MAY ANC 1A REPORT

The May ANC 1A meeting was attended by Commissioners Marvin L. Johnson (1A01), Josue Salmeron (1A02), Tom Gordon (1A03), Matthew Goldschmidt (1A04), Thu Nguyen (1A05), Patrick W. Flynn (1A06), Darwin Frost (1A07), Kent Boese (1A08), Rashida Brown (1A10) and Dotti Love Wade (1A11). Commissioners Bobby Holmes (1A09) and Margaret Hundley (1A12) were absent.

There were five presentations during the meeting. The first was by Joe Englert who is planning to open Reliable Tavern & Hardware at 3655 Georgia Avenue. The business is shooting for an opening date in early 2016.

The second presentation was by Scott Hall, general manager of Zipcar. They are in the process of looking for additional Zipcar locations in the area of 14th and Ogden streets, NW.

The third presentation was by Jeffrey Stottlemyer of the Columbia Heights Farmers Market. He outlined details about expanding the market to one evening a week (see details on page 2).

Michael Aniton of the Office of the Attorney General spoke about the OAG’s work with problem properties within the neighborhood, highlighting efforts at a few locations including the 600 b/o Park Road.

Lastly, Mr. Townsend provided information about the Men’s & Community Health Awareness Day being held on June 6, 2015.

During official business, the Commission considered three items. The first was a Letter of Support for a Stipulated liquor license for Walter’s – to be located at 3632 Georgia Avenue (see details on page 2). The letter of support was introduced by Commissioner Boese and was approved unanimously.

The second item considered was a Resolution protesting an ABRA application for a live entertainment endorsement for Kokeb Ethiopian Restaurant located at 3013 Georgia Avenue. Commissioner Brown introduced the resolution and indicated that she has been working with the owner of the restaurant. The protest will be withdrawn if a Settlement Agreement is negotiated. The resolution passed unanimously.

Lastly, Commissioner Boese introduced a Resolution seeking to improve Advisory Neighborhood Commission Operations when absenteeism occurs. There are many past examples where elected ANC commissioners stop attending public meetings and choose not to resign. When this occurs it can prevent Commissions from performing their duties by preventing them from achieving quorum. Commissioner Boese has proposed that language be added to the D.C. Code empowering the Board of Elections to declare a seat vacant when a Commissioner misses three consecutive official public meetings of the Commission. The resolution passed by a vote of 8-1-1 and has been sent to Councilmembers Bonds and Nadeau for consideration.

Official ANC 1A minutes are available online at: http://anc1a.org/mins.html

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The next ANC 1A meeting scheduled for June 10 starting at 7 p.m., Harriet Tubman Elementary School.

3632 GEORGIA AVENUE TO REOPEN AS WALTER’S

Plans are in the works for the former Park View Patio space at 3632 Georgia Avenue to reopen as a joint venture between DC Reynolds and Looking Glass Lounge. The new place will be named Walter’s, after Walter Johnson, a right handed pitcher who played his entire 21-year baseball career for the Washington Senators (1907–1927). He later served as manager of the Senators from 1929 through 1932 and for the Cleveland Indians from 1933 through 1935.

As one might expect with a bar named after Johnson, the place will have a sports bar emphasis. Unlike former businesses in this space, food is definitely planned to be a part of the new venture.

If the popularity of DC Reynolds and Looking Glass Lounge are any indications, Walter’s will turn out to be another popular venue in Park View’s growing array of eateries and taverns.

Potential Opening Menu

- Mac N Cheese
- 7 layer dip
- Potato Munchers
- Wings
- BBQ Pork Sandwich
- Brisket Sandwich
- Caprese Sand
- Grilled Cheese
- House Salad
- Brats Half Smoke

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS FARMERS MARKET EXPANDS TO WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

At the May ANC 1A meeting the Executive Director of Community Foodworks Jeff Stottlemyer spoke before the assembly about plans to expand the Columbia Heights Farmers Market to Wednesday nights this summer.

In April Community Foodworks was awarded a grant as a partner on a groundbreaking national health and nutrition initiative led by Wholesome Wave. The grant provides funding to help them launch an innovative CSA program for low-income customers who can pay with SNAP, which will be one of the first of its kind in the country. Community Foodworks is the only partner on the national initiative in Washington.

The program will be launched soon as part of a suite of new health-focused partnerships with other community organizations (e.g., We Are Family and La Clinica Del Pueblo) based at a pilot Wednesday evening market, which is also being supported by the grant. The goal is for the market to take place from 4-7:30 p.m. during the summer months; it will be roughly half the size of the regular Saturday market, no vehicles will be parked on Kenyon Street during market hours, and the Columbia Heights Civic Plaza fountain will remain on.

MAPPING SEGREGATION IN WASHINGTON DC – PUBLIC PROGRAM AT PARK VIEW REC CENTER ON JUNE 10

How did restrictive housing covenants shape DC neighborhoods? Prologue DC historians Mara Cherkasky and Sarah Shoenfeld will present the latest findings in their ongoing research project, Mapping Segregation in Washington DC, on Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Park View Recreation Center, 693 Otis Place NW, and Wednesday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Public Library, 901 G Street NW. Both events are free and open to the public.

Mapping Segregation in Washington DC looks in depth at the historic segregation of DC’s housing, schools, recreation facilities, and more. The project’s first year has focused on racially restrictive housing covenants and legal challenges to them.

Maps are used to better understand how many of DC’s “historically black” neighborhoods were once exclusively white, and how the city’s racial geography has (Continued on Page 3)
been shaped by segregation. Maps tell stories that words cannot.

Prologue DC's research is comprehensive and unprecedented. Mara Cherasky and Sarah Shoenfeld have been hand-searching real estate records at the DC Archives and reviewing digitized documents at the Recorder of Deeds. In addition, they've been incorporating information found in the Washingtoniana Room at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library, including real estate maps, city directories, newspapers, and the DC building-permit database. Census records and materials from the Historical Society of Washington, D.C. help fill out the picture.

This project is a collaboration between Prologue DC and GIS mapping expert Brian Kraft of JMT Technology Group. It is funded in part by the Humanities Council of Washington, DC.

*Mapping Segregation* is an ongoing project, so please check their Website for updates. http://prologuedc.com/blog/mapping-segregation/

Or send an email to info@prologueDC.com with “Mapping Segregation updates” in the subject line.

**451 PARK ROAD TO BE CONSIDERED AS AN HISTORIC LANDMARK**

451 Park Road was recently listed for sale upon the passing of long time Park View resident and owner George Brown. In response to community concerns and the property's association with Smithsonian paleontologist Charles Whitney Gilmore, Commissioner Boese drafted and filed a landmark nomination for the Historic Preservation Review Board's consideration. The property is currently between owners, though may have a new owner soon.

The house is one of six semi-detached houses designed in 1906 by architect B. Stanley Simmons for builders Middaugh & Shannon as part of the first significant development of the Park View neighborhood. In 1908, paleontologist Charles Whitney Gilmore moved into the house and resided there until his death in 1945. During the 37 years of his residence on Park Road, Gilmore published his most important monographs, many of which remain essential references for any serious student of dinosaurs today.

Gilmore, affectionately known as “Charlie” to his colleagues, was one of the last major figures of America’s “Golden Age” of dinosaur hunting. It is largely due to his efforts that the Smithsonian Institution’s Department of Paleobiology is now home to one of the premier collections of dinosaurs and other fossil reptiles in the United States.

Early in his career Gilmore commenced scientific studies of dinosaurs and many other groups of extinct reptiles, starting with the rich material from the Marsh Collection. He was a prolific writer publishing 170 scientific papers during his career. His monographs on the skeletal structure of the armored *Stegosaurus* (1914), the predatory dinosaurs *Allosaurus* and *Ceratosaurus* (1920), and the sauropod *Apatosaurus* (1936) remain essential references for any serious student of dinosaurs.

The complete nomination is available online at http://tinyurl.com/451ParkRd

Charles Gilmore of the Smithsonian Institution with fossils from a Diplodocus in 1924

**UNC MEETING ON JUNE 3RD**

The June Park View UNC meeting will have representatives from DDOT, the Great Streets program and the mayor’s office for updates on transportation and streetscape planning in our neighborhood. Wednesday, June 3 at 7 PM at the Park View Rec Center.
In comparing crime for the past month with the same period last year, total crime was up with the exception of burglaries. A year ago there were 47 reported crimes within 1,500 feet of the intersection of 6th Street and Newton Place, NW, compared to 56 this year. Of the 56 incidents, 47 were property crimes and 9 were violent in nature.

The reported crimes were:

- Robbery Excl. Gun ................ 6
- Assault w/ Dangerous Wpn Excl. Gun .... 3
- Burglary ......................... 1
- Theft............................... 19
- Theft from Auto .................... 26

Stolen Auto .......................... 1

Information from http://crimemap.dc.gov/

AREA REAL ESTATE SALES REPORTING PERIOD: MARCH 2015

- 626 Otis .................. $695,000
- 635 Park Rd ............. $450,000
- 751 Princeton ........... $400,000
- 3540 Rock Creek Church #104 ........ $326,000

(Data from Redfin.com)