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Monday, 12/18/2023

**Bloomingdale Civic Association meeting**

Virtual meeting via Zoom

BCA board members in attendance: Teri Janine Quinn, Amy Oakes, Catherine Laidlaw, Eric Woods, Joe Levesque, Scott Roberts

23 people attended.

**Public safety**

The DC Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) was not present at the meeting. There was no public safety report.

**BCA dues renewal**

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

Here is info on BCA dues from the BCA website: <https://bloomingdalecivicassociation.org/membership-form-demo/>

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**O’Kabul Street Food & Restaurant Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Administration (ABCA) Retailer Class “C” liquor license application**

Ms. Quinn advised that the O’Kabul business owner has not responded to invitations to present before the BCA. The business owner was not present at the meeting.

ANC5E04 Commissioner Huma Imtiaz advised that the restaurant owner has been invited to the Tuesday, 12/19/2023, ANC5E meeting. She said that the business owner has not responded to the invitation.

A motion was made and seconded to oppose the O’Kabul liquor license based upon the standard set of enforceable items, such as noise, litter & debris control, and parking.

The motion passed 11 to 0 to support the opposition.

**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 then discussed two alternative temporary lot uses – as a parking lot or as a bier garten. There is a second topic regarding the potential closing of the District-owned slip lane adjacent to the lot.

Part of the broader discussion: Should the topic of temporary lot use be tied to the topic of the slip lane closing? Some meeting attendees prefer to keep the two topics separate and other meeting attendees suggested to keep them tied together.

There is community opposition to either giving away or selling part or all of the slip lane to the developer.

Ms. Quinn advised that a special meeting with Ward 5 Councilmember Parker has been scheduled for Wednesday, 01/24/2024.

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

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

**BCA 2023 charitable giving**

Ms. Quinn reviewed that the BCA charitable giving for the past two years:

* 2021: $500 to So Others Might Eat (S.O.M.E.)
* 2022: $300 to S.O.M.E.

A motion was made and seconded to donate $150 to St. George’s Episcopal Church and $150 to St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church – for community services.

The motion passed 11 to 0.

**Community representatives and presentations**

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

No Ward 5 MOCRS attended the meeting.

**Ward 5 Councilmember Parker’s office**

Constituent Services Coordinator/Scheduler Sam Bonar reported that Russell Dunkley, who assaulted Petit Scholars daycare teachers on Monday, 10/23/2023, is being retained until a January 2024 hearing.

He provided the link to the Ward 5 newsletter as well as his Email address:

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**ANC5E05 Commissioner Kevin Rapp**

Commissioner Rapp reported on the recently installed DDOT speed tables on the unit and 100 blocks of Bryant Street NW. He also advised of a neighborhood walk slated for Wednesday, 02/07/2024.

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 hours.

**ANC5E03 Commissioner Fred Carver**

Commissioner Carver commented that gas-powered leaf blowers are now illegal in DC.

**ANC5E02 Commissioner Huma Imtiaz**

Commissioner Imtiaz reviewed that the business owner of O’Kabul had not responded to the invitation to attend the Tuesday, 12/19/2023, ANC5E meeting.

She provided info on the ABCA protest petition deadline:

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**ANC5E02 Commissioner (and Chair) Karla Lewis**

Commissioner Lewis said that DC Fire EMS will need to deem the burned Maison Kesh project on the 1600 block of North Capitol St NW to be safe before it can investigate the Friday, 12/15/2023, fire.

**Other**

Ms. Quinn briefly reminded about the DC Department of Pubic Works (DPW) Sidewalk Shoveling Exemption Program:

<https://dpw.dc.gov/service/sidewalk-shoveling-exemption>

Here is a snip from the DC DPW website:

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The meeting ended at 8:30 pm.

**Motion summary**

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| **Motion #** | **Motion** | **Results of motion** |
| 1 | A motion was made and seconded to oppose the O’Kabul ABCA Retailer Class “C” liquor license based upon the standard set of enforceable items, such as noise, litter & debris control, and parking.  The motion passed 11 to 0. | Motion passes. |
| 2 | A motion was made and seconded to donate $150 to St. George’s Episcopal Church and $150 to St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church – for community services.  The motion passed 11 to 0. | Motion passes. |

Image of the O’Kabul Street Food & Restaurant ABCA liquor license public hearing notice:

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