

January 9, 2012 Eckington Civic Association Meeting Minutes

Election of ECA Officers for 2012: The election for ECA officers for 2012 was held. The officers who have been serving on an interim basis since October were re-elected. They are: President Kim Mosley, Vice President Brooke Edgecombe, Recording Secretary Caroline Platt, and Treasurer Charlene McCullers.

ANC Commissioner Sylvia Pinkney: Commissioner Pinkney updated the community on various topics. Among other topics, she addressed the following. The 50 Florida Avenue developer will be submitting the PUD application in late January. The Emery school property will be used by DCPS as a conference center. Commissioner Pinkney is still trying to get MPD to station an officer at the Harry Thomas Rec Center due to ongoing problems with security of the grounds at night. She is also still working on rodent control, and has petitions for any neighbors who want to petition the city for help. To contact Comm'r Pinkney by email, please use this email address: 5C02@anc.dc.gov

Steve Rynecki: Mr. Rynecki, an Eckington resident and ECA member, advised that a group has formed and is going to work as a playground and park improvement committee within the Civic Association, in order to focus on improving and rejuvenating the playground/park at the Rec Center. They have been reaching out to the Friends of Harry Thomas group.

Deborah Crain-Kemp, DC Office of Planning: Ms. Crain-Kemp is the Office of Planning person for Ward 5. She encouraged residents to go to the Office of Planning website and look at the 2006 citywide plan. (www.planning.dc.gov). She advised that the North Capitol corridor, which includes Eckington along with Truxton Circle and Bloomingdale, would be a prime area to get a Small Area Plan developed with the Office of Planning. Such a plan helps communities focus on what sort of development and retail would best serve their neighborhoods, would thrive, and should be encouraged. There is not funding for a new Small Area Plan at the moment, but if residents want to work on visioning for the neighborhood, which would be a preliminary step towards a future Small Area Plan, she would be happy to advise and help residents with such a project. Members expressed an interest in this.

MPD Lieutenant Ronald Wright: Lt. Wright is now in charge of the new MPD PSA 502, which covers the Eckington and Edgewood neighborhoods. He came to introduce himself, give a general crime report on the area, and address Safety Walks. He encourages safety walks. Any time the Civic Association wants to plan one, we need only to tell him and he will have officers there to go with us.

John Salatti: an ANC Commissioner from Bloomingdale, Mr. Salatti came by the meeting to introduce himself and to announce his candidacy for the recently-vacated Ward 5 seat on the D.C. Council.

Kim Mosley, Eckington Civic Ass'n President: Due to the meeting running past time, Ms. Mosley announced that remaining topics, including the formation of other ECA committees, will be discussed at the February meeting.

Meeting Adjourned