Park View United Neighborhood Coalition (UNC)

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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. Have an item

for the agenda? Contact the Secretary at 202-450-3871, or email parkviewuncdc@gmail.com.

Community Meeting: Park View's Streets

June 3, 2015, 7-8pm
Park View Rec Center (693 Otis Pl NW)
Sponsored by the Park View United
Neighborhood Coalition

Speakers:

Kelly Peterson
Transportation Planner
Policy, Planning & Sustainability
Administration
District Department of Transportation

Polina Bakhteiarov
Great Streets Manager
Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning &
Economic Development

Improving Our Streets and Sidewalks

Park View is a wonderful neighborhood, but as some have pointed out, many of our streets need more tree boxes, wider sidewalks, and safety features like speed bumps and better signs.

The Park View United Neighborhood Coalition (UNC) is engaged in an effort to bring improvements to our streets and sidewalks. There is currently no formal city plan to improve Park View's "streetscape." Come out to the UNC meeting this Wednesday for a conversation with

city planning officials to see how we can get more attention focused on our neighborhood streets!

Also: does your street need repairs or minor improvements? The Mayor's Constituent Services Office will be at the meeting Wednesday to hear your complaints and connect you with the right agency to solve your problem!

Get Ready: Basketball Starts July 6th!

The long-running Annual Ty Hop Basketball Tournament will occur on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from July 6th to August 14th. All games should end by 10pm.

The tournament is always crowded, with many commuting by car. This year, drivers will be encouraged to park in the lot behind the Park View School building, to alleviate pressure on street parking.

Minutes of the May UNC Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7:05pm.

Four UNC members and 10 guests were in attendance.

Officers' present: Chris Waldmann (President), Sarah Sorscher, (Secretary), Mose Montgomery

Community Announcements

Craig Hughes, the site manager for the Park View Recreation Center, announced that Stephon Bryant had left Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to work for the DC medical examiner. Park View has welcomed a new staff member, Annette Wallace.

Department of General Services Speakers Sean Link, Donny Gonzalez (donny.gonzalez@dc.gov), and Darrell S. Pressley (Darrel.presley@dc.gov), attended from the Department of General Services (DGS). Donny Gonzalez reported on the status of the project to renovate the Field House in the Park View Park. The scope of the work included:

- Removal of asphalt shingles and replacement with slate roofing
- Hazard abatement
- Reconstruction of the porch
- Restored doors, frames, and exterior windows
- Remove, replace ramp with an ADA-accessible ramp
- ADA restroom with new plumbing
- Restored stairs
- Inclusion of a kitchenette, reception area
- New lighting
- The cost of the project will be \$439,000, and the developer will be Cadcon. The project should be complete by the end of July.

DGS also reported on recent maintenance projects completed in the park, including interior painting in the rec center, a new lock on the office, manhole grate, new downspouts and rain barrels installed on the picnic structures, a new outlet in the field, re-sodding and other landscaping work, and power-washing the picnic area (note, it takes 30 days to request a power-washing).

Community members request a low fence around the area in front of the Rec Center sign and more frequent power-washing over the summer. Craig Hughes noted that all power-washing requests should be directed to him as the park site manager.

Annual Ty Hop Tournament Craig Hughes reported on the status of the annual Ty Hop Tournament, which for the past several years has been managed by DPR. The tournament will run from July 6th to August 14th this year, and will take place on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights, with all noise to end by 10pm.

August 17th, 19th, and 21st there will be a basketball camp for younger children, from 6-8pm. Friday August 21st will be a back-to-school event, sponsored by the Mayor's Office.

The Mayor's Office will be assisting in coordinating with Department of Public Works on trash pickup.

National Guard recruiters will appear at the tournament to inform on potential job opportunities.

In addition to MPD (police), a special security service from Department of General Services will be brought in to assist with safety and security. This service is known as "Protective Services."

DPR is exploring the possibility of banning plastic cups at the event, due to concerns about alcohol consumption. Smoking marijuana remains prohibited on park grounds or in public spaces, and will be prohibited during the tournament as well.

A neighbor asked if Department of Transportation (DDOT) will be ticketing cars that park in prohibited spaces during the tournament. There will be no special ticketing during the event (just normal enforcement). However, the staff at the tournament will make additional efforts this year to inform tournament attendees that parking is available in the parking lot behind the Park View School building. This should reduce the pressure on street parking.

DPR is still exploring options to provide food at the event.

The meeting adjourned 8:00pm.

The UNC is a civic association located in the Park View neighborhood of Washington DC. Membership is free to those who live or own property within the UNC boundary. Join online at www.parkviewunc.org.