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Monday, 11/20/2023

**Bloomingdale Civic Association meeting**

Virtual meeting via Zoom

BCA board members in attendance: Teri Janine Quinn, Sherry Howard, Amy Oakes, Catherine Laidlaw, Eric Woods, Robert Brannum, Scott Roberts

26 people attended.

**Public safety**

The DC Metropoitan Police Department (MPD) was not present at the meeting.

**BCA dues renewal**

Ms. McCann encouraged current BCA members to renew their dues. She also encouraged new meeting attendees to become BCA members.

**BCA Scholarship Program**

BCA Scholarship Program Chair Jackie Duclos reviewed the BCA Scholarship program and encouraged donations from the community. The scholarship program usually opens up in March. It may be opened up earlier in 2024. The goal is to have scholarship award decisions shared at the May 2024 BCA meeting.

Ms. Howard reminded that BCA donations are tax-deductible. She noted that some companies have employee donation-match programs.

**O’Kabul Street Food & Restaurant liquor license application**

Ms. Quinn advised that not-yet-opened O’Kabul Street Food & Restaurant at 101 Rhode Island Avenue NW has submitted an application for an DC Alcohol & Cannabis Adminstration (ABCA) Retailer Class “C” liquor license. ANC5E04 Commissioner Huma Imtiaz advised that the restaurant owner will be presenting before the ANC5E alcohol committee as well as before the general ANC5E meeting. She said that most comments have centered upon the proposed hours of operation.

**Future of the 1600 North Capitol Street NW lot (“Joe Mamo” lot)**

Ms. Quinn reviewed the history of the lot, including the news that the property owner has decided to allow the Planned Unit Development (PUD) to expire. She said that he is considering a new PUD that would include a part of the slip lane owned by DC.

Regarding temporary uses for the lot -- the two choices presented were a parking lot or a program similar to WunderBar in NoMa. The latter option could be:

* a set of large containers for food vendors,
* large deck,
* parking for employees,
* open between March and October,
* outdoor music until 10 pm,
* outdoor space open until midnight.

Ms. Quinn & ANC5E Chair Karla Lewis will meet to try to schedule a public meeting on this topic in January 2024.

Commissioner Lewis reviewed the results of her recent community survey. 57% of respondents said they wanted a bier garden. 84% of respondents wanted to enlarge the triangular park.

There was discussion on the city’s potential use of eminent domain for the lot.

This topic could be a voting issue at the next BCA meeting.

**Status update on the Petit Scholar teacher assaults**

Ms. Quinn reviewed the Monday, 10/23/2023, Petit Scholar daycare teachers assault committed by Russell Dunkley. She reported that he is being held until his arraignment date in December 2024. Commissioner Lewis said that there was a non-public meeting held today with teachers and parents.

**BCA 2023 charitable giving**

Ms. Quinn opened up for the floor for suggestions. So Others Might Eat (S.O.M.E.), which operates two buildings in Bloomingdale at 1618 & 1620 North Capitol St NW, was mentioned for BCA charitable giving.

**77-79 Bryant St NW HPRB case**

Architect Will Teass of Teass-Warren provided a brief overview of this project. The architect said that the project is matter-of-right and requires no zoning relief.

It was noted that this case in the Bloomingdale Historic District is on the HPRB agenda for Thursday, 11/30/2023:

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A motion was made and seconded to support the project for 77-79 Bryant Street NW. The vote in support 9 to 0.

**Community representatives and presentations**

**Ward 5 DC Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS)**

Ward 5 MOCR Christopher Ingram provided a few brief community updates.

He provided his contact info:

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**ANC5E03 Commissioner Fred Carver**

Commissioner Carver said that the house next to him was having the basement dug out without the proper DC Department of Buildings (DOB) permits. He also said that a porch at 74 Randolph Place NW was removed without permits and received a Stop Work Order.

**ANC5E05 Commissioner Kevin Rapp**

Commissioner Rapp held a community safety walk on Wednesday, 11/15/2023. He advised that the next walk will be held in February 2024. He also reported that the DC Department of General Serivces (DGS) would like to have extended McMillan site work hours.

He said that speed tables are coming to the unit block &100 block of Bryant St NW. A public trashcan will be re-installed at the Hillview Market at North Capitol St NW & Bryant St NW.

**ANC5E04 Commissioner Huma Imtiaz**

Commissioner Imtiaz briefly discussed the O’Kabul liquor license application. She solicted feedback:

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**Other**

Mr. Brannum announced that Ms. Quinn was recently elected as third vice-president of the DC Federation of Civic Associations.

The meeting ended at 9:10 pm.

**Motion summary**

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| **Motion #** | **Motion** | **Results of motion** |
| 1 | A motion was made and seconded to support the HPRB HPA 24-049 for 77-79 Bryant Street NW in the Bloomingdale Historic District.  The motion passed 12 to 1. | Motion passes. |

Image of the O’Kabul ABCA liquor license hearing notice:

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