

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER—October 2013

Dear Neighbors,

As expected, on September 6, the DC Housing Authority (DCHA) submitted its application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a **\$30 million grant to “transform” Kenilworth Courts. HUD is expected to announce the grant winners late this year or early next year.** Should DCHA win the grant money—which will be leveraged many times over with money from its private developer partners—Kenilworth Courts would be remade into a mixed-income housing development with about 50% more housing units as exist now (from 290 units to 422 units).

One of DCHA’s private sector partners for this project, Michaels Development Company, sent a representative to our September meeting to brief our membership about the project proposal. Sasha Angus explained that the proposal would create multi-family apartment buildings (110 units) with ground-floor retail along Kenilworth Avenue, a public housing building exclusively for seniors (52 units) on Anacostia Avenue and a mix of townhouses (191 units) and “stacked flats” (69 units) on the rest of the footprint. At an earlier meeting, DCHA shared about 70 public housing units would be moved from Kenilworth Courts to a new 160 unit (total) multi-story apartment building in Parkside neighborhood that would be built between Caesar Chavez School and the new clinic.

Assuming DCHA wins the grant and the project goes forward, **will this development bring quality retail to our community? How much worse will traffic in our neighborhood get with all the additional housing that would be built in Kenilworth? With all those new families, would DCPS reopen Kenilworth Elementary?** This proposal raises lots of questions that nobody seems to be able to answer. Pay attention and demand answers!

Pepco’s Mike Williams (Power Plant Manager) also spoke at our September meeting to inform our community about the company’s plans to demolish Pepco’s Benning Power Plant. The Power Plant opened in 1906 and was permanently shut down in June 2012. The demolition of the two cooling towers was to begin on September 23 and Pepco plans to complete the demolition of the power plant over the next 10 months.

### **Civic Association Member News:**

- Our dear neighbor, Alfonso Brooks, passed away on August 29. May he rest in peace.
- Our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Dan Milstein, and Farrell Newman married on September 1.
- DCPNI is hiring. See job descriptions at: <http://dcpni.org/jobs/>
- **Save the Date: December 17—EGCA Christmas Celebration!!!**

-The Eastland Gardens Civic Association Executive Committee

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# **MEETING REMINDER!**

**EASTLAND GARDENS CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

**MONTHLY MEETING**

**TUESDAY, October 15, 6:30pm**

**@KENILWORTH ELEMENTARY**

**This month:**

## **Eastland Gardens Civic Association Elections**

### **Consider running for office!!!**

President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and other positions!

See our bylaws (Article VI) for all positions and descriptions:

[http://eastlandgardensdc.org/egca\\_bylaws](http://eastlandgardensdc.org/egca_bylaws)

