

Shaw-Dupont Citizens Alliance

Minutes Membership Meeting February 20, 2014

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The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:10 pm in the Thurgood Marshall Center. Both Joan Sterling and Robert Lawrentz were not present due to recent surgeries and we send them both our best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Guy Podgornik. As it is a new year all were encouraged to try to submit their dues if not already provided.

The main topic for discussion revolved around the proposed parking garage on 1325 S St, NW between 14th and 13th Streets. The garage proposed would contain approximately 500 spaces, but as yet there is no design plan provided. The plans may include both parking and residences. Discussion was lively. Although there is certainly support for parking for residents and their families and guests, the proposed use of the property currently occupied by Parks and Recreation met with almost unanimous alarm and objection.

Suggestions were made regarding use of land (1) that we are not opposed to some public use of land (2) that we maintain the idea of underground parking and (3) that there be no change to alley parking (around Parks and Recreation facility) because of impact on S and T Streets, and the unacceptable congestion projected onto S and T Streets. All emphasized the importance of residents being clear and concrete about our vision for the neighborhood. They voiced the need for a drawing (illustration) of any plans for parking/development plans for our area (apparently there are none –or— we have just not received any.)

The Reeves Center was mentioned again as the only appropriate location for commercial parking. DGS officials were invited to our meeting, but no one agreed to be present.

Dan McKay noted we need to communicate our opposition to changes in zoning laws proposed which would allow for a convenience store in the middle of a residential block. A motion to send a letter was made and unanimously passed (10 votes) to send a Letter of Protest to the city's Zoning Committee.

Letters of Protest were proposed and unanimously agreed upon: one to state our concern about the proposed license for Tico's because of (a) peace, order quiet (b) negative impact of parking c.) overconcentration. These things could be resolved subject to the Settlement Agreement.

The third letter voted on and unanimously agreed upon contains our full support of funding for the proposed Garrison modernization.

It was suggested that due to frequent late night noise by bar patrons exiting establishments that research should be done into obtaining similar signs that Georgetown, for instance, uses indicating Quiet and fines for loud noise.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15pm.