

**The Palisades Community Association  
Town Hall  
Meeting Minutes  
December 20, 2022**

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The Town Hall of the Palisades Community Association convened via ZOOM on Tuesday, December 20, 2022. PCA 1st VP President Nick Keenan presiding.

**Announcements**

- Town Halls will be on Zoom until February. The ones in March, April, May and June will be hybrid with an in-person option at a location TBD. The next Town Hall is Tuesday, February 21. There is no Town Hall in January.

**Police Report**

Officer McElwee gave a traffic and crime report. He can be reached at Anthony.mcelwee@dc.gov. Officer McElwee is available for vacation checks. He also participates in the ride-along program. He said there has been a reduction in crime this year compared to last year (2021 had 137; 2022 had 118 during the same time period). Theft of catalytic converters is on the rise. Anne Ourand congratulated Officer McElwee for winning the Community Engagement Officer of the Year award at the recent Second District Awards Banquet.

**President's Report** – not present

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Ken Buckley

- Reported that we are on track for first quarter. The cash on hand is the amount we planned for.

**Committee Reports**

**Balfour Project:** Lisa DeBow, PCA Liaison with Trammell Crow

Lisa reported that the crane has been installed successfully with minimal disruptions and the concrete phase has begun. It has been surprisingly quiet. The annoying speed bump on U Street, which covers a water source, will be trenched by the end of the year. This is great news as many people were complaining. The big drill that has been onsite will be wrapping up soon.

**Guest Speaker: Matt Frumin, Ward Three Council Member Elect**

Nick Keenan publicly acknowledged Mary Cheh's 17 years of service to the community. Her dedication and thoughtfulness on issues will be greatly missed. We are sorry to see her go, but we welcome Matt Frumin who will be sworn in in January.

Matt started out by stating what big shoes he has to fill. Mary introduced 1,000 pieces of legislation and co-sponsored close to 2400. He said he has filled six out of the seven positions for his staff. He is still looking for someone to head up constituent services (a huge role). They get committee assignments tomorrow, but as a new council member, he will not be assigned to chair

one. He said the big issues he will concentrate on are schools, major development planning issues, strengthening programs for seniors, addressing the healthcare worker shortage, strengthening UDC and transportation issues, including the trolley trail (which he supports) and the Connecticut Ave bike lanes. He mentioned that 2026 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the country, which is a great opportunity to tell the history of DC. He intends to launch a task force to work on this. He then took questions from the members. Someone asked about the old Lord & Taylor site. He said WAMATA is building a new all electric bus garage. Once they move over there from their current location, that will free up space to develop at the old site. Buses will aim to be all electric by 2030. Other questions involved the D6 bus line, Mount Vernon shuttle, the possibility of a senior center and more. Matt ended by inviting everyone to his swearing in party on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4709 Albermarle.

**Adjournment at 8:00pm**  
**22 people**