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Amidon-Bowen Scholars Advocate to D.C. Council

Four "Petite Powerhouses" Push for Science & Technology Funding

BY GRACE HU

n Monday, Oct. 15, four Amidon-Bowen Elementary School students testified before the D.C. Council Committee on Education as part of a hearing on issues facing D.C. youth.

At 4 p.m., the third graders arrived at the historic John A. Wilson Building, which houses the Executive Office of the Mayor and the D.C. Council, with their teacher Ms. Kelly Harper. Dressed in formal attire, the students walked past portraits of former and current council members to the hearing room, where they spoke about the need to support Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programming and technology for students at Amidon-Bowen. At age 8, the Amidon-Bowen scholars were among the youngest who testified. Approximately

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Amidon-Bowen students Za'Mari Wilson, Ameya Johnson, Taniya Washington and Zy'Ree Maddox-Mills in the hearing room of the John A. Wilson Building

What's in a Name: A Series on Shakespeare, SEU and Southwest, Part 6



Photo from the PUD submission

Latest proposed designs of The Bard project looking southeast across 6th St.

BY KATELYND MAHONEY ANDERSON

Author's note: This is part six of a series on the redevelopment of the old Southeastern University site in Southwest. These articles will serve to provide information for the greater community, and not to take a side on the development debate.

his series, begun in Sept. 2015, follows the proposed redevelopment of 501 I St. SW. Shakespeare Theatre Company (STC) and Erkiletian Development Group have proposed the development of a mixed-use building to be named "The Bard" after William Shakespeare. Past articles can be found on "The Southwester's" website for those who are interested in how this story has evolved over the last three years.

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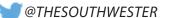
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Southwest Community Center Takes its First Steps

BY ANDY LITSKY

hen the D.C. Zoning Commission voted in September to support Forest City's plans for the open lots at Fourth and M, our neighborhood gained more than just two more apartment buildings and ground level retail. As a result of some hard negotiations on a Community Benefits Agreement by ANC-6D, Southwesters will soon have something many of us have wanted for a very long time: our very own Community Center.

The Community Center will be located in the heart of Southwest at 375 M St., SW and housed within the first of the buildings to be constructed. It will front directly on M St., with a ground level accessible entry leading up to 6,000 square feet on the second floor, and access to an interior private garden space. Forest City is providing this space rent-free for 30 years, paying all utilities associated with the operation, contributing a one-time payment of up to \$500,000 for the Community Center's interior design and fit-out, and will provide up to \$50,000 for furniture, fixtures and equipment.

Even though they will not start digging on the lot in front of Safeway for at least another year, and it will take another two years to complete construction, ANC-6D has begun the conversation now about how to achieve a shared vision of what we all would like to see in our new Community Center. It is going to require considerable effort from every corner of the neighborhood over the next three years to build the kind of operation that will truly be able to serve the interests of a commu-



Photo: Perkins Eastman DO

Artist's rendering of the new SW Community Center

nity as broad and diverse as ours.

The initial vision is for a space filled with educational enrichment programs that span a wide array of subject matter. The Center will strive to provide a range of opportunities for intellectual engagement, personal growth and social connection. It will be a place where everyone in Southwest can gather to exchange ideas, share their talents and pick up some new

Interested in a cooking class? Learning to sketch? Want to explore the history of jazz? Need practice for those college entrance exams? A place to hold your men's group? Yoga anyone? Or perhaps you always wanted to play the guitar. Right now, it is all a blank slate and the chalk is in your hands.

Our Community Center will be Southwest built and Southwest run. It will not be

a D.C. government operation. That means we are going to need input and involvement as this project takes shape. ANC-6D has hired a part time Interim Executive Director, Andrea Gilliam, to help with development and engage neighbors prior to holding a large community meeting early in 2019. For more information as it becomes available and to get on the mailing list, please send your contact information to swcommunitycenter@anc6d.org. If you are a member of a community organization and would like to schedule an introductory meeting with Andrea, please find a time that is convenient for you by using the following link: https://calendly. com/andrea-gilliam/community-centerintroductory-meeting.

We look forward to your participation. It is going to be a great adventure!

SCHOLARS

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ten schools sent students to testify.

Below are some excerpts from the students' testimonies:

Zy'Ree Maddox-Mills

"I love STEM and STEM class because it is where I discovered that I want to become a volcanologist, which is someone who studies volcanoes. Please increase the funding for classes like STEM for our school so that future scientists like me can have the chance to build my exposure to STEM."

Ameya Johnson

"As a young woman of color, it is important that I have the chance to learn about different ways that I can become a doctor. I loved that we got to build robots and do fun science experiments. One day, I want to become a pediatric surgeon, and I need practice with experimenting with science

so that one day I can help kids like me become healthy."

Za'Mari Wilson

"I want to become a civil engineer, and STEM would help me build the skills to know how to lead my team effectively and build amazing structures. Plus, you never know if I'll become the next Albert Einstein!"

Taniya Washington

"Having reliable technology is important so that I can master typing, which is a skill that I will need for school, my future career, and life... We are the future of Washington, D.C., and we hope that you will help us reach our goals and achieve our dreams."

Some parents watched the hearing live via an online broadcast. Kenya and Arkeem Matthews said, "Watching Ameya on live television advocate for STEM programming for her school was not only an amazing accomplishment for herself, but for us as her parents. Proud is an under-

statement. We are overwhelmed with joy because it's confirmation that we are raising an independent, fearless young leader, who is not afraid to allow her voice to be heard, which is our ultimate goal as her parents."

A tweet with a photo of the four scholars was retweeted by Mayor Bowser and viewed over 5,700 times on Twitter. After the hearing, Ms. Harper said, "Supporting my students' burgeoning advocacy muscles is important to me as an educator. Our first unit focused on the power of democracy and being an informed and engaged citizen. While my students are still too young to vote, I wanted them to internalize the power of advocating for themselves and their community. Witnessing these petite powerhouses speak to the D.C. Council Education Committee was inspiring; they spoke with eloquence, passion, and courage. I hope that this experience ignited a lifelong passion for advocacy!"

It's Electric! Scooters Slide into DC

BY ANDREW ROSZAK

ver the past year, you have likely witnessed the District's latest experiment in last mile transportation-electric scooters. I recently had the opportunity to learn more about electric scooters and the DC pilot program from Terry Owens, Public Information Officer for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), Sanjay Dastoor, Co-Founder and CEO of Skip, and a spokesperson for Lime. Last month, DDOT extended the pilot program through the end of 2018. Neighboring Arlington, Va. will launch their pilot program in October 2018.

Electric scooters, powered solely by batteries, have been seen by many as a way to reduce pollution as well as motor vehicle traffic congestion. As Dastoor puts it, "In addition to being a great alternative for trips that are too short for a car, but too long to hoof it, e-scooters are fun to ride!" Electric scooters are permitted for use in bike lanes, which makes the scooters a good fit for DC. According to Owens, "DC has more than 80 miles of bike lanes and DDOT has installed over two-and-a-half miles this year, with another two-and-a-half miles planned."

The scooters are 'dockless,' meaning that when riders reach their destination, they simply leave the scooter for the next rider to use rather than returning to a pre-located dock. Individuals looking to rent a scooter can view the location of the nearest scooters on a mobile application, which utilizes the scooters' built-in GPS system.

The pilot program began in September 2017. Through June 2018, a total of 270,000 trips on electric scooters were completed in the District. DDOT, the entity overseeing the pilot program, works closely with the participating companies and requires each company to provide monthly use data. DDOT also manages questions and complaints, working to match the pilot program with the needs of the District. Following traffic laws, riding in bike lanes and using a helmet are all strongly recommended practices to reduce injury and improve safety for communities.

When asked why Skip decided to participate in the pilot program, Dastoor stated, "DC is unique because it was the first city to offer a pilot program for e-scooter sharing in the United States. They were ahead of the curve in creating a system that would allow its community access to a new

form of transportation."

Currently the pilot program is capped at 400 vehicles per company. For companies who operate both scooters and dockless bikes, such as Lime, this means the company must determine how many dockless bicycles and how many electric scooters will make up the 400 vehicle cap. This also means that the overall numbers of these vehicles is quite low, especially considering that DC's daytime population often exceeds one million individuals.

"The cap of 400 vehicles in DC is a challenge because our riders often ask us to serve their neighborhood, and due to fleet constraints, we are limited in our ability to broadly serve the city. DC residents are hungry for more mobility options, and we are working closely with DDOT to expand the cap," said a spokesperson with Lime.

All of the scooter companies require a mobile phone and the company's application to use the service. Both Lime and Skip have established programs to ensure electric scooters are available to everyone. "Providing access to underserved communities is important to Lime, which is why we have partnered with PayNearMe and support a text-to-unlock feature, both of which promote equitable mobility by removing the barrier of smartphone and credit card ownership. We offer these options as part of our Lime Access program, which offers 50 percent plus discounts on rides for qualifying riders," said the Lime spokesperson.

To prioritize accessibility for underserved communities, Skip provides a 50 percent discount for qualified lowincome riders and works directly with cities to ensure Skip scooters are available for a diverse population of riders.

Electric scooters have become a regular feature at many of the SE/SW DC stadiums. Earlier this summer, Skip added deployment drop-offs at the baseball stadium during the All Star weekend and they have plans to increase their scooter drop-offs around events this fall. Likewise, Lime is an official sponsor of DC United, and they frequently have booths outside the soccer stadium to engage with stadium visitors.

For those looking to enjoy their first ride on an electric scooter, Dastoor offers the following advice, "We want riders to remember that motorized scooters are safest when ridden in a responsible and law-abiding manner, with helmets, and eyes on the road at all times."

VOTE Anthony Dale

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erome Horne, one of the first SWBID employees, works in the L'Enfant Plaza area. He is part of the team that keeps the area looking good. He regularly interacts with area residents and tourists by providing directions to parking and businesses. He really enjoys being a "tour guide" for Southwest visitors.

Jerome has a long history with BIDs. He started with the Capital Hill BID and moved on to the Capitol Riverfront BID. He says, though, that he was very happy to join the Southwest BID when it opened (lucky us!).

His co-workers love him for his good sense of humor. He is always positive and always has a good joke. When I arrived for the interview, I asked Steve Moore what he thought about Jerome. He replied, "We are better at what we do because of Jerome."

Jerome was born and raised in DC. He attended Johnson Jr. High School and Ballou High School. Over the years, he saw many changes in both schools. There were no athletic facilities at Ballou in his day and he is impressed by how much that campus has changed.

Jerome likes everything about the SWBID—he's proud of the work, loves the people he works with and loves the neighborhood. At the end of the day, however, he says the best part of his life is his wife of 18 years.

SWBID COO Andre Witt says: "Jerome has been one of the more dedicated employees. He is well liked by all staff and is never at a loss for words. He is an outstanding family man and has truly grown into a well-seasoned professional."

Jerome's Favorites

Movie: Likes the "oldies" **Music:** R&B, Soul and Jazz



Jerome Horne

Favorite song: "God Is Love" (Lionel Richie); "Joy and Pain" (Frankie Beverly & Maze)

Sports Team: Redskins FOREVER! Favorite SW spot: The Waterfront and the area around the MLK monument

Best thing about his job: The environment—loves the team spirt and the supportive leadership

Proudest moment: Every day the Good Lord wakes him up to come to work!

So when you're out and about, be sure to say hello to Jerome!

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Kristen Berset-Harris Keynotes the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund Support Group

BY DONNA PURCHASE

wo-time breast cancer survivor and host of "Great Day Washington," Kristen Berset-Harris, shared her story to a standingroom only audience at the Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund's October support group meeting.

In 2009, a month before her 27th birthday, Kristen discovered a lump during a regular self-check while showering. Her doctor diagnosed the lump as a cyst but a few months

later the lump grew larger and the doctor maintained that it was a cyst, but recommended that it be removed. Months later, another doctor suggested a mammogram that revealed breast cancer and she had a bilateral mastectomy. Five years later, cancer free, Kristen proudly announced that she had reached success!

Two years passed, and it happened again! She discovered another lump. Kristen was devastated. She broke into tears and thought "this can't be happening again." It was a month before her wedding. With the support of a supportive, loving husband and family, she went

through numerous treatments and once again, she was cancer free.

Kristen says that through these experiences, she learned some valuable lessons. For example, it is okay to be a little selfish, take time to read a book and spend time alone. She says working on "Great

Day Washington" has been therapeutic as she sees the best of DC and is fortunate enough to work with a team that empowers the DC community. Kristen believes that if she can help one person, then she is happy, and that

other survivors are always around with open hearts, ready to listen and ready to hug.

The Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund provides outreach, support and education to identify the needs of targeted audiences and designs and implements training programs and other modalities to help raise awareness of breast cancer, reduce myths and fears, and increase knowledge or influence attitudes with a goal of practicing a healthy life style. To learn more about the Fund, please visit http://www.tdjbreastcancerfund.org or call 202-251-1639.



Host of "Great Day Washington" and two-time breast cancer survivor, Kristen Berset-Harris



Uniform Upgrade for MPD Officers

BY GEORGINE WALLACE

ater this fall you may not recognize our Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officers. New uniforms are being issued to all sworn officers through the rank of Sergeant.

The light blue shirt and dark cargo pants you are used to seeing are being replaced by a navy blue shirt and a navy trouser pant. The changes were made due to issues presented by the current uniform.

The cargo pants used previously contain pockets that hold pieces of equipment. Though it provides easy access for certain items, the weight makes the pants heavy and a challenge to move in. The previous gun belt is also substantial. Many officers complain about back and hip pain due to the combined weight. Crisp navy blue trouser pants and a light-weight gun belt will replace them.

The biggest aesthetic change is with the uniform's shirt. The new shirt is made of a durable, polyester/jersey washable material. It is more widely available, also making it a more economical option. Another benefit of the new shirt design is that it allows officers to wear their vests over it.

The design of the previous shirt does not allow the officers to wear a bullet-resistant vest over it. The vest is large and would cover their badge and name tag. Consequently, officers wear the vests under their shirts. The current vests are heavy and its texture causes the officers to sweat. Skin irritations and rashes are not uncommon.

The new bullet-resistant vest has areas for officers to affix their badge and name tag. In addition, the vest contains multiple pockets that are designed to hold the various pieces of equipment currently stored in the pockets of the cargo pants.

Previously, the location of the body-worn camera could vary slightly from one officer to another. With the new uniform it is stowed neatly in the top center of the vest between the name tag and badge. The vest and the shirt meld seamlessly together.

The vest can also be easily removed when the officers are at their assigned police stations. Tasks such as writing reports or having a meeting can be done in more comfort without the heavy vest.

Kristen Metzger of the MPD Office of Communications noted that the "clean lines, trim tailoring and durable fabric on

the shirts will ensure that our members can more comfortably do their jobs, and look good doing it." As someone who spent many hours of my childhood helping to launder

and spot remove my father's security guard uniform shirts (light blue), the navy shirt color may be beneficial to officers and their families in other ways too.

New uniforms for MPD officers



BY SHANNON VAUGHN

hen Screaming Eagles president James Lambert talks about his passion for D.C. United, it goes beyond the pitch. The D.C. United supporter group Screaming Eagles has been around since 1995, even before

the first United season, and has been giving back since the beginning.

The group's 1100+ membership can not only fill Buzzard Point's new Audi Field with chants and drums for all the neighborhood to hear, but also fill the ground with newly planted trees. It is part of the group's community outreach to show the Screaming Eagles care as much about the community around the stadium as the team inside it.

On Sunday, Oct. 14, a group of Screaming Eagles and Earth Conservation Corps volunteers met up with Syphax Gardens residents and ANC Commissioner Rhonda Hamilton to plant trees. The tree planting idea came about after Commissioner Hamilton and other concerned residents formed the Near Buzzard Point Resilient Action Committee (NeRAC) to give voice to those who were being drowned out during the stadium's construction. The dust was a major cause for concern, especially for many of the most vulnerable residents. "Our elderly residents complain about burning in their eyes and lungs, and children with asthma are having more flare-ups," said Hamilton. That aligns with the Screaming Eagles' vision as well, as Lambert states, "We'd like our relationship with local residents to include helping to advocate for them and with them to the city government."

Earlier this year D.C. United, DC SCORES and the Screaming Eagles announced a strategic partnership to ensure the three groups would work together to give back to the community. "We've always had a large focus on civic engagement and community service. We have a partnership with DC SCORES, who is also the charitable partner of the team, to support all their activities," says Lambart

DC SCORES' mission is to create neighborhood teams that give kids in need the confidence and skills to succeed on the playing field, in the classroom and in life. The Screaming Eagles partnership has included buying out a small section of seats in Audi Field to give to DC SCORES to bring their students, coaches and parents out to the matches.

The tree plantings are just one part of a larger community plan. These organizations plan to continue to work to ensure that community benefits programs linked to the Buzzard Point redevelopment are not quickly forgotten.



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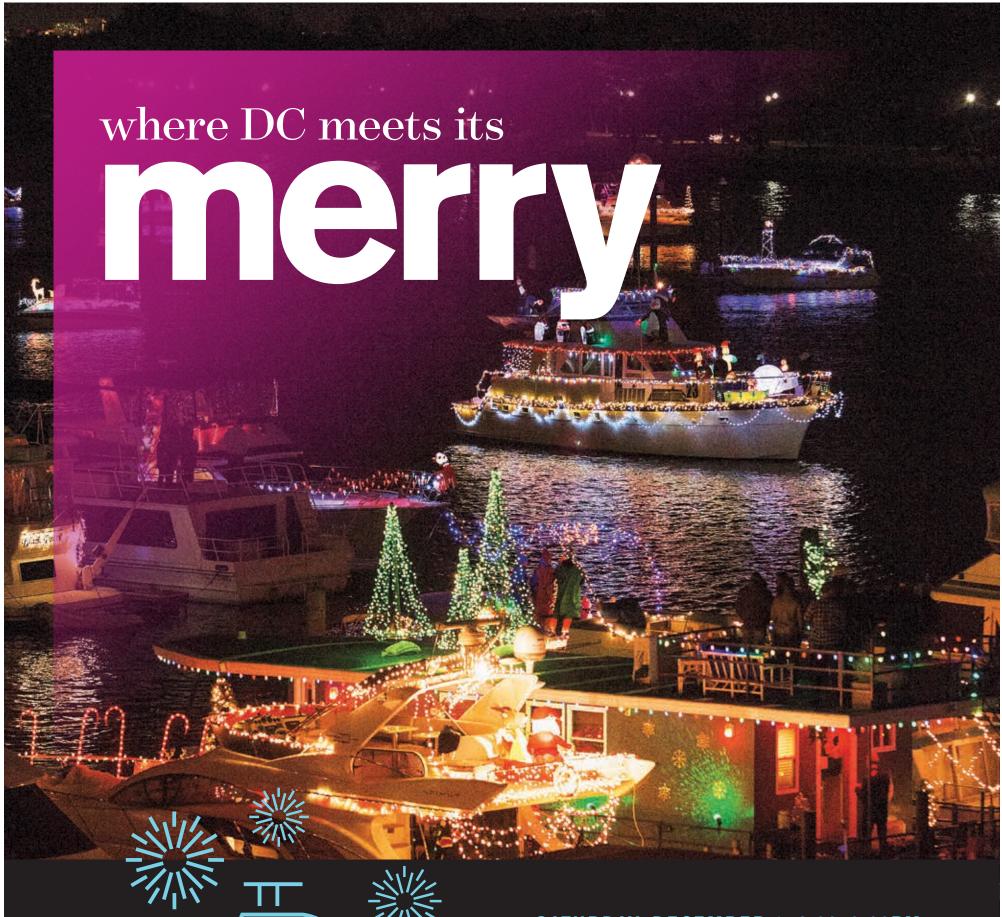
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Photo: Screaming Eagles

D.C. United Announcer Dave Johnson and Owner Jason Levien present a special D.C. United shovel to kickoff the tree planting



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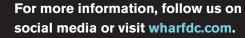
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Vikings Invade Southwest

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

n Oct. 5, the Transit Pier at The Wharf was overtaken by the world's largest operational Viking ship, the Draken Harald Hårfagre. The invasion featured the Draken Village, allowing visitors to relive the discovery of the New World and the Draken's 2016 trans-Atlantic crossing. Staff of The Southwester visually documented this unique-to-Southwest adventure.







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ing the fourth edition of a proposed unit design (PUD) for this site. The project, originally calling for apartments as a part of the larger mixed-use, was supposed to have broken ground this calendar year. However, this project has now taken a complete 180-degree turn to have condos instead of apartments.

According to documents filed with the Zoning Commission (Z.C.) on Sept. 27, not only is the project now for-salecondominiums, the overall unit count for this project portion has been reduced by 16 units. It is down from approximately 85 apartments to approximately 69 condominium units, due to the larger size of the individual units that will be for sale. In regards to changing the project from apartments to condos, Chris Jennings, Executive Director of STC, says: "(T)his significant change will create homes that will attract residents more likely to become invested in the neighborhood." The documents filed also state that "(T)he project will now provide approximately 6,088 square feet of affordable housing, with approximately 5,378 square feet (or approximately six units) set aside at 80 percent of the Median Family Income, and approximately 710 square feet (or one unit) set aside at 50 percent of the Median Family Income."

Under the previous PUD when the units were to be rented units, two would have been set aside for teachers at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School or Jefferson Academy Middle School. Unlike past applications, this application lays out no specific community benefits, even related to the schools. Rather, it states that it will work with the ANC to define "the public benefits and project amenities." It also states that STC and Erkiletian are "working actively with nearby schools to further define and enhance the education-related public benefits, which are a cornerstone of the proposed benefits package." This aligns with what Jennings told this publication, saying that he is "...also thrilled about some great conversations with the three neighborhood schools learning about their needs and how we can help support their teachers and students."

Amidon-Bowen parent expressed optimism that the companies would continue their engagement with the school. Allison Harvey, Co-PTA President, says, "We appreciate the initial outreach, and look forward to further engagement with administrators, teachers and parents in the near future. It is our hope that we can work together to ensure a meaningful partnership for the school that leads to tangible opportunities and improvements for our students."

According to the application, the STC portion will continue to feature "a mixture of office space on the ground floor, rehearsal, education, and costume shop space in the lower level, and housing for both actors and fellows," though the housing component has been reconfigured to 18 single room occupancy beds (instead of larger four-bedroom apartments) and reduced from 20 to 18. Other changes include the addition of a delivery area in the garage for the STC costume shop, to decrease the amount of deliveries at the ground level, as well as an increase of 38 spots in the garage (two surface spots and 15 offsite spots bring the total of the project to 55).

Erkiletian and STC are once again looking to have the parcel rezoned—this time to MU-4. According to the DC Office of Zoning, this type of zoning is intended to "permit moderate-density mixed-use development; provide facilities for shopping and business needs, housing, and mixed uses for large segments of the District of Columbia outside of the central core; be located in low- and moderatedensity residential areas with access to main roadways or rapid transit stops, and include office employment centers, shopping centers, and moderate bulk mixeduse centers." The site is currently zoned for R-3, which allows for low-density residential homes. The Southwest Small Area Plan, which was adopted unanimously by the City Council in 2015, did not recommend changing from the R-3 zoning, until STC had addressed community concerns. It also recommended that the zoning be changed to something for arts and culture, as it would continue to compliment the already strong arts scene in Southwest.

The rezoning request also comes with three variance requests: rear yard flexibility (the project currently provides a rear yard of 8 feet 4 inches which is 6 feet 8 inches less than the 15 feet rear yard required for the MU-4 zoning request); side yard flexibility (order to accommodate windows at the ground floor along the eastern property line); and lot occupancy (the ground level occupies 79 percent of the lot, which exceeds the 75 percent maximum). The request to rezone and to rezone with variances has been a constant throughout the last three years of this project, and it has been at the core of the objections from the surrounding townhome neighbors, who have organized into an unincorporated group called the United Neighbors of Southwest (UNSW). Peter Eicher, one of these neighbors, says, "There should not be a zoning change, and the proposed building is simply too massive and too tall for the site." Eicher also states that "the 'redesign' has

changed the look of the building-which was never our primary objection—but the overall height and square footage are exactly the same as the previous plan, and the building's footprint has actually increased."

The redesign that Eicher is referencing are the changes to the façade along 6th St., which has been designed to appear as though it is seven townhouse-scaled models that are each three stories in height, similar to those townhomes to the immediate north and west. According to Jennings, this change, along with changing the project to condominiums "are just two of the changes that have been made that are a direct result of what we have been hearing." The fourth story and penthouses are designed to be behind the cornice line. The public facing courtyard, which was previously west facing on the ground level, is now on the second level and faces the east. Additionally the balconies, referred to as "penthouse amenity space," all face the southeast, as does the rooftop terrace. In total, the building itself will be 58 feet. The annex will stand at 47 feet 2 inches to the roof of the five floors (when the mechanical items are added, it will stand at 55 feet 6 inches). It has been shortened to align better with the main building, and also been moved to better align with the southern property line. It is also made of the same materials as the main building, and will feature the same punched windows.

As of the date of print, there was no date set for the next Zoning Commission hearing. Without this hearing, it is hard to tell what the next chapter has in store for this project. However, it is clear that both sides are planning to continue their respective pursuits of this project. "The Southwester" will continue to follow the

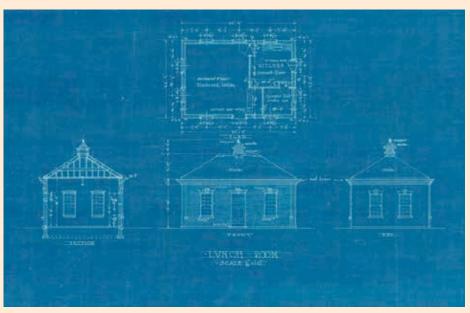


Photo from DC Historic Landmark Application

Lunch room drawings, unsigned, 1916-1917

Historic Building gets Second Life at the Wharf

Rappahannock Oyster Bar opening in Historic Oyster Shucking Shed

BY KATELYND MAHONEY ANDERSON

Since 1899, Rappahannock Oyster Company has sought to "celebrate good food grown well," and that is exactly what they plan to bring to their latest outpost set to open at the Wharf this month. Located in the now historic designated Lunch Room Building and Oyster Shucking Shed, the newest location will bring to life what was not too long ago an abandoned building in the middle of the nation's oldest open-air market.

Designed to feel like you are not in one of the world's most powerful cities, customers can expect a refreshing, light, breezy feel. With glass doors instead of walls that transform to open both up and out, the imagined oyster shed will feature a geometric and lowkey nautical vibe. During the warmer months, the 90 patio seats will feel cozy under umbrellas (featuring heat lamps to extend the life of the patio), and will be supplemented with only 27 bar seats inside the restaurant. Patrons at the bar will witness the 1,300 pound ice machine producing the ice needed for the shucking station that occupies the north end of the bar. Those familiar with the company's other locations, including Charleston, S.C., Los Angeles, and Richmond, Va., will notice some staples on the menu. The famous Lambs and Clams dish and Crab Cakes will be on the menu with a special

twist. There will also be a few items unique to the Wharf, including more options for those non-seafood eaters. Chef Autumn Cline, who is currently Executive Chef at the Union Market location, will lead the culinary team.

The process of creating this unique dining experience has not been without its challenges, as renovating a historic designation has strict guidelines. For instance, when it was discovered that the south-facing side of the shed needed to be completely rebuilt, the bricks not only had to match the originals, but had to be whitewashed to exactly match those of the north-side, which remained intact. The roof had to be completely replaced with slate shingles to match those from the early twentieth century, and the paint on the windows had to match what the building originally featured over 100 years ago. The company, which is just over a decade older than the shed itself, took these challenges in stride to breathe new life into this long-forgotten build-

Perhaps it was kismet when early in the restorative process, workers found hundreds of old oyster shells from years gone by. While patrons will not be discarding their shells for future generations to find, Rappahannock Oyster Company has made it possible to enjoy a piece of true history at the Wharf and Southwest Waterfront for years to come.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

FRI 2, 6:30 P.M. Game Night, First Friday of every month, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, www.staugustinesdc.org, 202-554-3222

FRI-SUN 2-4, Kadampa Meditation Center, Emptiness & Impermanence Meditation Retreat, See meditation-dc.org/emptiness. 1200 Ganal St. SW

SAT 3, 10 A.M.-4 P.M. Public Open House of Grant Hall's historic third-floor courtroom, Fort McNair, See https://www.facebook.com/jbmhh, 703-696-3283

SAT 3, 1-2:30 P.M. Yoga Nidra, Meditate, Chant, Breathe, and Relax deeply with Yoga Nidra, led by Pamela Wilson. Bring a mat and light covering. \$10 donation suggested. Westminster Presbyterian Church

SAT 3, 3 P.M. Friendship Bracelets Craft, Children invited to create friendship bracelets and other jewelry. Supplies provided. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. Snacks provided. SW Library, 202-724-4753

SUN 4, 2-5 P.M. Parade the Parks, Waterfront Village, Friends of the Library, SW Gardens and SWBID will co-host at these SW public spaces: Duck Pond, 3rd & I St. Park, Lansburgh Park. Begins at SW Duck Pond, then parades to 3rd & I St. Park, then to Lansburgh Park for desserts and more music. More information: https://www.face-book.com/events/1215359391955150/ and https://www.swbid.org/events/2018/11/4/parade-the-parks

SUN 4, 6:30 P.M. The Ark (Noah's Ark), St. Dominic's Parish Center in the basement of the Priory

WED 7, 6:30 P.M. Workshop Wednesday, SW Library, 202-724-4752

SAT 10, 10-11 A.M. Giving without Expectations, Saturday Morning Meditation. Standard price: \$12. Students/Seniors: \$6. Kadampa Meditation Center, 1200 Canal St. SW, 202-430-6540.

SAT 10, 3 P.M. Cinema Saturday, Children invited to enjoy a G or PG movie on the big screen. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. Snacks provided. SW Library, 202-724-4752

SAT 10, 7 P.M. Faith and Film presents The Greatest Showman (PG). Subtitles for the hearing impaired. Beverages and snacks provided. Donations Accepted. Westminster Presbyterian Church

SUN 11, 2:30 P.M. P.A.L. (People Animals Love) Dog Visit, Children ages 4-12 are invited to read aloud to a P.A.L. dog. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library, 202-724-4752

SUN 11, 6:30 P.M. The Visual Bible: The Gospel of John, St. Dominic's Parish Center in the basement of the Priory

TUES 13, 1:30 P.M. Literary Book Group, This month's title is "The Round House" by Louise Erdrich. Copies are available at the information desk. SW Library, 202-724-4752

WED 14, Noon. The Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter 4751's monthly Luncheon Business Meeting. Guest Speaker. Dr. Regina Harrison, Professor Emerita in Latin American Literatures and Comparative Literatures at the University of Maryland. Presentations: Ruins and Rare Species: The Ecology of Tourism in Peru, (Machu Picchu) Tropical Forest Villages, Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands. Lunch Available for \$5. For more information, contact Chapter President Betty Jean Tolbert Jones, bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-0901. River Park—South Common Room, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW

WED 14, 6-8:30 P.M. Thelma D. Jones Breast Cancer Fund Support Group Meeting, Annual Thanksgiving Celebration: A Time to be Thankful. Panel discussion on breast cancer survivors with disabilities. Remarks by Kim Beer, Director, Public Policy, Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation. Panel moderated by Regina Blye, Project Officer, Community Living/Independent Living Administration, US Dept. of Health and Human Services. Thanksgiving meal provided. RSVP required. For information, email: thelma@tdjbreastcancerfund.org, visit www.tdjbreastcancerfund.org or call 202-251-1639. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

WED 14, 6:30 P.M. Aspiring Writer's Circle, a meetup for new and aspiring writers. SW Library, 202-724-4752

WED 14, 7:30-10 P.M. Open Mic Open Night hosted by Peter Fields. SW Arts Club, Blind Whino, 700 Delaware Ave. SW

FRI 16, 8-9:30 A.M. Councilmember Charles Allen Community Office Hours, Waterfront Safeway Starbucks, 1100 M St. SW

FRI 16, 5:30-6:30 P.M. District Shabbat for Tots, A fun musical service by Washington Hebrew Congregation's clergy and folk-rock musicians Dan Nichols and Alan Goodis. Followed by a free family-friendly dinner. RSVP required: whctemple.org/districtshabbat. All are welcome. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, sponsored by Washington Hebrew Congregation

FRI 16, 6:15-9:30 P.M. District Shabbat, Free service. Optional dinners following the service have fees: Community Shabbat Dinner at St. Augustine's is \$18, The Rabbi's Table at a restaurant is \$50. Led by Washington Hebrew Congregation clergy and folk-rock musicians Dan

Nichols and Alan Goodis. RSVP is required: whctemple.org/worship/new-shabbat-experiences/district-shabbat-test/district-shabbat-rsvp-1116. Learn more at: whctemple.org/districtshabbat. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, sponsored by Washington Hebrew Congregation

FRI 16-18, Taking & Giving Meditation Retreat, Weekend retreat led by guest teacher, Gen Kelsang Menla. See meditation-dc.org/takingandgiving. Kadampa Meditation Center. 1200 Canal St. SW

FRI 16-18, Take My Hand Blues Dancing features blues dancing, bands, classes and seminars. Contact church office for schedule and event ticket price. Westminster Presbyterian Church

SAT 17, 10 A.M.-2 P.M. Church and Community Mental Health Workshop, Guest Speakers: Dr. Beatrice Denefield, MD, Psychiatrist; Brenda D. Jones, RN, BSN, MED; Aiysha Whittaker, LGPC, Clinical Services Coordinator; Renee Hamilton, PhD; and other participants. All Invited. Light lunch provided (donations welcome). Friendship Baptist Church, 202-488-7417

SAT 17, 3 P.M. Thanksgiving Craft, Children ages 4-12 invited to join us for a Thanksgiving craft. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library, 202-724-4752

SUN 18, 6:30 P.M. Close to Jesus: Mary Magdalene (Gli amici di Gesù–The Friends of Jesus), St. Dominic's Parish Center in the basement of the Priory

MON 19, 7 P.M. ANC 6D Monthly Business Meeting, 1000 5th St. SE (Note: SE location)

WED 21, 6:30 P.M. Learn and Write, SW Library, 202-724-4752

FRI 23, 3 P.M. Let's Talk about Music, Everything you want to know about Benjamin Britten's War Requiem. SW Library, 202-724-4752

SAT 24, 1:30 P.M. SW Library Book Discussion, "The World Without Us" by Alan Weisman. Copies are available at the information desk. SW Library, 202-724-4752

SAT 24, 3 P.M. LEGO Club, Children ages 4-12 invited to design and create their own LEGO structures. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library, 202-724-4752

SUN 25, 6:30 P.M. Saul: The Journey to Damascus, St. Dominic's Parish Center in the basement of the Priory

WED 28, 6:30 P.M. Nightwriters, SW Library, 202-724-4752

THURS 29, 6:45 P.M. ABC Committee, ANC6D, Alcohol license applications, renewals, enforcement and other issues. Contact: Coralie Farlee, Chair, ABC Committee, 202-554-4407, cfarlee@mindspring.com. 1D MPD building, 101 M St., SW

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

ALL-LEVELS YOGA CLASS, Wednesdays, 8-9 A.M. Bring a mat if you have one. No set charge; donations welcomed. For more information, call instructor Pamela Wilson, 202-746-6654 or email: wilsonpj108@verizon. net. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

ALZHEIMER'S ASSN CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP, 2nd Tuesdays of the month, 10:30-11:30 A.M. Free and open to the Public. Faith Presbyterian Church, 4161 S. Capitol St. SW

ARTS FOR KIDS, Tuesdays, 5-6 P.M. Ages 6-13. Michelle & Akaya. King Greenleaf Recreation Center

ARTY AFTERNOON, Mondays, 4:30 P.M. Join us in the Children's Room for fun arts and crafts. For children ages 4-12. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library. **Note:** The library is closed Nov. 12.

BALLET, Saturdays, 10:15-11:15 A.M. Ages 6-12. Alexis Miller & Jilian Carter. Randall Recreation Center

BALLET, Saturdays, 11:15 A.M-12:15 P.M. Ages 3-5. Alexis Miller & Jilian Carter. Randall Recreation Center

BLUES MONDAYS, 6-9 P.M. Various Blues musicians and singers featured each Monday. \$5 cover and food for sale. Schedule at www. westminsterd.corg/blues.html. Westminster Presbyterian Church

BREAD FOR LIFE, Sundays, 8-8:45 A.M. Free Breakfast, Hot Breakfast of eggs, pancakes, sausage, biscuits, juice and coffee. Seeking Volunteers to help cook, serve and set-up. Contact: chee-cheemathis@staugustinesdc.org. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church Community Room

COLOR CLUB, Mondays, 7 P.M. Children and families invited to join. Special coloring sheets and supplies are available. SW Library, 202-724-

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, Every 3rd Saturday, 9-11 A.M. Rear entrance of Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St. SW, across from SW Library. \$5.00 donation

COOKING LEVEL 1, Wednesdays, 5:30-7 P.M. (Boys) Ages: 8-13 Safiyyah Aleem-Woods, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

DC DRAGON BOAT CLUB, Saturdays, 8:30 A.M. Come to The Anchor Store at the DC Wharf located at 709 Wharf St. SW and join a free paddling session with the DC Dragon Boat Club. Beginners welcome! First three

practices are free! Sign up at www.dcdragonboat.org/. Questions? Email info@dcdragonboat.org

DC HOOKS AND NEEDLES GROUP, Mondays 2-4 P.M. Velo Café on Maine Avenue at the Wharf

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WALK-IN CLINIC, Wednesdays, 1-4 P.M. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 202-484-7700

EVENING PRAYER, Tuesdays, 6:30 P.M. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

FEDERAL CITY RUNNERS TUESDAY NIGHT GROUP RUN, Tuesdays, 6:30 P.M. Meet by Waterfront Metro exit (near Safeway). Run distance: 4–5 miles. Runners of all paces welcome! Run year-round in rain, snow, or shine. RSVP at www.meetup.com/fcrunners to receive run updates or just show up!

FITNESS BOOTCAMP, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6-7 P.M. Ages 18+, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

FITNESS BOOTCAMP, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Ages 18+, Randall Recreation Center

FOOTBALL 8 U, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6-7 P.M. Ages 7-8, Ronald Hines, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

FRIDAY FILMS, Fridays, 3 P.M. Join us for a showing of a surprise film, rated G or PG. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library, 202-724-4752

FRIDAY NIGHT FISHING, 5:30-8:30 P.M. Free event for kids and families, and fisher-folks young and old! At the docks at Diamond Teague Park (in SE across from the baseball stadium)

GAME CLUB, Fridays, 4 P.M. Children ages 6-12 are invited to join us to play board games. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library, 202-724-4752

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 4298 is looking for troop leaders for its 2018–2019 year. If you live in the neighborhood and would like to give back to local girls, please contact Monica at 202–468–9620.

HAND DANCING, Saturdays, 1-3:30 P.M. Ages 55+. Volunteer. King Greenleaf Recreation Center

JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, Fridays, 6-9 P.M. Various Jazz musicians and singers featured each Friday. \$5. Food for sale. Schedule at www.westminsterdc. org/jazz.html. Westminster Presbyterian Church

JOINT WORSHIP, Westminster Presbyterian Church and Riverside Baptist Church. Sundays, 11 A.M.-Noon, 202-484-7700

KADAMPA MEDITATION CENTER, Thursdays, 7:15-8:30 P.M. Developing Positive Habits: Meditation Class. Also Sundays, 10-11 A.M. Dharma in Daily Life—Meditation Class. \$12 per class (\$6 for students/seniors/unemployed). Kadampa Meditation Center, 1200 Canal St. SW. More info see: meditation-dc.org or call 202-430-6540

KEYS TO FREEDOM N/A Group, Tuesdays, Noon-1 P.M. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

KICKBALL, Tuesdays, 5-6 P.M. Ages 8-14, Safiyyah Aleem-Woods, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

The KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT, every first and third Monday, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Christ United Methodist Church

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS, every first and third Saturday, 10:30 A.M.-Noon We are a friendly community toastmasters club whose mission is to help people develop public speaking, communications, and leadership skills. See www.toastmasters.org for information on membership and fees. Westminster Presbyterian Church

MAKER CAMP, Wednesdays, 4:30 P.M. Ages 6-12 are invited to join us for hands-on, creative workshops. No registration necessary. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library, 202-724-4752

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Wednesdays, 7-8 P.M. Westminster Presbyterian Church

OPEN GYM, Saturdays, 10:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M. Ages 18+, Staff, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

PAJAMA STORY TIME, Thursdays, 6 P.M. Evening story time where pajamas are encouraged but not required. Designed to delight children of all ages. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library, 202-724-4752

PICKLE BALL, Tuesdays, 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. Ages 55+, Volunteer, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

POM POM, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6 P.M. Ages: 6-13, Chamia Day, Randall Recreation Center

READING CLUB, Thursdays, 4 P.M. Children ages 4-12 are invited to drop in for independent or quiet partnered reading while enjoying a snack provided by the library. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library, 202-724-4752. **Note:** The library is closed Nov. 22.

SEATED YOGA TWICE A WEEK, Mondays, 11 A.M-Noon and Wednesdays, 4-5 P.M. Pamela Wilson guides a gentle series of movements designed to free the joints and ease the mind. This is part of Westminster's Wellness program. Westminster Presbyterian Church

SENIOR BINGO, Mondays and Thursdays, 1-3 P.M. Ages 55+, Charles Jones, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

SENIOR CRAFTS, Tuesdays, 1-2 P.M. Ages 55+, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

SENIOR JEWELRY MAKING, Wednesdays, 1-2:30 P.M. Ages 55+, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

SPORTS SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 4-6 P.M. Ages 5-12, Ronald Hines, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

SOUTHWEST RENEWAL A/A Group, Wednesdays, 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

STORY TIME AT THE LIBRARY, Join us for books, songs, rhymes and finger plays as we continue to strengthen early literacy skills while enjoying stories together. **Baby/Toddler Story Time on Mondays, 10:30 A.M.** for children ages birth to 2 years and their caregivers. **Preschool Story Time on Wednesdays, 10:30 A.M.** for ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers, followed by an easy craft activity. **Family Story Time on Saturdays, 10:30 A.M.** for all ages, followed by playtime. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library, 202–724–4752. **Note:** The library is closed Nov. 12.

SUPREME TEENS, Mondays, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Ages 13-19, Safiyyah, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

SUPREME TEENS, Wednesdays, 4-6 P.M. Ages 13–18, Karena Houser-Hall, Randall Recreation Center

SWING DANCE CLASSES, Wednesdays, 7-9:30 P.M. Westminster Presbyterian Church

TEEN COLOR CLUB, Thursdays, 4:30 P.M. Teens ages 13-19 are invited to get creative with colored pencils, other materials and coloring sheets while socializing. SW Library, 202-724-4752. **Note:** The library is closed Nov. 22

TEEN LOUNGE, Tuesdays, 4:30 P.M. Ages 13–19 are invited to hang out and participate in fun activities, games and socializing. SW Library, 202-724-4752

TINY TOTS, Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 A.M. Ages 15 months-3 years, Michelle Edmonds, King Greenleaf Recreation Center, 202-645-7454

TINY TOTS, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 A.M. Ages 15 months-3 years, Karena Houser-Hall, Randall Recreation Center

TINY TOTS TENNIS, Wednesdays, 5-6 P.M. Ages 3-5, DPR Staff, Randall Recreation Center

VOLLEYBALL, Tuesdays, 5:30-7 P.M. Ages 10-14, Safiyyah Aleem-Woods, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTOR'S CLUB, First and Third Wednesday each month, 7-9 P.M. Buy, trade and sell stamps. Refreshments provided. Christ United Methodist Church

WATERCOLOR PAINTING, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 P.M. Ages: 18+, Elin Whitney-Smith, Randall Recreation Center

Wii CLUB, Wednesdays, 4:30 P.M. Children ages 4-12 are invited to play games on the Wii console. Children under 9 years old must be accompanied by a caregiver. SW Library, 202-724-4752

YOGA FOR ADULTS and TEENS, Tuesdays, 6:30 P.M. All levels welcome. Bring your own mat or use a library provided mat. SW Library, 202-724-4752

YOGA IN THE WATER: ALL-LEVELS CLASS, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 A.M. and Sundays from 12:30-1:30 P.M. with Pamela Wilson at Waterside Fitness and Swim Club, 901 6th St., SW. \$10 for class/day pass. For more information, call Waterside Fitness and Swim Club, 202-488-3701

YOUNG LADIES ON THE RISE, Wednesdays, 5-6 P.M. Ages 6-12, Karena Houser-Hall, Randall Recreation Center

YOUNG LADIES ON THE RISE, Thursdays, 5:30-7 P.M. Ages 6-14, Safiyyah Aleem-Woods, King Greenleaf Recreation Center

YOUTH SOCCER, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-6 P.M. Ages 7-12, Randall Recreation Center, 202-673-7647

ZUMBA, Mondays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Ages 18+, Randall Recreation Center, 202-673-7647

Neighborhood Volunteers and National Park Service Breathe Life into Titanic Memorial Park



Photo: Mike O'Dell

Jason Davis of National Park Service works with volunteers Cheryl Scott Williams, Dave Small and Kramer Phalen BY DONNA HANOUSEK

n Saturday, Oct. 13, the Friends of the Titanic Memorial Park (Friends) and the National Park Service (NPS) teamed up to make improvements to the beautifully-designed, mid-century modern Titanic Memorial Park. The work party included planting flower bulbs and weeding planters, removing dead bushes and mulching planting beds, and cleaning debris from activity wells.

Rae Emerson, the NPS Partnerships Specialist and community liaison to the Friends, was on hand to assess park conditions and plan future projects. The Friends, co-founded last year by Corinne Irwin and Donna Hanousek, in affiliation with the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA), has a formal partnership with NPS and assists it with park clean up, gardening, conditions assessments and planning.

The park runs from the intersection of 4th and P Streets (at Ft. McNair), west to the Titanic Memorial, and then north along the Washington Channel until you get to the new Southwest Waterfront Park at N Street. If you care to learn more about the park or the Friends, you can visit the website at https://www.fotmpdc.org or the facebook page at www.facebook.com/FOTMPDC/.



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Rae Emerson of National Park Service teamed up with Donna Hanousek and Corinne Irwin of Friends of Titanic Memorial Park

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