

Monday, 11/19/2018

**Bloomingdale Civic Association meeting**

St. George’s Episcopal Church, 160 U Street NW

BCA board members present: Teri Janine Quinn, Sherry Howard, Ernie Emrich, Jean-Christophe Devrines, Jennifer McCann, Pat Mitchell, Bertha Holliday, Scott Roberts

Approximately 40 people attended.

**Government representatives**

Nolan Treadway of Ward 5 CM McDuffie discussed the AirBnB bill recently passed by the DC Council.

Dominique Chestnut, Ward 5 MOCR, briefly spoke about leaf collection and holiday tree collection.

**1634 North Capitol Street NW development project**

There was a presentation by James Buckwell of Maedwell Companies. The development team has been meeting with OP HPO’s Steve Calcott. Emily Rottman of Square 134 Architects distributed architectural renderings. Some building highlights:

* gym in the basement, bike room
* 1st floor - open lobby area, separate hotel entrance
* 14 units per floor
* 4th floor – residential units (undetermined if owned or rented)
* Rooftop space

There was discussion on the roofline along the firehouse. The setback alongside the firehouse should be set back more.

An attendee questioned the modern architecture and preferred a historic design.

Ms. Rottman said that more ornamentation is being considered.

The plan calls for three offstreet parking spaces.

The rooftop terrace would be enclosed.

The site is commercially zoned MU-4 – four floors with a penthouse.

The 4th floor would be setback along the firehouse. The 1st through 3rd floors would be flush with the firehouse.

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**Public safety**

Ms. Quinn advised that Bloomingdale would be realigned from 5D to 3D.

Sgt. Lacomic of 5D reiterated that the northwest DC section of 5D will be moving to 3D.

Ms.Quinn solicited volunteers to serve on the BCA Public Safety Committee.

It was noted that there have been 100 arrests in PSA 501 this past month.

**BCA financial report**

Ms. Howard provided a BCA financial report.

Ms. McCann advised that people can start paying 2019 BCA dues using a new Google form that she created.

**Jam Doung zoning relief**

Angela Stedman of Jam Doung Jamaican Style restaurant at 1726 North Capitol Street NW advised that the restaurant has been around for 18 years. They would like to expand next door to 1724 North Capitol Street NW – at the corner of North Capitol Street NW and Randolph Place NW. The BZA hearing date is Wednesday, 12/19/2018. A handout was distributed. The restaurant will occupy the first two floors. The top floor would be a residential unit. A liquor license would be pursued.

A motion was made and seconded to support the Jam Doung zoning variance. The vote was 18 to 0 in support.

**Other**

Dr. Holliday provided a brief overview of the North Capitol Street decking over project.

Ms. Quinn solicited volunteers to prepare for the December 2018 BCA meeting/holiday party. The budget is about $200. Zach Sherif and Joe Levesque volunteered.

Zach spoke about hanging some of the DC Water 1st Street Tunnel project art paintings.

Meeting ended at 08:47 pm.

**Motion summary**

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| **Motion #** | **Motion** | **Results of motion** |
| 1 | A motion and seconded to support the Jam Doung Jamaican Style zoning variance.  | Motion passes |