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The Invisible Hand: the Future of West End Library, Fire Station #1

Representatives from the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED), led by Eric Scott, with Dedrick Boye, Chief Jordan, and Jose Sousa, held a meeting last Wednesday at the West End Library. Billed as a follow-up on the future of the library (located on the southern end of Square 37), the meeting actually focused on an RFP

(Request for Proposals) that DMPED is planning to issue to developers in November.

It seems that persistent community efforts to spur DMPED to seek federal assistance for a new, expanded Fire Engine Station on M St NW (located on Square 50), are being ignored.

The RFP guidelines will be released, giving developers the ability to bid on one or

the other individual property or combined properties, and require a financing plan. Upon receipt, the DMPED will review and make a decision in January. The DMPED representatives indicated that whether the land itself will be leased or sold to developers has not been finalized. This was a surprise to *FBN* who remembers Mayor Fenty's June appearance before the FBA

The Invisible Hand Part II: the Future of Stevens School

This past Friday, the DC Office of Property Management (OPM) held an informational meeting for charter schools' representatives at the Reeve Center to answer questions about the Sept. 25 release of "Request for Offers for the Reuse of DCPS Excess Space." First preference will

go to charter schools, which are allowed to have teams for mixed-use development. Those not attending the meeting will most likely miss the scheduled one-time school walkthrough this week.

Stevens School was newly added to the existing list of schools scheduled for reuse.

Attendees asked what would happen to the properties if the OPM rejects the applications or there are no development offers made. No answer was forthcoming. It was also noted that even if there is an offer made, it is non-binding. Offers are due by October 27.

— *FBN*

and his assurance to us that publicly owned assets—such as the above-mentioned properties specifically—would be leased not sold.

The matter of ongoing operations costs for the public facilities was raised without any commitments one way or another. After the initial debacle with these properties in 2007, including the City Council's emergency legislation (see Aug 28 issue

of *FBN* available on www.savefoggybottom.com, Mr. Scott indicated that keeping an ongoing line of communication with "stakeholders" is essential. We suggest that a first step is to cease referring to residents as "stakeholders." We are the owners of our public assets, and appointed and elected City officials are the "stakeholders," the stewards, of said assets and, frankly, they need to start acting like it. — *FBN*

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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.

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SAVE THE DATE!

OCTOBER 11 – 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATION OF FOGGY BOTTOM OUTDOOR SCULPTURE EXHIBIT.

Come by foot or hop on the special trolley that will be circling the neighborhood from noon to 3 pm. (Look for Sculpture Exhibit Bus Stop signs.) Whether it is your 1st visit or your 10th, join the FBA for a fond send-off of our ground-breaking exhibition which closes on October 25.

11 AM – SCULPTOR-LED WALKING TOUR

Begin the tour at the corner of New Hampshire Avenue and I Street, NW with sculptor Sam Noto.

12 NOON TO 3 PM – TROLLEY TOUR.

Hop on and off (or not, as you prefer), the "Arts in Foggy Bottom" trolley circles the sculpture exhibit and neighborhood.

Hear commentary by the curator, Shirley Koller, and several of the sculptors. The trolley is wheel chair accessible.

Trolley stops in the vicinity of:

WATERGATE WEST – 2700 Virginia Ave, NW
WATERGATE EAST – 2500 Virginia Ave, NW
COLUMBIA PLAZA – 2440 Virginia Ave, NW
ST. MARY'S COURT – 725 24th St, NW
SCULPTURE ACCUMULATIVE EFFECT –
842 New Hampshire Ave, NW
SCULPTURE AERIAL DELINEATION –
835 25th St, NW

For information regarding the day's events
visit www.savefoggybottom.com

Special thanks to: The Exhibit is a project of the Foggy Bottom Association. Generous support has been provided by the Foggy Bottom Association Defense and Improvement Corporation.

Steven Knapp, GWU President Shares First Year

A congenial group gathered to hear Dr. Steven Knapp at the September FBA meeting. His subject was his first year as GW's president. Knapp is a great addition to the neighborhood, quipping that he had just handed his and his wife's membership dues to FBA Vice President Jacqueline Lemire. He also acknowledged that since the Knapps now live on campus, he can relate to first hand, and will address, the challenges of experiencing the late-night activities of students, doing no harm but hanging around on the streets.

He discussed the university's policies of recycling and opening an



Office of Sustainability, introducing GW graduate, Josh Lasky who is in

charge of the new office. One conscientious student wanted to know the whereabouts of the recycling areas on campus, and he was directed to GW's website for more information.

Other questions were raised concerning the safety of the students including their inattention to traffic lights when crossing, or the hazards on the K St 'race-track' at 25th Street. Another matter of concern was that of a Pennsylvania Avenue bar's

hiring of 'buses' to pick up students mid-week to partake of its low cost drinks until 2 and 3 a.m.

Notably missing was any discussion of GW's "surprise," larger-than-expected freshman class size this year and how it will effect total enrollment numbers, and, by extension, the community. Despite the mix-up over the date change and the meeting being held on the first night of Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) the attendance was respectable and included neighbors, a couple of GW students, a number of Knapp's aides, and even a few GW students.

— FBN

LETTER FROM LT. PHILIP LANCIANO

The Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police Department needs your help! Over the course of the last 30 days there have been several THEFTS FROM AUTOS that have occurred in and around the GWU University Campus and close-in Foggy Bottom.

Most of these thefts have occurred during the overnight hours and could easily have been prevented. Vehicle owners are implored to remove items from their cars that are of obvious value (I-Pods, Laptop computers, cameras, clothing, etc.) to would-be thieves and to even remove items that might lead a suspect to believe items of value may be hidden within (gym bags, brief cases, shopping bags, garment bags, etc.).

If you have any questions or need additional advice, please contact Lieutenant Philip Lanciano of the Second Police District at 202-715-7326.

- Prime targets are portable electronics (e.g. navigation systems, ipods, mp3 players, satellite radios, laptop computers, cell phones)
- Accessories or parts for these devices will lead to having your car broken into (e.g. power cords, suction cup holders, bags or suitcases)

- Fixing your broken windshield may cost more

than the stolen items (e.g. \$200 - \$400) — FBN

WHAT VICTIMS HAVE SAID...

- *It's broad daylight and I parked on a busy street.*
 - *I parked for less than an hour.*
 - *I parked in a private garage.*
- *This garage is accessible only to people working in this building.*
- *I didn't know, I'm just visiting DC.*

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS — JOIN THE FBA!

Interested in becoming a member of the FBA?

Just clip and mail this form to:

Foggy Bottom Association (Membership)
2560 Virginia Ave. NW, Suite 195
Washington, DC 20037

FOR MEMBERSHIP AUGUST 2008 – AUGUST 2009!

Being an FBA member gives you discounts at local restaurants and other merchants, and a great deal in joining the Sports Club/LA health club!

NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Membership Dues: \$15 per year
Full-time college student: \$5 per year

OTHER CONTRIBUTION: _____

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Questions? Contact:
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Fill out, clip out and send.