



**Dupont Circle Business Improvement District (BID)
Safety & Security Committee Meeting Notes
Thursday, January 14th, 2021 9:30 a.m.**

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Kathy Guy, Vice-Chair Dupont Circle BID Board of Directors, Chair Safety & Security Committee

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Welcome and Introduction

Board of Directors

Executive Committee

Chair: Louis Courembis – Courembis Companies

First Vice-Chair: Kathy Guy – JBG SMITH (Safety & Security Committee Chair)

Secretary: Patrick Kain – Kain & Associates

Treasurer: Pierre Abushacra – Firehook Bakery

Executive Committee Member: William Verno – RB Properties

Board Members

Ruth Gresser – Pizzeria Paradiso
Caroline Puglisi – Residence Inn by Marriott
Tracy Marks – Washington Hilton
William Stevens – The RMR Group

Important Contacts

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Kayla Brown, Marketing & Events Associate, Dupont Circle BID, kbrown@dupontcirclebid.org

MPD Representative, Officer Brady (2nd District)

While there are no closures in the Dupont Circle area currently, Officer Brady would not be surprised to see a closure in Dupont Circle over the next week. It's important to be fluid. Commuting in and out of the area will be problematic. Be sure that your employees that work in the area are aware of routes open to get in and out of the area. Avoid the Downtown area and the perimeter. (You can find current closures [here](#) and [here](#)).

Other important reminder via Officer Brady:

*Do NOT leave cars running unattended. (E.g. Folks will leave the car running to do deliveries, and then the car gets stolen). If you see anyone suspicious, that's a cause of concern to call 911. Be sure to provide as many details as possible.

Q&A with Officer Brady:

1. Any intel on our neighborhood being visited by protesters?

No, but Dupont is a routine meet up spot for demonstrators. A lot of them are pop-ups.

2. Any information on specific demonstrations?

Most do not have permits. The vast majority organize quickly over social media.

3. As a business owner - do we close, do we stay open, do we board up? What kind of support can we expect from MPD?

We don't have information asking folks to board up businesses right now. Be vigilant about it. If you have concerns over certain visitors coming into your business, lock the doors. You have to do what's best for your business/employees' safety. 100% of the department is activated, meaning MPD will be present in surrounding areas and the community.

Recent Mayor's Orders

[Mayor's Order 2021-003](#): January 6, 2021

- Reduce or alter the hours of business
- Direct persons to remain off public streets if a curfew is established
- Request assistance from the federal government

- Goes through Thursday, January 21st

[Mayor's Order 2021-004](#): January 11, 2021

- Ban on indoor dining is extended.
- Outdoor dining and carryout/delivery services can continue
- Non-essential businesses are required to telework, except in-person staff needed to do minimal business tasks
- Goes through Friday, January 22nd at 5:00 a.m.

Road Closures

MPD reports the following road closures are in effect as of 1/13/21:

- Independence Avenue between Washington Avenue SW and Second Street SE
- Constitution Avenue between First Street NW and Second Street NE
- East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets
- 18th Street at Constitution Avenue NW
- 17th Street at Independence Avenue SW
- 11th Street at Independence Avenue SW
- 12th Street at Independence Avenue SW
- 7th Street at Madison Drive NW
- 7th Street at Jefferson Drive SW

It is expected that the U.S. Secret Service will release a map of the full closures and restricted areas. Road Closures: <https://inauguration.dc.gov/closures>

WMATA Service Changes

MetroRail

- Closure of 13 stations inside the security perimeter
- Beginning Friday, January 15th and continuing through the end of service Thursday, January 21st
 - 11 stations closing on Friday
 - 2 additional stations closing on Saturday

MetroBus

- Buses will operate on a Saturday schedule on Inauguration Day, January 20. Check timetables for schedule information.
- Expect delays and detours

WMATA Service Resources:

- WMATA service announcement link:

- <https://www.wmata.com/about/news/2021-Inauguration-Service-Adjustments.cfm>
 - WMATA Status and Alerts: <https://www.wmata.com/service/status/>
 - Metro Closure Map as of 1/14/21:
<https://ctycms.com/dc-dupont-circle/docs/metro-closure-map.jpeg>
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Planning Considerations for Properties

- Ensure CCTV's operational and covering their intended areas without obstruction
 - Coordinate in advance necessary staffing and other needs with team and vendors
 - Review emergency procedures with all building staff including vendors
 - Ensure Go-Kits and PA announcements are updated and accessible in the Fire Control Room
 - Review building elevator recall and lockdown procedures, including loading docks and garages.
 - Make sure there is enough fuel for emergency generator
 - Remove or chain down outside trash cans, chairs, tables, etc. or anything that can be thrown
 - Schedule trash removal and other deliveries around any planned closures, if necessary
 - Stock Shelter-in-Place provisions (food, water, batteries, blankets, etc.)
 - Supply of plywood to protect building if damaged, or to prevent damage, if necessary
 - Ensure cell phones, radios, landlines, email, etc. are updated and operational
 - Ensure protocols for reporting incidents to insurer are understood by all building staff
 - Ensure tenant contact information is updated; provide updates as necessary
 - Free Download: No Guns poster for Properties & Businesses:
<https://ctycms.com/dc-dupont-circle/docs/no-guns-on-premises.pdf>
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Restaurant/Hotel/Office

Restaurants

- Mayor's Order Extends a pause of various activities, including indoor dining, in the District
- Friday, January 22, 2021, at 5 a.m.
- Share specials/ information with the BID for distribution on social media

Hotels

- MPD is in communication with hotels and looking at reservations
- AirBnB started proactively cancelling reservations
- BID is also in touch with hotels.

Offices

- Office workers are encouraged to telecommute next week
- Items in offices should be picked up before the end of the day, Friday, January 15th

Does your business have Outdoor Dining or To-Go Specials? The BID wants to help promote! Email kbrown@dupontcirclebid.org

What Can You Do?

Sign up for text alerts: Text INAUG2021 to 888-777

Inauguration Updates: <https://inauguration.dc.gov/>

Report Suspicious Activity, Behavior, Items and Vehicles to 911

If the Activity has since past, report to iwatchdc.org.

The Dupont Circle BID's Safety and Security Bulletin: <https://bit.ly/2JZrE1i>

Twitter accounts you should be following:

<https://twitter.com/DCPoliceDept>

<https://twitter.com/DCPoliceTraffic>

https://twitter.com/DC_HSEMA

<https://twitter.com/DDOTDC>

<https://twitter.com/wmata>

<https://twitter.com/DupontCircleBID>