to work together and with their commissioner; one of the Eckington Officers said he does a little strong arming that is he asks folks who don't live on the block what are they doing in the alley; Ted said folks need to show up at Commissioner Wright's SMD meetings

Ted wrapped things up by reminding us the importance of working together as a team and joining with others like the Edgewood Civic Association as well;

Commissioner Pinkney spoke about the big meeting at Mt. Calvary last Tuesday

Ted said HT rec center is now funded to have a new gym and other things;

There was some discussion about technology availability

**Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> Eckington Cleanup**; helping hands is providing tools; Commissioner Pinkney has already completed the flyers

Ted spoke about **inventory of all the lots in Eckington** that is taking place – vacant houses, open air drug markets, sidewalks that need repair, etc; resident asked about a broken curb at Eckington and R – wants the corner fixed so it is not broken again; Ted said send him an email it will be included in the report; Michael Henderson said we did this nearly a year ago and it really helps to have digital photos of the big stuff; another resident mentioned the Google Earth satellite pictures

**Charlene M** gave the **financial report**; they have 699.76 in the bank and received interest so their total in the bank is \$700.77

Monique (Charlene's daughter in law) – Eckington yard sale May 9<sup>th</sup> location TBA; Ted suggested using the school parking lot at Emory

Commissioner Pinkney mentioned the Gage-Eckington school location being turned into a park; Ted elaborated on it

**Bloomingdale Farmer's Market opens Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>**; free seeds to anyone who comes down; theme is home gardening; good soil for cheap – will send the information out; called Maryland Recyclers

Michael Henderson also gave out the Edgewood website address – [www.edgewooddc.org](http://www.edgewooddc.org)  
He will send out information about how to post to the EdgewoodDC listserv as well.

Meeting ended at 8:45 pm

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