



# FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF FBA'S COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

- 1986-1987:** Negotiated and signed covenants with the Columbia Hospital for Women, vesting the FBA with an ownership interest in any future changes or development of the property.
- 1999-2000:** Worked closely with DC Office of Planning to craft successful ten-year campus plan for George Washington University. GWU sued the District over enrollment cap and lost.
- 2002:** Negotiated with developer Trammel Crow on the FBA's ownership interest in the CHW property, leading to the establishment of a community foundation, the creation of the Columbia Residences, and the location of DC's first Trader Joe's grocery on 25th Street.
- 2005:** Collaborated with Georgetown and Palisades community associations and residents to prevent demolition of the Whitehurst.
- 2005-2009:** Collaborated with Professor Iris Miller and her architecture and landscape students at Catholic University to develop a framework plan for revitalizing areas in west FB south of Pennsylvania Ave.
- 2004-2006:** Successful, multi-year effort to bring FRESHfarm market to FB April through November, starting in 2006.
- 2006:** Protected Juarez Circle from being reconfigured and the Juarez statue being relocated by the District under the guise of "safety issues." FBA's concerted action also prevented a major international incident.
- 2006-2009:** Participated in GWU Campus Plan and Square 54 PUD Zoning Commission hearings and appealed both ZC decisions to the DC Court of Appeals, which has sent the major question of student headcount back to the ZC for a review and a legally-required explanation.
- 2007-2009:** With the Mexican Cultural Institute, established an annual Cinco de Mayo Festival at Juarez Circle to celebrate Benito Juarez, Mexico's first (and only) indigenous President.
- 2007-2008:** Established the award-winning "Arts in Foggy Bottom" program which will occur every other year. The 2008 outdoor exhibition of 12 local sculptures lasted 7 months.
- 2009:** Funded a facilitator to assist FBA in quantifying the needs, wants and preferences for neighborhood-serving retail through a survey (which we encourage you ALL to complete\*), the results will be presented to the community in early November. \*survey available from WE Library; or at <http://tinyurl.com/lvx3m>

## FBA's Young Guns

For **ASHER CORSON** and **LEV TRUBKOVICH**, the youngest FBA officers to date—Asher, the newly-elected FBA president and Lev, FBA's new VP—getting "into" Foggy Bottom's historic and political

life is nothing new. Having both moved here to attend GW, their friendship began over political activities and with FBA election has moved into another sphere, this time as community volunteers.



Corson, a recent GW grad, already has notches in his belt

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## Foggy Bottom—West End The Little Neighborhood That Could AND We Have

As we near the halfway point in our celebration of 50 years of service, we owe our volunteer leaders and members from years and decades past a debt of gratitude for the FBA's achievements. Thanks to their foresight, planning and actions, the FBA has had the means to support substantial efforts toward its mission of protecting and preserving the FB/WE history and residential quality of life. (See "Highlights" Box.)

What our predecessors couldn't (or wouldn't) imagine is that the FBA appears to be the only organization committed to restoring this gem of a neighborhood to its rightful place as a thriving, livable residential community.

Platitudes, lip service and favors to the well-connected few seem to have blinded folks to the precarious situation of FB/WE which is rife with absentee landlords and homeowners, apartment buildings operating illegitimately as hotels and de facto dormitories, and an ever-dwindling full-time residential population.

Without a concerted effort community-wide—not just the FBA leadership and FBA's dedicated volunteers—to correct this, FB/WE is on the verge of becoming a quaint, hollowed-out stage set for the business and commercial (but tax-free) activities of the World Bank, IMF, Red Cross,

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### THE FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS

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The Foggy Bottom Association was formed by a group of citizens in 1955 and was formally incorporated in 1959. Attendance at FBA meetings is open to all residents of Foggy Bottom and the West End.

#### FBA Officers:

PRESIDENT – Asher Corson  
VICE PRESIDENT – Lev Trubkovich  
SECRETARY – Jill Nevius  
TREASURER – Bille Hougart  
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR – David Hertzfeldt

#### FBA Board of Directors:

Victor Ciardello, Dusty Horwitt, Lucia Pollock,  
Greg Snyder, Robert Vogt, John Woodard  
Ex-Officio: Joy Howell (Immediate Past President);  
Susan Trinter (FBN Editor)

## The Little Neighborhood (cont'd)

and private college, GWU.

In the coming weeks, we will delve further into the FBA's historical contributions to our neighborhood and see how

that has shaped our current situation in FB/WE. And while you may not be interested in volunteering or participating in each and every FBA event, your new or renewed \$15

membership in the association affirms interest in quality of life in this extraordinary neighborhood.

*P.S. Buying locally from our Preferred Merchants helps, too.*

## FBA's Young Guns (cont'd)

for his professional experience over the past three years as Communications Director for DC's Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh. What better way to build knowledge and familiarity with District issues?

Politics has been a steady

avocation for Asher as well.

Now in his second term as an elected commissioner on FB's ANC [Advisory Neighborhood Commission], Corson also served as the youngest member and chairman his first two years on the ANC.

In addition to politics, Lev's interests include debate and the classics. He envisions his role as a support for the FBA President and Board and as an advocate for what he recognizes as "an incredible neighborhood."

### FBA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**KWAME BROWN, At-Large CouncilMember Speaker**  
**Tuesday, September 29, 7:30 pm, Refreshments begin at 7 pm.**

St. Stephen Martyr Parish Hall (entrance on 25th ) Penn Ave at 25th St NW

*Councilmember Brown is chair of the Council's Committee on Economic Development and Vice-Chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. He is the first DC Councilmember to be a member of the Congressional Award Foundation Board of Directors, a national organization that promotes volunteerism, public service, personal development and physical fitness.*

## FBA MEMBERSHIP 2009-2010 YOU COUNT!

*And TOGETHER, we count to help our neighborhood!  
Updates on events and activities that affect us and our neighborhood  
and a local merchants program offering discounts to members.*

**It adds up to all of the above and more for  
\$15 (tax deductible) per year.**

**Membership year: August 15, 2009 – August 14, 2010**

### FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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