



General Body: November Meeting

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

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; Mike Jones; MPD Representatives from PSA 402 (Lt. Francis Martello, Sgt. Curtis Miller, Officer Sara Khah, Officer Ryan Whelan); Beatrice Davis-Williams (Davis Dance Center); Ur Aua (Senbeb Cafe); Gabriel Kenneth Odiwe (Manor Park Barber Shop); Kim B (Peaches Kitchen); Wiley Nichols; Harriet Segar; Gerald Younger, Natasha Osborne

AGENDA TOPICS

DISCUSSION	OPENING REMARKS
	Welcome.

DISCUSSION	3RD STREET BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE
	<p>Rhonda: This is the week before "Shop Small"; we wanted to associate names and faces so members can know business owners; we also wanted to hear from businesses; seeking to keep 3rd Street thriving small business corridor.</p> <p>Ms. Davis, the Davis Center, https://www.facebook.com/TheDavisDanceCenter/: Owner and Artistic Director for Davis Center (dance studio); 49 years in Ward 4, on 3rd Street since 2009 (located on Georgia previously); offers multiple types of dance for all ages of children starting at age 2; also rent out the studio (some churches, birthday parties, memorial services, art show); offer summer camp for girls; will be asking ANC for small grant; working with Whittier to offer dance program; seeking to increase community relationships.</p>

Gabriel (Kenneth) Odiwe, Manor Park Barber Shop,

<https://www.facebook.com/ManorParkBarberShop/>: Traffic is not steady but it is coming along; current issue is leaves falling and cluttering the sidewalk; works with Davis Center and Senbeb.

Ur Aua, Senbeb Cafe / Senbeb Food Coop, <http://www.senbebecafe.com/>:

Manager of Senbeb; Senbeb means good health, everything relates to good health; have been in business since 1990, moved from Georgia to 3rd in 2006; cafe, coop, African boutique, and health and wellness classes.

Kim B., Peaches Kitchen Restaurant Catering,

<http://www.peacheskitchen.com/>: Peaches restaurant has been on 3rd for 11 years.

Why did you choose to come to 3rd Street? Ms. Davis was looking for a studio; 3rd Street is families and community, whereas Georgia was more transient; community came out and welcomed her; has been asking CM about how to get the street clean, snow removal (Tiffani will work toward a Clean Team for 3rd Street). Senbeb moved to 3rd Street when building owner retired and moved away; Georgia Avenue has a lot more traffic, and 3rd Street is more isolated.

One community member noted that there is not much publicity in newspapers about 3rd Street local businesses; Rhonda mentioned Natalee Snider might have ideas; Tiffani noted the possibility of reaching out to local papers directly; Ms. Davis mentioned a collective activity on the block and noted her upcoming event to see the Nutcracker; Mike discussed the upcoming website for MPCA as a great opportunity for area small businesses; Ms. Davis noted small business grant opportunities.

DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION RE COMMUNITY SAFETY

Rittenhouse Shooting (November 7): Case is not closed. Involved three people, including one teenager who died. Extreme presence in the area now at 1300 and 1400 block of Rittenhouse. More here:

<https://wtop.com/dc/2017/11/police-seek-suspect-dc-teens-fatal-shooting-1-custody/> and here:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/shooting-on-georgia-avenue-in-northwest-washington/2017/11/09/74f2e1f6-c539-11e7-aae0-cb18a8c29c65_story.html?utm_term=.4b05cb986cdb.

Kennedy Shooting (November 8): Case is closed. Involved two people shooting at each other; one died and the other is in custody. May be connection to Rittenhouse shooting. Do not know if the shooters live in the neighborhood. More here:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/shooting-on-georgia-avenue>

[-in-northwest-washington/2017/11/09/74f2e1f6-c539-11e7-aae0-cb18a8c29c65_story.html?utm_term=.4b05cb986cdb](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/man-fatally-shot-in-northwest-washington/2017/11/09/74f2e1f6-c539-11e7-aae0-cb18a8c29c65_story.html?utm_term=.4b05cb986cdb).

Shepherd Shooting (November 5): Doesn't appear to be related. May be drug related. More here: https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/man-fatally-shot-in-northwest-washington/2017/11/06/bf3a2ffa-c307-11e7-afe9-4f60b5a6c4a0_story.html?utm_term=.7aa104e50d50.

Spring Road Shooting (November 18): Last night; still investigating. More here: https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/man-found-fatally-shot-in-northwest-washington/2017/11/19/4d62194c-cd4d-11e7-9d3a-bcbe2af58c3a_story.html?utm_term=.4fef0f8a308.

Theft from Autos: Subject of last meeting; dramatic decrease.

Overall, have been adjusting deployments and moving light tower around (one mobile light tower for 4D); shot spotter, which records and locates where shots are fired, covers almost all of 4D; all officers now have shot spotter app; recommend camera rebate program (up to \$500), as well as leaving lights on in back porch / alley area.

For the holidays, see a lot of package theft and recommend Amazon lockers (at Safeway on Piney Branch) or having a neighbor accept packages; if you are going out of town, tell your neighbors because MPD often receives calls from neighbors.

Question re "persistent problem" on 800 block of Somerset (Mr. Young): MPD does receive a lot of calls about that block; police show up but there is no one to talk to on scene, so MPD's "hands are tied"; recommend leaving call back number if individuals call to complain; coming together as a community is the best way to solve the problem.

Question re Points of Contact: We will include PSA breakdown and contacts with next set of meeting minutes; website lists all lieutenants. Please see the following website: <https://mpdc.dc.gov/node/207412#.WiRXBzOJ72c.gmail>.

Question re Gang Activity: Some gang activity in the city, but not a lot and not a lot in this area.

DISCUSSION

MPCA'S VALUES STATEMENT

Not enough voting members present to approve values statement; we will circulate via email and social media for online vote.

DISCUSSION**FINANCES**

Mike provided an update on MPCA's finances (\$1,065.75 in account); ability to sign up to become a member online will be possible with re-launched website (hopefully in about two weeks).

DISCUSSION**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Collecting goods for Capital Area Food Bank today!

Holiday Party: The holiday party is similarly in its 2nd year; join us on December 17th at Whittier Education Campus; will include toy drive for Whittier Education Campus.

Future Events: We are talking through many ideas; today's meeting inspired considering the possibility of facilitating a 3rd Street block party.

DISCUSSION**ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEW BUSINESS**

Please see agenda.