

**EDGEWOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MONDAY NOVEMBER 26TH, 2007
MCKINLEY TECH HIGH SCHOOL**

OPENING PRAYER

ROLL CALL

Michael Clark here
Henderson here
Denise Clyburn here
Bernadette - not here
Mia Hyman not here
Michelle Turner here
Deborah Christian not here
Lillian Washington not here

MINUTES

Will be made available on listserv

H AND R BLOCK

Herman R. – presenter
They gave us handouts
He was a tax advisor for 7 years
Cecilia works at H and R (5 years); open from 9 am – 9 pm; feel free if you have questions
They must train 30 hours every year
H and R block has served 19 million people
13 thousand tax offices
Put medical bills
Dues, professional organizations
Sales tax versus withholding tax
Take the higher of the 2
Tax prep fees are deductible
Itemize
Mileage is deductible
www.energystar.gov
mortgage interests deductible
2nd mortgage is deductible
Association fees are deductible
Office at home is deductible
Education has 3 types of tax credits
Maximize savings, IRA's etc.
Hard R will look at yours for free
Peace of mind – will pay if you owe more than they say up to 5 thousand
They have a refund credit card but it has fees

Donetta asked about deductions and how much they withhold from your check

PSA 501 MPD Report

Officer Wallace

Overall last 30 days crime is down however but theft from autos is up; spread the word, leave nothing in the car even when you pump gas lock the doors

She demonstrated how thugs go in your car while you pump your gas

Don't leave keys dangling

Get a blank face plate radio or even a black plastic bag for over the radio

Crime that has gone up a lot is theft from autos

Footmen have been increased

More are on the midnight shift

More officers on the north east side as well

Added one extra car to the north capital area

Still have the hot zone car also

Focus improvement area – areas within the district that have been found to have a steady rate of crime and we are trying to combat it and greatly reduce it

Right now north RI to south of Q to N 1st street East side Lincoln road on west 3rd street NW; have additional foot beats; more officers handling traffic; things like bad tags, particular block where cars have been stolen; asking officers to be prudent and look at every detail to see if they should make a traffic stop

Folks gave their street locations to the sergeant so she can send officers there (foot beats) she will check to see who and when officers are assigned there;

Donetta said she knows the young boys that are stealing cars and she reported it

Michael Henderson asked Donetta about how she reported the stolen cars

Sgt. Wallace will have someone contact Donetta to follow up on these teens stealing cars (Donetta did not leave her name with the dispatcher)

Michael Henderson said pick up the phone and call

Sgt. Wallace said there is also a listserv where you can be anonymous; written word is the strongest word (it cannot be retracted); your concern can be dispersed; every day she gets a copy of the 5D listserv

Mr. Clark asked about the new focus improvement area; in our boundaries we have had drive by shootings, robberies, open air drug markets; etc; why are they getting their area entitled to greater protection, besides being relegated to how many times we call in; he has not seen any increase in police presence; we have called but I guess enough of us have not called. Will we be left to fend for ourselves? That whole area should be a focus area. They have speed bumps, etc; I think it's ludicrous that we have to call in more. Donetta said the gentrification movement has gotten more police presence; and she got a ticket.

Sgt. Said why they were picked were because of the statistics not on the calls for service. For example, high burglaries in that area = extra footbeat officers; edgewood does have a need; she is not the edgewood sergeant; most of the calls in edgewood have been violent in nature

Focus areas started middle of last week

PSA 501 has a high call volume

If you have vacant property – lock it down!

149 Todd Place NE is vacant (Donetta) Alice Thompson from the Mayor's office took the address.

Drug activity – we started a collaborative with other districts and man power has tripled;

25 Todd place, 40B Todd Place; 29 Todd Place (NE);

Alice Thompson spoke about Larry's Alley (he collects junk) it has been going on for years; they took out tons of trash

Alice is trying to get him put away for 90 days; can MPOD organize a sting?

Sgt. Wallace requested 3 extra officers for Edgewood; her phone number is 202-698-4681 (desk number)

Officer number is 202-698-4688

Donetta said we need MPD to be here because the School can't cover us

Sgt. Wallace said we cannot commit MPD

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Weeds in the sidewalk – which is brick; alley on 2nd street; DDOT

Wendell and Tina White

Windell46@hotmail.com

202-486-5695

202-727-1000

Siad Cherifi – 202-671-2100 manager of all street issues

NEW BUSINESS

Elections

Nominating Committee – Donetta called up all the members

Rashidi Motion election for 2008 officers be delayed Braxton 2nd

Discussion –

Donetta read the current officers list

All members should have a copy of the by-laws

Motion carried unanimously

Next meeting will be Monday December 17th 7 pm at McKinley Tech High School

OTHER BUSINESS

ANC elections 3rd Tuesday at First New Hope Baptist Church 5C05; 7 pm. On 3rd street and Seaton.

2 candidates: Denise Wright and I will do great things and

Ed Hodge – focus on infrastructure improvements and working with the police more.

Mr. Henderson handed out the ad rates for the newsletter

Alice Thompson spoke about helping facilitate a walk through to get services – Charlene Reed needs to come out here and see what you need (she is DDOT); Alice will talk to Charlene tomorrow