

River Terrace Community Organization

Minutes from January 18, 2023 General Body Meeting, Via Zoom and In-Person (River Terrace Education Campus)

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Culver at 6:40 p.m.

Opening Prayer: President Sharon Culver

ANC Update – Commissioner Milton Hardy

Yields time to Commissioner Felder; shares appreciation for residents bringing in their trash cans and placing lids on trash can which has had a positive impact on rodent riddance.

Ward7 Democrats, Chairperson Wendell Felder

Chairperson Felder shared that there would be elections for the Executive Board of the Ward 7 Dems on March 25th, Time: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (public), Location: Dorothy Height (Benning) Library, 3935 Benning Rd NE;; Budget: Mayor Bowser has announced budget engagement forums, in order to hear from residents what their priorities are.

MPD Update - Adam Sotelo

- Shared that MPD can assist with community clean-ups, however when it comes to environmental crimes the person has to be caught in the act in order for action to be taken. If something is seen, communicate with the environmental crimes team and 311.
- Will communicate with the AG office to ensure that property owners clean up Tow Truck property. There are some non-police services that are reported and get rerouted to other agencies.
- Shared that he would follow up with property management for apartments in order to find resolution for challenges there.
- Motor vehicle thefts, of Kias and Hyundais, have been increasing lately. Models of 2013-2018. (Update: Muriel Bowser and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) announced that DC residents who own a 2011-2021 Kia or Hyundai vehicle are eligible to receive a free steering wheel lock from an MPD District station starting this Friday, February 24)

DC Fire & EMS

Representatives from DC Fire & EMS were in attendance to provide blood pressure and blood sugar testing. They also shared information related to home and fire safety, changing batteries on smoke detectors, having a fire safety plan (to go bag, list of medications, meeting place and a back up) and practicing with the family.

Treasurer's Report – Carla Brailey

Report was not available, will be presented at March meeting

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded, and the vote was accepted by the body.

Committee Update:

- Membership (Keshia Mack): appreciate the Block Captains and Co-captains for working on membership packets. There was a 12% decrease in membership in 2022, the goal this year is to have a 50% increase for membership in 2023. Membership packets will be coming soon.
- Events Committee: Seed, Plant and Clothing Swap will take place on April 15th; Easter Egg Hunt April 15th (UPDATE: Easter Eggs Hunt will be Saturday April 8th)

Neighborhood Development Company – Vince Harriman

Shared that NDC projects consist of 3450 Eads Street, 3451 Benning Road and 3443 Benning Road (developed a food market in th 3451 Benning). Industrial Bank should be opening late spring early summer. Medical company should also be starting service during summer 2023.

3450 Eads-Joe McGinnis (Superintendent for General Contracting company MCN Build); President Culver shared that there will be a special meeting for Eads Street residents and NDC representatives taking place on Friday, February 17th. Outline: end of 34th street, steel plates on ground for different utilities that will be laid. Broken up into three phases. Test digging to take place at the end of 34th street to determine exactly where the utilities are. First phase will begin the following week, structure will start at 34th street and migrate up Eads street. Every resident on Eads will get a 72 hour notice. If at the end of 72 hours the vehicle has not been moved, it will be relocated to another location away from where work is being done. Work inside the fence should not interfere. Work on the road will run from 9:30-3:30.

Tree protection is required by the city, but is willing to work with residents regarding this issue.

Question: does NDC have any other land or properties within River Terrace?

Answer: no, we do not, however we do have others in the city.

Did not pretreat for rodents prior to work as the treatment would make the soil unsuitable for the work that needs to be done.

Tot lot is currently being used for staging and would potentially be used for parking for 3451 Benning Road.

Closing Prayer & Adjournment: 8:25 p.m.

Prepared by President Sharon Culver