

The Buzz

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NLPNA NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

Although the NLPNA has many ongoing projects and active members, attendance at the monthly meetings has been really sparse lately. In fact, the elections scheduled for the March meeting did not take place because there were too few members present. (The good news is that there were several newcomers to the neighborhood in attendance, one of whom has agreed to run for Secretary.) When attendance is low, decisions affecting the entire NLPNA area have to be made by just a few individuals. For example, representatives of a non-profit theatre group presented their proposal for the Atlas Theatre project at this past meeting (see article). They requested a letter in support of their plan, which the attendees voted to provide. It sounds like such an excellent idea that no one present could find a reason to object. But it would have been nice to have more points of view represented. Officers will be elected at the April meeting. A new budget will be discussed and approved at the May meeting. These decisions can't be postponed. The question is, will we have input from many neighbors, or just a few? Would attendance improve if the date, time, location or frequency of the meetings were changed? Quarterly meetings have been proposed, but there is a concern that, with less frequent meetings, neighbors wanting to propose a project or request help with a

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ATLAS THEATRE PROJECT

Representative of the Atlas Theatre Project attended the March NLPNA meeting to share their proposal for a performing arts center at the Atlas Theatre on H Street NE. The Atlas Theatre Project plans to renovate and operate the currently vacant Atlas Theatre and adjoining commercial spaces as a theater and educational center for the performing arts. Members of the Atlas Theatre Project include four area theater companies and a community school for the arts. They are Charter Theatre, Paradigm Players, Quest Arts for Everyone, The Theater Alliance and the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop. Facilities will include:

- 3 theaters with seating for 250, 125 and 75
- A dance studio for training and recitals
- Classroom spaces for community arts training
- Complete costume and scene shops

Parking space is being arranged with local merchants.

The arts instruction part of the plan will be a year-round, morning to night operation offered by the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop. As there is little arts instruction available in the immediate area of the Atlas and the Arts Workshop is often running beyond capacity, additional classroom space would be most welcome.

It is the intent of the group to serve the entire community, including historically under-served populations. Their primary focus

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- NLPNA meeting, April 4, 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial Church, 14th & C Street, N.E. Election of officers.
- D.C. summer jobs for kids – registration is in April. Call 724-7503 for information.
- Fish Fry fundraiser for Urban Campout, May 19.
- NLPNA yard sale, May 20. To volunteer, call 543-3512.
- Capitol Hill Classic, May 21.
- Urban Campout, June 10-11.
- *The Buzz* needs contributions to pay for future issues. Please send your tax-deductible contribution to NLPNA Treasurer, 160 Tennessee Avenue, N.E.

Top Six Reasons We Need the Census

1. Distribution of over \$100 billion in federal funds
2. Planning for public transportation, schools and health services
3. Establishing fair market rents and fair lending practices
4. Assistance programs for low-income families
5. Creating maps for emergency services
6. Attracting new businesses

will be students of all ages from the immediate community, with special programs targeted for youth at risk.

To learn more, visit their website, www.voiceofthehill.com/atlas.

ELECTIONS POSTPONED

Election of NLPNA officers will take place at the April meeting (postponed from March). The nominees are Elizabeth Nelson, Chair; Ruth Oyen, Treasurer; Nate Reilly, Secretary; Annie Goode, Finance Committee Chair.

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problem (or representatives of outside interests hoping to enlist NLPNA support) might have to wait three months for a meeting.

Would a “speaker series” be helpful? If so, who might be willing to organize it?

Is there a way to get input regarding new projects, existing projects, problems, etc. from our membership without attendance at meetings? The NLPNA has several committees (*The Buzz*, the Urban Campout, Halloween Festival, Yard Sale, etc.) that function well and somewhat independently. But when

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The finance committee will meet in April to draft a budget to be presented for discussion and approval at the May NLPNA meeting. Please call 548-0107 for more information, to participate, or to suggest budget items.

they need a decision, especially regarding funding, they want input from the larger community. Then, too, when new projects are proposed, what would be the forum for making such a proposal? Do you see *The Buzz* playing a larger role here?

This topic will be discussed at the next NLPNA meeting. If you can’t attend, please share your thoughts with someone who will attend. Or drop a line to *The Buzz* c/o Elizabeth Nelson, 1330 N. Carolina Ave NE. Or call 543-3512.

KIDS FOR JOBS

Buzz readers have asked that we publish a list of young people who would like to do “odd jobs” in the neighborhood. In past issues of *The Buzz*, we asked neighbors, ages 10-17, if they wanted to be on the list. We received these replies:

- Philip Barbash, age 10, 543-3009, shovel snow, rake leaves, wash cars, cut grass.
- Timothy King, age 17, 399-8084, wash cars, rake leaves, other outdoor work.
- Gregory Brown, age 15, 547-7332, any odd job, esp. wash cars, yard work, cut grass.
- Rico Tenaman, age 17, 399-7543, any and all odd jobs.

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