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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Lamond-Riggs Family,

Since we did not have a January meeting, Happy New Year!! We wish you all a healthy, happy, and prosperous new year. Let's start off 2023 the right way by being grateful, thankful, and a good neighbor. Thank you very much, to all that attended our December virtual meeting, and we hope you will join us on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 7:00PM, using the link below or by calling into the meeting.

Most Respectfully, Barbara Rogers, LRCA President

JOIN THE LRCA MEETING on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 7:00 PM EST

Join us online by clicking the link OR scanning the QR code below:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81370798567?pwd=SlhqTlJrWVMyMVlOSEh0UUExbmMyQT09

Meeting ID: 813 7079 8567 Passcode: 881450



Dial into the meeting by phone:

Call: (301)715-8592

(use the meeting ID and passcode noted above)

February 2023 Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Invocation
- Officers Report, Minutes, Treasurer Report
- Updates from Elected Officials & PSA
- **LRCA Budget Review**
- John Stokes, DC Department of General Services (DGS)
- LRCA Development Taskforce presentation RE: greenspace development on land adjacent to Food & Friends
- Community Concerns/Closing



ALL MEMBERSHIPS PROVIDE:

- members will gain the eligibility to vote in organization
- members will have the ability to make a difference in the community by being presented with opportunities to serve on one or more of the following LRCA committees: Youth Development/Recreation, Education, Environmental, City Services/Public Safety, Membership,

Senior, Newsletter, Communication, Scholarship, and the LRCA Development Task Force;

- members may qualify for special educational scholarships and other such awards;

https://lrcadc.org/membership-join

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NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Help the LRCA celebrate its 75th Anniversary!

Help the Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association (LRCA) celebrate its 75th year of community service! Your tax-deductible donation will provide funding to support the celebration and make this event possible for the Lamond-Riggs community. For additional information about donating, go to

https://bit.ly/75thAnniversarySponsorship

Are you interested in a career in technology?

Enroll in the BuildWithin Tech Accelerator, program aimed to help you gain new skills and place you into a rewarding technology job. This program is supported by Mayor Bowser's DC Workforce Investment Council and is FREE to DC residents. Job placement is included. Get started on your tech career adventure today! Sign-up to be included in this program and a BuildWithin representative will contact you with more information and to help you identify a career pathway that best fits your transferable and applicable skills: https://bit.ly/BuildWithin

Filing your taxes? Take advantage of the DC Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

If you earned a household income that did not exceed \$59,187 during the 2022 tax year, you may qualify for DC's Earned Income Tax Credit. The District Earned Income Tax Credit (DC EITC) is a refundable credit for low and moderate-income workers. For individuals with qualifying children, the DC EITC is based on a percentage of the amount of the federal earned income tax credit (federal EIC) reported on an individual's federal income tax return. For past years, the amount of the DC EITC was 40% of the amount of the federal EIC. For tax year 2022, that percentage has been increased to 70% of the federal EIC. For more information about this credit and how to file for it, go to:

https://otr.cfo.dc.gov/page/earned-income-tax-credit-dc

Ward 4 Mutual Aid

Ward 4 Mutual Aid located at the Brightwood Park United Methodist Church (744 Jefferson Street NW) will continue to provide gift cards, diapers, food, and other necessities to the first 100 families on **February 15 at 5PM AND February 18 at noon**. If you physically cannot make it to the church, please call or text the Ward 4 Mutual Aid Hotline at 202-681-3098 to sign up for delivery. See https://ward4mutualaid.org for more information.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

From Council member Lewis-George's Office (Ward 4)

Northern Bus Barn—The Washington Metro Transit Authority (WMATA) recently announced that the Northern Bus Barn would have an all zero-emission, electric bus fleet when it opens in 2027! Learn more about the history of the bus barn and the community efforts made to advocate its transition to zero-emission bus fleet here: https://bit.ly/northernbusbarn

Community Listening Sessions/Performance Oversight Hearings 2023—Let your voice be heard during the upcoming performance oversight hearings and listening session beginning in February. Find hearing details and session schedules by going to the following link: https://bit.ly/letyourvoicebeheard_ward4

Become a part of Council member Lewis-George's Office Team Learn more here: https://bit.ly/ServeWard4CLG
Sign-up for Councilmember Lewis-George's electronic community newsletter and receive the latest updates here: https://bit.ly/Ward4newsletter.

From Council member Zachary Parker's Office (Ward 5)

DC Council Performance Oversight Hearings 2023–Performance Oversight Hearings are in progress, ending on February 2, 2023. Go to https://ward5.us/oversight for a complete list of hearings and related information.

City Services Updates—the flooding manhole at 6th Street NE and Gallatin Street NE in North Michigan Park was repaired by DC Water; DDOT will begin work on the damaged retaining wall, sidewalk, and curb between 22nd Street NE and 24th Street NE on Franklin Street NE on approximately 1/31. Completion date expected in 14 days after project start, weather permitting.

Ward 5 Budget Survey—Ward 5 residents, take the budget survey to help Councilmember Parker understand and address the community's priorities—https://bit.ly/Ward5BudgetSurvey2023. Plan to also join a Ward 5 Community Budget Forum on Monday, February 6, at 7PM at the Woodridge Neighborhood Library. Register to attend this forum here:

https://bit.ly/Ward5BudgetForum

Sign-up for Councilmember Parker's electronic community newsletter and receive the latest updates here:

https://bit.ly/Ward5newsletter.

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DECEMBER 2022 MEETING MINUTES—December 5, 2022

President Barbara Rogers opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. She made announcements regarding Thanksgiving events in November: LRCA partnered with Councilmember Janeese Lewis-George for a turkey give-away (260 turkeys distributed). Riggs-LaSalle and Lamond recreation centers had Thanksgiving dinners for the seniors; President Rogers attended both. She mentioned there was 1-digit left off to access the Zoom link in the president's message in the Dec. newsletter; however, it was listed twice so people were able to log on. After the welcome, Angelyn reviewed the LRCA housekeeping rules. Following that, President Rogers mentioned that unanswered meeting questions can be directed to the LRCA by phone—(202) 838-6058—or via email (ask@lrcadc.org). Rev. Paul gave the invocation followed by officers' reports.

- Minutes from November 2022 meeting: Ms. Rogers asked if there were any comments or edits to the November minutes. The motion was moved, and duly seconded. All were unmuted, the body passed the motion, and the minutes were accepted into the record.
- Treasury Report: Audrey Walker, LRCA Treasurer, read the treasurer's report: beginning balance is \$7,099.92. There were two expenses; the newsletter (\$330) and Father's Day reimbursements (\$20.65) totaling \$350.65; two deposits (\$914.26-membership dues and \$385-donations) totaling \$1,299.26. Ending balance is \$8,048.53. Audrey noted the receipt and deposit of the \$3,000 ANC grant. There was a question answered about the grant. With no other questions/objections to the report, the motion was moved, passed, and accepted.

Elected Officials and PSA

- Jim Lewis, Councilmember Lewis-George's office, was unable to attend; no meeting notes were received to present in lieu of his absence.
- ANC (4B08) Alison Brooks—working on a resolution regarding safety along Eastern Avenue near New Hampshire Avenue to be presented at the ANC January meeting. She, along with LRCA, is working to schedule a meeting with Walmart in Feb. Commissioner Brooks/President Rogers are working to schedule a meeting with DDOT on specific community concerns. No ANC meeting in December; will resume in Jan.
- ANC (4B09) LaRoya Huff was not feeling well and will not be at the meeting tonight.

Introductions from Commissioners Elect

- ANC 5A01, Duvalier Malone—he was thankful for the invite and looking forward to the upcoming year.
- ANC 5A02, Karlus Cozart—he was thankful and looks forward to working with LRCA.
- ANC 5A09, Zachary Ammerman—this is a new district. He is an artist/designer and makes maps, featured in Washingtonian. His focus is on traffic safety, pressure on WMATA, and the parks service to do something about the park.
- ANC 4B07, Michael Cohen—his single member district covers parts of Manor Park, South Takoma and Lamond.
 Speakers
- Victoria Caudullo, Transportation Manager for DDOT. She gave a presentation and discussed the new proposed two-way cycle track coming out of the metro. The track will be from 1st Place onto Riggs Road to South Dakota Avenue. The city has a goal to increase the number of people that walk, ride bikes, and to reduce the number of cars. DDOT is moving toward providing low stress bike lanes to users. This will eventually connect to the future bike lanes down South Dakota Avenue. There were many concerns and questions over this proposal and DDOT will have future meetings with the community to provide updates. See the LRCA website for the pdf presentation.
- Travoris Culpepper, Manager with Pepco, gave a presentation and provided an update on the Capital Grid project and other initiatives. The project on Riggs Road is complete. The restoration is expected to be complete by December 9th. He also reported that all conduit has been certified by contractors, signage will be removed, and 10-mile transmission line is on pace to be installed by 2023/early 2024. He reported they have been in touch with the community and donated some turkeys for the give-a-way. Please apply for an assistance program with Pepco or DOEE. He mentioned the DC Infrastructure Academy, which is a 14-week paid program—program completion guarantees a job with Pepco or one of their contractors. Exelon launched a 36 million racial equity capital fund to provide funding for minority businesses.
- David Gaston, Branch Manager at Lamond Riggs Lillian Huff Library. The library has been open for 5 months. While some challenges, they have collected 200 emails from Lamond-Riggs families. Library programs were discussed, including an upcoming virtual reality program.
- Edwin Washington, Executive Director of the Parks Mainstreet. Thanks to the community for its involvement on Black Friday. Holiday lights contest is underway, voting has started. \$1,100 was raised during Giving Tuesday. \$40,000 in grants and technical assistance will be provided for businesses in Riggs Park and Manor Park. He mentioned events at Hellbender and Culture Coffee Too.

LRCA Committees

- Mr. Robert Oliver from LRCA Development Task Force, thanked the community for completing the survey on the land across from Chick-fil-A. They will be working with DDOT to discuss the land and the results of the survey. There is a meeting next week with EYA to discuss the results of the survey and to reimage what could go in the open space.
- Tischa Cockrell, Chair of Bylaws Committee, is planning a meeting on December 11, the time is TBD.
- Angelyn Boose, Chair of the Communication Committee, thanked those who contacted her for the membership and communication committee. She is updating the online membership portal for upcoming release. 75th anniversary information was added to the website.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm. /s/ Barbara Rogers, LRCA President

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Celebrate Black History Month with the DC Public Library!

• The DC Public Library is lifting up those who have left their mark, using their words and actions to resist the oppression of the Black community. Throughout the month the library is hosting a series of events that will explore resistance movements locally, across the nation, internationally and most importantly, our individual relationship to resistance. You can find a list of scheduled events here: https://www.dclibrary.org/blackhistory

Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program Application Opened on January 30, 2023. The application closes on February 28, 2023. Apply at https://summerjobs.dc.gov.



At the Riggs-LaSalle Rec Center:
Young Ladies on the Rise
Thursdays, 5-6PM for young girls ages
6-12. Engage young girls in leisure,
social, educational, & community
service activities to help develop them
into positive and productive young
adults. Enhance the girls' self-identity,
self-esteem, character development, &
reasoning/coping skills through positive
influences and program activities.
https://bit.ly/YoungLadiesOntheRise
At the Lamond Rec Center:
Tiny Tots Need Recreation, Too!

Tues/Thurs, 12:30-1:30PM, ages 1.5-5. A fun-filled parent & child high energy activity program that includes songs, parachutes, games, balls, music, running, learning, and more. Focus on development of gross motor skills, coordination, socialization, cooperation & reinforcement of cognitive development. \$25 for residents.

https://bit.ly/TinyTotRec

Membership Form - October 2022 through September 2023						
Send completed form w/payment to: LAMOND-RIGGS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION / P.O. BOX 60272 / WASHINGTON, DC 20039 *Your membership donation may be tax-deductible. LRCA is a 501(c)3 public charity. Please consult with your tax professional.						
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