

**EDGEWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MEETING NOTES
OCTOBER 2007**

7:12 PM Began

Mike Clark began intros
Gave some Edgewood history

Deacon Badgett did the prayer

Roll call

Mike Clark present
Michael Henderson present
Rashidi Christian present
Michelle Turner present
Denise Clyburn absent
Bernadette Thomas absent
M. Washington absent (hospital, rehab)
M. Hyman absent
Rev. Parker absent

MPD

Henderson and Clark talked about the PSA meetings (upcoming and the most recent one at Edgewood); next one is at Harry Thomas

September Minutes

Table until next month

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Community Concerns

Construction at Eckington Place; rats have been disturbed; they can do something so that the construction does not cause a rodent problem

Mike Clark said you can check with the DC dept of health; we will have a lot of construction coming our way. We will invite them

Donetta said at Todd Place and T Street NE complaints about burglaries in cars and car thefts; lot of police patrols during the night; one was held up by a person by a crow bar
Two should have reports on Todd Place (100 block)

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Rashidi said over the weekend the HT rec center had football game at the new McKinley field all day Saturday; place was much cleaner when we left it than when we received it; commend the community there was no fighting, well conducted affair

Michelle Turner asked about 114 U Street trash cans; (super cans); they didn't come to her alley (they burned in the fire); Ms. Farmer called but they said they had no one to put the cans together

HT number is

Donetta said do you have an update as to how that facility can be shared between the schools and what about security

Harry Thomas

New fields are a huge issue; he had to intervene in other facilities with new fields as well; we need to figure out how we grant access and security;

Mayor announced new security plans and have identified funding; cameras in exteriors and interiors

Other part is now that transportation (DDOT) has taken some parts we will start deploying other community resources into our schools; remember we now have in school suspension;

McKinley was a special situation;

Hyde had a lease for their field; his thought is a shared plan around the whole campus should be a centered activity so we need a comprehensive plan

Donetta feels they have too limited staff at the schools for clean up and security

HT said the contract has them leaving it as clean as when they found it so we need to review how that was done

HT asked that Donetta forward him or CC her request; gyms should be open not closed (like in Fairfax, etc);

There is a fee structure but Donetta said we are non profit and have no money

202-439-5103 HT cell number

HT facility will be redone and HT is asking for Edgewood to be rebuilt on '09-10 hopefully

Thanked Michael Henderson for detailed notes

And he introduced Alice Thompson

Community Concerns

Landlords letting site deteriorate;

HT said DCRA will come in and site them;

Address 25 Todd Place NE; 40B Todd, 29 Todd place

Another resident spoke about DCRA contact but nothing happened

HT said new thing called nuisance **property task force**; expedite properties inspections, review vouchers making sure they are complying; his biggest thing is not moving those crimes form block to block but solving those issues; we can figure out where the trafficking is coming from, which neighborhoods are feuding; also please go to your PSA meetings

Resident said a vacant home next door to us renovated and damaged our home; contacted DCRA got the run around finally came around; White, Wendell. 17 Todd Place NE finally spoke to Selena Robinson; she is still getting the info I need

HT said the contractor should have been liable; should have done certain things; we had a house in Trinidad and made two houses collapsed; so we have to be vigilant; she should have had a bond on the work;

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Alice Thompson

DMV Concept meeting tomorrow

In the process of looking for another site; we need a big change; 55 cars were parked at one time; people are driving around looking for spots; she was there for three hours; she was in Larry's Alley a couple weeks ago (collects trash); they have cleaned up that area three times since January (4 thousand dollars each clean up); they had a barring order for him to not go onto certain properties; he takes parts and collects them, runs them into other's back yards; he just eats and drinks coffee all day leaving the cups; please call 727-1000 if you see him;

Stephanie said there is a house near her that is also an eye sore;

Alice said you can't have anything in your yard that harbors rats (abandoned cars, etc.); go to the DCRA web site and click on ask the director; on the dc.gov web site

And call 727-1000

Mike Clark asked about illegal dumping on 2nd street NE from 2nd and RI to 2nd and Todd place NE

Alice said she also had a call about dumping; if you know it's not the pick up time call 727-1000

Nuisance properties must be called in and they will be taxed at 5 times the normal rate; There has to be punitive action sometimes or folks will just keep dumping;

Donetta asked about senior citizens that can't clean their property

Alice said Christmas in April (they help seniors)

Mike Clark said we can incorporate them when we do community clean ups

Alice will get the package to the president of Edgewood she'll mail a couple packages

Newsletter

Michael Henderson

4000 copies B/W

Mr. Henderson left for half an hour to vote at the Ward 5 "Dems"

Michael Clark was speaking about beautification; PUD agreement for NoMa West

Michael Henderson gave Rashidi the receipt for the Post Office for the newsletter (permit number);

Commissioner Silas spoke about a meeting in his SMD for the election ANC5C05; date is December 18th; ANC5C general meeting will be held at the same time; McKinley was the ideal site; they are looking at one of the two churches in 5Co5 to have the meeting; one is at 3rd at Seaton; Commissioner Grant will tell Commissioner Bonds

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New Business

Speed Humps

Speak to your ANC person to get speed bumps

One resident said you have to get signatures but they won't tell you how many

Mike Clark read something that said you have to get 75-80% of the residents to sign it to get your speed bumps

There was discussion about where the bump will be

NoMa has the people who are coming up Eckington Way picking up trash; Mike Clark will try to get that extended because we are being affected by all that construction

Benevolence Committee

Donetta wants to start that committee again and chair it; to get cards and letters out and birthdays in the newsletter

Received 10 dollars for membership this evening

Rashidi thinks within the next month or so I think they are open for business we should invite them (ATF): how they can help us out, what are their procedures