



General Body: January Meeting

MINUTES

JANUARY 21, 2018

4:00PM

ALBRIGHT MEMORIAL

MEETING CALLED BY	MPCA Executive Board
TYPE OF MEETING	General Body Monthly Meeting
NOTE TAKER	Erin Palmer
ATTENDEES	Rhonda Henderson; Tiffani Nichole Johnson; Erin Palmer; MPD Representatives - Lt. Donald Ennis and Officer Erik Marvin; Scot Knickerbocker (ANC 4B03); Bailey Cox (Stop Police Terror Project DC); Malcolm Jolly (from CM Todd's office); Jasmin Benab (from Mayo Bowser's office); David Snider; David Bryden

AGENDA TOPICS

DISCUSSION	OPENING REMARKS
Welcome and introductions.	

DISCUSSION	COMMUNITY SAFETY DISCUSSION
<p>Rhonda: This meeting is the continuation of months of work by Tiffani re issues of community safety.</p> <p>Tiffani: Tiffani provided packet of information, including boundaries for ANCs and PSA sectors; PSA meetings include hyper-localized information re crime statistics and crime prevention techniques; Tiffani has been working with Samantha Nolan (neighborhood watch trainer) → hoping to soon have Manor Park training to help create neighborhood watch programs and block captains; hope to speak today about the NEAR Act and potential for crime deterrence with a specific focus on our neighborhood; looks like crime in our neighborhood has gone down.</p> <p>MPD Representatives: Lt. Ennis, Officer Marvin (patrol officer in PSA 402 and crisis intervention officer); theft from autos is about 80% of crime reported; usually if MPD apprehends one perpetrator, they have engaged in multiple</p>	

threats; crime of opportunity; package thefts are down now but are still a problem; recommend that neighbors talk to each other.

NB: MPD does not check listserv in real time so they recommend calling to report rather than posting on listserv.

Question for MPD re robberies along the corridor: Seven Eleven, Rite Aid, CVS; pharmaceuticals; question whether related.

Councilmember Todd's Office Representative (Malcolm Jolly): Will defer to Jasmin Benab (Mayor's Office) on NEAR Act but noted Council fully funded the NEAR Act in FY 2018; CM Todd trying to schedule training for block captains; tentative date is February 1 (we will keep neighbors informed); additional legislation (not related to community safety) → DC Water oversight.

Mayor's Office Representative (Jasmin Benab): No general updates re the NEAR Act; re Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement → Director came on in October; hiring process has begun; 16 employees will be hired, including safer stronger outreach, violence interruptors (preventive approach to crime); chart re provisions of law and their status of implementation; website should be launching any day and plan to send out regular updates re status and metrics re success.

Bailey Cox (Stop Police Terror Project DC) re NEAR Act: Organizer with Stop Police Terror Project DC; DC is a heavily policed city; have been advocating for three years; NEAR Act went up against Mayor's crime bill in 2015; Council implemented NEAR Act but was not initially funded; NEAR Act centers public health approach and community sponsored intervention; Stop Police Terror Project provides trainings on the law and seeks full and transparent implementation; upcoming training on January 25th (Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4) at 1500 Harvard Street, NW at 6:15 p.m.; focus on data collection → was funded at the outset but has not yet been implemented; also handouts on background resources on "Approaches to the NEAR Act" and "Status Quo of Policing and How Incarceration has Failed".

DISCUSSION

MPCA VALUES STATEMENT

Not enough voting members present to approve values statement. Executive Board will consider voting as Board.

DISCUSSION

FAIR ELECTIONS RESOLUTION

Not enough voting members present to approve fair elections resolution. Executive Board will consider voting as Board.

DISCUSSION**FINANCES**

Mike was absent.

DISCUSSION**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Fill In: Community cleanups of 3rd Street business corridor first Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. → will culminate in Spring planting.

Future Events: We are talking through many ideas, including a possible block party and our 3rd Annual Screen on the Green.

DISCUSSION**ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEW BUSINESS**

Please see agenda.