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Dupont Circle Business Improvement District Safety and Security Committee

Minutes from November 5, 2019 Meeting

Attendees:

Kathy Guy, BID Board and Committee Chair; Michael Kain, BID Board; Officer Jasma Statamire, DC MPD; Mychol Thigpen, FHI 360; Matt Muller, JBG SMITH; Officer Charles Elliott, DC MPD; Matt Smith, JBG SMITH; Caroline Puglisi, BID Board; Kayla Brown, BID Staff; Colleen Hawkinson, BID Executive Director

The group met and discussed the purpose and goals of the committee.

The group will consider the below as the draft vision statement.

Draft Vision Statement for committee

Dupont Circle BID's Safety and Security Committee will work to partner and disseminate factual data from within and around the BID boundaries with existing organizations to help foster a safe and secure neighborhood environment. In addition, we will provide information to businesses and individuals on ways they can prepare for emergencies.

As a Committee, we will focus on 4 key areas:

1. Familiarization with services provided
2. Resources available
3. Situational awareness
4. Educational updates

The Committee agreed to take the following actions:

1) Dupont Circle BID Website

We will ask for interested parties to sign up to be informed of future committee meetings.

We will publish meeting invites on website.

We will use the Dupont Circle BID website page to include information from FEMA, DCHSEMA, DC Alerts and others so individuals and businesses can begin to make their own preparations for emergency.

Add contact information for local homeless outreach services that accept donations.

2) Partnerships – we will invite members from various groups to participate in the committee meetings and to provide recent data and trend activity at each meeting.

DC MPD

DC FD

Metro Transit Police

Park Police Service

DCHSEMA

Mayor's Office on Homeless Outreach

Charley's Place

Central Union Mission Clean Team

Destination DC

DC agencies and Federal agencies

Others as appropriate

We need to identify ways to increase the flow of actual crime data statistics for the area. During this meeting, DCMPD agreed to report at future committee meetings about recent crime statistics and any general trends.

Homeless services – there seems to be an increase in the number of homeless in the BID boundary. DC takes an annual census so we will try to obtain previous years data to understand the trends. In addition, there is concern with connecting people to the available services. The BID has a handout flyer listing Outreach Services. These will continue to be made available at BID events with any other available print materials.

At future meetings, we will discuss additional ways to think outside the box, ways to connect other possible connections to existing resources, cohost with MPD and others tabletop activities / speakers / provide crime prevention tips, etc.

The meeting began at 2 pm and concluded at 3 pm.

A meeting date for January will be determined and sent to all committee members and will be noted on the BID website.

Submitted by Kathy Guy