

SSNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JULY 9

SSNA Chair Jack Campbell welcomed members and guests. Attendees numbered 10, plus guests.

Treasurer's report: \$2976.63 in banks will be receiving \$400 from Andrews Federal Credit Union for movie night and block party

Jack: Membership drive August with goal to bring household membership back up to 100.

Guests 4th District MPD

Lt. O'Harran — new

Sgt. Mastony

In January sectors were swapped, we are now PSA sector 2.

Jack—Two houses are known for drug selling, we're still looking for info.

Suggested by Griffin to reach out to other branches of DC gov. for help

O'Harron will touch base/follow up with Capt MacDonald (midnight shift) and Capt. Conboy.

Karen—what can community do to help?

O'Harron will check report records, dispatchers records "call for service."

We're not calling 911 at night according to them.

Here's what we can do: police will reference call for service, check to see if they support complaints we're getting. We get enough calls will help justify plain clothes police. We won't focus our attention if we don't get calls. Every time that there's an issue—double parking, loud music, go up to wrong house—report it!! Smell pot on street or in car, call. We can take legal action at that point, but will start to get to know people at house and draw more attention to that house.

Sandra—can see a car in a garage with people sitting in it, cars from VA and MD. Alley by 14th and

Buchanan one of the regulars got beaten to a pulp.

Cops—arrests were made for felony assault.

Jack—we've had meetings about this.

New ED of Main Street Program, Ms Valentine—office on 14th at Dance Loft. Question about what to do about mentally ill people? Sees individual on daily basis and he presents as having issues, followed her one day.

MPD—Dept of Behavioral Health is the department call. Maybe they need mental health intervention.

Case by case basis. Maybe police can get to know him and establish a rapport. They will try to make contact with the person and loop in Dept. of Behavioral Health. 888-793-4357 24 hour line.

MPD—14th and Spring and Georgia Avenue are higher crime areas and officers are drawn to those areas.

Anything on crime report? Crime stats—one big robbery on Blagden Avenue,

Robbery 1300 block of Buchanan, one other (didn't get address). One burglary 4700 block of 14th. That's it for 2019. None were shootings or stabbings.

One thing will help getting narcotics enforcement (citywide unit) here is to pinpoint a time that it regularly happens that happens.

Karen—brings up guy who is throwing firecrackers in yards. Jack has pics of him.

MPD—Outdoor lighting always good. 311 app good for city services.

Sandra—with closing of bus barn there's a lack of pedestrian traffic that would likely help to deter crime activity.

MPD—There won't be anything happening at Bus Barn for at least a year, MPD should pay close attention. They will be observing the area.

Arkansas and 14th also bad area.

Cameras and Ring bells devices help out a lot. Raw evidence that can be useful. Mention of rebate for cameras.

Pat made plea for police to frequent 14th Street businesses.

Mayor's Office

Gabrielle Priest, Mayor's office, new Ward 4 liaison.

202-603-7182 call or

Gabrielle.Preist2@dc.gov

Summer camps, free summer meals, pools. DC ranks #1 in summer meals program. Breakfast, lunch and snacks at various locations. Expanded summer camps. Supporting 5,000 youths. Learn24.

Power line under grounding project initiative. It will include feeders in Ward 4. Will decrease storm related power outages by 90%.

DC public library collection locations for e-recycling. [DOEE.dc.gov/ecycle](https://doee.dc.gov/ecycle)

Last month 9th Alley Palooza. Kicked on Allison between 15th & 16th DDOT ID's eight alleys in each ward.

Pat— abuse of VPP's by MD commuters. Will follow up w/ email.

Herb—brought up alley in need of repair for very long time. "It's in the system." Gabrielle took info.

Jack—Roosevelt pool access. She thinks funds were allocated.

Uptown Mainstreet

New ED, Starsha Valentine. Main concern is closing of bus barn. Four different committees, if you'd like to join. She has cards.

Starsha@uptownmainstreet.org

Duo Cleaners is closing, bus barn is only one of several factors. Owner looking for a buyer.

Store at 14th and Buchanan has new owner and they have a vastly different inventory/selections.

New Seafood place—Stein's—next to La Villa, new owners, coming soon.

Old liquor store is turning into a day care center.

PRESENTER: Kristin Braden, WAMTA business sustainability and retail strategy Working Group Co-Chair, also on Uptown Main Street Board

Working Group's recommendations to Councilman Todd.

Four goals:

Mitigate loss of revenue

Activate closed garage space so it doesn't attract crime.

Activate public space in front of bus barn and across the street

Work with WAMATA for types of retail use that the community needs.

Group trying to figure out what kind of assistance city can provide—property tax or sales tax abatement is one idea. There's also collective marketing things that they'll be doing, in collaboration with WMATA (free advertising perhaps).

Committee looking to do some very creative activation—murals idea, doing a welcome packet for new residents that encourages frequenting of businesses, reach out to Air BNB to familiarize them with the businesses in the area.

We did ask Councilman Todd for business assistance legislation, introduced in March, but no funding or details. Waiting for that to come out of committee.

QUESTIONS:

Chris—are businesses being made aware of opportunities.

Jack/Starsha: Yes, that is Main Street's role.

Russell Clark, Environmental Working Group Chair, was supposed to be here, but couldn't make it.

Jack: 5G update, ANC has to get notice of deployment. Neighbors should go to the provider to ask for relocation. No way for us to intervene on where they place the microcells.

August 7 movie night at Upshur Park. Jack has list of movies.

Block party September 21 with rain date September 28.

Will try to resurrect happy hours—give business to 14TH St. corridor.

Meeting adjourned.