

Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting
Thursday, September 26, 2019, 7:00 pm; Marie Reed Center, Champlain Street

RCNA Vice President Fiona Clem welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order.

- Last meeting's minutes, of August 22, 2019, were approved.
- Treasurers Report. For Treasurer Bill King, Fiona Clem reported that the Board had approved \$150 for the Neighborhood Clean-Up; \$100 for the RCNA website. And noted that RCNA has just over \$10,000 in its bank account.
- Vice President's Report / Announcements. Fiona had the following notices:
 - The RCNA Neighborhood Clean-Up on Saturday August 31 was a success, with many bags of trash collected.
 - There is are new bike and scooter racks/corrals at 17th Street and Kalorama Road.
 - The Banfield Pet Hospital at 1700 Columbia Rd is now open.
 - WAWA on 18th Street is now open.
 - ANC Election. Will be held for SMD 1C04, which has become open.
 - Solid Waste Enforcement. In the neighborhood, DC will be looking at good enforcement of this concern, with a new inspector.
 - Porch Fest is scheduled for October 5.
 - October 26 is Adams Morgan Apple Day.
- Forum on **Affordable Housing/ Inclusionary Housing**.
Two members of the audience introduced themselves: Reuben Forman of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations, who noted that the 2020 National Census is coming this March 2020, and that everyone should be prepared. And also, Aamir Mansoor, neighborhood rep from Councilmember Brianne Nadeau's office.

The Speakers were:

o Affordable Housing: Marty Mallett of Jubilee Housing.

Mr. Mallett covered several topics, including: Tenant Rights. Rent Control. TOPA (Tenant opportunity to purchase). The DC Housing Authority, and the Housing Authority Trust fund. Help groups; and how DC will provide rent supplements. And Jubilee Housing's programs.

o Inclusionary Housing: Richard Livingstone and Gene Buimash of DC's Department of Housing and Community Development. They also provided printed handouts of their presentation. The two spoke about housing issues of interest, including: down-payment assistance from the city, and how people can qualify for this. Also: what

inclusionary housing is: as parts of housing developments, aiding residents. How the city plans for this assistance to residents. And what the city is doing in each of the eight wards

- RCNA Block Party. Steve Coleman outlined the planned neighborhood **Block Party**, to be held in early November, with the final date to be set. He has lined up AfroSoul for the music and sound. There will be food, games and photo displays. It will occur in the afternoon, 12 to 5, on Euclid Street, between 17th and Ontario. Volunteers are needed.
- Community Comments and Concerns. * Jeff Wilkes spoke briefly about sidewalk treeboxes, and how they could be improved. * Marie Redd School's *Fall Farm*, from October 7 to 11, was noted.
- Meeting Adjourned.

Next general meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 24, at 7:00 pm.

Minutes by Steve McKevitt