

*Meeting Notes
From the desk of Michael J. Henderson*

**EDGEWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING
JANUARY 28th, 2008
EDGEWOOD TERRACE – CRAWFORD HALL
7-9 PM**

Opening Prayer
Deacon Badgett

Roll Call

Present: Michael Clark, Sr., Michael J. Henderson, Rashidi Christian, Denise Clyburn, Michelle Turner, Deborah Christian
Absent: Tina White, Lillian Washington

PSA 501 – Lt. Wright

Decrease in crime over past 90 days

Working with security agency of Edgewood Terrace an Officer is assigned to Edgewood every day resident asked about officers drawing weapons Lt. Wright said sometimes they have to; Denise Clyburn asked why she has not seen bikes in her area

Lt. Wright said foot officers are assigned as well as bikes. He names the Officers who are assigned to this area you may not see them but they are patrolling they should be moving throughout the neighborhood Chief has many foot beats (the Chief likes foot beats) we have been pushing them

Denise said at various times has come home but has never seen the cops and I have had incidents happen; Lt. Wright said they are there every day except their days off

Donetta asked about area Lt. Wright referred to

Lt. Wright said entire PSA 501 (which is the largest) we have a high rate of parole and probation released to community; also have shelter, methadone clinic, and SOME; great agencies however a lot of these folks have substance abuse problems methadone clinic is on the end of North Capital; his contact number is 202-698-026 or 0268

Third Wednesday of the Month at the Recreation Center is the PSA meeting; intended to solve a lot of our PSA crime issues; next PSA meeting is at Beacon House

Resident asked about people selling hot things on the street

Lt. Wright said if you see that call us; give them the color of the truck and the tag number

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Mike Clark said there was a raid on a house on 2nd street NE and he is glad because it was a nuisance property also thanked police for the patrol cars for students leaving McKinley; also working with Hyde Public Charter School; putting a scout car there

Donetta said also at the unit block of Todd has been cleaned up and we are grateful

Lt. Wright said community complained about shots being fired and a woman being shot; a camera was put in very quickly when the mayor and chief came

Mike Clark said the Chief would be at our march meeting (at McKinley Tech High School); camera at 4th street corridor

Mike Clark thanked the officers for coming

Denise Wright (December 18th) became ANC5C Commissioner; will have SMD meeting every other month; will lay out an agenda; then she outlined her boundaries
202-744-7154 is her number

People's Council – Mr. Lawrence Jones

Lawrence Jones DC Office of the People's Council

Your advocate for natural gas, electricity, etc to represent you before any regulatory body that deals with phones, securities, etc

We are an office of attorneys, accountants, etc. we are mandated by law to represent you. We take information from you (1200 complaints per year); we work with our attorneys, then the public service commission investigates; not WASA and not cable however;

Elizabeth A. Noel has served for several terms; handed out brochures; phone number and web site addresses are in the brochures;

Committee is holding hearings on the quality of services in the District of Columbia; they want to know what you think about your public utilities; for example you look at your phone bill and see features that you did not ask for for example; or if you are out of power for extended length of time; or maybe you smell gas on your street often; called "quality of services"; first hearing Thursday February 7th 10 am 13th street NW

2nd one Saturday February 9th at 11 am in room 412 of the Wilson building; they want your experience not what you heard someone else say

PEPCO asked for a rate increase (50.5 million dollars increase); people's council asked for 30 instead; PEPCO no longer generates their own power (they buy it on the open market); consumers and small businesses catch the "short end of the stick";

Washington Gas case did not go to public hearing – it was settled; they got 1.4 million instead of the 20 million they asked for; Washington Gas cannot ask for increase for at least 3 more years; monopolies are still in place; harder to talk to their representatives and get answers
Resident said some at Edgewood got "great big gas bills"; since we are on fixed income, one bedroom apartment (94 dollars);

Catherine Green apt 315 at 635 Edgewood Street NE;

Presenter said he would contact DC energy to make sure they are not forgetting Edgewood

Terrace; there was also discussion about bundled services; pay for what you need, don't buy what you don't need, and look carefully at your bill; never agree to anything over the phone; please come talk to the People's Council if you have concerns

Mike Clark said we will have the utilities back here at Edgewood Terrace for our meeting in March

(applause)

Michael Henderson spoke about the Edgewood Newsletter

Resident said you could put "copy and share"

Mary Farmer suggested we just ail newsletter to the super voters

Someone disagreed

Mary Farmer (Commissioner for ANC5C) introduced herself and described her boundaries

Handed out absentee ballots if you don't want to go out on the 12th

Mr. Clinton LeSueur from the Mayor's Office

Ward 5 neighborhood services coordinator for Mayor Fenty; Works with Alice Thompson; his number is 202-671-0727; 202-340-7141; fell free to call him anytime; email is

clinton.lesueur@dc.gov

Michael Henderson asked if he would be making sure the items in the walkthrough would be followed through with

He said definitely and feel free to call the cell number

Mike Clark spoke more about the walk through; some things have been taken care of (alleys cleaned, etc; streets cleaned)

Mr. Lesueur spoke about a fix it at 4th and T street NE in the alley – many agencies will be coming to check paperwork, cut back shrubs, etc; 10 am tomorrow

Mayo said they have to go out every week; then show him before and after pictures

If you know of a place that needs to be cleaned up we clean up and skip all the red tape for that day

Donetta asked if we could have pictures of the areas cleaned up for the newsletter

Donetta asked about helping a citizen whose bill was 98 cents one month and then 75 dollars the next

Mike Clark asked if folks could help out the Civic Association; calling, handing out flyers, etc. Also if you want to go to the hearings let us know

Next Edgewood meeting is at McKinley; March meeting is at Edgewood Terrace (Crawford Hall);

Resident said she is the floor captain and she would be happy to hand out flyers

Financial Report – Michael Henderson gave a check from Ms. Turry for 30 dollars for the Edgewood Newsletter

Membership Report – Rashidi Christian spoke about membership committee; 5 dollars membership fee per year. You must be a member to vote on

Commissioner Grant was here earlier; (he is the representative for this area); St. Paul's College has a meeting on February 6th; (they have development plans)

Treasurer's Report – balance of money in the bank (Deborah Christian) – 1,537.72.
Michael Henderson asked about the 3200 dollar check form the ANC
Mike Clark said no

Alice Thompson from the Mayor's Office spoke about Larry's Alley; we would have to contact owners of 31 lots; would we like to contact the owners; we would have to find out who owns it;

Michael Henderson asked how best to contact them

Rashidi C. spoke about how best to do it; Michael and Rashidi will take the lead on this

Resident asked about trash people spilling trash

Alice T. said folks need to put their trash in a bag

Michael H. read the announcement from Commissioner Phillips; Commissioner Farmer will interview him and write it up

Next 2 ANC5C meetings are at Harry Thomas (2nd Tuesday of every month)

Michael H. motion to postpone swearing in of officers; Rashidi C. 2nd

Rashidi said we need to make sure it happens next time; if Councilmember not here take next dignitary present

Motion passed

Donetta Clark motion to adjourn

Denise Clyburn 2nd

Motion passed.

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