

# The Buzz

North  
Lincoln Park's  
Neighborhood Newsletter

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## A New Miner School

A new Miner Elementary School will be built behind the existing Miner School at 15th Street and F Street NE. Principal Angela Tilghman expects construction to start in June. The final design plans, by Grimm and Parker Architects, were approved by the Commission of Fine Arts on February 15th. The new school is expected to open in August 2002. The new, larger building will have two floors and many more classrooms to serve the Head Start though 6th grades that attend Miner. It also features a driveway in front of the building for buses dropping off students. Plans for the existing Miner school building are not final because the building has historic value and may be the site of a Freedmans Camp.

## Kingsman Update

The process has started all over again for Kingsman Elementary School. The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is now responsible for the sale of the closed school. Currently, a request for proposals (RFP) is out for charter schools to respond to, and this RFP closes on March 12, 2001. After DHCD reviews the proposals received, they will determine if any of the proposals are viable. If none of the proposals are viable, DHCD will request proposals from all other interested parties.

The news on retaining use of the Kingsman Field remains hopeful. On February 23, Councilmember Sharon Ambrose wrote to Milton Bailey, Director of DHCD, requesting that the field not

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- NLPNA meeting, Tuesday March 6, 7:30 p.m., Lane Memorial Church, 14<sup>th</sup> & C St., N.E. Election of officers and discussion of Public Art Initiative (see articles).
- A *Buzz* distributor is needed for the 500 block of 14th St. Call Elizabeth, 543-3512, to volunteer. Many thanks to current *Buzz* distributors and recent donors!
- Visit NLPNA's web site at [www.nlpna.juniperdc.com](http://www.nlpna.juniperdc.com).

## 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

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be included in the property that is up for sale. She said, "We cannot afford to have development occur on the field." Councilmember Ambrose also said it is vital that the community participate in any decisions about the sale of the property.

## Neighborhood Directory— It's not too late!

To be included in the NLPNA neighborhood directory, provide your name, address, and phone number (and e-mail address, if you wish) in writing to Susan at 1400 C St., Elizabeth at 1330 North Carolina Ave., or Abbie at 226 14th St., or bring it to the next NLPNA meeting. Copies of the directory will be available only to those listed in it. We've extended the tentative cut-off date 'til April 3, but please respond as quickly as possible.

### *Bylaws, continued*

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.

### *Election of Officers*

At the February NLPNA meeting, nominations of officers were accepted. Elizabeth Nelson (Chair), Nate Reilly (Secretary), and Ruth Oyen (Treasurer) were nominated for their current positions. Abbie Terrones was nominated for Chair of the Finance Committee. Nominations will also be accepted at the March meeting, on March 6.

### **Public Art Award**

The NLPNA proposal for a Community Initiatives Public Art installation at the site across from Maury Elementary School has been accepted! Information on "next steps" will be presented at this month's NLPNA meeting. Community input is crucial; to get involved, call Mary at 547-7092.

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