



## The Edgewood Civic Association

[Serving Edgewood and Eckington Communities since 1953]

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**Convene: 7:00pm-9:08pm (2hrs 8mins)**

**Presiding: Michael "Mike" Clark, President**

**Welcome and Introduction by Second Vice President Timothy Clark**

**Prayer by second vice president Timothy Clark**

**Roll call of officers: All present except Ashli Palmer**

### **MPD PSA 501 Safety Report - Captain Brian Grogan and Lt. Ronald Wright**

MPD will maintain patrol of the same areas within the Eckington-Edgewood communities, adding the northwest and northeast sides of North Capitol streets. They will continue plans that are already in place, such as:

1. Regular patrol cars
2. Foot Patrol related to street crimes
3. Traffic enforcement related to auto theft in targeted areas
4. Vice operations

**Robberies:** Down 45% last year in the month of January from a frequency of 10-15 every fifteen days through December 2009. Significant arrests attribute to this decrease in the targeted areas of Flagler and Adams Street. MPD continues to step up new tactics with focus on 7<sup>th</sup> and Hamlin, 6<sup>th</sup> and Hamlin, Edgewood apartment complexes and at 4<sup>th</sup> and Rhode Island, drug related activity.

**MPD's Challenge:** The high rate of domestic violence calls at the Edgewood Apartment complex. MPD has held several domestic violence workshops. Capt. Grogan recently met with the Department of Justice regarding training for the entire 5<sup>th</sup> District designed to address domestic violence.

### **Q&A**

Mike Clark responded to question re. Whether or not, MPD has plans to address crime issues that may stem from the Saint Martin's project; saying that the project will be finished in August, and they will have their own on site security.

Lt. Wright referred to the need of new residents to be vigilant about their surroundings, particularly going and coming from the New York Avenue metro station. Captain Grogan shares one combat to address crime prevention is a downtown MPD meeting to discuss:

1. The amount of people
2. Amount of calls for service
3. The amount of violent crimes

Capt. Grogan also states the largest PSA's in the city are that 501 and 504.

In response to Mr. Braxton query related to foot patrol, Lt. Wright responded that the officers will still be on foot patrol duty.

- MPD Award Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, February 24th for Ward 5 District, at The Arc Theater – 7PM. Commander Greene will be honored “Commander of the Year”. 5D led th4e city 2 years in a roll for its reduction of crime.
- In 2008 there was a 11% reduction in crime
- In 2009 there was a 5% reduction in crime
- At year ending PSA 501 arrest were almost at 500 stated by MS. Debbie Smith
- ✚ Fred Allen asks if the two cars burnt on the corner of Summit and U Streets was associated with a crime.
- ✚ Capt. Grogan states that there was a person intoxicated with drugs that crashed into a parked car which caused them both to catch on fire.
- ✚ Q: Citizen asks who walks the beat on 4<sup>th</sup> and U Streets/ off of Lincoln Road?.
- ✚ A: Lt. Wright stated that he didn’t have specific names at the time but there are two different officers that walk that specific beat.

**Sex Offender Registry:** This information should not be used to threaten, intimidate, harm or harass a registered sex offender, their family or property . This will not be tolerated and is subject to prosecution.

**1. Nicky D. Tyson**

1600 block of North Capitol ST. NW  
 Black male, brown eyes, height: 5’9  
 No id markings  
 Convicted of rape in 1985

**2. Courtney Sweet**

300 block of T ST. NE  
 Height: 6’0  
 ID markings- Scare/birth mark on his right eye brow  
 Convicted of rape, kidnapping and un-natural sex acts in 1975

**3. Pete Wilson**

1900 block of Lincoln RD.  
 ID markings- scare on right side near waist area, scare on right hand near thumb area  
 Convicted of rape in 1992

Lt. Wright responds to President Clark that sex offender information is given at the PSA meeting.

PSA meetings to address monthly data on policing is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7pm, this month at the St Martin’s Church in lieu of the Harry Thomas Recreational center, its regular meeting site.

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**The Edgewood – Councilmember Harry Thomas Jr. Civic Award Resolution Honorees:** President Clark read the names of the recipients of this honor in “Resolution” for their outstanding service and longterm membership and service to the Eckington-Edgewood communities.

1. Fred Allen
2. Mary Farmer Allen
3. Clyde Baggett
4. Frank Braxton
5. Deborah Christian
6. Rashidi Christian

7. Denise Clyburn
8. Edwin Jones
9. Rev. Allie Parker
10. Lionel Taylor
11. Alice Thompson
12. Florence Turner
13. Michelle Turner
14. Lillian Washington
15. President Mike Clark Sr.

Councilmember Harry Thomas thanks the Civic Association and the residents for attending the Safeway rally.

- ✓ Mr. Braxton talks about the history of the ECA and its role in the community.
- ✓ President Clark announces Councilmember Harry Thomas Jr. and ANC commissioner Marshall Philips to discuss the closing of the Safeway and to speak about plans for a new grocer in the neighborhood.
- ✚ Councilmember Thomas talks about the “Rhode Island – Great Streets “design plans. He also stated that Forman Mills created 150 jobs and granted 70 jobs to Ward 5 residences. He also says that Safeway had options to better the store, but they did not take advantage of them. They failed to keep promises made to renovate the store. He stated that Giant is a long walk for many residences in the community and that Safeway had more economical products. Council member Thomas says that he has issues with Safeway opening and renovating stores in prominent neighborhoods but closing the location on Rhode Island Avenue. He states that Safeway has not done what they were supposed to do so we need a grocer that will serve the entire community. He is enlightened to see young people participating in the civic association.
- ✚ Commissioner Phillips talks about the history of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Rhode Island store. He says that Safeway served a long portion of moderate and low income residence and is convenient for people walking from the Rhode Island avenue station. He says that Safeway agreed to hire youth and renovate the store in exchange for their liquor license. The only renovations completed were painting on the outside.
- ✚ Mr. Braxton talked about the history of the Edgewood civic association and the hardship they went through so that the community could have the things that are present today. He also stated that there use to be parades every year along with clean up campaigns.
- ✚ Councilmember Thomas states that he has a meeting Wednesday with the commissioner to talk about the efficiency of the snow and trash removal. He also states that this weekend the Harry Thomas recreational center cheerleaders became national champions.
- ✚ Q: Citizen asks Harry Thomas to share some information about the Costco that will be coming to the community?
- ✚ A: He says that Costco will be moving from pentagon city and coming to Fort Lincoln and is in the process to be developed. He states that it should be opening in September.
- ✚ Q: Citizen ask did the city’s plans to eventually demolish and rebuild the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Rhode island corridor play a role in Safeway leaving and will other stores leave because of this?
- ✚ A: Commissioner Thomas says that the great street plan is suppose to encourage and support retail development not hurt it. (Residences need to attend planning meeting to voice their concerns)
- ❖ President Clark reads the proposed a Resolution for the Edgewood Recreational Center pertaining to having money in the budget for design and build.
- ❖ Councilmember Thomas responses to resolution saying that he suggest looking at creating a combined facility similar to Joe Cole sight in the Trinidad community. He supports the resolution and wants to look

at doing a project on a grander scale to integrate McKinley and Harry Thomas recreational center. He encourages the community to utilize recreational centers outside of their neighborhood.

- ✓ President Clark states that as an organization we need assistance on proposing that the Langley school which is being relocated by Hyde leadership public charter school and moving to Taff for the school year August 2010 that we would move the Emery educational STEM school from Emery into Langley school. The Emery school's facility is too small and very inadequate.
- ✓ Councilmember Thomas talks about public property disposition act that helps to access what's the best use for empty schools. He suggests a hearing on the Langley property to see if Emery could relocate.
- ✓ Corresponding secretary Donetta Clark states that Hyde has done extensive renovations to the building.

✚ Florence Turner thanks councilmember Harry Thomas Jr. for everything that he has done for the community and presents him with a cross

✚ **Presentation:** Richard Norwood

Mr. Norwood thanks everyone for being patient with the snow removal. He also states that ward 5 was the first ward to have all of their streets touched.

- ✓ Residences voice their thoughts on the snow removal on their blocks during snow storm.
- ✓ Citizen expresses his concern for the children who had to walk in the street while trying to get to school during snow storm because of the sidewalks not being cleared.

✚ President Clark recognizes Mr. Robert Brannon who is the president of the Bloomingdale civic association and president of the DC federation civic association, and president of the 5<sup>th</sup> district CAC. He also thanks him for his letter of support for the Safeway closing.

✚ **Presentation:** Alice Thompson

Ms. Thompson presents different care packages for seniors:

Packages

1. Owning your future long term care  
Requirement- Own a home
2. Medicare savings plan  
Price-\$3,000 a year  
Requirement-Single: cannot make over 27-28 hundred dollars a month  
Married: 36 hundred dollars a month  
This plan has the highest salary range  
AARP  
Have 5 locations for FREE legal assistance, help with health issues, and power of attorney  
Closest one to the Edgewood area is Israel Baptist Church-call and makes an appointment
3. ADRC- (Age and Disability Resource Center) seniors needing food stamps visit ADRC on Thursday and Friday. This is a one stop service center for seniors.
  - ✓ Any senior that is disabled ADRC will help you find a job
4. Home based and community based loan- income has to be less than \$4,000. Medicaid will supply a care giver for 4-6 six hours a day so that you will not have to go into a nursing home.
5. Episcopal senior ministries- Lead senior agency for ward 5.
  - ✓ Has transportation on Tuesday and Thursday but you have to be picked up in one location for all seniors in that community.
6. Long term care guide- telephone numbers, legal counsel for the elderly, adult protection agency, transportation ,lead agencies, meals needed

✚ President Clark thanks Mr. Pender and McKinley Tech. ANC commissioner Mr. Tim day for his presence at the meeting. He also thanks Ms. Denise Wright. President Clark also states that the ECA is in the process of putting together a ward 5 leadership meeting for all the ward 5 civic associations. The ECA will be the first host of this meeting and we will rotate between civic associations to talk about everyone issues and

concerns. He also states that the North Capitol Main Street is having a winter blues party and silent auction on Saturday Feb 27 from 7-10pm at the courtyard Marriott.

✚ **Update:** DASH- 3<sup>rd</sup> and T Street is a home for low income abused and battered women. ECA has been trying to put together a stirring group with dash but dash has not been cooperating thus far. Saint Martin's project is due to open this august. The ECA has a stirring group and we will be presenting job offers there and when the leasing will open up. They also helped Todd place with the snow removal.

✚ **Motion:** The motion was made, seconded and passed to pay the dues for the dc federation of civic association this month.

✚ Second vice president Clark goes through the membership packages and welcomes new members to join the ECA.

✚ Financial Secretary Deborah Christian gives Treasury Report: \$ 364.78 as of Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> 2010.

❖ Closing prayer by Rev. Allie parker

❖ **Meeting Adjourned**