

Reed-Cooke Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting

Thursday, October 24, 2019, 7:00 pm; Marie Reed Center, Champlain Street

(RCNA Board present: Nick Roland, Fiona Clem, Chris Kiritz, Steve Coleman, Ernest Springs, Steve McKeivitt, Peter Lyden.)

RCNA President Nick Roland welcomed everyone to the meeting, and called the meeting to order.

- Rueben Fromm from the Mayor's Office reported briefly on city news: That the Grimke School is being rebuilt and repurposed; that the new Comp Plan should be reviewed by all DC residents; that there is a new city website: housing.dcgov. The next Ward One Meeting will be on Nov 1 at the Columbia Heights Education Center.
- Last meeting's minutes, of September 26, 2019, were approved.
- Treasurers Report. For Treasurer Bill King, Nick reported that the Board had approved \$100 for candy for the 3D Police Halloween Party. And \$94 for the new RCNA website. Future planning of money for neighborhood beautification, and other uses, will be discussed, upcoming. Rental of the RCNA PO Box will be renewed.
- President's Report / Announcements. Nick had the following notices:
 - There will be an RCNA General Meeting, for **Planning** for the future, on November 21 at 7 pm. (No December General Meeting will be held.)
 - There is a raze application for 2466 Ontario Rd. RCNA will look at the details of the plan to get more information.
 - ANC's Single Member District 1C08 is now open. That member has resigned, and a new election is upcoming.
 - The Raman Bar on 18th Street. Nick reported that he had signed a Zoning Agreement, for RCNA, with this business.
 - Steve Coleman moved that RCNA give the RCNA President authority to sign regular zoning agreements, as necessary, with local establishments in order to get Official City Standing. This was approved by the meeting.
 - There was a brief discussion about the suspension of the Heaven and Hell Club. This situation will be monitored.
 - The RCNA Block Party is coming in November. More below.
 - A Neighborhood Clean-up will occur Saturday, Nov 9, at 9 am, Unity Park.
 - Unity Park. Nick reported that possible improvements of this very visible park are being discussed.
- RCNA Block Party Committee Report. [Now scheduled for Sunday, November 24] Steve Coleman outlined this planned neighborhood **Block Party**, to be held in the 1700 block of Euclid Street. He has lined up music and sound. There will be food,

games and photo displays. And he is looking into getting a Moon-bounce. The party will occur in the afternoon, 12:00 to 5:00, on Euclid Street, between 17th and Ontario. More information will follow, and volunteers are needed.

- Community Comments and Issues. * Nick reported that construction of the second part of the AdMo Apartment Building on Columbia Road is now being scheduled. And that RCNA could perhaps ask the developer to look at the idea of getting a non-profit organization for part of the new rental space. And also ask if they could help with Unity Park's possible improvements. * Neighborhood concerns about local drug dealing and crime. There was brief discussion of this concern, and how the community might respond to the problem, with future suggestions to come.
- Meeting Adjourned.

Next general meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 21, at 7:00 pm.

Minutes by Steve McKevitt