

Park View UNC monthly meeting – 7/5/17

In attendance:

10 members, 9 non-members

4 guests

The President calls the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Community announcements/concerns

- ANC Commissioner Boese: Spring Rd. redevelopment – there were 7 proposals and ANC has been working through them. There are a few that have risen to the top. ANC will make an informed recommendation at a meeting on July 12th. More information available on ANC1a.org or parkviewdc.com
- Councilmember Nadeau's office: 2018 budget recap: CM Nadeau found \$ to ensure that families aren't kicked off of TANF. There is funding for GA Ave. Main Street and Ward 1 Clean Team (inc. Georgia Ave). She is keeping eye on school modernization budgets for our local schools. Charitable solicitation funding was secured and will be applicable Oct 1 of this year. Park View Rec Center is slated for \$12.3 million in funding in 2023, but the design process will start in 2020. Funding will be used to replace the Rec Center.
- Events: Ward 1 day at National Building Museum is July 25; Ward 1 night at Shakespeare Theater is Aug 29.
- Mayor Bowser's office hands out newsletter covering minimum wage increase in DC, information on 311 requests, and DPR summer events.
- Community concerns: crime in the neighborhood seems visibly more prevalent – hoping for the Park View UNC to organize an effort to look into crime issues (crime committee? Have MPD officers attend every month?) Police presence seems to have gone down recently. Drug activity is definitely back and not on people's radar. We discuss and determine that the UNC will take this on as an action item.
- Other community members agree that crime issues are escalating. Drug activity present behind school/6th st (7 people arrested in Newton and 6th in last month), corners of Warder and Quebec, Quincy, Randolph and Rock Creek Church. MPD have been given addresses and other info to step up enforcement but the community has not seen changes. We need police and other agencies involved – narcotics, US attny's office, other agencies.
- MPD spokesperson acknowledges that there is less manpower in our area because of a schedule change that has each officer taking 3 days off.
- GA Ave. Thrive announcement: There is a do a clean-up the 1st Sat of every month – this month, cleanup will meet at GA and Otis at 10am.
- Princeton Pl. resident: Soccer balls from the park are breaking windows and hitting residents living nearby. Can we raise fence or take other action? DPR representative present at the meeting asks her to walk over to the location in question after meeting to discuss options. UNC will also follow up.

UNC Officer reports:

- Treasurer: \$1400 in regular account and \$85 in the Friends Of Park View Rec account.
- Vice President reports on the last meeting of the Park Morton steering committee. The meeting included a presentation on case management services that are offered to Park Morton residents. There is a zoning-related issue affecting the Bruce Monroe build site and there will be a hearing in September. The UNC will continue to monitor and report any updates to the community.

Block party

- Due to time constraints, this agenda item is bypassed but brief mention is made to the upcoming block party. The community needs to select a location (past locations have been Princeton between Georgia and Warder, and Manor Pl. between Warder and Park Pl.) and a day (either September 9, 16 or 23).
- These decision points will be circulated by email.

DPR/Park View Rec Center presentation: Greg Poag

- The rec center is currently running a summer camp with 30 kids enrolled – 9-5 every day
- Fall and winter programming is being developed. There are plans for a Book club, a program for kids 8-12 called Touch of Art, Mon/Wed 5:30-6:30 (arts/crafts), and the yoga and zumba classes that have been held in the past will continue this fall.
- Community members ask about programming appropriate for toddlers. Mr. Poag responds that there is thought of doing a toddler program in the fall – they are exploring that right now. Community members comment that Saturdays or evenings would be ideal.
- Community members ask whether the rec center has a calendar where all of these classes can be displayed and folks can register. A: There is information on the main DPR site. You can search by facility or ward. The website is switching registration systems over but should be operational soon.
- Community members ask about weekend pool hours. A: 12-7. Q: Is it possible to open earlier? Many families would use the pool before noon on weekends. A: DPR will look into it. It will take additional manpower to staff the pool extra hours.
- DPR notes that if you bring 10 or more kids to the pool (e.g. for a party), you need a permit.
- Community member expresses concern about unpermitted parties taking place under the awning/at the picnic tables. DPR confirms that parties do require a permit, except on Sundays when it is first-come, first-served. There is a new system that will launch late summer where you can look up whether a permit has been secured if you see a party taking place. Until then, if you see a party and want to know if it is permitted properly, call 202-441-2605, which will connect you with a park ranger. They are on call until 10pm. This is for non-criminal calls about potentially non-permitted parties. Community members ask for signs to be posted about the need for permits and how to obtain one. DPR agrees that signs will be posted.
- There is some discussion of the Ty Hopkins Basketball Tournament, which is in progress. There is a meeting on July 20th at 6:30pm for a halfway point checkin. A

community member asks if there could be porta potties located outside the park to address public urination after the tournament has let out. Another community member asks that in advance of the July 20th meeting, fliers be distributed to all houses around the rec center so that they are aware and can attend. A community member offers to help distribute fliers.

Sherita Alexander, Chair of Friends of Park View Park group:

- The Friends Of group helps with special events, cleanups, support for activities taking place at the Rec, and other efforts to enhance community-rec center connections. Interested community members are invited to join the Friends Of group by contacting community@parkviewunc.org.
- Saturday, July 22nd is Rec Day (July is “celebrate parks and rec” month). There will be a celebration at Randall Rec Center in Southwest, including programming for kids.

The meeting adjourns at 8:10pm.