Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie Community Meeting Update

May 2017

Community Meetings

Every month Councilmember McDuffie and his staff attend these community meetings across Ward 5:

Meeting	Date
Bates Area Civic Association	May I
Eckington Civic Association	May 1
Lamond-Riggs Civic Association	May 1
Stronghold Civic Association	May 1
Arboretum Civic Association	May 2
Brentwood Civic Association	May 2
Michigan Park Citizens Association	May 2
Woodridge Civic Association	May 2
North Michigan Park Civic Association	May 3
Queens Chapel Civic Association	May 8
ANC 5D Monthly Meeting	May 9
North Woodridge Civic Association	May 10
Woodridge South Civic Association	May 11
Bloomingdale Civic Association	May 15
Gateway Civic Association	May 15
ANC 5E Monthly Meeting	May 16
Brookland Civic Association	May 16
ANC 5C Monthly Meeting	May 17
Greater Brookland Business Association	May 17
Hanover Civic Association	May 17
Ward 5 Council on Education	May 17
Fort Lincoln Civic Association	May 18
Ward 5 Democrats	May 22
Edgewood Civic Association	May 22
ANC 5A Monthly Meeting	May 24
ANC 5B Monthly Meeting	May 24
5th District Citizens Advisory Council	May 25

Legislation Recently Introduced by Councilmember McDuffie

Family Unit Amendment Act

This legislation would amend the Housing Production Trust Fund Act to require a percentage of funds disbursed from the Housing Production Trust Fund to be used to assist in creating rental units with a minimum of 3 bedrooms. The bill requires that 10% of the units created by each Notice of Funding Availability must be large family units. The bill also requires the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development to produce a biennial report on the number of large family units in each ward; the number of very low income and extremely low income households, in each ward that occupy a large family unit; any government assisted projects that resulted in the creation of large family units; and, an assessment of the need in the District for large family units.

M.O.W.S. Act (Managing Outdoor Work for Seniors Act)

The "MOWS Act" would create a program that provides landscaping services to our seasoned residents, including: lawn fertilization, aeration, seeding, and mowing; yard cleanup, including weed control and leaf removal; gutter cleaning; and snow removal.

Seniors can sometimes find one-time volunteer help, but not recurring assistance. Many seniors keep the interior of their home in immaculate condition, but cannot keep up with the demands of outdoor work. The legislation would establish a fund within the Office of Aging which would then be tasked with designing the program and finding a contractor to complete the work.

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D.C. Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration to host Training for **Community Members**

The Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) will hold a special training for members of the community from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 18. The community training is intended to proactively provide residents and community groups with information about ABRA's role, a general overview of alcohol licensing in the District, as well as information on settlement agreement, protest and hearing processes. Members of the community that are interested in attending can contact ABRA Community Resource Officer Sarah Fashbaugh by Friday, May 12 by emailing (sarah.fashbaugh@dc.gov) or calling (202) 397-3971.

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Location: ABRA Offices, Reeves Center,

2000 14th Street NW, Suite 400 South, 4th Floor

Training is free of charge. Requests for interpreters may be made; however, they must be submitted by the

Short-Term Rental Regulation and Affordable Housing Act **Moves Forward After Hearing**

At the end of April, the D.C. Council held a hearing on Councilmember McDuffie's proposed legislation to regulate online short-term rental platforms like AirBnB, VRBO, and HomeAway.

At the hearing, the Council heard from over 60 witnesses including those concerned about affordable housing, residents who currently engage in 'homesharing,' and residents concerned about preserving the character and integrity of D.C.'s residential neighborhoods.

The legislation would set up a regulatory framework that would allow residents who want to 'homeshare' to do so easily and with the confidence that they have obtained the proper permit. The permit would be available to D.C. residents who are 'homesharing' their primary residence, including English basements. The bill seeks to crack down on bad actors and commercial operators who take housing units out of the residential housing market so they can be sold to transient lodgers via online short-term rental sites.

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