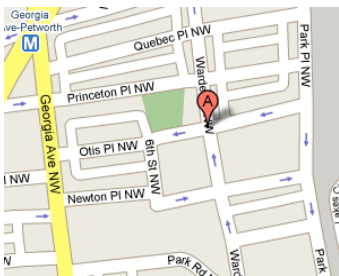


November 2015

Park View United Neighborhood Coalition (UNC) Community Newsletter

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UNC Monthly Meeting



The United Neighborhood Coalition meets the first Wednesday of every month in the Park View Rec Center. Meetings are free and open to the public. Check out our meeting schedule at

www.parkviewunc.org or join the UNC for a copy of the monthly newsletter.

Have an item for the UNC meeting agenda? Contact the Secretary at 202-450-3871, or email parkviewuncdc@gmail.com.

November 4th Community Meeting

Park View Rec Center (693 Otis Pl NW), 7-8pm

Agenda

- Reports and Announcements
 - Elections
 - Vote on 3701 New Hampshire Avenue*
 - Mayor's Visit
- * time permitting

Join us for a visit with the Mayor

The Park View United Neighborhood Coalition (UNC) is pleased to welcome Mayor Bowser to our monthly meeting on



November 4th. Let's show her that Park View cares by coming out in force! Questions for the Mayor may be submitted in advance to parkviewuncdc@gmail.com, and written questions will also be taken at the meeting.

In addition, we will be electing our new Board of Directors November and voting on whether to

oppose a parking variance for the Sweet Mango building. So November is a big month: If you can only make one UNC meeting this year, make it out this Wednesday!

Redevelopment of the "Sweet Mango Building"



Developers have purchased 3701 New Hampshire Ave NW and are seeking to build a 21-unit mixed-use building. They have requested a variance so they can provide no off street parking instead of the 7 spaces required by zoning rules. If there is time at the November UNC meeting, we will vote on whether to ask the Zoning Board to require future residents of the building not enter the residential permit program (this would prevent them from parking their cars on the street).

UNC Elections

Each November, the United Neighborhood Coalition elects a new Board of Directors. Nominations for the new Board were taken at the October UNC meeting:

Nominee for President:
Chris Waldmann

Nominee for Vice President:
Marcus Hedrick

Nominee for Treasurer:
Janisha Richardson

Nominee for Secretary:

Elanor Starmer

Nominees for at-Large Positions (a maximum of four at-large seats are allowed under the bylaws):

Moese Montgomery

Christine Moritz

Maria Peace

Roger Peace

Only one nominee was made for each position, so this will be our new Board unless someone objects at the November meeting. According to the UNC bylaws:

If there be but one candidate for any office or vacancy, the president shall declare him/her elected by acclamation. The exception to this shall be if a motion is made to declare said candidate unsuited for the office and a majority then votes in agreement with said motion.

Minutes of the October UNC Meeting

October 7, 2015, Parkview Rec Ctr, 693 Otis Pl NW

The meeting commenced at 7pm.

Eight members and three guests were in attendance.

Officers' present: Chris Waldmann, President, Marcus Hedrick, Vice President, Sarah Sorscher, Secretary.

Reports and Announcements

The Vice President announced that the Bruce-Monroe Task Force is still processing the results of a community survey of neighbors' views on plans for the site of the former Bruce-Monroe School. This should be done by October 31st.

Secretary announced that if the UNC earns over \$1,500 per year, it will have to apply for a business license that costs \$412.50. The Secretary has approached Ward One Councilmember Brianne Nadeau to request that this law be changed, as no other state has such expensive licensing fees for small non-profits.

Gabriel Rojo, Ward One liaison with the Mayor's Office, described the Mayor's pledge to end homelessness in DC and her decision to allow for the recent Excelon-Pepco merger.

Nominations

The following individuals were nominated to serve on the UNC Board of Directors next year:

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Bruce Monroe Park Discussion

The group discussed what position the UNC might take regarding the disposition of the site of the former Bruce Monroe school, currently a temporary park. Several community members spoke in favor of retaining the site as a green space, arguing that green space is needed in the neighborhood and that converting the site to commercial use was not necessary to spur development. Others wanted at least some commercial development on the site, out of concern that lower Georgia Avenue is not developing as quickly as Columbia Heights or other parts of the city, and many businesses near the Bruce-Monroe site are struggling. The group did not arrive at a consensus position, but agreed to revisit the topic in the future.

UNC Goals discussion

Craig Hughes, the current site manager of Park View Park, advocated strongly for the UNC to focus on lobbying for a completely new Rec Center, given the level of investment the city is currently putting into modernizing recreation centers across D.C. He also encouraged the community to attend programming at the Recreation Center, including Yoga classes on Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.