

Notes: Public Safety Meeting 1A – Jan 18 2016 (MLK Day), 7pm
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Next meeting: Feb 15 2016 7pm (generally to be held third Monday night of each month), for one hour,
at the ANC 1A office at 3400 11th St NW Suite 200 (above Kangaroo Boxing Club).

Agenda

1. Introductions around the room
2. Recap of Committee activities in 2015
3. Recap neighborhood crime stats 2015
4. Proposed priorities for 2016: Block Organizers and Public Information Blog
5. Open discussion on additional neighborhood concerns and potential activities
6. Conclusions and next steps

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1. Introductions around the room
 - In attendance:
 - Richard Dubeshter - ANC commissioner A106
 - Yvonne and David Boyd - North Columbia Heights Civic Association President and VP
 - Brad and Kelly Farster
 - Ane Powers
 - Anna and Blount Stewart
 - Parth and Grace Tewari
 - Dan Kornfield
2. Recap of Committee activities in 2015
 - a. Meetings in the Spring – petered out
 - b. Attendance at MPD quarterly meetings,
 - c. Reported into ANC meetings
 - d. Attended/ supported Georgia Ave Task Force
 - e. Several Samantha Nolan (Block Watch) events
3. Recap neighborhood crime stats 2015 (thanks to Chris Linn) – see details below
4. Proposed priorities for 2016: Block Organizers and Public Information Blog
 - a. Block organizers
 - i. E.g. contact list, parties, joint clean-up times
 - b. Blog
 - i. E.g. Police communication – new Lieutenant Cousins for 409, 302 is Mark Hodge
 1. Dan to meet with Lt. Cousins tomorrow morning
 - ii. News: Cameras
5. Open discussion on additional neighborhood concerns and potential activities
 - a. Youth activities – ensuring there are healthy things for teenagers to do in the neighborhood
 - i. Yvonne and David Boyd have volunteered to help coordinate on this issue
 - b. People need to be reminded/educated to clean up the front of their properties on a regular basis, and to shovel snow (especially group houses)
 - i. Blog can help with this
6. Conclusions and next steps
 - a. Three focus areas – need leaders
 - b. Get a large poster-sized map of the neighborhood
 - c. Listserve and blog
 - d. Update contact info on ANC site

2015 in Review: Crime Stats:

- Overall, crime increased 4.2% from 2014 to 2107 incidents
- That includes a 2.1% increase in property crime and 17.4% increase in violent crime
- Theft from auto was the only property crime to increase during 2015
- The violent crime #s were up in the following (ordered by rate)
- Robberies (w/ gun +16, w/o gun +18)
- Sex abuse +5
- ADW w/ gun +4
- Homicide +2

So, overall it isn't as bad as 2013, but definitely regressed from last year with robberies probably taking a big toll about perception of safety. It would be interesting to know if anyone remembers what happened in July and Aug of 2013 with the big drop-off in violent crime.

News: DC's security camera rebate from residents and businesses. <http://www.washingtoncitypaper.com/blogs/citydesk/2016/01/05/council-approves-incentives-for-d-c-residents-to-install-security-cameras/>