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**SSNA MEETING OCTOBER 27, 2020**

Chris von Kohn, the Vice Chair and Acting Chair, introduced himself and the other members of the SSNA board, Dot Walker-Treasurer and Louis Eby-Secretary.

* This is the SSNA’s first meeting being held via Zoom due to the COVID pandemic.
* He reminded everyone that SSNA elections would be held at the meeting on December 10 at 7:00; everyone was encouraged to seek office.

**Treasurer’s report:** The Treasurer, Dot Walker, reported that SSNA has $2,900.00 in the bank.

**Ward 4 (general), Dolly Turner, Councilman Todd’s Office**

* The Council has been busy. Citizens can testify via Zoom. E.g., the Council passed legislation to help schools better serve those with disabilities (e.g., early screening; teacher training).
* Construction is underway to allow public access to the swimming pool at Roosevelt High School. It is scheduled to be completed by March 2021.
* Construction is underway on the West Campus
* Schools scheduled to re-open November 9. Punch list items of necessary repairs are being addressed.
* Chris von Kohn asked about how the public could be assured school’s would not present a COVID risk. John Stokes sent a link to the city’s plan: https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page\_content/attachments/Situational-Update-Presentation\_10-22-20-v2.pdf

**DC Police Department, Franklin Porter**

* A representative of MPD was expected but was not present.

**Northern Bus Garage,** Cecelia Waldeck

* Cecelia Waldeck is a neighbor who has been following plans to overhaul the bus barn
* All materials are available on WMATA’s website: wmata.com/NorthernBusGarage
* Public meetings will be held November 2, 10 and 17.
* Street Sense’s strategy envisions the retail anchor will be either a small grocery or a CVS style tenant.
* A citizens environmental committee was set up that includes Russell Clark and Nathan Stokes. They have been pushing WMATA to develop an Environmental Impact Statement on the effects of the diesel fumes that the bus barn would concentrate in the neighborhood. Based on Children’s Hospital data, our neighborhood has one of the highest asthma rates.
* The historic review process has held up the demolition permit. WMATA has asked for input via a questionnaire. Comments are due by November 2 at 9AM.

**14th/Webster/Arkansas Triangle Development,** Tracy Hart

* A developer is seeking a zoning variance to put a house on their 307 square foot lot in this space. They are seeking an exception from the requirement that only 70% of a lot be developed. The Comprehensive Plan calls of this area to be maintained as green space. At a recent ANC meeting, the developer was unaware of prior use as a gas station and the potential for an underground tank on the property.
* The BZA meeting is November 18. The ANC is scheduled to vote on November 10. Debbie Matties is the ANC lead on this (but did not seek reelection).
* Details, including architectural drawings, etc are at bit.ly/trianglehouse.

**Webster-Varnum Alley Green Space, Sharla Rivera**

* Neighbors are working to protect the green space with mature trees behind the houses on the 1400 blocks of Webster and Varnum Streets NW. Other concerns include safety issues due to the narrow alleys that would abut the development.
* A shout out to Susie Bruniga who has done much of the work to maintain the green space, which its owners have largely neglected
* To receive updates on efforts to protect this space email webster.varnum.green.space@gmail.com

Chris von Kohn reminded folks that the next meeting will be held on December 10 at 7:00 via Zoom. He called the meeting to an end.

**Meeting ends.**