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Monday, 06/26/2023

**Bloomingdale Civic Association meeting**

Virtual meeting via Zoom

BCA board members in attendance: Teri Janine Quinn, Jennifer McCann, Sherry Howard, Catherine Laidlaw, Amy Oakes, Bertha Holliday, Eric Woods, Joe Levesque, Scott Roberts

The meeting commenced at 7:05 pm.

32 people attended.

**Public safety**

DC Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Third District (3D) Lieutenant Jonathan Fleming provided a round-up of recent neighborhood crime.

Ms. Quinn commented on recent robberies and attempted robberies, including Domestique Wine and 11:Eleven Gallery.

**BCA 2023 Scholarship awardees**

BCA Scholarship Committee Chair Jackie Duclos reviewed that the two selected BCA Scholarship awardees -- Dominique Barksdale and Luca Lavoie – were announced at last month’s 05/15/2023 BCA meeting.

Both students attended tonight’s meeting and briefly shared their plans for college. They both thanked the BCA for their 2023 scholarship awards.

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Ms. Quinn invited the two students to consider returning to the December 2023 BCA and share their first semester college experiences.

It was noted that DCity Smokehouse business owner Melvin Hines kindly contributed $1500 to this year’s award amount. Ms.Quinn advised that other neighbors have made anonymous donations to the scholarship program this year.

**Community updates**

**Recent BCA T-shirt sales**

Ms. Howard advised that the BCA T-shirt sale held at the 05/20/2023 Bloomingdale Community Day event at Crispus Attucks Park was successful. She will share actual dollar figures at the next BCA meeting.

**DC Office of Planning commemorative works locations**

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Here is the link to the DC Office of Planning’s LOCATE document: <https://publicinput.com/cwtap#3>

Here is an image of the proposed Bloomingdale location at Florida Ave NW and North Capitol St NW:

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Here is the link for community engagement: <https://theparksmainstreet.org/ward-5-commemorative-works-community-engagement-project/>

**North Capitol deck over DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) meetings summary**

Ms. Quinn reported that DDOT held two meetings last week on Thursday, 06/22/2023 (virtual), and Saturday, 06/24/2023 (in-person).

Link to the two DDOT meetings: <https://ddot.dc.gov/release/north-capitol-street-corridor-feasibility-study-public-meeting>

Link to the North Capitol Corridor Study: <https://north-capitol-st-dcgis.hub.arcgis.com/>

Ms. Quinn said that DDOT identified a number of North Capitol Street intersections where immediate corrective action can be implemented.

**McMillan Advisory Group (MAG) update**

Ms. Quinn advised about the Monday, 06/12/2023, McMillan community center update gathering with the DC Mayor.

Ms. Levesque said that the McMillan project community benefits are being discussed.

Ms. Quinn described the two community pools at the community center – a three-lane pool and a kiddie pool.

The community center may be rolled out in 2024.

**Hillview Market unenclosed sidewalk café**

Ms. Quinn reported that ANC5E voted in support of the proposed unenclosed sidewalk café last week, on condition that the BCA also votes in support.

ANC5E05 Commissioner Kevin Rapp said that he would meet with Ms. Quinn offline.

ANC5E02 Commissioner and ANC5E Chair Karla Lewis suggested that Commissioner Rapp could share some architectural renderings with the community that were shared after the Tuesday, 06/20/2023, ANC5E meeting.

**Temporary uses for the 1600 North Capitol St NW “Joe Mamo” lot**

Commissioner Lewis also mentioned her survey for temporary uses of the Joe Mamo lot at 1600 North Capitol St NW. It was noted that the developer recently announced that the Planned Unit Development (PUD) would not be renewed, allowing a potential new plan for the site to be pursued.

**Shaw Howard Deli liquor license**

Elaine Gin of LeDroit Park encouraged Bloomingdale residents to report violations of the Settlement Agreement of the Shaw Howard Deli and Market, 1911 7th St NW near the Shaw-Howard University Metrorail station. She advised that the LeDroit Park community has expressed concern about Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) liquor license renewal.

**Community representatives**

No one from the Mayor’s Office was in attendance.

Conor Shaw, Deputy Chief of Staff for Ward 5 Councilmember Parker’s office, provided information on a number of topics. He mentioned that the Joe Mamo lot temporary uses could include a parking lot or a bier garden; It may be many years before a long-term plan for the site is introduced.

He reported that the Dave Thomas Circle is entering its construction phase.

He provided this link to the DDOT North Capitol Feasibility memo: <https://ago-item-storage.s3.amazonaws.com/af1023b3952c4df0aaf43ba6732f1d16/N._Capitol_Street_Feasibility_Memo_DRAFT_10_31_2022.pdf>

Mr. Shaw that the city would be ramping up the traffic camera locations this summer.

**ANC5E Bloomingdale commissioners**

**ANC5E02 Commissioner Karla Lewis**

The next ANC5E Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting will be held on Tuesday, 07/11/2023. The next ANC5E meeting will be held on Tuesday, 07/18/2023. She reported on the recent DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) / Mi Casa 10 Q St NW property fire.

**ANC5E03 Commissioner Fred Carver**

The ANC5E ABCA Committee voted to support the Domestique license change to serve alcohol inside.  
He noted that Showtime Lounge wants to extend its outdoor seating hours.

He happily reported on the successful clean-up and enforcement in the alley off 200 block of S St NW.

**ANC5E05 Commissioner Kevin Rapp**

He reported that his alley will get rebricked by 2025.

He and others are pursuing reprogramming the KC Lewis basketball court.

He has met with a colonel at the US Army Corps of Engineers which maintains the federal side of McMillan west of 1st St NW.

He has surveyed each trashcan in his single member district (SMD) and reported the information to DC Department of Public Works (DPW).

Ms. Quinn reported on the DC DPW sidewalk shoveling exemption program: <https://dpw.dc.gov/service/sidewalk-shoveling-exemption> .

She advised that Fort Totten is once again open for residential trash. Residents no longer need to travel to Benning Road NE.

The window for applying for the curbside compost program has closed.

**57 W St NW zoning special exception case**

Property owners George Rice and Elizabeth Gaines provided a brief overview of their project to raze an existing accessory garage and to construct a new, one-story accessory garage.

Case Development’s Vincente Neto reviewed the architectural renderings. .

Both adjoining neighbors are in support.

Here is a link to the case: <https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Home/ViewCase?case_id=20949> .

The BZA hearing date is slated for 09/20/2023.

Here is the case description:

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A motion was made and seconded to support the zoning special exception for 57 W S NW. The vote was 10 in support, zero in opposition.

**Jesse H. Mitchell Way symbolic street designation for 100-136 W St NW**

Mr. Levesque read his two-page announcement flyer to request the DC Council to introduce legislation to symbolically designate 100 to 136 W St NW as Jesse H. Mitchell Way.

A motion was made and seconded to support the request to the DC Council to introduce legislation for the Jesse H. Mitchell Way symbolic street designation. There were 13 votes in support.

The meeting ended at 8:39 pm.

**Motion summary**

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| **Motion #** | **Motion** | **Results of motion** |
| 1 | A motion was made and seconded to support the zoning special exception for 57 W S NW to “raze an existing accessory garage, and to construct a new, one-story, accessory garage, to an existing, two-story with basement, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.”  The motion passed 10 in support, 0 in opposition, 0 abstentions. | Motion passed. |
| 2 | A motion was made and seconded to support the request to the DC Council to introduce legislation for the Jesse H. Mitchell Way symbolic street designation.  There were 13 votes in support, 0 in opposition, 0 abstentions. | Motion passed. |

**Appendix**

Here is the two-page Jesse H. Mitchell Way symbolic street designation promotional flyer.

A group of people sitting on a couch

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A person in a suit and tie

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