

SSNA MEETING FEB 5 2019

SSNA Officers Campbell (Chair), Stokes (Vice Chair), Lute (Secretary) and Walker (Treasurer), introduced themselves to meeting attendees. There were approximately 20 neighbors in attendance.

At Large Member Election

Introduction of Chris Von Kohn for at-large member.

Quorum confirmed.

Voice vote for Chris, Jack made motion, motion seconded, voted in unanimously.

4th District MPD Commander Randy Griffin

Recently assumed command last March, not a stranger to 4D, was here after he graduated from the Academy. Neighborhood where he grew up is in the 4th.

How we're fairing compared to the other districts, overall crime, property and violent, has largest decrease to date.

Griffin introduces Captain Conboy, SeanConboy@dc.gov, and says he's brilliant. Lots of institutional knowledge. He should be point of contact.

Things we see in this neighborhood—last fall robberies, targets were senior Ethiopians, and juveniles were apprehended. Haven't had any violent crime since.

Recently crime has been theft from autos, not a lot compared to other Districts.

LEAVE NOTHING IN YOUR CAR!! Nothing to pique interest of thieves.

Decreases risk if car is empty. Most reporting is during morning shift when folks wake up and realize it has happened.

With the use of home owner camera images/shots they've have had a pretty good success rate in apprehending perps. Cameras are SO useful.

One or two burglaries in last three months, window left open, door left unlocked. Close lock windows and doors and when you go to sleep.

Ulysses Campbell question—what's status investigation of robbery at 14th Street Market (@ Kennedy)? The person hasn't yet been apprehended. Detectives have decent lead though.

Question about package thefts. Commander said it is a crime of opportunity and happens on a consistent basis, have a neighbor accept or use Amazon lock boxes. Officer Mendoza caught a package thief which is pretty rare. She was in right place at right time.

Jack brought up serial package thief who is a known identity that grew up in the neighborhood, has been caught on video. This info can be forwarded to Capt. Conboy.

Jack brought up drug dealers on several blocks. One on Buchanan is particularly troublesome. Previously, MPD meeting with parents that asked for help b/c the children are part of his network. He's omnipresent. Commander will get info from Jack.

From patrol stand point our crime suppression team have specific instructions to investigate certain crimes, area will be monitored, make stops, establish sources. This info gets poured into search and arrest warrants. It is a lengthy process and won't be resolved over night, but he will take a hard look at anything that is provided.

Capt. said they work with office of the attorney general for evidence of illegal activity on nuisance properties. There are a lot, but it just takes a long time.

Jack said info hasn't been transferred to new leadership.

None priority stuff send email to: 4dwatch.commander@dc.gov or call 202-391-7177 watch commander.

Derek Staten, Derek.staten@dc.gov, Community Outreach Coordinator MPD introduces himself—here's how to join 4th District MPD listserv:
<https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/welcome-fourth-district> Go to bottom of page.

Commander Griffin—Neighborhood associations are eyes and ears of community, the more exact info the police receive, the better they can act.

Mayor's Office Report

Presentation from Michelle Garcia from Mayor's office.
Budget funds for trash cans and recycling cans in various points throughout the neighborhood.

CM Todd Office Report

Jackson Carnes from Todd's office. Todd will be at April 2 meeting.
Todd chair of gov't operations
Working on getting budget done.
Priorities — Edu, construction, seniors, public safety.
Upshur Park dog park renovation about 1.5 years out.

Troublesome intersection of 14th, Varnum, Arkansas
Jackson—markings need to be refreshed in the spring, area not very large looking for remedy. Jackson confident that fix will get done, he's working with Emily @ DDOT (Jack added that hawk system at 16th and Allison was result of working with Emily)

ANC Commissioner Ulysses Campbell

I would just like to make apologies for Maria Barry not being able to attend.
Maria and Ulysses split the area of the SSNA.

ANC4C@dc.gov

ANC meetings are on second Wednesday of the month @ Petworth Library @ 6:30.

Coming up at next meeting a couple of applications for BZA issues.
HAWK endorsement at the meeting. ANC Comm. Gail Black will be voting to support as well. Community appreciates support of DDOT.

Jack raised ABRA license renewals. All are up this year, community gets to weigh in on bad actors. Settlement agreement provides means to control behaviors. Will try to notify community of license renewal, strongly recommend if you have knowledge of a bad actor, please let him know.

Commander Griffin —law enforcement and community engagement, the business that sells alcohol might also have certain elements hang out in the vicinity. Business owner with ABRA license going to let drug dealers hang in that spot, it inhibits MPD ability to respond. It is one of the biggest problems they run into with ABRA renewals. Capt. Conboy added that voluntary cessation of single can sales are good. Currently, no single can restriction. Thanks, from Ulysses to the Captain for pointing that out.

JACK: This is year for us to have a voice in ABRA renewals!

Budget

Things we hope to do this year.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Upshur Park on April 13—juice, water, snack, candy.
We hope Friends of Park will subsidize. Jack making inquiry, budget \$200

Earth Day neighborhood clean-up. Main Street clean team will lead this.
Have neighbors work on tree boxes. Small gathering and some small cost. April 20/21, budget \$100.

Idea to be blown up—Game Night—things we can do with families, perhaps a bingo night. Work in progress. No date.

Movie nights in park, little to no expense for us. Date TBD, budget \$100.

Summer block party in September, hope to bring back this year, budget \$300.

Admin costs—Newsletters quarterly/January newsletter, budget \$300.

This may get underwritten by a member.

Other Admin costs--Stamps, website domain fee-\$153 and internet hosting fees-\$144, budget \$400.

Treasurers Report

\$3099.44 in bank

Encouraging people to renew or become a new member--Dot and Grace Mills.

Past month two new members and one renewal.

We are looking for a membership committee.
Currently 38 or so members. We're aiming for 100.
There are 500 households in our foot print.

Motion to approve budget, seconded, passes unanimously.

Other

Jack—Bus barn renovation—four year project, all electric fleet in the future.
In meantime, pollutants will have to be contained. WMATA WILL BE AT April 2 meeting.
Concerns need to be addressed, but it is not going to be multi-use.
.How will they do all of this and not disrupt commercial and neighborhood in process?
We have to get agreements with WAMATA and we will host one here.

Frazier O'Leary—winner of special election for Ward 4 SBOE.
Thx for your support. Reach him at Frazier.Oleary@dc.gov
Wants to hear our concerns and to heighten EDU in Ward 4.
Lots of entities involved in EDU in DC

Jack thanks pastor of Simpson Hamline—round of applause.

Meeting ends.