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Meeting Held on Lovejoy School Disposition

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It was a verriy cold and snowy night, but more than 50 neighbors still attended the January 20 community meeting on the Lovejoy School. The meeting was sponsored by D.C. Council member Sharon Ambrose and designed as a forum for Lovejoy neighbors to learn the mechanics of the school disposition process and the plans for redevelopment by bidders, and to share their desires and concerns. Gerald Cooke from the DC Public Schools outlined the disposition process. In an encouraging note, he stated that he and Ms. Ackerman have come to value community input in the school building disposition process, and hope to make it an integral part of the process. Acknowledging that Lovejoy was an example of the process gone awry, Mr. Cooke said he was diligently working to correct it.

Four bids have been submitted on Lovejoy, which is valued at \$1,075,000. Robert Silverman of Winter Properties, an Atlanta-based firm, presented his plans to renovate Lovejoy into condominiums with off-street parking. Alger Stoneburner of a local firm, Capital City Construction, presented his plans to convert the current structure to condominiums, with the addition of new homes surrounding it. Both Mr. Silverman and Mr. Stoneburner stressed their commitment to a quality restoration of the current structure instead of replacing it with a new one. Nsia Opore of Friend-Washington DC

Youth Orchestra presented her plans to make Lovejoy the home base for 800 – 1,000 orchestra students. Techworld Public Charter School, the fourth bidder, failed to attend the meeting, so their plans for the school are unknown.

After the presentations, residents were able to voice their concerns and ask questions. A question was asked about financial ability to both purchase and complete planned renovations. Mr. Silverman and Mr. Stoneburner said they currently had lender commitments. Ms. Opore said the Youth Orchestra would pursue available grants to make the necessary improvements to the building.

Kudos to Council member Ambrose and her staff for perseverance in arranging this meeting.

In Memory

NLPNA lost two long-time neighbors in January. Christopher Downing, 72, of Corbin Place died on January 20. Many will miss seeing Mr. Downing on his daily walk to the store to buy a newspaper.

On January 22, Tyrone Payne, 38, of Tennessee Ave. died suddenly. Tyrone was a co-chair of the Urban Camp Out, and was instrumental in preparing the meals that were served to all attendees. We will sorely miss Tyrone's caring ways and gentle spirit.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- NLPNA meeting, Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial Church, 14th & C Street, N.E. Nominations for officers. The secretary position is vacant.
- NLPNA meeting, Mar. 7, 7:30 p.m. Election of officers for all positions.
- Read *The Buzz* on "The Voice of the Hill" website, [www.voiceofthehill.com].

JOBS FOR KIDS

Buzz readers have asked that we publish a list of young people who are reliable and would like to do "odd jobs" in the neighborhood. If you are between the ages of 10 and 17 and would like us to include you in our list, apply in writing to *The Buzz*, c/o Elizabeth Nelson, 1330 N. Carolina Ave NE, 20002. Include your name, age, phone number, type of work you will do (wash cars, mow lawns, rake leaves, shovel snow, etc.), and the names and phone numbers of 2 references. The references should be people who know you and your work habits and should not be members of your immediate family. References may be contacted prior to publication. Applications must be printed or typed plainly and received by February 27.

PLAN NOW FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL URBAN CAMPOUT

A committee is forming to plan the fourth annual Urban Campout to be held June 10-11. Volunteers are needed for all aspects of this event including fund-raising, publicity, registration, permits, games, arts and crafts, environmental education, food shopping and preparation, tents, security, T-shirt design, bike repair clinic, etc. If you're new to the neighborhood, getting involved in the UC is a great way to meet your neighbors and get to know the neighborhood. If you can spare a couple hours a month, it will be a

great help. Remember, many hands make light work. To volunteer, call Suzanne (547-2477) or Elizabeth (543-3512).

Sasha Bruce Meeting Rescheduled

The January 20 meeting to discuss the reopening of the Sasha Bruce facility at 1312 East Capitol Street was postponed to February 10 at 7:30. At press time, a meeting location had not been set. Contact Jessica Cogan at 544-0124 for further information.

THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to the good folks who have sent donations or volunteered to distribute *The Buzz!* We currently need a distributor for the 600 block of 14th St NE. We also need writers and story ideas. Call 543-3512.

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BYLAWS OF THE NORTH LINCOLN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The neighbors of the area bounded by 11th Street on the west, East Capitol Street on the south, 15th Street on the east and Duncan Street on the north enter into this association so that we might foster a greater sense of community. Our goals include the promotion of public safety and beautification and the development of educational and recreational opportunities for neighbors of all ages. The association shall be known as the North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association.

QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

Anyone who is interested in this association and its stated goals may join. Voting members must reside within the boundaries described in the statement of purpose.

OFFICERS AND DUTIES

The Chair shall preside over meetings in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

The Secretary shall record every resolution or motion adopted including a summary of discussion to be as brief or detailed as the Secretary decides. The Secretary shall also maintain a record of neighbors who attend each meeting. The Treasurer shall be responsible for funds of the association and shall maintain a ledger showing all receipts and debits.

The Treasurer shall preside over meetings in the absence of the Chair.

The term of office for all officers shall be one year. Vacancies will be filled by special vote as described under elections. Impeachment shall be performed by special vote.

MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held monthly or as frequently as necessary on dates to be decided by a vote of the association.

Emergency meetings shall be held upon notification of every voting association member who has attended a meeting within the preceding year. All votes shall require a quorum of at least 15 voting members as defined under qualification of members.

ELECTIONS

Elections will be held at an association meeting which will be announced in a notice delivered to the door of any neighbor whose attendance has been recorded at one or more meetings prior to the meeting during which an election will be held. The notice will be delivered at least two weeks in advance of the election meeting.

Neighbors whose attendance has been recorded at one or more meetings prior to the election meeting shall be allowed to cast one vote by secret ballot for every position.

Nominations must be made and seconded at the election meeting.

The nominee with the most votes wins the election. In the event of a tie, runoff elections will be held at the same meeting until a winner is declared.

A one-year term of office begins as soon as a winner is declared.

Special votes will be scheduled upon a two-thirds vote of a regular association meeting of at least 15 people. A special vote will be held no sooner than three weeks after the association votes to hold a special vote. The vote shall be conducted using the same rules as those governing regular elections.

BYLAW CHANGES

Changes to the bylaws will occur at an association meeting posted in the same manner as an election meeting is posted. Changes shall be made to the bylaws upon a two-thirds vote of a regular association

meeting of at least 15 neighbors who qualify to vote in regular elections.

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

(Amendment #1)

Upon the dissolution of the association, assets shall be distributed to a tax exempt 501(c)3 organization, the federal government or the District of Columbia government for a public purpose.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY (Amendment #2)

The association shall not participate or intervene on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Amendment #3)

The Finance Committee holds no power to raise funds or make expenditures. The committee's role is strictly advisory. The Finance Committee Chair will be elected to serve a one-year term of office.

Election, special election and impeachment of the Finance Committee Chair will be conducted in the same manner described in the Elections section of the association bylaws. Meetings of the Finance Committee will be held at least quarterly or more frequently if the committee wishes. In order that all neighbors have an opportunity to participate, committee meetings must be publicly posted in the association newsletter. A quorum of at least three neighbors, as defined under Qualification of Members section of the association bylaws, will be required for the committee to conduct business.

KINGSMAN ANNEXATION (Amendment #4)

The boundaries of the association will be extended to include the area bordered by 13th Street on the west, F Street on the north and 15th Street on the east.

The crime map will return next month.

