



May 2006 Meeting

WNA Neighborhood Newsletter

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Meeting Attendance

Twelve people attended the meeting. Chuck chaired the meeting since Lynn was out of town. Each person introduced him or herself before we launched into the agenda. Kerry volunteered to take notes.

Police Attended

Tania was able to get police representation at this meeting. Sergeant Washington and Officer Wilson (bicycle officer) spent some time discussing the issues of concern to the people in attendance. One main concern was the muggings of a neighbor at 10th and Westminster and the perception that crimes of this nature seem to be on the rise. The officers advised that they have increased their patrols in our neighborhood. They noted that both 10th Street and Westminster are pretty dark. If anyone notices a streetlight out, please call 727-1000 and report it. The police also noted that the Civil War Memorial has a lot of litter and seems to show a lack of concern from the U.S. Park Department over its appearance. This can encourage crime. They have talked with Metro about having the Metro police ticket cars illegally parked on U Street looking out for other crime

on the street, but Metro management has declined to become involved with community problems. It was suggested that Jim Graham might be able to turn them around.

Finally—the police stressed that neighbors should call 311 to report anything in the neighborhood that is of the slightest concern. This includes people who neighbors don't recognize hanging out in the neighborhood. The police say they don't mind coming out and asking people who they are.

Mason's Parking Lot Update

We reviewed the latest design drawings for the Mason's parking lot project. Greg Zahn will present the plans at the June 1 ANC meeting. The ANC meeting will be an opportunity to ask questions of the designer. The comments from the WNA meeting were forwarded to Mr. Zahn for consideration. If anyone is interested in seeing the drawings, let Chuck know and he can e-mail a set to you.

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🌀 Spring Clean-up Review 🌀

The spring cleanup was a success. Lynn had sent out a note detailing all of the work accomplished. It's always amazing how fast we fill up a dumpster each time we have a cleanup.

Emergency Plan

The Emergency Plan Committee hadn't met in April or May. They have collected some completed questionnaires and hope to meet to advance the plan a little. The Committee could use another member since Joel is moving out of the neighborhood. If you're interest, contact Chuck Baxter.

Maya Angelou School

The Maya Angelou School has presented a proposal to the National Capitol Revitalization Corporation (NCRC) to buy the parking lot at 8th and T Street and build an addition to the school on the lot. Their proposal would result in expanding their student body from 115 to 200. Little notice of this proposal has been given the community. Any concerned neighbor should send a note to NCRC.

1920 Ninth Street

Asefu Alemayehu, who bought 1920 Ninth Street two years ago and has been renovating with the plan to open a Ethiopian Restaurant, spoke to the group. She has applied for a liquor license. WNA has been pursuing a protest of her and another liquor license application in the same block. She would like for her business to be able to stay open as late as other establishments in the block. A proposal has been discussed to require the new businesses to close at 10 pm. Ms Alemayehu invited the neighbors to come by and see her place. Todd spoke with her after the meeting concerning the mechanics of the protest.

Donation for Mulch on Vermont Avenue

We talked briefly about WNA making a donation to help pay for mulch that was purchased for the Vermont Avenue meridian.

Since we didn't have a quorum for a vote, we decided to table the issue.

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Trash Cans/Recyclables

For those of you that are new to our community, you need to put your trash cans out after 7pm on Sun. nights & Wed. nights (not before) and take them in the next evening (by 7pm). [The blue recyclable trashcan goes out only on Wed. nights.] Some of your neighbors travel the alleys and it is most helpful if the trash cans are not there. This is also the time of year when the City issues tickets for trashcans put out too early or not taken in in a timely manner.

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🌀 WNA Treasurer's Report 🌀

Financial Statement for April 2006

Bal. as of May 1, 2006	\$6,708.69
Receipts:	
Dues	80.00
Donation	25.00
Disbursements:	0.00
Bal. as of June 1, '06	\$6,813.69

Balance Sheet

Total	\$6,708.69
Less Playground Fund	2,536.98
Total in General Fund	\$4,276.71

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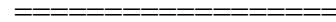
🌀 2005 WNA Membership Dues 🌀

Remember that the financial part of your membership dues were payable on the first day of the calendar year. If you haven't paid your 2006 WNA dues, please do so now so we can record you as a member for this year. As to the non-financial part, it is one hour/month on community work. You can carry it forward during the year, but can't carry it past the end of the calendar year.

While the \$5 or \$15 membership fee will not make us rich, what is more important is that we get to count you as a member when we ask the various City agencies and other entities to help us improve our community. Take a moment now to mail or drop your check in Chuck Baxter's mailbox: 914 Westminster Street, NW, WDC 20001.

Current WNA Members

- Alemayehu, Asefu
- Anderson, Todd
- Baxter, Chuck
- Bell, Simon
- Blackwell, Emmanuel
- Calhoun, Terrence
- Chris 1820 9th
- Crumm, Leonard & Lofton, Moses
- Dailey, Kevin
- Donelan, Clare
- Douglas, Elberta & Paul
- Dunavant, Reid
- Edwards, Charles & Doris
- Hightower, Betty
- Johnson, Lynn
- Jordan, Sharon
- Jordan, Mark
- Kellman, Oliver
- Lewis, William & Michelle
- Lilley, Kirk
- Mack, Tim & Patsy & David
- Marchand, Anne
- McLaughlin, Judy
- McShee, Aoral
- Meyer, Kerry & Misa
- Ousley, Susan, Marquan, Andre, Sarah & Bruhier, Stillman
- Perko, Margie
- Rawlings, James Mott
- Rubin, Nilmini and Joel
- Seaver, Geoff & Lucia
- Spaulding, Phil/Coffin, Lynn
- Woods, Alisha
- Woods, Yvette



~Next WNA Meeting ~

WNA will hold our next regular monthly meeting on June 27 (remember, the 4th Tuesday of every month) at 7:00 p.m. in the Playground (if bad weather, then at 922 Westminster St., NW). Put it on your calendar now.

~Volunteer Projects ~

Playground Sprinkler System – We need volunteers to supervise the contractor for the installation of the sprinkler system.

Sidewalks – We need a volunteer to get Wash. Gas to repair the damage they did to our sidewalks and treeboxes when they installed our new gas lines.

Historic Preservation Infractions – We need a volunteer to follow up on the infractions we obtained on developers/owners who installed improper windows and are still out-of-compliance. Amoy McGhee is handling some of these, but we need other volunteers for the remainder.