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Zoning Commission

From: Judi Jones, ANC 4B Chair & ANC Date: 1/13/2006
4B07, 202-291-5327

Re: Rejection of PUD case #05-30 Pages: 5 (inclusive)

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Dear Ms. Mitten

RE: Rejection of the West Group Development and Jarvis Company Consolidated PUD Zoning Commission Case No. 05-30, 6000 New Hampshire Avenue, NE

This letter is sent on behalf of the residents of Lamond and 4B07 regarding the planned unit development at 6000 New Hampshire Avenue, NE. The West Group is the development team. I have chronicled this odyssey in my monthly newsletter. I have attached those newsletters that are relevant and used excerpts from them in this letter.

The West Group came to the Lamond community in the fall of 2004. The West Group presented two options to the community. The Lamond community rejected both options but wanted to continue negotiating with the West Group beginning with option B (at end of letter). However, other community groups in the 4B07 and 4B08 areas wanted to weigh in on the development in their own community meetings. By the spring of 2005, the Lamond Community Action Group (LCAG) sent a letter to me stating their support of the project but with some issues of density still an issue with members. Citizens Aware, a community group in 4B08, sent a letter (attached) rejecting the plan because the group doesn't support the zoning change. In the meantime, the West Group never returned to the 4B07 single member district (SMD) meeting to negotiate from option B. The plan of the property evolved into something 4B07 rejects because of the change in zoning. In the meantime, I tried to negotiate community benefits with the West Group.

The community originally wanted to demolish the existing buildings on the property and build to the R-1 density on the comprehensive plan. However, given the opportunity to negotiate community benefits for the development and the West Group insistence on keeping the buildings, one of the benefit requests was to have one of the buildings designated a senior building with medical and security built-ins along with federal, local and non-profit programs for seniors. I approached three non-profit entities (churches) in WDC to work with the developers to implement the "senior" building. The three church representatives were told that they were not to be a part of this project. Further, the West Group insists on a homeowners' fee for the entire development, including the single-family dwellings. The community is adamantly opposed to a homeowners' fee for the entire project. At this point, the negotiations broke down with the West Group because the community would try to negotiate a community benefit and the developers would impose a financial penalty on the homeowners that would negate the benefit.

The West Group sent in an application to the Zoning Commission in September 2005. Parts of the application and the plan were never negotiated, nee agreed upon, with the Lamond and 4B07 community. At my September SMD meeting the 4B07 residents rejected the West Group's development application and plan for the 6000 New Hampshire Avenue, NW. The negotiations continued to be frustrated by their moving among community

group to find consent rather than consensus. With every appearance after their September application, their plan grew denser and denser.

I had a long discussion with Anita Hairston, Ward 4 Planner, on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 about the progress with the West Group Developers and the 6000 New Hampshire Avenue property. I had not talked with the developers since they came out to my SMD meeting in October. The West Group was suppose to make contact with me and the community since the set-down meeting with the office of zoning, Monday, November 14. Anita's and my conversation on December 6 was the first I heard there was a set-down meeting at all. I also had not heard what the outcome was except for a message from Keith White, Vice President of LCAG saying that the office of planning didn't have a problem with the plans except for a few changes. Anita explained to me that the office of zoning said to the West Group to go back and talk with the community through the ANC 4B07 Commissioner because the density (R-5) they are asking for gives little or no benefit to the community for having the development. I had not heard from the West Group. They did appear at the October 2005 ANC 4B meeting. The outcome of that meeting is below. Excerpt from December 2005 LamondLinks (attached):

Update on the 6000 New Hampshire Avenue

The West Group appeared at the October ANC 4B meeting by other members of the commission forcing the agenda. No decision was made. I would like to thank the 4B07 community for coming out to support me that night. It was an egregious decision by the other commissioners to allow the west group an audience without voting on the project. With the 4B07 community still in negotiations with the west group and problems with the ward 4 rep from the office of planning, this personal political ploy was mean-spirited especially for those who don't work in their SMD (and need to) at all. I question the commissioners' sincerity and the west group's intent by appearing. However, there was a silver lining. The west group proposed "amenities". The following are the West Group "Amenities".

1. 318 or 381 parking spaces that convey with the price of the home
2. "Senior Building" with no senior program.
3. 10 condos to go to low income homeowners that don't benefit the immediate community but downtown's requirement
4. Homeowners Assn Fees to pay for all the benefits
5. Community Green Space & "Parks?" that the homeowners' association fee should pay for the benefit of the community wanting the green space it already has.
6. Four, no eight, wait, no nine townhouses on the New Hampshire and Peabody site.
7. Negotiate to the zoning not the plan. The west group has submitted less dense plans that really go with the density of the community.

Anita's and my conversation also included why the talks on the community's part had stopped. It is my impression that the West Group doesn't intend to back off on the R-5 density and sincerely discuss community benefits and zoning amenities. All the community's expectations of benefits evolve into more density and other impositions on the community. I left Anita Hairston with either the West Group negotiate to R-1 or R-2 zoning instead of "a plan". This includes demolishing the existing buildings and building single-family dwellings of 5000 square foot lots in their place. Or the West Group builds to the R-1 zoning as a matter of right that also includes demolishing the existing structures.

I had an SMD meeting December 12, 2005 (flyer included) at the Opera House in Takoma. Currently, three planned unit developments (PUDs) are under negotiations in the 4B area. Two are in the 4B07 SMD. The 4B07 area is directly affected by the third whose ANC seat is currently vacant. I had all three PUDs at the December 12 SMD meeting to discuss community benefits only with community residents. It was a very productive

meeting for residents and developers. The West Group was invited to attend. Dodie Butler agreed to co-facilitate the meetings. The December 12 4B07 SMD meeting asked all three developers to present their community benefits package. Ms. Butler developed seven questions for the SMD meeting. The questions are invaluable to evaluate the organization of the developer, the progress of the development and the value to the community. The seven questions were:

1. What is the proposed development?
2. What does the zoning currently allow?
3. What relief is the developer asking from zoning?
4. How does the project or layout affect the immediate community?
5. What does the developer offer as benefits to the community for developing property in the immediate community?
6. Are the benefits to the immediate community sufficient? Are they what the residents asked for?
7. Do the benefits to the immediate community offset the zoning change?

The developers came to the meeting without any plans or drawings. Their community benefits package included nothing the 4B07 community requested. The West Group's community benefits package includes (original MOU and meeting presentation attached):

- \$50,000 Contribution at PUD approval:
- * \$10,000 to the new Lamond Rec Center
- * \$10,000 to Riggs LaSalle Rec Center
- * \$5,000 to Lamond Youth Program
- * \$5,000 to Lamond Riggs Athletic Assn
- * \$10,000 to ANC 4B Community Fund
- * \$10,000 to fund student PC purchase
 - > 3 PCs for LaSalle Elementary
 - > 3 PCs for Whittier Elementary
 - > 14 PCs for Coolidge High

On-going Community Support:

- \$25,000 Contribution upon 50% sell-out to ANC 4B Community Fund
- \$125,000 Additional Contributions
 - * \$12,000 Annually over 10 years from the homeowners association fee charged on the development site
 - The \$12,000/year is to be evenly split between the Lamond and Riggs LaSalle Community Rec Centers

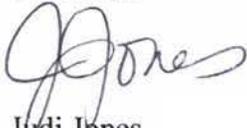
Total Cash Contributions from Developer = \$195,000 (over 12 years)

The feedback I got from the people at the December 12 SMD meeting was the west group's benefits package was insulting and doesn't benefit the 4B07 community at all. It looks and acts like a bribe for the surrounding communities as well as punishes the 4B07 community. Additionally, the \$12,000 per year is generated from adding \$5-\$10/month to the homeowners assn fee on the development. The 4B07 community opposes the homeowners' association fee. In fact, the 4B07 opposes the entire development and the package. Even the zoning commission, in the set-down hearing November 14, 2005 said that the community benefits are not enough to justify the zoning change. The developers were ordered to contact the 4B07 commissioner to negotiate the package. The only reason the west group contacted me at all was because I had the SMD meeting about the community benefits package with ALL the PUDs in the 4B area.

Further, we have never seen an environmental or traffic study from the West Group. I requested a small traffic study from Samira Cook, Ward 4 Transportation Planner, who delivered the news that funds had been approved for the study at my SMD meeting November 14, 2005. At that time, Ms. Cook had not heard from the West Group about a traffic study. Community benefits could have been based on the results of the both studies. The West Group was premature in submitting their application to the Zoning Commission.

Based on the insincerity of the negotiation process, the imposition to 4B07 of community benefits and the lack of interest of the developer to get a consensus community directly affected, the 4B07 community rejects the plan and application for development at 6000 New Hampshire Avenue, NE. Lamond also requests that the Zoning Commission reject their plan as well for revising and renegotiating the density and community benefits with better information and input from the community.

Sincerely,



Judi Jones
ANC 4B07

attachments

Cc:

- 4B07 residents
- Adrian Fenty, Ward 4 Council Member
- Citizens Aware
- Anita Hairston, Ward 4 Planner
- Samira Cook, Ward 4 Transportation Planner
- West Group Developers
- ANC 4B Commissioners
- Rev. Charles Woods, Board of Trustees Metropolitan Baptist Church
- Rev. Dr. Derrick Harkins & Board of Trustees, 19th Street Baptist Church



Road	Detached		Total
	Single Family	Semi-Detached Town Homes	
Kansas Avenue	10	18	28
Sheridan Street	41	0	41
Rittenhouse Street	29	4	33
Sigo Mill Road	14	10	24
Chillum Place	1	12	13
New Hampshire Avenue	16	0	16
Quackenbos Street	31	18	49
Peabody Street	37	38	75
Onida Street	37	83	120
Oglethorpe Street	19	86	105
Nicholson Street	0	78	78
Riggs Road	0	40	40
First Street	2	30	32
Tuckerman Street	19	0	19
Western Avenue	19	0	19
Third Street	15	18	33
Eastern Avenue	0	14	14
Quifana Place	10	0	10
Second Street	0	12	12
Total	300	461	761
Percentage	39%	61%	100%

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With all that said, the West Group has been invited out to my 4B07 SMD meeting on Monday, December 12 at 6856 Eastern Avenue at 630pm (please note the change of venue). All three planned unit developments (PUD) in the 4B area are invited to the meeting to discuss with the community the benefits they plan to give for their developing in the area. I hope this community will come out because the West Group needs to hear and see their lack of effort.

In conclusion, I left Anita Hairston with either the West Group negotiate to R-1 or R-2 zoning instead of "a plan". This includes demolishing the existing buildings and building single-family dwellings of 5000 square foot lots in their place. Or the West Group builds to the R-1 zoning as a matter of right that also includes demolishing the existing structures.

This memo intends to update for the meeting on Monday, December 12 or for information generally. I appreciate the community's continued support. I will send a formal letter about the rejection to the office of planning.

UPDATE: Bill Jarvis of the West Group left me a message Thursday, December 08 wanting to talk about the community benefits that are missing from their proposal. He has pledged to email them as well. I will forward the email when it comes. Thanks, Judi

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State of Lamond Part 2

6000 New Hampshire Avenue

Lamond worked with MedStar when they were selling the property. Lamond has worked with The West Group to bring a resolution for a planned unit development. The application the West Group filed with the office of zoning focused on changing the zoning in order to build up the existing buildings to five stories. The focus of the negotiations with 4B07 was on the layout of the entire plan in order for the zoning to remain R-1. We asked for a senior building but not at the expense a zoning increase. 4B07 and some of 4B08 have balked at the application details. The following are the points of concern regarding the drawings and language sent to the West Group for consideration following their filing with the Office of Zoning:

1. The community has stated from the beginning and consistently that it would not like to see a zoning change from R-1.
2. The existing buildings have no sentimental value to the community and could be demolished.
3. No one that I have talked with wants to designate the buildings as historic.
4. In the application, you expressly want to change the

zoning to a density of R-5. The 4B07 community has made the point quite clear that there should be change to the language in the zoning application letter.

5. The existing buildings and the changes you proposed to make to them are driving the zoning density to R-5.
6. The proposed changes you want to make to the existing buildings are not anything the 4B07 community negotiated with the West Group! Extending the buildings up and out was not on any agenda of any meeting I attended.
7. The West Group was not on the agenda for the September ANC 4B meeting because I recommended to the commission to reject the proposal. Also, I was hoping more negotiations would be possible.
8. Based on the drawings submitted, the 4B07 community is recommending demolishing the buildings and developing to R-1 zoning density.

The West Group has not answered the community concerns satisfactorily. Therefore, 4B07 voted to reject the West Group's submission at the September 12 SMD meeting. Everyone in the affected 600 feet area that received a letter from the West Group should request a copy of exhibit A and look at the design of the existing buildings. They have stated in their application letter that they intend to build 40 feet above the first floor. That particular detail was never discussed or mentioned. The changes to the existing buildings are what are driving the density to R-5. Until the West Group addresses the concerns of the application with the appropriate community, 4B07 rejects their plans.

Housing Prices in Lamond

Always a hot topic along with crime, housing prices are climbing in the area. A single-family dwelling sells for over \$400,000. Other attached homes may go for \$50,000 to \$100,000 less. Lamond's housing prices I believe are stabilizing. While there are still a number of houses selling in the area, they are leveling off if not decreasing in the amount of houses going up for sale. Residents are trying to stick it out. However, the next issue to tackle is the property tax. It doesn't seem to matter whether there are programs or discounts, the property taxes seem to increase every year. I vote to restructure the assessment process.

Coolidge High School Progress

The 4B ANC adopted an agenda that included supporting Coolidge High School. It has been difficult to do that because there is so much that Coolidge needs. Progress has been made however. Mr. Cornell Brown, Director of Facilities for DC Public Schools, has moved necessary repairs forward especially for the opening of school this year. While Coolidge has a long way to go, it certainly has come along. The 4B commission is thinking about moving their commission meetings to the building with permission and when it's ready. Coolidge is still a type of community center despite having Takoma recreation center next door. Residents still walk on the track, the police department ran its summer camp there and Takoma rec center has asked to use the gym a couple of times. There were two clean-ups in the past year and the DC Youth Orchestra continues to use the building on weekends. Coolidge has a lot more community potential. I hope we can

tap most of it.



Lamond Recreation Center (Turkey Thicket Too) Update

The Lamond Recreation Center (LRC) is moving along on schedule and will be ready for operation in January. We are planning a grand opening but the date has not been set. It has been a two-year odyssey to get the recreation center on the map. First submitted by then, ANC Barrington Scott, to the Dept. of Parks and Recreation (DPR), LRC has come full circle. At some point, DPR was thinking of closing the recreation center. It went through a series of Directors that wouldn't or couldn't revitalize it, until Mrs. Hall came on board. Mrs. Vicki Hall was temporarily assigned to Lamond because Fort Stevens was being renovated. Mrs. Hall started children's and youth programs. Now, Lamond has an award winning football team who has been in the city and regional championship for a couple of years. There is an accompanying cheerleading team. Four homecoming queens participated in the Lamond Community day parades and homecoming festivities. For the adults, Friday night card parties are frequent. Mrs. Hall helps with the Lamond Community Day organization. She provides the T-shirts most of the time, but helps arrange the use of the LRC property. We fully expect Mrs. Hall to return to Lamond as director. Stay tuned for more information at the SMD meetings. By the way, the October meeting will be held on the 3rd Monday (17). The 2nd Monday is a holiday. District officials have the day off. Also, Turkey Thicket Recreation Center will have its grand opening October 10 & 11. If you get the opportunity, go by Turkey Thicket. It is an architecturally beautiful group of buildings.

Crime

Crime and safety (along with education and housing) are always at the top of residents' list for improvements. It is the reason people move to different areas as well. People like low crime statistics. Lamond's crime data had enjoyed low crime stats. It seemed different when I looked out my window. The communication system is the culprit this time. I have made 911 calls and no one shows up. Some one called 911 before me. The dispatcher I talked with described to me the person I was about to describe to him. The dispatcher stated that units are reporting to the address given. Not one unit ever showed. Who do we hold accountable? The police don't run the call/communication

I Love The Block Captains and You Should Too!

The block captain network is wonderful! Most block captains resolve concerns or issues for their neighbors and we never know to the extent they work. When first organized, we were grateful for the participation each month in handing out LamondLinks. Now, block captains call agencies, the police and work through their block issues. I rely on their knowledge about their block to give me a sense of how to vote on the commission. We are getting new captains at every meeting. We still need more. Terry and I deliver more than 175 newsletters each month. Please contact me at 291-5327 or cariblamond@yahoo.com if you would like to help! I am glad people appreciate them as much as I do. Captains have accomplished many tasks to improve the neighborhood in their own right. They may not all get the same recognition but each achievement is significant and should be celebrated. On the insert, one side is a calendar of community meetings in the 4B area. On the other side is a listing of possible businesses and people to contact if you need help about an issue. I love the block captains and you should too! If one should contact you or if you run into them, please give a word of encouragement and compliment. They are an invaluable part of the Lamond community and we should celebrate their time, talent and energy!

system anymore. Residents have reported that dispatchers being rude and disrespectful. Police can't report to those calls they don't hear about. We have to hold two agencies responsible instead of one. Neither wants to accept responsibility. I am surprised that our crime stats are going up. My concern remains the same as last year. The communication between the police department, residents and now the communications department has to improve. Now, there are two agencies to deal with. Calling the PSA leader and/or 4D commander has worked reasonably well. The PSA 402 meetings have moved to the fourth District headquarters. The move has not translated into better effectiveness in the community so far. The PSA meetings have been restructured. Maybe that will bring better effectiveness.



Chillum Place Potential & the Comprehensive Plan for 4B07

The Office of Planning (OP) has requested an overall plan for the 4B commission. Each 4B commissioner will have to submit a report or the plan will remain. However, there are mechanisms in place that will help change the zoning. My report regarding 4b07 is below

1. The Takoma section of 4b07 should remain as is. The sense of the community is that there shouldn't be two layers of consent to add an addition to the home. Also, the Michael Taylor case is fresh in their heads. No historical designation.
2. Lamond would not like the density of downtown or Takoma. We like the neighborhood feel. We are not fans of Manhattan and its urban, asphalt landscape. Lamond is a neighborhood with green space.
3. The Chillum Place industrial strip should be re-zoned to include retail/residential mix. The industrial component of the current zoning is detrimental in every way to nearby residents. Few companies on chillum place are community friendly. Still we call for police service on properties when we notice violations. There should be more green space and possibly a vocational learning campus included on chillum place.

If there is more input for the comprehensive plan please call me at 291-5327 or email cariblamond@yahoo.com.

The Human Touch

It is impossible to watch suffering and not re-act. The hurricane Katrina and later hurricane Rita victims wrenched our hearts and moved us to help instinctively. Several block captains collected clothes, books, shoes, and cosmetics packs to send to hurricane victims first in Texas and then to WDC Armory. Some wanted to adopt a family for our community for those willing to relocate to WDC. Some went to the WDC Armory to help in whatever way they can. Many, many, many of us donated money. Many of us found the best way to give that would help heal the suffering. There are a couple of significant ways to give. Here are my suggestions:



Blackamericanweb.com and the **Tom Joyner Foundation** give directly to people affected by the hurricane. His organization is based out of Houston.

The **Red Cross** has always taken donations and is in need of volunteers for up to three weeks at a time to help with the recovery. The Red Cross headquarters is located in WDC. You may contact them through Council Member Fenty's office of Delegate/Congresswoman Eleanor H. Norton's office.

Habitat.org is the website for **Habitat for Humanity**. They are beginning to rebuild houses and ship them, in parts, to Mississippi, Alabama and parts of Louisiana. Another team assembles them on location. Because Halliburton is in charge of rebuilding New Orleans, they are not authorized to send houses there, yet!

Sometimes people knowing you care is enough! We have a couple of evacuees in the community. They are relatives and/or friends of their host family. I usually get information on jobs and opportunities. Keep them coming. It is helping tremendously. I appreciate all the phone calls and email from everyone. It's nice to know that we are human who still have empathy for others. I'm just glad to know you (Lamond) as neighbor if not friend!



State of ANC 4B

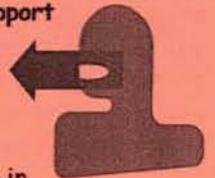
The Development Boom

The housing market in WDC has been hot for 5 years. Development in the 4B area is booming behind the boom downtown. The Takoma central district plan allows for development and boy are they getting it. There are no less than four major, multi-unit developments under consideration in the Takoma area. One development (Cedar Crossings) is already up and businesses have storefronts along Carroll Avenue. Three major developments not in Takoma but in the 4B area are under consideration through the ANC. With nearly 1000 new residents, the 4B area's prices ought to stabilize soon! In the meantime, Takoma will experience growing (development) pains.

The Recreation Center Updates

Along with the Lamond Recreation Center, Riggs-LaSalle is still going forward. The budget process is in the works and the programs are being planned. With the renovation of Riggs-LaSalle recreation center, all recreation centers in the 4B commission will be complete. The next tasks are the libraries. They are in pitiful shape to house the information source for our nation. However, the libraries mirror the schools. Educating our children doesn't seem to be a priority for our nation and city. We have to make it a

priority. The Takoma library lobbies through its host organization and the ANC commission. The Lamond-Riggs library needs the support of the 4B and 5A commissions to accomplish renovation. The Lamond-Riggs library has a lot of wonderful activities for children and as well as the community. I hope we continue to support them and provide them with support that benefits everyone.



Overall Crime Update

The 4B area has experienced a spike in murders that rivals the late 80's and early 90's. Almost weekly, someone is being killed. Everyone has to do their part including the police. Having and knowing information and acting on the information are two different things. Police can solve crimes. Why they don't, I don't know but why should residents wait for the same criminal to commit a crime in Maryland or Virginia to have the person arrested. Removing the body from the scene doesn't make the pain of the loss disappear. Justice does. It's fair for residents to want closure to a murder case or any other violent or property crime. The entire 4B community must hold the police department accountable.

M E E T I N G S	A N N O U N C E M E N T S
The ANC 4B07 SMD meeting will be held the 3 rd Monday, October 17 instead of the 2 nd Monday, October 10. It is a holiday. Dept. of Parks and Recreation will be present to discuss the grand opening and programming for Lamond Recreation Center. Also an update on the 6000 New Hampshire Avenue project.	The EYA project will negotiate its PUD through TakomaDC Neighborhood Assn held the last Tuesday of every month at Promiseland Baptist Church at 4th & Van Buren Sts, NW starting at 730pm. Dodie Butler is the president. Also see insert for recurring meetings

M E E T I N G S	A N N O U N C E M E N T S
The Douglas Jamel Development's PUD will process through SMD 4B07's monthly meetings. The meetings are normally held on the 2nd Monday of each month at Omega Gospel Center, 6210 Chillum Place, NW.	In January or February 2006, meetings will be held at the Lamond Recreation Center. However, the October SMD 4B07 meeting will held on the 3rd Monday, October 17.
ANC 4B03 election will be held Thursday, October 27, 2005 at Coolidge HS. Voting will begin at 5pm and end promptly at 7pm. Only residents/voters in the 4B03 area will be allowed to vote. Please bring picture id and voter registration card.	If there is anyone interested in starting a comprehensive, vocational education program, please contact Terry Goings (486-3646 or terrygoings0019@yahoo.com) or Judi Jones (291-5327 or cariblamond@yahoo.com).
Million Person March October 15, 2005 on the Monument Grounds	The December ANC 4B meeting will be held at the Riggs-LaSalle Elementary School at Riggs Road and Oglethorpe Street, NE. Please make note of the change.



Ramadan begins October 4 or 5

Moslems begin a time of reflection and atonement on October 4. The Moslem time of Ramadan observes reflection, atonement, prayer and fasting during daylight hours. At the end of their month long observance, there is celebration, forgiveness, reconnecting, harmony and peace with family, neighbors and friends. Salaam.



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Calendar of Recurring Meetings For Lamond, Manor Park, Riggs and Takoma DC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>Lamond-Riggs Civic Association meets the first Monday of every month at Faith Monravian Church at 7pm at Chillum Place and Riggs Road, NE</p>		<p>South Manor Park meets 7pm every first Wednesday at Plymouth Cong'l Church at N.Capital St & Riggs Rd NE</p>			
	<p>ANC SMD 4B07 meets the 2nd Monday of every month at Omega Gospel Center, 6210 Chillum Place, NW 630pm-8pm Starting Jan/Feb 06 it will be held at Lamond Rec Ctr</p>	<p>Heart of Manor Park Civic Association meets every second Tuesday of every at 7pm at Mennonite Church 245 Peabody St, NW</p>	<p>Citizens Aware meets at 7pm every second Wednesday at Redeemer Christ Church, 5911 New Hampshire Ave, NE</p>	<p>Community Meeting at Albright (Church) 4th & Rittenhouse St NW w/Bob Lonan at 7pm</p>		
<p>The Lamond Sunshine Block Club Communicates via Email, phone and LamondLinks</p>		<p>Coolidge HS PTSA meets every 3rd Tuesday at 630pm in the school cafeteria.</p>	<p>PSA - 402 meets every 3rd Wednesday at 4th District Police Station at Georgia Ave & Peabody St. NW at 7pm</p>	<p>The 4D Citizens Advisory Committee meets at 7pm at 4D Police Station</p>		<p>Lamond Community Development Corp meets the 3rd Saturday of every month at 19 Sheridan Street, NW (tentative) at 11am</p>
<p>If you would like to become a block captain or join our email list contact any Block Captain or Judi Jones at 202-291-5327</p>		<p>Lamond Community Action Group Meets the last Tuesday of every month at the Electrical School at 630 pm at Chillum Place and Kansas Avenue, NE ***** TakomaDCNA meets the last Tuesday of the month at Promised Land Baptist Church, Van Buren & 4th St. NW at 730pm</p>		<p>ANC 4B Commission meets the 4th Thursday of every month at 7pm. Ask your 4B ANC rep for locations and times.</p>		

Please Post for e . ck refere . ce!

① K numbers to Know

<p>Terry Goings - Electrician Block Captain, Deacon, Coolidge PTSA officer and community activist, he is also a certified electrician. 202-486-3646 cell</p>	<p>Roots Activity Learning Center - Cultural Education Fully accredited, culturally aware, year round programs, community based and friendly. Bernita Thompson, owner, is a resident of Lamond. 202-882-5155</p>
<p>Brian Kebeck, PG Builders - Roofers, General Contractors Licensed, bonded, certified. He has roofed everyone in my family and some more. Wonderful to work with 301-656-3188</p>	<p>Standard Office Supply - Office Supply and Furniture 35 Sheridan Street, NW Lamond based and community friendly. Quality products tool</p>
<p>Keta Payton - Realtor/Mortgage Broker/Promoter She organized the talent at the last Lamond Community Day, helped me find a tenant and arranged a loan. 202-497-4002</p>	<p>Dorothy Goings - Caterer If you have ever been at a 4B07 SMD meeting or taken the van to bingo, you have tasted her food! 202-291-0251</p>
<p>Twists-N-Turns Natural Hair Care Salon Located next the Shephard Park Library on Georgia for nearly 20 years, it was one of the first natural hair care salons in the area. Sharon is the owner is very talented but so is Taneka. 2020-882-2309</p>	<p>Sydney Griffin - Plumber He will do light carpentry as well. He may be difficult to catch but well worth it. Very reasonable. 202-253-0620</p>
<p>The Barney House - Senior Social Services From CM Fenty's human services committee, the Barney house has a wide variety of services for seniors. 202-939-9020</p>	<p>Mr. Williams - Works on gas appliances Reasonable rates - 202-359-4513</p>
<p>Savory Café DC 314 Carroll Street, NW</p>	<p>Mayor's Call Center 727-1000 Potholes, bulk trash removal, abandoned cars, graffiti, etc.</p>



LamondLinks

December 2005

Block Captain Reports



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A New Bus Stop on Eastern Ave
Block Captain Margaret Douglas, 6500 block of North Capital Street, brought DDOT and Metro together to put a bus stop on Eastern Avenue at North Capital Street. Metro bus riders in our community who catch any bus on Eastern Avenue have to go Kansas Avenue or Whittier Street. We hope this new bus stop will correct that situation.

A Traffic Study for the Lamond Area

Samira Cook came to the November (14) SMD meeting with wonderful news about a traffic study for the Lamond area & 4B07 area. The suggestions made at the meeting to create buffers between the commercial strip on Chillum Place, NW and the residents were considered seriously. Thank and commend Samira Cook for her efforts on behalf Lamond.

Jeremiah Church Revival a Success

Lamond's newest community church, Jeremiah Interdenominational, celebrated their successful revival October 26-28. Michelle Mack is the block captain for the unit block of Van Buren Street, NW and a member of Jeremiah Church.

Coolidge's Football Team Play the Turkey Bowl

Coolidge's football team played in the traditional/annual Turkey Bowl at Eastern High School on Thanksgiving Day. Unfortunately, Dunbar prevailed in their second straight appearance at the Turkey Bowl. However, Coolidge HS is to be commended for getting this far! I hope the school spirit continues to grow throughout the year!

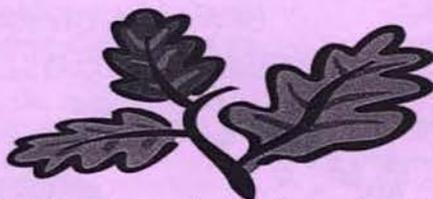
Novella Nesbitt and Neighborhood Watch Host A. Scott Bolden

Block Captain Novella Nesbitt, 6500 block of Eastern Avenue, NE, and the Neighborhood Watch hosted council member at-large candidate A. Scott Bolden November 18 at Ms. Nesbitt's home.

Jen Obenier working with DDOT

Jen Obenier, block captain for the 6300 of North Capital Street, is working with DDOT and Muhammad Khalid to get sidewalks, the alley and the street paved on Tuckerman Street, NE.

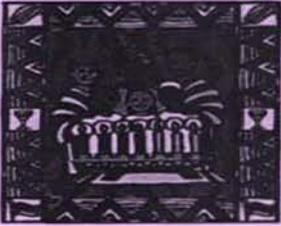
The Lamond Sunshine Block Club is always looking for block captains to help pass out LamondLinks and convey information about the happenings in the community. There are no formal meetings but we communicate via phone, email and LamondLinks. All time, talent and input are appreciated. Contact Judi Jones at 291-5327 or cariblamond@yahoo.com



Leaf Collection for Lamond

Leaves will be collected November 2 to December 3, December 19-31, and January 3-7 in our area. Leaves may also be disposed of free at the Fort Totten Trash Transfer station at 4900 Bates Road NE, Monday to Friday 1pm-5pm and Saturday 8am-3pm. Call 576-6803 for more details. Holiday trees and wreaths will be picked up curbside from January 3-14. Remove all decorations before placing trees and wreaths in front of your home. Call 727-1000 or visit www.dpw.dc.gov for more details.

ACHIEVEMENTS



Roots Public Charter School Teacher Awarded

From AOL NewsLink

As one of three teachers at this African-centered school,

Rasheki Kuykendall energizes learning among her fifth- through eighth-grade students in math, language arts, science and social studies. Her instructional strategies include exciting activities such as kinesthetic whole-body games and relays, as well as one-on-one tutoring, field trips, follow-up classroom assignments, and multimedia projects. Each year under her tutelage, students have shown a marked increase in math and reading test scores, and by the eighth grade, 100 percent of her students were accepted at the high school of their choice.

Her inspiring manner has motivated students not only to enter academic competitions but to excel, taking top prizes in a citywide science fair and a geography bee. Each weekend, Ms. Kuykendall leads a club for sixth through eighth graders called The Black Madonnas and Young Lions. Named after a self-help book written by the school's principal, the club helps instill certain values and skills among young people, from having self-respect for oneself and for others to giving back to the community, setting goals and managing time effectively. Ms. Kuykendall is an outstanding educator who is simultaneously nurturing the roots of African pride and academic excellence among her students.

Ms. Kuykendall will receive a \$25,000 grant along with her award. Roots Public Charter School and Roots Activity Learning Center are owned and operated by Bernita Thompson, a Lamond resident. We congratulate Ms. Thompson, Ms. Kuykendall and all the Roots teachers and administrators! ~ Judi Jones

Lamond Lightening Strikes Again

The Lamond Lightening football team returns to the playoffs for inner city recreation league championship for the second straight year. Last year

the team won the city championship but lost in the regional game to a team in Virginia. Let's hope the experience will carry them farther this year! Congratulations to Coach Nickens and the Lamond Lightening team!!

New Principal for Coolidge HS

Coolidge also got a new principal in October. Mr. Nelson Burton took over the helm as principal of Coolidge in early October. He has the support of central administration, teachers, PTSO and the surrounding community. Mr. Burton is Coolidge's sixth principal in 5 years. He is off to a good start with Coolidge going to the Turkey Bowl. Let's hope the school spirit lasts!!

New PSA 402 Leaders

Lt. Eric Hayes and Lt Hancock-Joyner are the new lieutenants for patrol service area 402. Because the PSA area is large, Cmdr Burton, 4th District commander, felt the area needed two lieutenants. Contact number for the either Lt. Hayes or Lt. Hancock-Joyner is 576-6723.

New Officers for Lamond Riggs Citizens Assn

Lamond-Riggs Citizen's Association elected new officers and trustees in October and November. Terry Goings and I were elected trustees. We are the only representatives from the Lamond area. The officers are as follows:

Rodney Foxworth, President
Frank Wilds, 1st Vice President
Muriel Bowser, 2nd Vice President
Donna Blair, Treasurer
Barbara Lee, Recording Secretary
Patricia McCallan, Corresponding Secretary
Delvia Lewis, Financial Secretary

Membership is \$10 per year.

Happy Hannukah
Peace

Celebrate Kwanzaa

Merry Christmas

Love



Update on the 6000 New Hampshire Avenue

The West Group appeared at the October ANC 4B meeting by other members of the commission forcing the agenda. No decision was made. I would like to thank the 4B07 community for coming out to support me that night. It was an egregious decision by the other commissioners to allow the west group an audience without voting on the project. With the 4B07 community still in negotiations with the west group and problems with the ward 4 rep from the office of planning, this personal political ploy was mean-spirited especially for those who don't work in their SMD (and need to) at all. I question the commissioners' sincerity and the west group's intent by appearing. However, there was a silver lining. The west group proposed "amenities". The following are the West Group "Amenities".

1. 318 or 381 parking spaces that convey with the price of the home
2. "Senior Building" with no senior program.
3. 10 condos to go to low income homeowners that don't benefit the immediate community but downtown's requirement
4. Homeowners Assn Fees to pay for all the amenities
5. Community Green Space & "Parks?" that the homeowners' association fee should pay for the benefit of the community wanting the green space it already has.
6. Four, no eight, wait, no nine townhouses on the New Hampshire and Peabody site.
7. Negotiate to the zoning not the plan. The west group has submitted less dense plans that really go with the density of the community.

Office of Planning has ok'd West Group plan over the objections of community. Despite my efforts to get Anita Hairston, Ward 4 Planner, to come out to the SMD meeting, we have had no office of planning input to the community about this matter and the small area plan. The hearing before OZ/BZA has not been scheduled before the printing of this newsletter. I will meet with people who would like to testify in December and January! Please call 292-5327 or email cariblamond@yahoo.com.

Meetings & Announcements

SMD 4B07 Meeting will on Monday, December 12, 2005 at the Opera House on Willow Street, NW. The meeting will feature the EYA, Douglas Development and West Group Planned Unit Developments in the 4B area. The meeting will be question/answer/ discussion with each development. Topics to be discussed are density and amenities for the community. The meeting is sponsored by ANC 4B07 and TDCNA to move the PUD discussions along. Each developer will be given 30 minutes for presentation, and Q&A. Constructive, productive discussion will take place with facilitators.

The ANC 4B meeting will be Thursday, December 15 at 7pm at Faith Moravian Church at Riggs Road & Chillum Place, NE. Cmsr Bowser is hosting the holiday celebration as well as the meeting.

Winter Holiday Celebration

Hanukkah (חַנּוּכָּה *Hānukkāh*, or חֲנֻכּוֹת *Hānukkāh*) is a Jewish holiday, also known as the Festival of lights. "Hanukkah" is a Hebrew word meaning "dedication". It also has other spellings in English, such as Chanukah, Hannukah, Hanukah, Chanuka, Chanukkah, Hanuka, Channukah, Hanukka, Hanaka, Haneka, Hanika and Khanukkah. The first evening of Hanukkah starts after the sunset of the 24th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev, and the holiday is celebrated for eight days. Since in Jewish tradition the calendar date starts at sunset, Hanukkah begins on the 25th.

The festival of Hanukkah was instituted by Judah Maccabee and his brothers to celebrate this event. (1 Macc. iv. 59). After having recovered Jerusalem and the Temple, Judah ordered the Temple to be cleansed, a new altar to be built in place of the polluted one, and new holy vessels to be made. When the fire had been kindled anew upon the altar and the lamps of the candlestick lit, the dedication of the altar was celebrated for eight days amid sacrifices and songs (1 Macc. iv. 36).

from <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hanukkah>

A number of historians believe that the reason for the eight day celebration was that the first Hanukkah was in effect a belated celebration of the festival of Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles (Macc. x. 6 and i. 9). During the war the Jews were not able to celebrate Sukkot properly. Sukkot also lasts for eight days, and was a holiday in which the lighting of lamps played a prominent part during the Second Temple period (Suk.v. 2-4). Lights were also kindled in the household, and the popular name of the festival was, therefore, according to Josephus ([1] *Jewish Antiquities* xii. 7, § 7, #323) the "Festival of Lights" ("And from that time to this we celebrate this festival, and call it Lights"). It has been noted that Jewish festivals are connected to the harvesting of the Biblical seven fruits which Israel was famed for. Pesach is a celebration of the barley harvest, Shavuot of the wheat, Sukkot of the figs, dates, pomegranates and grapes, and Hanukkah of the olives. The olive harvest is in November and olive oil would be ready in time for Hanukkah in December.



May the peace & joy of the Season be with you all year!



Celebrate The Season!!

This recipe came from a New Orleans native. Ingredients and amounts can be varied based on dietary needs and tastes. However, the roux is the only necessary ingredient. There may be others as well but without roux... it's just soup. With Katrina survivors in the area, you can start a conversation with them about various ingredients. No matter the recipe, the leftovers after the seasoning has set in, is the best eatin! Enjoy!

Seafood Gumbo

Two quarts water or chicken stock
Two lbs okra
One lb raw jumbo shrimp
One lb crabmeat or 6-10 king crab legs
One lb scallops
One chicken cut up or 4-8 buffalo (size) chicken wings
Two lbs hot turkey sausage
Two large tomatoes peeled and chopped or 1 can whole tomatoes
Three medium onions chopped
One cup chopped scallions
One bell pepper chopped
One cup chopped celery

Two cloves garlic or 1 tbsp garlic powder
Two pods cayenne peppers
Sea salt
Black pepper
Red pepper
Thyme
Oregano
Gumbo file powder
One to two bay leaves

ROUX

One tbsp olive oil
One tbsp butter
Two tbsp flour

DIRECTIONS: Brown olive oil, butter and flour in a skillet for about 20 minutes or until brown

Put all ingredients, except shrimp and scallops, in a large pot and simmer for 2-3 hours. Add shrimp and scallops the last 20 minutes. Serve over rice with cornbread or cornbread muffins. Be sure to refrigerate leftovers for an even better meal the next day!! YES!



While the gumbo is simmering, here are a couple ways to pass the time!!

First Fruits

www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org has everything you need to know about the celebration of Pan-African community, culture, and humanity can be found at the website. Take a moment to learn the history, principles, and traditions of the holiday!

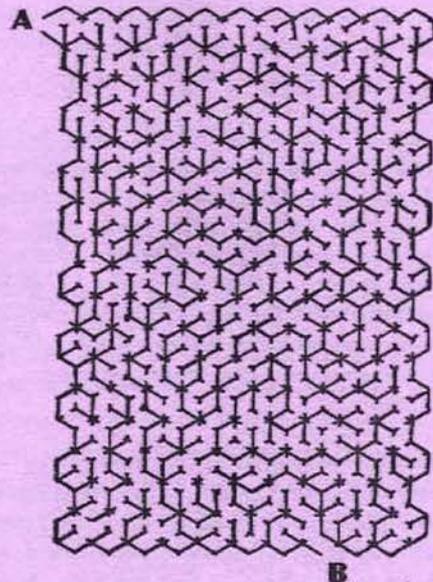
New Digs for the New Year

<http://digsmagazine.com> targets people living in that netherworld between early dorm room and *Martha Stewart Living*. It breaks home life into four topics: Nourish, Lounge, Laze, and Host. Nourish has recipes and suggestions for inexpensive, nutritious meals. Lounge tells you how to forage for furniture or build it. Laze is about music and TV. And, Host gives you tips on having folks over for drinks and food.

Go Figure

1. If you multiply the ages of three kids, you get 24. The sum of their ages is 11. What are their three ages?
2. Brenda is 3 times the age of her sister, Alexa. In three years, Brenda will be twice Alexa's age. What are their ages now? Hint: Both sisters are under 20.

It's A-Mazing!



Peace on Earth



Goodwill Toward ALL Mankind

ANC SMD 4B07 Meeting

Bring This Flyer as the Agenda

Monday, December 12, 2005

Begins promptly at 630pm

Douglas Jemal Building

6856 Eastern Avenue, NW

Come to the main lobby and follow the signs

Agenda:

All Planned Unit Developments (PUD) in 4B area

Not necessarily in this order

EYA Development at Takoma Metro

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Douglas Jemal Development at CVS Takoma

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6000 New Hampshire Avenue (formally MedStar)

Discussions will be limited to community benefits for each PUD

Light Refreshments Served!

Come out & Bring a Neighbor!!

Lamond Sinks

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In the Peace Initiative of
Dr. Martin Luther King



Block Captain Reports

Terry Goings reports

Lamond Lightning football team has won the recreation center "Super Bowl" for the second straight year! Even when we don't have bricks and mortar to house a team, Lamond still has something to be proud of. Kudos to the players and Coach Nickens who has stuck with them for the past three years! Lamond is definitely proud to have the team and the coach! Lamond Lightning wins Championship for second yr in a row. Lamond 6 Lamond Riggs 0. Coach Rob Nickins' Unlimited team (115bs and over)

Lamond Recreation Center (LRC) is almost done! There was a walk through on December 22, 2005 with the contractor, architect and DPR reps. He is still trying to get sidewalks, gutters and street paving all around the recreation center. Volunteers are needed to help plan the opening. The January SMD meeting, January 9, will continue the planning for the opening in March 2006.

Sudoku

The name *Sudoku* is the Japanese abbreviation of a longer phrase meaning "the digits must remain

single"; it is a trademark of puzzle publisher Nikoli Co. Ltd in Japan. Other Japanese publishers refer to the puzzle as *Nanpure* (*Number Place*), which was its original title. In English, it is usually spoken with an Anglicised pronunciation, (*suh-DOE-coo* or *SOO-doe-coo*). The numerals in *Sudoku* puzzles are used for convenience. Any set of distinct symbols will do; letters, shapes, or colours may be used. *Dell Magazines*, the puzzle's originator, has been using numerals for *Number Place* in its magazines since they first published it in 1979. Numerals are used more often than any other items.

The attraction of the puzzle is that the completion rules are simple, yet the line of reasoning required to reach the completion may be difficult. *Sudoku* is recommended by some teachers as an exercise in logical reasoning. The level of difficulty of the puzzles can be selected to suit the audience. The puzzles are often available free from published sources and also may be custom-generated using software.

from Wikipedia.org

History

The puzzle was designed by Howard Garns, a retired architect and freelance puzzle constructor, and first published in 1979. Although likely inspired by the Latin square invention of Leonhard Euler, Garns added a third dimension (the regional restriction) to the mathematical construct and (unlike Euler) presented the creation as a puzzle, providing a partially-completed grid and requiring the solver to fill in the rest. The puzzle was first published in New York by the specialist puzzle publisher *Dell Magazines* in its magazine *Dell Pencil Puzzles and Word Games*, under the title *Number Place* (which we can only assume Garns named it). The puzzle was introduced in Japan by Nikoli in the paper *Monthly Nikolist* in April 1984 as *Suuji wa dokushin ni kagiru*, which can be translated as "the numbers must be single" or "the numbers must occur only once". The puzzle was named by Kaji Maki, the president of Nikoli. At a later date, the name was abbreviated to *Sudoku*, pronounced *SUE-dough-coo*; *sū* = number, *doku* = single); It is now published in mainstream Japanese periodicals. Within Japan, Nikoli still holds the trademark for the name *Sudoku*; other publications in Japan use alternative names. *Sudoku* has been called the "Rubik's cube of the 21st century".

Montague is at it again. Mr. Montague has filed to have me recalled. His reasons for recall are not clear. While I don't want to waste much time and space to his type of energy, if you have any questions please talk with me about it before signing. A hearing was held December 28 at BOEE. They don't usually stop a petition for recall. They leave that up to the community.

Rachel Roberts reports

A number of block captains had holiday celebrations at their homes. Novella Nesbitt and Thomas and Theresa Jenkins hosted holiday celebrations for family, neighbors and friends. Businesses on Chillum Place hosted parties as well. J.C. Inc/ American Institute of Professional Studies gave the Lamond youth a wonderful holiday party with food, singing, gifts and sharing about the Christmas season.

Update on PUD's in 4B

There are three planned unit developments (PUDs) in the ANC 4B area. Two of the developments are in my single member district (SMD). 4B07 is the affected area for the third. Because there is a vacancy for the directly affected SMD, and since our community is currently negotiating with the other developers, I included all three in the 4B07 SMD meetings. Dodie Butler has agreed to co-facilitate the meetings. The December 12 4B07 SMD meeting asked all three developers to present their community benefits package. Dodie developed seven questions for the SMD meeting. The questions are invaluable to evaluate the organization of the developer, the progress of the development and the value to the community. The seven questions were:

1. What is the proposed development?
2. What does the zoning currently allow?
3. What relief is the developer asking from zoning?
4. How does the project or layout affect the immediate community?
5. What does the developer offer as benefits to the community for developing property in the immediate community?
6. Are the benefits to the immediate community sufficient? Are they what the residents asked for?
7. Do the benefits to the immediate community offset the zoning change?

Based on those questions for each PUD, the updates on the three developments are as follows:

EYA at Takoma Metro

Jack Lester leads EYA's effort. This development will be on 6 acres of land formally owned by WMATA. The site is currently zoned R-5-A and C-2. Half the 6 acres will devoted to WMATA's requirements for bus bays for metro and ride-on transportation; 75

The West Group at 6000 New Hampshire Ave

The Jarvis Group and Stan Voudre are partners in this effort. This development proposes to take almost 12 acres of land currently zone R-1-A to R-5-A. The site has two existing buildings connected by a covered crossway. The developers propose to keep the buildings enlarging them up a floor and out to Sligo Mill Road, build 27 single-family dwellings and 105 townhouses. The 4B07 community has rejected the change in zoning, the building enlargement and the community benefits package. The negotiations with the west group has not gone well at all. The developers came to the meeting without any plans or drawings. Their community benefits package included nothing the 4B07 community requested. The West Group's community benefits package includes:

parking spaces for metro parking (half of the existing); DDOT's requirement for several kiss-n-ride areas, sidewalk and streetscapes; and the Takoma Central District Plan requires residential/ retail mix. This project is one of the last to be developed under the Takoma Central District Plan. There will be 89 townhouses with 2-car garages with some townhouses with ground floor retail mix.

Community benefits include:

- About an acre of green space. Currently, EYA and a landscape architect are planning the green space to an active, defined area.
- 40% below matter of right density
- Metro entrance and streetscape.

The community will have to better define the activities for the green space in order for the green space to be used effectively.

Douglas Development at Square 3357

Paul Millstein is leading this development situated behind CVS Takoma. This is the latest PUD to come to the 4B area. This project is one of the last to be developed under the Takoma Central District Plan. It proposed 135 apartments with ground floor retails grocery and underground, multilevel parking. The development plans for an art garden green space. They also plan to move three historic houses to the southern end of the property, restore them and sell them. The 135 apartments may be rental or condo. The retail space is still being planned. In fact, the entire development is still being planned. However, Douglas Development has pledged to donate at least \$500,000 to the air conditioning and electrical systems at Coolidge HS as part of the community benefits package. This development is still in negotiations.

The West Group (continued)

- \$50,000 Contribution at PUD approval:

- * \$10,000 to the new Lamond Rec Center
- * \$10,000 to Riggs LaSalle Rec Center
- * \$5,000 to Lamond Youth Program
- * \$5,000 to Lamond Riggs Athletic Assn
- * \$10,000 to ANC 4B Community Fund
- * \$10,000 to fund student PC purchase
 - > 3 PCs for LaSalle Elementary
 - > 3 PCs for Whittier Elementary
 - > 14 PCs for Coolidge High

On-going Community Support

- \$25,000 Contribution upon 50% sell-out to ANC 4B Community Fund
- \$125,000 Additional Contributions
 - * \$12,000 Annually over 10 years from the homeowners assn fee charged on the development site
 - * The \$12,000/year is to be evenly split between the Lamond and Riggs LaSalle Community Rec Centers

Total Cash Contributions from Developer = \$195,000 (over 12 years)

The feedback I got from the people at the December 12 SMD meeting was the west group's benefits package was insulting and doesn't benefit the 4B07 community at all. It looks and acts like a bribe for the surrounding communities as well as punishes the 4B07 community. Additionally, the \$12,000 per year is generated from adding \$5-\$10/month to the homeowners assn fee on the development. The 4B07 community opposes the homeowners' assn fee. In fact, the 4B07 opposes the entire development and the package. Even the zoning commission, in the set-down hearing November 14, 2005 said that the community benefits are not enough to justify the zoning change. The developers were ordered to contact the 4B07 commissioner to negotiate the package. The only reason the west group contacted me at all was because I had the SMD meeting about the community benefits package with ALL the PUDs in the 4B area. By the time this newsletter is published, I will have sent the rejection letter to OP, BZA and OZ. I will go over the letter and its contents at my SMD meeting.

Personal Politics ANC 4B Issues

- Commentary

By Judi Jones

For the last couple of months, the ANC 4B commission meetings have been chaotic to say the least. 4B Commissioners' ambitions are getting the best of them and they are acting out at the meetings to no good end. They want the attention but are not willing to do the work. Some who are especially vocal refused to host a 4B meeting or have a single member district (SMD) meeting to get a sense of their own community. Yet, they want to run the 4B commission. On behalf of their own ambition, the two commissioners have turned their obsession toward me as if I did something by myself. I feel the accountability to my constituents and am willing to do the work. But let me not sell the 4B07 community short. We are a very solid community. We do not vocalize as much as Takoma does on their listserv. But we do have a community spirit that other commissioners want but are not willing to find out if they have it in their own area. These two or three commissioners have managed to challenge a righteous election, neglected our financial obligations, wreaked havoc at other community meetings, steadfastly refuse to meet with me as a commission in order to organize for the next meeting, awarded people outside their SMD's, tried to have a fellow commissioner arrested, gotten Montague to start a recall process against me, and tried (unsuccessfully) to bully a new principal at a school where I hoped we could hold our ANC 4B meetings. What they don't realize is that all they are dismantling they helped build. If the 4B commission was successful in any way in 2005 everyone contributed to the success. Just as we all are contributing to its downfall. There is no way one person can do all that was done as a commission in 2005 alone. I don't know how they thought it could happen. Maybe they weren't getting enough attention about it. Well, they are garnering the wrong type of attention now! And the confusion will remain no matter who is chair.

While the ANC 4B commissioners elect each other for an executive office, the only real challenge and change should come in November 2006 when each precinct elects an ANC. Please note that each 4B ANC was given an SMD budget to communicate better within their own areas. ANCs are not required to have SMD meetings. But with so many developments proposed throughout the 4B commission, it is vital that each commissioner know the "tone and texture" of their constituents. If you have the opportunity to meet a commissioner, ask, who is my representative? What decisions have they made on my behalf and with what information? Has my representative attempted to communicate with me? How, when and about what? If you are not satisfied with any of these questions or answers, attempt to come to an ANC 4B meeting (every 4th Thursday). ANCs will come to those meetings and make decisions that will affect your community. There are some very important developments coming in all nine areas of 4B. Some commissioners are counting on constituents' lack of effort and/or interest to come to the meetings in order to vote their own opinion. ANCs should represent the "sense of the community", not their own opinion. SMD meetings are essential to our sensibilities.

As my chairmanship ends, the residents in the 4B area (all of them) have my utmost respect. Believe me, you have earned it. I hope all the officers of the 4B commission will not have bullied but earned the respect of those they represent. With all the negative energy created, I think back to the ANC swearing-in last January. There were four religious leaders present and all of them prayed for and with us! At the time, I thought four religious leaders were a bit over the top! Little did I realize four prayers weren't enough! For some reason, one prayer in particular stayed with me! At the anniversary of our swearing-in, it's worth repeating and reminding.

ANYWAY



People we need to forgive the most are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered
 Forgive them anyway
 If you are kind, people will accuse you of being selfish, and having ulterior motives
 Be kind anyway
 If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies
 Succeed anyway
 What you spend years building, someone may try to destroy overnight
 Build anyway.
 If you are honest and candid, people may cheat you
 Be honest and candid anyway.
 The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow
 Do good anyway
 Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough
 Give the world the best you have anyway.
 If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous.
 Be happy anyway.
 You see, in the final analysis, it's between you and God.
 It was never between you and them anyway.

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4B07 SMD Meeting 630pm – 8pm
 Monday, January 9, 2006
 Omega Gospel Center
 6210 Chillum Place, NW
 Expected to attend
 Representatives from:
 Dept of Recreation
 Office of Planning
 Planned Unit Developers Update

ANC 4B Community Service Award
 Mr. Howard James, Sr won the ANC SMD 4B07
 Award for Community Service given at the
 December 15, 2005 ANC 4B meeting!

Lamond Riggs Citizens Assn Meeting
 Monday, January 9, 2006 at 730pm
 Faith Moravian Church
 Riggs Road & Chillum Place, NW
 Agenda Item:
 Vote on 6000 New Hampshire Ave project

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The Original SUDOKU

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (the "MOU") is made as of this 12th day of December, 2005, by and between 6000 New Hampshire Avenue, LLC, a development entity owned and operated by West*Group Development Company, LLC and The Jarvis Company, LLC (collectively, "West*Group Development") and the Lamond-Riggs community, as represented by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B07 and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B08 (the "Community"). This MOU concerns the residential development at 6000 New Hampshire Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. (the "Development").

I. Development Design Principles

West*Group Development and the Community have been in meetings and discussions concerning the Development since November 2004 and have collectively agreed upon the development design of the Development as attached hereto as Exhibit A. Specifically, this development design includes the following:

1. A residential-only development (no retail and no office uses), consisting of 110 town homes, 27 single-family homes, and 62 condominium units in the two existing buildings on the property;
2. The operation of the smaller of the two existing building as a seniors-only condominium building, designed and constructed with certain senior-specific amenities;
3. All new homes constructed predominately of brick and in accordance with the designs detailed in the Planned Unit Development ("PUD") application;
4. Common-area green space at various places throughout the Development; a community room with a kitchen area in the larger condominium building; and agreed-upon street parking and parking pads and/or garages for almost all of the new housing units; and
5. Ten (10) affordable housing units to be distributed equally among the town homes and the condominium units.

II. Community Contributions

1. **West*Group Development's Cash Contributions to the Community:** West*Group Development shall make cash contributions to the Community totaling seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to the Community as follows and on the following schedules:

A. Development Approval. Upon the approval of West*Group Development's PUD application: (i) ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the new Lamond Recreation Center, for uses to be determined by that Center's management; (ii) ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the Riggs LaSalle Recreation Center, for uses to be determined by that Center's management; (iii) ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the Lamond Youth Program, in care of Lamond Community Development Corporation, for use in the youth programs operated by the entity; (iv) ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B, to be distributed as grant money for

residents of the Community living in ANCs 4B07 and 4B08 by ANC 4B in accordance with current policies and protocol; and (v) new computers, in the approximate aggregate value of ten thousand dollars (**\$10,000**), to be distributed as follows: six (6) computers to LaSalle Elementary School, the Community's public elementary school; and fourteen (14) computers to Coolidge High School, the Community's public high school.

B. Sales Success. Upon completion of fifty percent (50%) of the housing unit sales in the Development, twenty-five thousand dollars (**\$25,000**) to Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B, to be distributed as grant money for residents of the Community living in ANC 4B07 and 4B08 by ANC 4B in accordance with current policies and protocol.

- 2. Condominium/HOA Fees:** Based on the current development plan, West*Group shall apply an additional fee of five dollars (**\$5.00**) to the condominium owners' monthly condominium fee and the homeowners' association fee to create projected annual proceeds of no less than twelve thousand dollars (**\$12,000**). This annual donation will stay in effect for a ten (10) year period, making this a projected quantifiable contribution of one hundred twenty thousand dollars (**\$120,000**). West*Group Development prefers to have this money donated in equal portions to the Lamond Recreation Center and the Riggs LaSalle Recreation Center.

III. LSDBE Participation

West*Group Development shall use its best efforts to include in the Development thirty-five percent (35%) participation of local small disadvantaged business enterprise ("LSDBE") vendors.

IV. Community Role and Responsibilities:

The Community shall provide written support and promote the Development throughout the entire development process, but especially through zoning, construction and sales.

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