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## JULY ANC 1A REPORT

The July 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), Darwain Frost (1A07), Kent Boese (1A08), Rashida Brown (1A10), Bobby Holmes (1A09) and Dotti Love Wade (1A11). Commissioner Margaret Hundley (1A12) was absent.

There were three presentations during the meeting. The first was by Councilmember Brianne Nadeau, who provided an update on the issues her office has been working on during 2015.

The second presentation was by DC Water, and focus on the DC Clear Rivers Project. The third presentation was an overview of the Sustainable DC program.

During official business, the Commission considered eleven items. The first was a Sense of the Commission supporting parking relief for the La Luz del Mundo church located at 14<sup>th</sup> and Newton streets, NW. The commission supported the relief unanimously.

Commissioner Brown introduced two letters of support to use the Bruce Monroe park for community events. One letter was for Omicron Gamma Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity and the other was for a cancer awareness event on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Both letters were approved unanimously.

Commissioner Holmes introduced a request for a two year zoning case extension for 3333 Georgia Avenue. Zuckerman Partners have discovered that prior to the strip mall on the property, a Sunoco gas station was located on the site and there are underground storage tanks that need to be removed. The request received unanimous support.

Commissioner Boese introduced a resolution requesting limits on the

number of construction dumpsters located on residential streets. The resolution urges that no more than 10% of the street be parked with dumpsters at any one time, and that the city review the dumpster permitting fees to bring them into alignment with surrounding jurisdictions. The resolution passed unanimously.

Commissioner Boese introduced another resolution urging public notice of no less than 45 days for sidewalk replacement projects involving more than 40 feet of continuous sidewalk. The goal of this resolution is to provide community members the opportunity to collaborate with DDOT and find opportunities for street trees and other improvements that otherwise do not occur. The resolution passed unanimously and has also received Councilmember Cheh's support.

Commissioners Boese and Flynn co-introduced a resolution requesting that the Department of Public Works give greater attention to keeping D.C.'s bike lanes clear of gravel, debris, and snow. The resolution passed unanimously.

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Commissioner Flynn introduced a resolution urging the inclusion of PSA302 in the Serve DC F.R.E.S.H. 2015 Grant Program. The resolution passed unanimously.

Commissioner Flynn also introduced a resolution urging the Department of Small and Local Business Development to award clean team grant money to a qualified agency in Ward 1 that will focus on Columbia Heights. The resolution was supported unanimously.

Commissioner Johnson introduced a grant application in the amount of \$900 for the Parkwood Place block party. After much discussion and a review of items that the Commission could fund, Commissioner Flynn requested a roll call vote. The commission approved the grant with Commissioners Johnson, Salmeron, Goldschmidt, Nguyen, Frost, Boese, Holmes, Brown, and Wade voting in favor and Commissioner Flynn abstaining.

As a result of the grants discussion, commissioner Wade introduced a motion to adopt an ANC 1A Grants Moratorium until the commission's grants procedures could be reviewed and updated. The motion passed unanimously.

Lastly, Commissioner Brown introduced a request to use \$900 of the Commission's

budget in support of the printing and analysis of a community survey designed to gather community feedback on the future, long-term use of the Bruce Monroe school parcel located at Georgia Avenue and Irving Street. Commissioner Flynn requested a roll call vote. The motion passed with commissioners Johnson, Salmeron, Goldschmidt, Nguyen, Brown, and Wade voting in support, Commissioner Flynn voting against, and commissioners Frost, Boese, and Holmes voting to abstain.

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

The next ANC 1A meeting scheduled for September 9 starting at 7 p.m., Harriet Tubman Elementary School.



### **PARK VIEW UNC MEETING NOTICE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **Park View UNC** will be holding its regular monthly meeting at on **Wednesday, September 2nd at 7 PM at the Park View Recreation Center**. The UNC will be discussing rat and pest management in the neighborhood and the future of the Bruce Monroe Temporary Park site.

The **Park View UNC** also invites all residents to their **3rd Annual Park View Block Party on Saturday, September 12th from 2-6**

**PM on Princeton Place between Warder and Georgia.** There will be a DJ, games and kids activities, food and friends! Volunteers and potluck contributions are welcome. If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to [parkviewuncdc@gmail.com](mailto:parkviewuncdc@gmail.com) or call **Chris Waldmann** at 202-421-5822.

The **Park View UNC** is also seeking volunteers to serve on the UNC board for 2016. Nominations will be made at the October meeting and elections will follow in November. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the UNC at [parkviewuncdc@gmail.com](mailto:parkviewuncdc@gmail.com) or call current president, **Chris Waldmann** at 202-421-5822.



### **DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR 3701 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE**

In July Rooney Properties LLC filed an application with the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) to redevelop 3701 New Hampshire Avenue — the former Sweet Mango building. The relief being sought is to be exempted from parking and lot coverage requirements in order to construct a five-story, traditional style building. Development will not happen for at least a year, and the vacant retail spaces have been rented to 3701 Jerk Station and Cookie Wear on one year leases.

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In addition to the variance requests, community members have expressed concerns about the future of the Chuck Brown mural on the building, and some have requested that the mural be incorporated into the future development. Rooney Properties is currently exploring options to recreate the mural.

The project will create a sixty-five foot, five story residential and retail building. There is a total of approximately 22,840 sq. ft. planned in the entire structure, with 4,564 gross floor area in the ground floor retail space.

When finished, the building will have 21 one- and two-bedroom units including 1,480 sq. ft. of affordable housing. The entrance to the residential units would be on New Hampshire Avenue.

The proposal conforms to zoning in every way with the exception of the parking requirements and lot coverage. According to zoning, a building of this size would contain a total of 13 parking spaces. However, the size of the lot along with its unusual shape make it impractical to create any real parking on the site. Being located directly across the street from the Georgia Avenue-Petworth Metro should also make the strict adherence to the requirement unnecessary.

Representatives of the development plan to attend

both the ANC 4C and ANC 1A meetings on September 9th, providing an opportunity for residents and the commissions to ask questions and weigh in.



**PARK VIEW FIELD HOUSE RENOVATIONS COMPLETE**

The renovations to the historic 1934 field house at the Park View Recreation Center were completed in early August. The renovations included a top to bottom renovation of the structure including a new roof, new windows, new plumbing and bathroom fixtures, and new electrical fixtures. The porch on the south side was opened up and its ceiling now includes lighting.



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION MEETING SCHEUDLED FOR SEPTEMBER 24TH**

Commissioners Kent Boese and Rashida Brown – in collaboration with the Park View UNC and Luray-Warder Block Association – have scheduled a community presentation on the topic of historic preservation and historic districts for the evening of September 24<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Bruce-Monroe @ Park View school and begin at 7 p.m.

Kim Williams of the D.C. Historic Preservation Office will lead a presentation on historic preservation and

historic districts. She will also be available to answer questions from the community.

This presentation was organized in response to the many questions neighbors have asked over the past few years related to development and neighborhood character. It is intended to support a community dialogue on these issues as well as give residents an opportunity to engage directly with a representative of the Historic Preservation Office.

Historic preservation is one way that some D.C. neighborhoods have chosen to maintain neighborhood character by encouraging controlled growth.

There are currently 55 historic districts and almost 27,000 structures designated and listed in the *District of Columbia Inventory of Historic Sites*. There are 584 D.C. historic sites and districts listed on the National Register of Historic Place.

Please bring your questions to the meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> to learn more.



**AREA REAL ESTATE SALES REPORTING PERIOD: MAY/JUNE 2015**

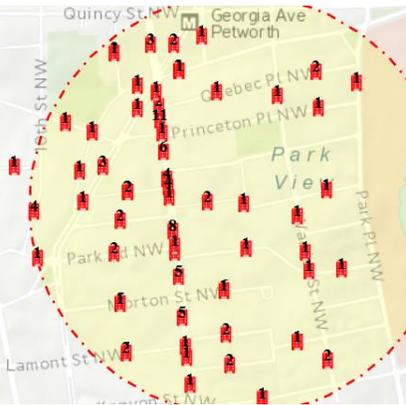
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517 Lamont .....	\$360,000
601 Lamont .....	\$574,900

422 Luray .....	\$560,000
445 Newton .....	\$651,500
751 Newton .....	\$625,000
739 Newton #203 ...	\$399,990
3220 Park Pl. ....	\$350,000
439 Park Rd. ....	\$630,000
451 Park Rd. ....	\$605,000
516 Park Rd. ....	\$679,500
549 Park Rd. ....	\$425,000
617 Park Rd. ....	\$600,000
718 Park Rd. #6 ....	\$375,000
724 Quebec .....	\$840,000
734 Rock Creek Church Road .....	\$903,000
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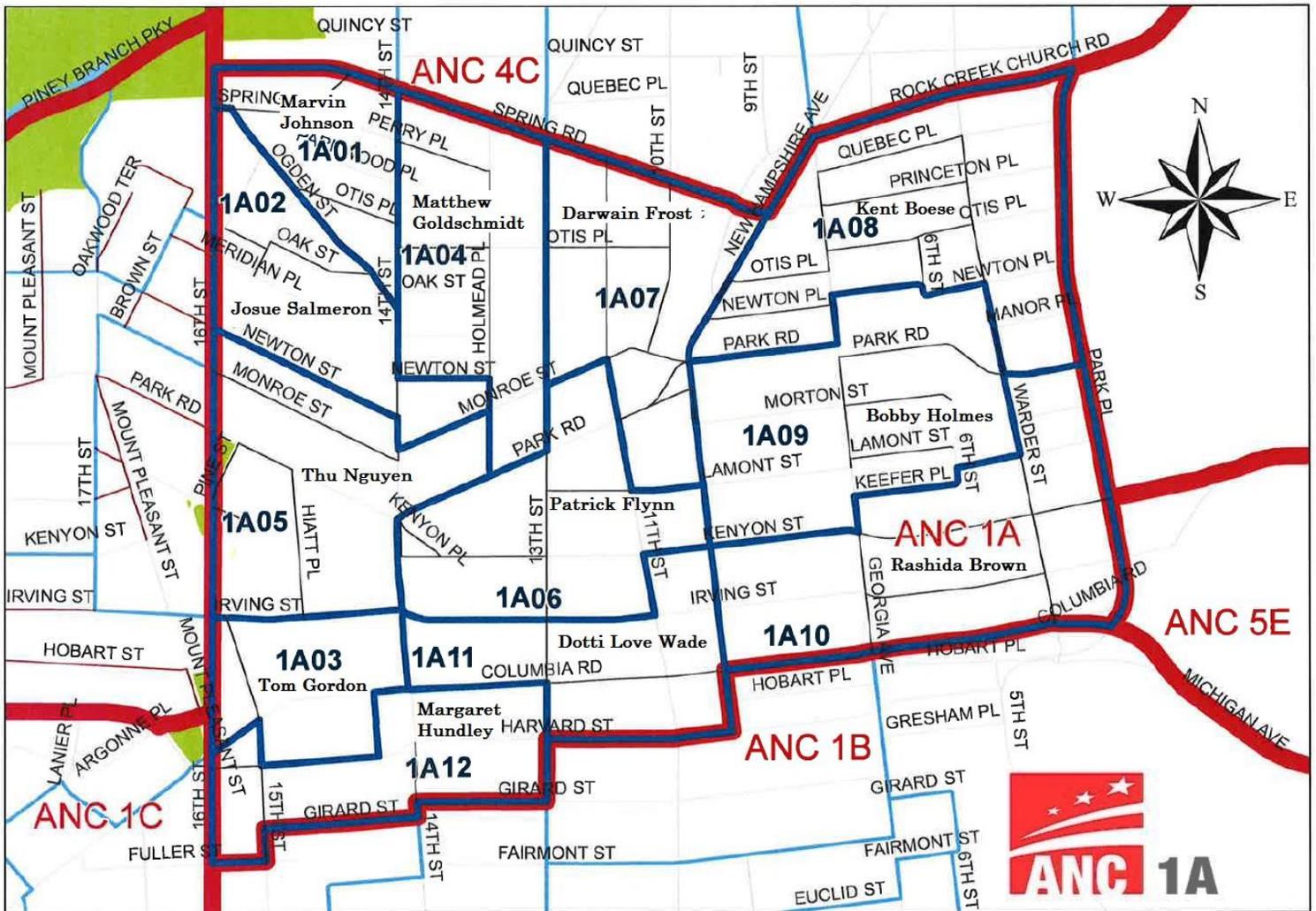
### CRIME REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 6/15/15- 8/15/15



In comparing crime for June-August with the same period last year, total crime was up in every category with the exception of assaults with a

gun. A year ago there were 85 reported crimes within 1,500 feet of the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Newton Place, NW, compared to 135 this year. Of the 135 incidents, 22 were property crimes and 113 were violent in nature. The reported crimes were:

Homicide .....	2
Sex Abuse .....	1
Robbery Excl. Gun .....	8
Robbery w/ Gun .....	5
Assault w/ Dangerous Wpn Excl. Gun .....	6
Burglary .....	8
Theft .....	39
Theft from Auto.....	61
Stolen Auto .....	5



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