



The Edgewood Civic Association  
[Serving Edgewood and Eckington Communities since 1953]  
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The Edgewood Civic Association  
General Meeting Minutes for Monday, January 25, 2010

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1. **Welcome and Introduction by President Michael Clark Sr.**
2. **Prayer by Second Vice President Timothy Clark**
3. **Roll Call of Officers: All present except Michelle Turner**
4. **Minutes: Read by Correspondent Secretary, Donetta Clark**  
[A motion was made, seconded and minutes were approved]

5. **Class of 2010-2011- Read by Rashidi Christian**

President - Michael Clark Sr.  
First Vice President - Fred Allen  
Second Vice President - Timothy Clark  
Treasurer - Ashli Palmer  
Financial Secretary - Deborah Christian  
Recording Secretary - Jacqueline Thompson  
Assistant Recording Secretary - Rashidi Christian  
Correspondent Secretary - Donetta Clark  
Assistant Correspondent Secretary - Jiioni Palmer

**President Michael Clark appoints:**

Chaplin - Rev. Allie Parker  
Sergeant –at- Arms - Jiioni Palmer

6. **Invited Guests:**

➤ **Presentation:** Ms. Vivian Grayton

**From:** The Episcopal Senior Ministries/ Ward 5 lead agency for senior services

**Location:** 2900 Newton ST. NE, Washington, DC - **Phone:** 202-529-8701

**Services:** 1. Noon Day Home-bound meals are provided Monday-Friday 10am-2pm  
2. Nutrition counseling  
3. Case management  
4. Recreation  
5. Transportation

There *is* a nutrition site at 635 Edgewood Terrace NE, along with eleven others throughout the city. Ms. Rena Cook is the Site Manager at Edgewood Terrace NE.

**Announcements:**

- Ms. Grayton announced the Seniors Valentine's Day Party on February 12<sup>th</sup> – 10am-2pm, Location: Teamsters Union Hall
- President Michael Clark announced the Mayor's Conservation Corps Summer Youth Program - Youth will work with the seniors to beautify their home fronts and light apartment cleaning for the months of June and July.

**Duties Include:** Cleaning windows, light housekeeping, cutting grass and gardening

**Deadline:** February 19, 2010

#### **Home Bound Meal Program Requirements**

- **MUST** live in ward 5
- 60years or older
- Has to be home bound
- Also offers temporary services for special circumstances such as surgery
- Call the office to sign up, speak with a social worker and someone will come to your home to perform an evaluation and a decision will be made.

#### **Food Pantry** –Food to be picked up

- MUST be 60 years or older
- Live in Ward 5
- Call the office ,speak with a social worker or Ms. Grayton for a decision to be made

Donetta Clark announced that a mini senior survey would be conducted by request of Grace Lewis of Councilmember Harry Thomas’ office (to evaluate needs of Ward 5 seniors) – surveys were passed out, completed forms are to be given to Ms. Barksdale, ECA Senior Chair

#### ➤ **Presentation:**

**Who:** Ms. Marla Sams, MSW, Executive Director

**From:** New Vision Photography

**Location:** 680 Rhode Island Avenue, #H4, Washington, DC 20002 – 202-269-6723

**Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:30am- 4:30pm

**Website:** [www.newvisionphotoprogram.com](http://www.newvisionphotoprogram.com)

- New Vision Photography is a supported employment program funded by the Department of Disability Services – Department of Human Services
- DC Medicaid waiver provider

#### ○ **Services:**

Adult DC residents who are intellectually disabled

Provide job support/training

Provide job training using photography and videography

Offers photography services at a sliding fee scale to make it more affordable to all residents

**[Volunteers are needed - Anyone is able to volunteer]**



**Two people in the New Vision Photography program is employed by Forman Mills, who also employed 105 Ward 5 out of 107 hires.**



#### **7. Community Concerns and announcements:**

- Resident stated an issue related to traffic pattern at Rhode Island and 4<sup>th</sup> street - The bike lanes, along roadside make travelling confusing and unsafe
  - Timothy Clark responded that bike lanes are just precautionary measures to protect cyclers, They are not taking away the driving lane.
  - Resident stated an issue related to Safeway closing for a day due to vermin issue.
  - Timothy Clark responds saying that Safeway was shut down for a day and reopened after the issue was resolved.
- ❖ President Clark spoke about Safeway needing to be cleaned up and upgraded

- ❖ Mr. Jionni Palmer suggested that citizens report their complaints/concerns to Management – sharing that he voiced a concern related to the lack of a specific produce, and receive results immediately that continue to date.
- ❖ Mr. Fred Allen recommends that President Clark write a letter to Management stating the citizen/patron concerns and request the upgrade to the store; also that we should solicit the support of other civic associations, respective ANC Commissioners and concerned citizens community-wide.
- ❖ Councilmember Thomas submitted that he would speak with Mr. Craig Muckle, Corporate Vice President of Safeway regarding the citizens’ concerns related to the Safeway on Rhode Island Avenue. He also states that Rhode Island Avenue Safeway is one of the top cash producing Safeway's in the region, a very profitable business in ward 5; and that the community has allowed them to remain competitive by granting them a beer and wine license to continue to compete with the neighboring Giant supermarket.

**ACTION:** President Clark suggests that we request a meeting with the District Manager and also conduct a walkthrough of the Safeway.

**Motion:** A motion was made, seconded and accepted to the action as proposed - A letter requesting a meeting with the district manager of Safeway that would include a store walkthrough.

- ❖ Rev. Allie Parker says prayer

- **Special Announcement** - Frank Braxton Celebrates 95<sup>th</sup> birthday
- **Resolution of ECA Honorees to be presented by Councilmember Harry Thomas, Jr – Read by Donetta Clark**

Honors: Outstanding Community Service” to the Edgewood-Eckington communities through the Edgewood Civic Association:

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| 1. Mr. Fred Allen      | 8. Denise Clyburn     |
| 2. Mary Farmer-Allen   | 9. Edwin Jones        |
| 3. Clyde Baggett       | 10. Rev. Allie Parker |
| 4. Frank Braxton       | 11. Lionel Taylor     |
| 5. Deborah Christian   | 12. Alice Thompson    |
| 6. Rashidi Christian   | 13. Florence Turner   |
| 7. Michael Clark Sr.   | 14. Michelle Turner   |
| 15. Lillian Washington |                       |

- **Executive Board motion:** Change of meeting date in the month of June from the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. This will be an outdoor meeting, if weather permits.

**Action:** ECA will invite the Interim Director of Parks and Recreation to attend.

- **Proposal to Change Membership Fees**

**Basic membership** - \$8 for 1 year (Jan-Dec)


Basic membership - \$14 for 2years.

Basic member plus - \$30 for 1 year(Jan-Dec)

Basic member plus - \$85 for 3years

 Basic member plus packages includes a yard sign with logo

**Basic Business membership** - \$75 for 1 year (January - December)

 Basic business membership package includes an advertisement on the website for six months for your business and an advertisement in the newsletter for six months.

**Business membership plus** - \$ 125 for 1year (January - December)

- ✚ Business membership plus package includes a 12 month advertisement on the website, newsletter and an Edgewood business member window sticker
- ✚ For legacy members the fees will stay the same \$5 (members for 10 plus years)

**Motion** was made, seconded and passed for the changing of the membership dues

**8. Presentation: Councilmember Thomas**

Councilmember introduced Rasheba , Ward 5 - Outreach Service Specialist, Executive Office of the Mayor, with partner Richard Norwood, acknowledging Ms. Rasheba’s Haitian descent and her involvement in supporting her fellow countrymen amidst their suffrage from the tragic earthquake

- Ms. Rasheba expressed her appreciation for the overall support given by the citizens and the Edgewood community to help her fellow Haitians and family, dittoed by the Councilmember
- She spoke about operation “Quick Fix”, an initiative which picks 4 to 5 blocks in ward 5 to clean up; she refers citizens to contact ANC or ECA about community concern, and who will forward concerns to the attention of her and Richard Norwood.

**Updates:**

Councilmember Thomas stated that the city council continues to hold contract hearings related \$2.5 million, paid to contractors during the holidays without oversight.

He briefly spoke about dollars put away to renovate the Harry Thomas and the Edgewood Recreational centers, hopeful to rebuild the Edgewood Recreation Center.

**9. Old Business Concerns:**

- Michael Henderson asked to hear the treasury report for the ECA. Deborah Christian gave a summary of Edgewood's bank account, stating its balance is \$300.78 as of January 15, 2010. This statement is based upon funds generated by membership dues and/or modest donations from members, that there is no other activity that has been credited this account.
- President Clark further states that the ECA bank account has to maintain a standard balance or it will be charged a service fee.

Additionally, he also provides a summary related to Michael Henderson’s inquiry to do with all amenities packages that are projected for the Edgewood Civic Association [ECA], President reported ...

- 1) ECA Amenity - There is a \$35,000 scholarship projected for a Ward 5 resident
- 2) A \$25,000 amenity is projected to conduct a retail study related to 12th street in Brookland, and 4th Street in Edgewood, and;
- 3) St. Paul’s Project - \$15,000 amenity is projected to be benchmarked for ECA for the purchase of a laptop computer and printer, and it is reported that an addition amenity funding to execute non-profit status. However, President Clark strongly, stressed that at no time has he or any other Edgewood Civic Association Board member negotiated the stated amenities, more importantly, it is an error that we were in need of non-profit certification, we are and have been an established non-profit, we simply needed to update bi-annual paperwork which was completed, as is a requirement for all non-profits.

**10. Meeting adjourned**

- 11. Next meeting** will be held Monday February 22<sup>nd, 7:00PM-9:00PM</sup> at McKinley Technology High School , 151 T. Street, NE, Room 150, Washington, DC

**[Minutes prepared by Jacqueline “Jacki” Thompson, Recording Secretary – Pending acceptance by quorum]**