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PCA General Meeting

- Tuesday, March 2
- 7:30 PM
- Palisades Recreation Center
- Report on the investigation the PCA board, along with the Palisades Church, has requested the ABC board to conduct on compliance with the liquor laws and regulations respecting the new restaurant at the former Ilija's location. The motion reads as follows: Movants, Palisades Citizens Association, Inc. (hereinafter "PCA") and Palisades Community Church (hereinafter "PCC"), through undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Section 25-447 of the D.C. Code Annotated, hereby move for entry of an Order compelling Ilija International Gourmet Shoppe, Inc., t/a D.C. Boathouse (hereinafter the "Licensee") to show cause as to why its license should not be suspended or revoked for: 1) making unapproved substantial changes to its operations without notice to the community or Board approval, in violation of Section 25-762 of the D.C. Code; and, 2) for discontinuing its business without placing its license in safekeeping, in violation of Section 25-791 of the D.C. Code.
- Report from the newly-constituted PCA house tour committee
- July 4 Parade & Picnic Report

The Glorious Gorge

On the cold night of January 14, about 70 people showed up at Sibley's Auditorium for two hours of education and inspiration on the Potomac Gorge—the 15 miles of the Potomac River that runs from Great Falls to Georgetown. Though we live in its midst, how many of us know anything about its history? Or about its value to us today?

The joint PCA-ANC3D symposium was chaired by Commissioner John Finney. To start us off with the really big picture, Scott Southworth of the U.S. Geological Survey gave a fascinating presentation on the history of the Gorge and how geology contributes to biological diversity. About 300 million years ago, this was a highland area, like the Rockies. Eons of change created the area we now know as the Gorge, and for the last 25 million years Great Falls has been like it is today.

Stephanie Flack, director of the Potomac Gorge Project of The Nature Conservancy (TNC), described a joint TNC-National Park Service project that was completed in 2001. The authors proposed a comprehensive Site Conservation Plan for the area, which they noted is one of the most unique ecosystems in the region. The Gorge is home to at least 200 rare species and unique ecological communities—groundwater invertebrates that are smaller than your pinky finger are the rarest inhabitants. Although half of the 10,000 acres within the Gorge are protected, this valuable natural resource is in danger of being loved to death, Flack pointed out.

The final talk was given by Matt Berres, director of Community Action at the Potomac Conservancy, which works closely with TNC and the Park Service to preserve the Potomac Gorge. He gives talks like this one in an effort to help people understand the Gorge's biological, geological, and historical as well as aesthetic values so that they will tread lightly when visiting recreation areas. The Potomac Conservancy also uses easements to protect land of conservation value. In 2003, the group helped protect 6,322 acres in the region, mainly in West Virginia. For action closer to the Palisades, Berres urged everyone to join in on April 3 for the Potomac Watershed Cleanup, an annual event for the last 16 years.

For information on the Site Conservation Plan, visit TNC's Web site at www.nature.org and search for Potomac Gorge. For more on the cleanup campaign and the Gorge itself, visit www.potomac.org/action; their online newsletter, *River Update*, lists upcoming trips as well as volunteer opportunities.

—Linda Starke

- Discussion of lead in our drinking water -- as this goes to press, we are attempting to get WASA reprersenatives at the meeting (see p. 4)
- Discussion of a proposed expanded role for the PCA in the airport noise fight
- General membership vote on budget supplements for membership and legal fees

on the **BULLETIN BOARD**

Saturday, February 28-April 11: **The Puppet Company Playhouse presents "The Jungle Book"**, Wed, Thu & Fri, 10 & 11:30 AM, Sat & Sun, 11:30 AM & 1 PM, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Boulevard, \$6, 301-320-6668 or www.thepuppetco.org.

Saturday, February 28-April 4: **Adventure Theatre presents "The Red Rose (Beauty and the Beast)"**, Sat & Sun, 1:30 AM & 3:30 PM, Glen Echo Park, see above, \$7, 301-320-5331 or www.adventuretheatre.org.

Tuesday, March 2: **Palisades Readers Book Club** for children ages 9-11, 4 PM, share a favorite book, refreshments, new members welcome, Palisades Library, 282-3139.

Tuesday, March 2: **PCA general membership meeting**, 7:30 PM, Palisades Rec Center.

Tuesday, March 2: **Community meeting with WASA** about its proposed 5% rate hike, 6:30-8:30 pm, Palisades Library.

Wednesday, March 3: **ANC3D meeting**, 7:30 PM, Sibley Hospital's Ernst Auditorium.

Saturday, March 6-7: **"Climb On" at Discovery Creek**, 10 AM-3 PM, children can strap on a harness and try reaching the top of the climb wall, meet a belayer and "learn the ropes" of climbing, \$5 museum admission, two and under are free, Glen Echo Park, see above, 337-5111 or www.discoverycreek.org.

Saturday, March 6: **"Sing Along Rob"** will entertain neighborhood kids with classic kids songs accompanied by the ukulele and banjo, 10:30 AM, Palisades Community Church, 5200 Cathedral Avenue, Memorial Hall, \$5 (children under 1 are free), refreshments for sale, purchase tickets at the door or in advance, 966-7929.

Saturday, March 6: **St. Patrick's Family Fun Day**, 11AM-3PM, games, arts & crafts, moonbounce, karaoke, glamour shop, and more, St Patrick's Episcopal Day School, 4700 Whitehaven Parkway, www.stpatricks.washington.dc.us.

Tuesday, March 9: **Palisades Young Readers** for children ages 6-8, 4 PM, refreshments, new members welcome, Palisades Library, 282-3139.

Wednesday, March 10: **PCA board meeting**, 7:30 PM, Palisades Community Church, parlor, see above, open to all.

Friday, March 12: **Dinner & a Movie**, 6 PM, Palisades Community Church, see above, \$10 per adult, \$7 for children 13-18, \$5 for children 12 and under, 966-7929.

Saturday, March 13: **"Handel's Messiah, Part 2"** presented by The Georgetown Chorale, 7:30 PM, Nolan Performing Arts Center, Georgetown Visitation, 35th & Volta Streets,

\$20 adults, \$10 children and students, 832-3210 or www.georgetownchorale.org.

Tuesday, March 16: **Sleepytime**, 7 PM, three to five-year-olds dressed in pajamas come in for stories, songs, milk and cookies, Palisades Library, 282-3139.

Tuesday, March 16: **The Palisades Stamp Club**, 7:30 PM, Palisades Library.

Tuesday, March 16: **The Palisades Book Club**, 7:30 PM, Palisades Library.

Wednesday, March 17: **Palisades Community Fund application due date** for Spring 2004 grant proposals, must be postmarked by midnight and sent to PCF, PO Box 40603, WDC 20015, Judith Dollemnayer, 338-5914.

Thursday, March 18: **PCA Business Committee Roundtable Luncheon** on "Networking for Business Opportunities in the Palisades", 12-1:30 PM, Sibley Hospital Dining Rooms I & II, lunch is being provided by Sibley, RSVP, Collette deChalus Lee, 243-1911 or colette.dechalus@citicorp.com.

Saturday, March 20: **Books and Creative Play**, 2-3 PM, for children ages 2-5, Palisades Library, 282-3139.

Saturday, March 20: The Palisades Garden Association's annual **Seed Planting Extravaganza** with free seeds, seedlings, planting supplies, and refreshments, 2-4 PM, Palisades Community Church, see above, Margaret Merriman, 966-5430, or Nancy Feldman, 965-0654.

Sunday, March 21: Clara Barton National Historic Site presents **"John Logan & Theodore Roosevelt – Antagonists"**, 1-4 PM, Glen Echo Park, see above, free.

Saturday, March 27: **Books and Creative Play**, 2-3 PM, for children ages 2-5, Palisades Library, 282-3139.

Saturday, March 27: **Key Elementary School "World Community is Key" auction** with cocktail buffet and live and silent auctions, 6:30-10:30 AU Law School, 4801 Massachusetts Avenue, top floor, \$25 person, open to all, c.ervin@rcn.com or 364-9355. Can't make it to the auction? Buy one of only 250 \$100 raffle tickets for a \$10,000 cash prize. The winner will be announced at the auction but you don't have to be present to win.

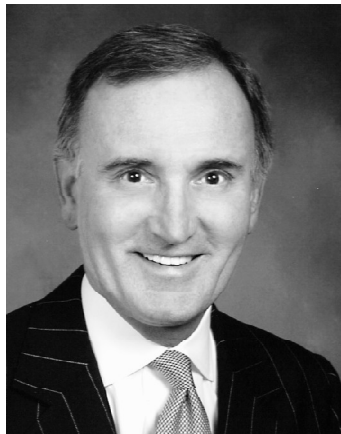
Tuesday, March 30: **Palisades Readers Book Bingo** for children ages 5-9, 4 PM, win prizes and check out new books, refreshments, Palisades Library, 282-3139.

Friday, April 2: **Dinner & a Movie** featuring "Under the Tuscan Sun" and chicken divine, 6 PM, Palisades Community Church, see above, \$10 per adult, \$7 for children 13-18, \$5 for children 12 and under, 966-7929.

Sunday, April 4: **"Fiesta", The Community Preschool of the Palisades spring auction**, 5-9 PM, live and silent auctions featuring items from some of your favorite Palisades and NW businesses, Buffalo Billiards, 1330 19th Street, 364-8424.

from the.....

PRESIDENT'S DESK



It has been a busy month for the volunteers of the PCA. As we all endured snow, ice, rain and temperatures in the teens and 20's, the Fourth of July Parade Committee, under the able leadership of Spence Spencer, was holding its 2004 organizational meeting. With a frozen Potomac River and C&O Canal, I thought I would open this message up on a warmer

note. Continuing in that vein, I am pleased to report that on March 1, 2004, the newly minted Palisades House Tour Committee will hold its first meeting. Alan Aiches, Judith Lanian and Diane Schaffer have volunteered to get the ball rolling on this project. We are particularly fortunate to have this group, all of whom bring valuable experience to the table.

At the February Board meeting, we learned the membership campaign is off to a great start, which included a meeting of business interests who will help the PCA in the drive. Matt Thorp, our Aircraft and Airport Noise Committee chair, reported on a possible cooperative, potentially contractual, relationship

between PCA and Citizens Against Airport Noise, which could well put the PCA on the forefront of efforts to control noise from Reagan National. More to come on this.

The PCA appeared in support of a coalition challenging construction of a new home on Chain Bridge Road and a violation of the tree and slope overlay regulations. We also discussed the proposal of Council Member Jack Evans and some Georgetown developers to tear down the Whitehurst Freeway and route incoming traffic through Georgetown or lower K Street – in this writer's view a nutty proposal which seems to surface every 10 years or so.

I also need to report that there has been a transfer of ownership at Ilija's Restaurant at 5491 MacArthur Boulevard to the Economedes family. In light of a spate of rumors surrounding this, your Board and the Palisades Community Church have retained legal counsel to advise on the facts surrounding the transfer and whether there has been compliance with the applicable liquor licensing regulations (see Agenda, p. 1). ANC member John Finney is also involved in the effort to separate fact from rumor. We will report on this at the March membership meeting.

So, how many people have you asked to join the P.C.A?

—*Stu Ross, President*

Community Fund Supports Library, Middle School, Sidewalk Sculpture

The January PCA Board meeting and the February General Meeting of PCA approved the following grants to organizations that submitted proposals last fall to the Palisades Community Fund, a 501c (3) committee of PCA.

Friends of Palisades Library will oversee a grant of \$1,150 for further landscaping and more trees and flowering shrubs for the Library grounds. PCF has already given the Library equipment, as well as the bench and chair in the forecourt and minimal landscaping. Committee members believe that, as long as the District budget underfunds libraries, our community favors PCF support for equipment and other library needs.

To Hardy Middle School PTA, the Fund granted \$352 to purchase fifteen dance skirts that will become part of the School's permanent costume collection for performances of dance and drama at this public school for sixth to eighth graders. Costumes will be used for two productions this year, as well.

Dorothy Holland Lessard of the Holland Lessard Group, a Palisades business consulting firm, will oversee a \$2,800 grant for a commissioned sculptural sidewalk bench by the artist Bodil Meleny, who has done similar projects of Bethesda "street furniture" art. The Palisades Community Fund committee sees this first bench as an experiment which, if it proves popular and can be located to everyone's satisfaction, may lead to more such commissions. Tentatively, committee members suggest that, if Mrs. Bassin approves, this first bench should be placed in the kiosk triangle by Safeway, replacing the plain bench with memorial plaque to Bruce and Addy Bassin. If you have other suggestions for an appropriate location in a public space, please contact Anne Ourand, administrator of the PCA and PCF.

—*Judith Dollenmayer, PCF Chair*

At St. Patrick's MacArthur Campus, Library is Crown Jewel

On Wednesday, January 28, 2004, St. Patrick's Grades 7 and 8 students moved into their new home at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard. The stunning space has been completely refurbished, creating a home-like feel in what is a fully functional school.

If you were to tour the building, you would note the unique details that make the school so lovely. The library is the crown jewel of the school and has become another location in which to pursue exceptional literacy. The two-room library includes a fireplace, gorgeous windows, French doors onto the terrace, and comfortable seating. Moving upstairs, normal school functions take over. Classrooms and faculty office space line the second and third floors, along with lockers. Now that our seventh and eighth graders have broken in their new home these last couple weeks, it is clear that everyone involved shares an appreciation of the exceptional beauty and functionality of this new space that is finally our home.

—*Mona Hanford, Hanford@stpatsdc.org*

Lead in Palisades Drinking Water?

Dear Neighbors:

From Tom Jacobus, the manager of the Aqueduct and whom I trust, I obtained the following:

- There is no discernible level of lead in water processed by Aqueduct and sent to customers in District, Arlington and Falls Church.

- The lead contamination comes from lead pipes leading from water mains into houses. Most of these houses with lead pipes were built early in the last century but some during and after World War II when copper was in short supply. The lead contamination occurs when water sits in the pipes over night. There is a simple antidote: run the water for a couple of minutes in the morning and flush the lead out of the system.

- WASA knows of most of the houses with lead pipes and has been replacing them at rate of about 7% a year. But WASA bungled badly in its PR.

- And, in my opinion, maybe the press, which sometimes has short memory, sensationalized the story. Peter Harkness a journalist with a good memory, is quite

correct in recalling that some 10 or 15 year ago, in houses along Sherier, WASA and we neighbors, discovered there was a problem of lead in the water supply lines in some older houses.

—*John Finney, ANC3D4*

WASA has informed Councilmember Kathy Patterson's office that they have now posted on their website www.dcwasa.com several maps relating to its lead service lines. These include:

- 1) a map of the approximate locations of premises believed by WASA to be served by lead service lines;

- 2) a map showing approximate locations sampled during WASA's 2003 sampling program for lead, with symbols indicating ranges of lead concentrations determined through water samples collected by individual customers; and

- 3) a map showing the approximate locations of lead service lines located in public space replaced by WASA to date as well as lines programmed for replacement in 2004.

A non-graphic file also shows general street locations programmed for replacement in 2004. These maps do not depict results or specific service line materials for specific addresses.

—*Penny Pagano*



KUDOS....

- to the **Hall Family** for sorting bags and candles for Luminary Night

- to **Cathy Wright** for her service as PCA Taxation Committee Chair

Left: St. Patrick's Grades 7 & 8 students on the porch of the new building.

committee report: TRAFFIC

These last months have been somewhat frustrating on the traffic front. The 2nd district headquarters tells us that officers are being pulled away from traffic to help fight crime in other PSAs. As a result, we have had minimal hand-held radar enforcement over the last few months. Nonetheless, I had requested of Lt. Burke, who heads the photo radar program and is a Palisades neighbor, to make the locations of the photo radar cars less predictable. In response, former PCA traffic chair Alma Gates got a message from Sgt. Brown, second to Lt. Burke in the photo radar program, saying that photo radar cars will now be in new locations now. Sgt. Brown states, "These sites will be moved from time to time, all three tours, for the first three months until the Traffic Safety Unit can gather data to see what impact the program has had on changing drivers habits to obey the speed limit within the community." I am hopeful that this means that the times/days the cars are out will vary. Military Road and other locations on MacArthur Boulevard will be targeted.

The designation of MacArthur Boulevard as a snow emergency route will not happen this year. The community would be consulted for feedback before the city would act.

We have a pre-construction schedule update on the Canal Road entrance to Georgetown University, which is as follows:

- January 2004-RFPs / Bids
- April 2004-Notice to Proceed
- Fall 2004-Completion

It is expected that there will be no construction during rush hours Monday through Friday and that most of the work will be done from Friday night to Monday. During the construction period, to relieve spillover congestion on Reservoir Road in the AM, there will be no left turns allowed from inbound Reservoir Road at 38th, 37th and 36th streets.

In the January meeting at the police station, a couple of issues came up.

1) Officers are still being pulled to go to other PSAs, so we've had virtually no hand-held radar enforcement.

2) The new photo radar site at Military Road has not been getting a lot of tickets, so Lt. Burke is looking into moving the car. The sites at the 4900 block and 5700 blocks of MacArthur Boulevard have been getting about 13% of the traffic going 10+ mph over the speed limit.

3) We discussed the new stoplight at Whitehaven Parkway

and Foxhall. The Foxhall Citizens Association is concerned that people stay in the left lane, even though it says left turn only, and then race to get back to the right. We would like officers there more often but the narrow shoulders make it very difficult to position officers.

4) We discussed potholes. Two officers have actually flipped their motorcycles after hitting potholes from the recent weather; however, some neighbors like that the potholes are slowing down traffic.

5) Overall, reported crimes have dropped 80% in comparison to last year, which is impressive given that we were already the safest PSA in the city.

6) We discussed the removal of the Whitehurst Freeway. The officers were appalled at the idea of the rush hour traffic going through Georgetown/K St, if the Freeway were removed. They said that in rainy weather K St. can become impassable due to flooding.

7) We asked for standardized reports on traffic. We would like the same time frame each month with photo radar sites separated from notice of infractions (ie., tickets), issued by officers.

—Laura Phinizy, PCA Traffic Chair

July 4 2003 Tent Sponsors

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neighborhood NOTICES

Plans are still being made to turn the old drugstore on MacArthur, near the Safeway, into the **Black Salt Fish Market and Cafe**. Jeff Black (owner of Black's Bar & Kitchen in Bethesda) has run into a few design problems that have caused delay, but as of early February he hoped to be open by mid-summer. "It's an old building," he notes. "And we keep finding surprises. But we are moving ahead as quickly as we can." Black hopes to create a more attractive storefront, which will be the entry for the fish market. Patrons will walk through the market to get to the restaurant, which will have a full liquor license and will seat 75. Later he may apply for permission to have a few seats out front, for summer dining. Black tried a combo fish market and cafe a few years ago in Dupont Circle, but the space was too small. This time he thinks he's got the right location.

Linda Starke

The **historical Palisades poster** can now be purchased for \$25 at Motophoto. Alternatively, you can buy one by sending \$28 (to cover postage) to PCA, PO Box 40603, WDC 20016. Please make your check payable to PCA.

The **Business Committee of the Palisades Citizens Association** hosted its first luncheon of 2004 on February 4. The purpose of the meeting was to create a networking forum in the Palisades community for businesses. The next meeting will be on March 18 at Sibley Hospital in Dining Rooms I & II from Noon-1:30 PM. The topic will be "Networking for Business Opportunities in the Palisades". Lunch will be provided courtesy of

Sibley Hospital. Please RSVP.

Colette deChalus Lee, PCA Business Committee Chair, 243-1911, colette.dechalus@citicorp.com

Long-time Palisadian Barbara Elsas-Patrick is returning to Washington this fall after two years teaching in Germany and plans to **re-open The Little Red Playschool** for 2 to 4-year-olds. Find out more about the school and get an application at www.littleredplayschool.com.

Barbara Elsas-Patrick, BElsas1@aol.com

View **evacuation routes from DC** in case of possible catastrophic event at <http://ddot.dc.gov/information/emergency/index.shtm>. The most important point is that the radial routes do not cross each other, maximizing outbound capacity. There will also be a special "event" signal timing plan that gives four minutes of green time to the outbound cycle to maximize egress capacity.

Dan Tangherlini, DDOT Director

PCA Membership Update: The PCA welcomed 60 new memberships and registered 50 renewals in February. Our Membership Campaign is in full swing



Cynthia Umrani, College Pathways, LLC; Joe Mirarchi, Citibank Financial Center Manager; Colette deChalus Lee, PCA Business Committee Chair-Citibank Commercial Markets Group; Carolyn Ortwein, PCA Vice President; John R. Titus, Howard Eales, Inc.; Sue Chen, Bambu Restaurant; Ann Rita Connell, Paychex; Spence Spencer, PCA Special Events Chair. Seated at right: Jim Johnson, Picture Story Studio (Photo Complements).

and we are well on our way of achieving our goal of increasing membership by 10% by July 4th! Has your membership expired? Check your mailing label on your newsletter and, if expired, send dues, made out to PCA, to PCA, PO Box 40603, WDC 20016. Thank you for your continued support and a warm welcome to all new members. We'd like to remind you that your address and email are never given out to anyone.

The Kreeger Museum at 2401 Foxhall Road is now open on Saturdays, without reservations, from 10 AM-4 PM. Designed by renowned architect Philip Johnson, the permanent collection showcases 19th and 20th century paintings and sculptures. Highlights of the collection include works by Monet, Rodin, Picasso, Miro, Moore, Kandinsky, Stella and Washington artists Sam Gilliam, Thomas Downing and Gene Davis-as well as traditional African Art.

338-3552 or www.kreegermuseum.org

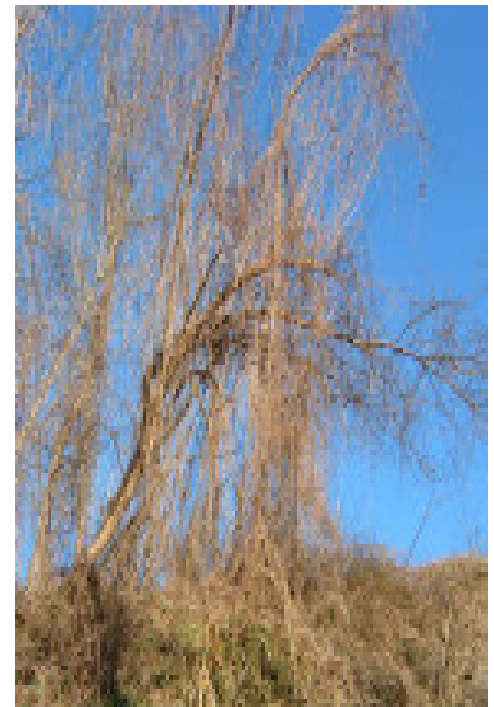
Looking for a worthwhile neighborhood project for your group, class, church, or troop? The Palisades Community Fund wants spring-cycle **proposals to fund community projects and services for Palisades residents**. Applications need not be long—for example, many are a letter plus a page or two of budget and other specifications. Each proposal must include a budget—naming individuals who will be responsible for installation and maintenance, and a budget for supplies & equipment, installation, and (if applicable) maintenance. It is best if applications come from a group that accepts responsibility for project performance. Applications must spell out in detail how the project will specifically aid Palisades residents or services. For example, a food-service proposal for housebound elderly should stipulate the number of Palisades residents who are served. All applications must include name, address, phone & email (if available) of a contact person who can answer questions about the proposal. PCF can only fund proposals for prospective work, not for projects that have been completed. Proposals must be postmarked by midnight March 17, 2004. Send applications to Palisades Community Fund, PO Box 40603, WDC 20016.

Judith Dollenmayer, PCF chair, 338-5914

The PCA is looking for a **new Taxation Committee Chair** and thanks Cathy Wright for her service.

Anne Ourand, PCA Administrator

Those who attended the wonderful presentation about the Potomac Gorge, organized by John Finney last month at Sibley Hospital, learned from the Nature Conservancy and the Potomac Conservancy about the natural beauty of the area and the threat of invasive plants in our river valley.



Anyone interested in participating in **invasive species removal programs**, and/or receiving training in order to organize a program in our neighborhood (along the river or the Capital Crescent Trail), can get more information at the following websites:

- C&O Canal Association - www.candocanal.org
- The Potomac Conservancy - www.potomac.org
- The Nature Conservancy - www.nature.org

Sally Strain, seawalk@starpower.net

The 2nd District Police reported at the February PCA General Membership meeting that **thefts from cars is one of the most prevalent crimes in our neighborhood**. Here are some tips:

- always lock your car
- store all items out of sight, including spare change, sunglasses, CDs, cell phones, and briefcases
- never leave your vehicle running while you enter your home or a store, even if only for a minute

727-0783 or mpdc.dc.gov

The DC Department of Transportation has published proposed **regulations implementing the Urban Forest Preservation Act of 2002**, kicking off a 30-day public comment period that began February 6. Send your comments to Mariclaire McCartan, Department of Transportation, Urban Forestry Administration, 4901 Shepherd Parkway SW, WDC 20032 or mariclaire.mccartan@dc.gov.

committee report: ENVIRONMENT

1. DC Mayor's Order #2003-146 establishes the Mayor's Environmental Task Force (ETF) for the District of Columbia [DC Register 11/21/2003 pp9970]. "This interagency Task Force shall identify cross-cutting environmental issues that impact on the natural and built environment and public health of the residents of the District of Columbia. The ETF shall advise the Mayor on programs to protect and strengthen the environment in the District". The ETF shall coordinate with with the existing Mayor's Environmental Council (MEC), the DC Council's Environmental Planning Commission and the Metro Washington Council of Governments. The MEC is a policy level advisory committee to the Mayor, made up of hi-level, mainly non-governmental people including former Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt. The staff director, in the Mayor's Office, to the MEC is Elizabeth Berry.

2. With budget season upon us, a group of environmentalists

entered the debate last week by issuing the first-ever "District of Columbia Green Scissors" report, detailing \$642 million of earth-friendly policy proposals that also could save greenbacks in these tight fiscal times (and produce positive environmental results at the same time). The headliner of the report is a suggestion to not use public funding for a baseball stadium, which the groups suggest could save \$300 million and prevent negative impacts on groundwater, stormwater runoff and existing homes. A better approach, according to the report, is privately funded refurbishing of RFK stadium. The report also suggests discontinuing the noisy Grand Prix races at RFK and charging a \$1-a-day parking fee on employee lots throughout the city to reduce the number of cars on roads, and keeping the ban on vehicular traffic on Klinge Road NW. For the full report, go to www.greenscissors.org. At this time, the PCA has not taken any official position on this report.

3. I plan to explore a PCA affiliation with the DC Environmental Network, as I am personally involved with DCEN and I have noticed other neighborhood associations are DCEN affiliates. Stay tuned.

—Nick Kauffman, PCA Environmental Chair

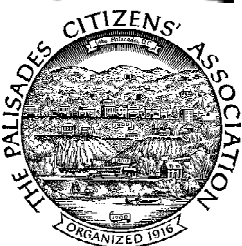
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