

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

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The Town Hall of the Palisades Community Association convened via ZOOM on Tuesday, November 15, 2022. PCA 1st VP President Nick Keenan presiding.

**Announcements**

- Town Halls will be on Zoom until the new year. The town halls in October, November, December, and February will be on Zoom. 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, December 20th. There is no Town Hall in January.
- Sunday, Dec 3, 9:30am – 11:30am: PCA Holiday Breakfast at the Palisades Hub. Please bring a batch or two of your favorite holiday cookies to share with your neighbors and Palisades Village members. There will be a giant slide, fire trucks from Engine 29, coffee and pastries and a visit from Santa. Free for PCA members; \$10 per family for non-members. All ages welcome!
- Emir Gur-Ravantab's comments: Liaison, Ward 3 | Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS)

DPW has begun collecting leaves from neighborhoods on Monday, November 7. This year, adjustments have been made to the leaf collection program to make it more efficient. Mayor Bowser's Fiscal Year 2023 budget includes funding for 110 additional seasonal positions—a 50% increase over 2022. The collection schedule has also been adjusted to allow leaf collection crews do collections when most leaves have fallen, with residents still receiving two leaf collection pickups. The first pass for leaf collection will occur when leaf accumulation is lighter, for one week in each section. The second pass will be for two weeks in each section when leaf accumulation is heavier. Like previous years, please place your leaves on the curbside or tree box area, raked, on the Sunday before your pass date, which can be found on DPW's website or brochures mailed to houses. Paper bags are optional, but please do not place them in plastic bags or they will end up in landfill. If your leaf collection has been missed, please contact me or DC 311.

You may also bring your old undecorated pumpkins and gourds for composting at Palisades Farmers Market on Sunday mornings.

In accordance with National Apprenticeship Week, DC is celebrating DC Apprenticeship Week by hosting Virtual Hiring Fairs. Find more info at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-national-apprenticeship-week-virtual-hiring-fair-tickets-450819251517>

Finally, we are happy to announce that the annual Senior Holiday Party is coming back for its 24th year, to be held on Tuesday December 6th from 10 am to 2 pm at the DC

Armory at 2001 East Capitol Street SE, proudly accepting residents 60 years of age, who may RSVP at <https://mayorbrowsers24thannualseniorho.splashthat.com/>

Please forward any questions or comments to Emir.gur-ravantab@dc.gov or 202-340-7853

### **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.

### **President's Report** – not present

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Ken Buckley

- Thanked the membership for approving the FY2023 budget.
- Discussed how the PCA ended up in the black (excess revenue) in FY2022 and thanked PCA members for supporting events
- Thanked the PCA Board for managing their efforts within the budget.
- Reminded members that the FY2023 budget expects a deficit that will be covered by the excess revenue from FY2022. In FY2023, the PCA intends to spend more money on family events, especially those directed at children.

### **Committee Reports**

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

Sidewalks, linking the top of 48<sup>th</sup> place around to MacArthur Blvd, were completed since our last meeting. This is a much welcome addition to the neighborhood and the commercial corridor on that block.

Excavation phase is almost complete, and we will be entering into the concrete pouring phase. Biggest news is that the crane tower will arrive on Friday morning and be installed this Friday and Saturday. One westbound lane of MacArthur Blvd will be closed in front of the Balfour block. Two flagmen will be posted at 48<sup>th</sup> place and U street to assure the safety of pedestrians.

**Guest Speakers: Aaron King from Jon Stover & Associates  
Heather Gustafson, Palisades Main Street**

Aaron King gave a presentation on the market analysis of the Palisades neighborhood conducted in August 2022 (see attachment). Heather gave a presentation on Palisades Main Street. She explained what a Main Street is, what they have achieved so far, the grants they have distributed and highlighted four businesses who have benefited from Palisades Main Street (see attachment).

**Adjournment at 8:00pm**