

FOXHALL News

Newsletter of the Foxhall Community Citizens Association

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January Meeting Update

The January 16th general meeting of the FCCA will feature a presentation by former Palisades ANC Commissioner Alma Gates on pending DC zoning changes and their potential impact on our neighborhood. The District office of Planning has recently proposed a major reorganization of the District's zoning code which is designed to make the regulations easier to use. Alma is particularly knowledgeable about the implications of these changes as she serves as the Chair of the Zoning Subcommittee of the Committee of 100 of the Federal City. These changes are only at the proposal stage so if we have concerns, now is the time for us to voice them.

We will also hear from our two new ANC commissioners at the January meeting. Gayle Trotter has replaced long-time ANC commissioner Ann Haas who retired from her position as ANC 3D-09 single district member representing much of the FCCA neighborhood. Ann served for over 8 years as a relentless advocate for the interests of our area. Her shoes will be hard for Gayle to fill! Penny Pagano, former president of the Palisades Citizens Association, was elected on a write-in campaign to represent the other ANC district which overlaps the FCCA boundaries. Penny was initially elected to fill out the term of retiring long-term ANC commissioner Ann Heuer and was just re-elected. Both new Commissioners will briefly talk

about their visions for the ANC and introduce themselves to us.

The January meeting will also feature our regular police report and an update on the German embassy renovations.

FCCA Board Elected, New Members

At the November membership meeting all existing Board members except for Tom DeMuth were re-elected. Tom is stepping down after several terms as a board member. We will miss him and his valuable role in the thankless task of setting up for meetings and helping maintain our membership log. Two newcomers will be joining the Board--Joseph Williams and Peter Kimball--both of whom live on 44th street. Welcome aboard!

At its December 4th organizational meeting, the Board voted to continue its current governance structure, whereby most Board decisions are made by votes of the Board as a whole rather than organization officers. The current Board officers, Bob Avery as president, Hulit Pressley Taylor as treasurer, and Jessie Kane as secretary, were re-elected for another one-year term.

Membership for 2013 Join/Renew by Check or Online!

Did you know that last year the FCCA had one of the highest percentages of

FCCA Calendar

January General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, Jan 16 at 7PM

Topic: Pending Zoning Laws and their Implication on Our Neighborhood

Location: 4500 Q Street NW in the Hardy Rec Center.

Need a ride? Contact Bob Avery

***February Meeting TBA please check www.foxhall.org**

household memberships of citizens' groups in our area? This strong membership level allows us to better represent the interests of our neighborhood in many local matters. Last year's major accomplishment was the negotiated settlement of Georgetown University's 10 Year Plan. This could not have been done without strong community support.

A membership brochure and return envelope are enclosed with this newsletter. Please mail in your form with a check or go to our website and join online. (www.foxhall.org). We look forward to hearing from you. Membership is for a calendar year, January to December.

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FCCA Newsletter Submissions

Please send any items for the next newsletter, which is now planned for February 2013, to the editor at halchanlon@gmail.com by 21 January. Generally submissions should be under 300 words, but longer pieces may run by advance arrangement.

Foxhall Artists and Friends Gather for Second Annual Holiday Event

Continuing their successful holiday event for a second year, the Foxhall Artists Collective hosted a holiday Art Walk and Sale on December 2nd.

Formed in 2011, the Foxhall Artists Collective brings together artists and art lovers in our Foxhall community via a variety of meetings, get-togethers and special events. Eleven neighborhood artists displayed and sold their work this year at three open houses. Art Walk attendees were delighted with the range and quality of the work including photography by Robert Mikolitch, woodwork by Steve Barnard, textiles and prints by Lisa Wood, collage by Penelope Woolley, glasswork by Chris Anninos, textiles by Amy Scheinman, jewelry by Sara Paulson, photography by Holly Foss, paintings by Iris Fabrikant and Christiane Feller, and needlepoint by Tanya Gospodinova.

Q Street Circle tree was once again adorned with beautiful lights by Foxhall neighbor and landscaper, Paul Ward, and provided a festive backdrop for the art event. Steven Barnard, woodworker, graciously donated a beautiful wooden bowl for this year's raffle.

Many thanks to all those who participated in the show, as well as all those who stopped by to support the neighborhood artists.

The Foxhall Artists Collective provides a neighborhood forum and friendly networking group for all interested and welcomes new members.

For more information about the Collective, please contact Chris Anninos at canninos@rcn.com.

The FCCA Website!

With Cheryl Tlam's relocation, the need arose for a new webmaster for

our website foxhall.org. Lisa Maco has taken over the job and is reviewing the current information.

Please send her any comments or corrections and suggestions for information you would like to see on the site. In addition, we are featuring photos of the Foxhall community on the home page. If you have photos, current or historic, that you would like to share, please render them 800px wide by 500px high and email them to Lisa at lisa.maco@me.com. Please note, you can join the FCCA online too!

Holiday Decorating Contest

The FCCA neighborhood was ablaze with lights and greenery this holiday season, including a wonderful grouping of illuminated trees on the upper Q Street circle. We hope everyone was able to see at least a few of these wonderful decorations.

The judges went out on Friday evening, December 21, to pick the winners of our annual competition. We were happy to deliver lovely poinsettia plants to the following winners:

Most creative: 4515 Q Lane (Travis Humphreys)

Best Illumination: 4509 Potomac Avenue (Judith Michaels); honorable mention goes to 4464 MacArthur Blvd.

Most Festive: Paul Ward's illumination of trees on the Upper Q Street Circle; honorable mention goes to 4402 Q Street (Lise Adkins and Tom Murphy)

Most Kid Friendly: 4485 Q Street (Elliot and Vicki Crooke)

Best Overall: 4401 Q Street (Alex Pires and Diane Cooley)

The judges this year were Mallory Lawson, Sara Paulson, Andra Lion, Steve Barnard and Elizabeth Berman.

German Embassy Update

The German Embassy has provided (below) an update on its construction work at the German Embassy and Annex. They have also accepted our offer to attend the January 16 meeting to answer any questions community members may have about the work at the embassy. We have had some complaints recently about some littering that is occurring (we think by the construction workers) and construction workers parking illegally (either for too long or blocking driveways). These complaints were raised with the German Embassy, which acted expeditiously to raise the complaints with the contractor in charge of the project. In addition, we requested that DC Department of Public Works patrol the area and ticket illegally parked cars more aggressively, which they have since done. If anyone has any questions or concerns about anything related to the construction at the German Embassy, please feel free to contact Karen Volker at karenavolker55@gmail.com. Please put German Embassy in the subject line. You may also contact the German Embassy directly at the phone number provided below.

German Embassy Construction News

The demolition works have been completed and all hazardous materials have been removed safely according to U.S. building and construction regulations. As of November 2012, the construction company has finished the preparatory work as well as certain repairs such as fire protection in the chancery building. The contractors completed the installation and fitting of most of the windows from Germany. Interior works have already started with dry wall and some rough-in installations and will

go on soon as the building has been sealed and prepared for the winter season. Also the works in the annex buildings are under way and progressing.

The Embassy has not been alerted to any major inconveniences or noise pollution and is pleased to report that it was able to promptly resolve minor problems. The administration of the Embassy weekly reminds its contractors of the need to observe traffic regulations, be respectful of our neighbors and keep the neighborhood clean. For any concerns regarding its reconstruction, please feel free to contact the German Embassy directly at 202-298-4000.

NPS Evicts Jack's Boathouse; Status on Hold

On December 18th, the National Park Service alerted Jack's Canoes and Kayaks LLC, more popularly known as Jack's Boathouse, that the business would need to leave the space it was renting from NPS by January 31st. Jack's Boathouse has been in operation near Key Bridge since 1945. NPS has jurisdiction over the boathouse, as the District government transferred that portion of the waterfront to the agency in 1984.

Immediately after the announcement, Jack's received a significant outpour of support from customers and enthusiasts. Based on that backlash, NPS agreed to review its decision and suspended the eviction. Despite the delay, the outcome for owner Paul Simkin's business, as well as the employment of the 27 staff who work there, is unclear.

FCCA residents interested in showing their support for Jack's Boathouse can write Park Service director Jon Jarvis or sign the petition to save the business from closure on www.change.org and search "Jack's Boathouse".

Foxhall Village Historic District is on the Map!

Some of you may have already noticed the brand new street signs announcing The Foxhall Village Historic District. These handsome markers, at the end of each street in the district, were a gift to the neighborhood from the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office and DDOT. Long a fixture in other historic districts, like Dupont Circle and Capitol Hill, these signs at all the major intersections in the community now proudly mark the city's westernmost historic district.

And that's just the beginning of the good news for Foxhall Village preservation. In the Autumn of 2012 the DC Historic Preservation Office released The Foxhall Village Historic District brochure. Part of a program to preserve the history of each historic district, this brochure details the early development of our unique neighborhood. Based in part on research done for our application in 2007, the brochure includes period photographs, historical maps, architectural drawings, even early advertisements for homes for sale in the neighborhood. If you'd like a sneak peak you can find an on-line version at:

<http://planning.dc.gov/DC/Planning/Historic+Preservation> - or feel free to contact me at pauldonvito@rcn.com and I will send you a copy when they become available.

2012 FCCA TREASURER'S REPORT*Hulit Taylor, Treasurer***Income and Expenses**

Below is the unaudited report of the FCCA's Income and Expenses for 2012. To highlight the categories – Our Income (almost all of which comes from Dues) was about \$1,000 more than 2011. Our major expense is printing the Newsletter six times a year. Membership is the charge for printing brochures, forms and envelopes. Events include the Spring Social, Yard Sale, Halloween Party, and Holiday Decorating Contest. Contribution to Capital Reserve is money transferred to our Savings Account to use for unusual expenses that cannot be funded from our Operating Budget.

INCOME & EXPENSES, 2012	
Income	
Contributions Received	350
Dues	9,120.31
Yard Sale Income	185
Total Income	9,655.31
Expenses	
Administration	261.81
Association Dues	60
Capital Reserve	3,844.33
Events	606.33
Membership	876.28
Newsletter	3707.81
Taxes	130
Website	168.75
Total Expenses	9,655.31

Total Assets

The FCCA's total assets as of December 31, 2012, include interest on our Savings Account and CDs, as well as the Contribution to Capital Reserve.

FCCA ASSETS as of 12/31/12	
Checking Account	3,835.19
Savings Account	10,255.14
CD (matures 6/3/13)	9,511.69
CD (matures 6/29/13)	11,080.87
Total Assets	34,682.89