

## **Minutes of the Park View UNC Meeting**

July 2, 2014, 7-8pm

Park View Recreation Center

693 Otis PI NW

The meeting commenced at 7:10pm

4 UNC members and 3 guests were present at the meeting

### **Adoption of the Agenda**

On a motion duly made by Sarah Sorscher and seconded by Christine Moritz, the agenda was adopted with one amendment: the addition of a discussion on overgrown yards.

### **Officer Reports**

#### President's Mid-year report

The president reported on the activities of the UNC in 2014. Speakers at UNC meetings included: representatives from Department of Transportation, DC Housing Authority, the Georgia Avenue Community Development Task Force, RiverSmart Homes, and the Friends of Soldier's Home. We conducted a candidate's forum for the Ward One Council Democratic Primary, as well as two Earth Day Beautification events, one at the Park View School, and the second at Park View Park. We also administered a grant from the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) to distribute "Scoop the Poop" signs to property owners in Park View. The UNC account has been moved to PNC bank, saving the organization about \$200 per year in bank fees, and we completed an update of our Bylaws. The UNC has now also finalized a settlement agreement with Sweet Mango. We are in the process of finalizing a Park Partnership with Department of Parks. Our first Happy Hour fundraiser this year, held at DC Reynolds, raised \$158. A second fundraiser is being planned, as well as the End of Summer Block Party which is scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that one Scoop the Poop sign remains available, interested neighbors may request the sign by emailing the Secretary, Sarah Sorscher, at [sesorscher@gmail.com](mailto:sesorscher@gmail.com), or calling 202-450-3871.

The Vice President and Treasurer had nothing to report.

### **Overgrown Yards**

The membership held a brief discussion on overgrown yards. There is a 10" limit for grass and weeds. DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs handles complaints related to overgrown yards, and will issue homeowners with a notice and provide 10 days to take action before issuing a fine. Members offered suggestions for approaching with neighbors with overgrown yards, including offering to lend lawnmowers, weed whackers, or other tools.

### **Report of the Friend's Committee**

Sarah Sorscher reported on the activities of the Friend's Committee. The committee applied for two grants to support the Ty Hop Tournament and Park View Day in the Park View Park. The Ty Hop Grant was denied, and the committee had to decline the Park View Day grant after determining that we could not meet the grant's extensive reporting and documentation requirements. The committee has requested reconsideration of the Ty Hop grant and is awaiting a response from the granting agency.

The Committee is in the final stages of signing a partnership agreement with Department of Parks (DPR) that would allow the UNC to fundraise on DPR property.

### **Ty Hop Tournament Discussion**

Representatives from DPR responsible for managing the tournament had RSVPed indicating they would attend the UNC meeting and speak to neighbors about plans for managing the Ty Hop Tournament this year. They did not attend. A different DPR employee who works at the Park View site, Stephon Bryant, attended the later part of the discussion.

The President reported on an earlier meeting held between DPR officials, the UNC President, ANC Commissioner, and other interested community members. During that meeting, DPR officials indicated that they have requested that the lights over the fields be left on until 11pm, to allow adequate time for cleanup after games. Games can run no later than 10:30pm, but often end before 10pm.

In addition to the adult basketball tournament, held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Nights, Park View will also host a youth basketball tournament on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as well as a soccer tournament on Wednesday nights.

Department of General Services and Department of Public Works share responsibility for cleaning up after the tournament. Neighbors suggested that representatives from these agencies be invited to a future UNC meeting to explain exactly what responsibilities are handled by each agency with regard to the Park View facility.

A neighbor recommended that DPR coordinate with Bruce-Monroe at Park View to allow for parking in the school parking lot during tournament nights, reducing pressure on street parking.

The meeting ended at 8:00pm.

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UNC Secretary