

**The Palisades Community Association
Town Hall
Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2022**

The Town Hall of the Palisades Community Association convened via ZOOM on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. PCA President Tricia Duncan presiding.

Announcements

- **Valentine Cookie Decorating** at the Farmers Market: Sunday, February 20, 10am-1:00pm.
- **Pop Up St. Patrick's Day Concert: Sunday, March 13, 4pm-6pm; corner of Carolina Place and Macomb**
- **Easter Egg Hunt and Pot-Luck Breakfast; Date April 2**, Palisades Rec Center; Please bring a breakfast item to share (fruit, muffins, etc.); coffee and drinks provided. Free for PCA members; \$10 donation/family otherwise

Police Report

Officer McElwee gave a traffic and crime report. He can be reached at Anthony.mcelwee@dc.gov

Mayor's Liaison Update: Emir Gur-Ravantab said the Mayor's vaccine mandate for businesses is ending at the end of the month which means restaurants will no longer need to check vaccination records. Masks mandates will also end at the end of the month but will not include schools, government buildings and a few other places. He reported that there are now Covid centers in all eight wards. Ward 3's location is at Chevy Chase Pavilion. He said budget season will be in the spring.

President's Report

President Duncan announced that she will be running for Mary Cheh's Ward 3 council seat and will therefore have to resign as PCA President per the bylaws. Jenny Wieroniey will step up to be president until the May elections. Duncan also invited GW to join the meeting for a brief moment so that the membership could vote on their new campus plan which focuses on greater accessibility, new softball lights, a new track where tennis courts are now and enclosing the pool and building a wellness center. ***The motion to support GW's campus plan passed unanimously by voice vote.*** Tricia Duncan will make sure a letter of support is sent to the ANC. GW's contact is Kevin Days: kdays@gwu.edu. Regarding Trammell Crow, they are awaiting their permit from DC Water and should be starting construction soon.

Guest Speakers

**Christopher Dyer, Community Engagement Manager
DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)**

Christopher gave a brief yet informative overview of what is happening at DPR. He's been at his job for seven months as the community engagement manager. Check out all the offerings at dpr.dc.gov. He can be reached at Christopher.dyer@dc.gov or 202-702-9453 (cell). He said if people see maintenance issues at parks, call them into 311 or take a picture and email him.

National Park Service

- o Capt. Jonathan D. Hofflinger
Commander, West District
United States Park Police
- o Superintendent Julia Washburn
- o Deputy Superintendent Brian Joyner
- o Manager Kym Elder

The NPS was invited due to recent complaints on the listserv about unleashed dogs at Battery Kemble Park. They said their first line of enforcement is EDUCATION. They will be patrolling more and informing dog walkers about the law which states that dogs must be on a leash at all times. They will be posting more signage as well and will be issuing citations soon. The dispatch number to call if you see dogs off leash and want to make a report is 202-610-7505. We also heard about a new program called Bark Rangers. Bark Rangers, who are trained volunteers, are akin to neighborhood watch volunteers but with dogs. They help the NPS enforce the law since the NPS can't be everywhere at once and is actually short staffed right now. If interested in Bark Rangers, contact Program Manager Kym Elder at kym_elder@nps.gov or 202-829-2161.

George Branyan, Active Transportation Branch Manager and Karyn McAlister, Bicycle Program Specialist

District Department of Transportation (DDOT)

George and Karen were invited to talk about a bike lane proposal on Arizona Ave. from Loughboro to MacArthur. Before they went into specifics, they mentioned MoveDC which is a plan of all upcoming projects in DC for the next 25 years! It has a list of approved projects.

Regarding Arizona Avenue, they outlined three proposals and showed slides of what it would look like. Each plan includes a protected bike lane. They plan to have a stand-alone meeting in the spring and will send a "notice of intent" to the ANC once the final design is finished.

They also mentioned other projects that are in their list:

- Arizona Ave connection to CCT
- Dalecarlia Parkway Multiuse Path (on hold for now)
- New Mexico and Tunlaw widening the sidewalk
- Norton connection to the CCT (currently a dirt path)

They took many questions after their presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

56 people attended