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Quick recap

Jeremiah led a meeting of the Woodridge Students Association, discussing various topics including financial updates, payment processes, and proposed designs for street murals and banners. They also discussed the progress and outreach of a project, the safety of the chosen locations, and the process of applying for grants. Additionally, Jeremiah addressed the implementation of new bus signs and route redesignations, the ongoing challenges in the city's governance, and updates on the city's budget process.

Next steps

Jeremiah to write a letter to ANC 5C and ANC 5B recommending that the street mural proposal be held off until safety assessments are done and plans for the Langdon Rec Center are finalized.

Jeremiah to update the Woodridge Civic Association website with the survey link for the street mural project.

Woodridge Civic Association members to complete the street mural project survey by March 13th if possible.

Woodridge residents to participate in the DC 2050 Comprehensive Plan engagement sessions, including the upcoming meetings on March 22nd, 25th, and 27th.

Woodridge residents to attend the Bladensburg Bus Garage update meeting on March 11th from 6-7 PM.

Ward 5 residents to complete Councilmember Parker's budget survey at ward5.us/budgetsurvey.

Ward 5 residents to RSVP for the Ward 5 Awards Ceremony on March 12th at Ivy City Smokehouse.

Woodridge residents to check Councilmember Parker's newsletter for updates on DPW special waste collection events and notices of intent for parking/traffic changes.

Summary

Woodridge Students Association Financial Update

Jeremiah led a meeting of the Woodridge Students Association, which included Leroy Battle, Treasurer, and others. The meeting was recorded and Jeremiah aimed to keep it brief. Leroy provided a financial update, stating they have two checking accounts with balances of \$1,591.72 and \$504.54. He also mentioned recent deposits and a \$19 reimbursement to President Montague for web hosting. Jeremiah then discussed the membership payment process, emphasizing that payments can be made electronically or in person. Rachel [online], who was having difficulty hearing, apologized and introduced herself.

Proposed Street Mural Designs Discussed

Rachel [Deussom] presents proposed designs for street murals and banners near Woodridge Library and Langdon Park Recreation Center. The Woodridge Library design celebrates books and community authors, with book spines featuring symbols representing favorite books and local writers. The Langdon Park design honors Chuck Brown's legacy with musical instruments and DC symbolism. Rachel seeks community feedback through a survey and explains the constraints for the designs, including restrictions on words and trademarked symbols. She also addresses a question about the durability of the materials, mentioning specifications for banners and ground-grade paints with sealants for the murals.

[Street art] Planning Stage Project Progress Discussed

Jeremiah and Rachel discussed the progress and outreach of a project. Rachel clarified that the [street art] project is in the planning stage, and its development is ongoing. She also mentioned that the final question of the Google Forum Survey is to share contact information for further engagement. Jeremiah expressed concerns about the placement of the artwork in relation to the Rec Center and the timeline of the project. Rachel acknowledged Jeremiah's concerns and mentioned that the timing depends on the process at the March 13th meeting.

Beautification Project Safety Concerns Discussed

In the meeting, Rachel discussed plans for a beautification project, which she had presented at the behest of Civic Association. Jeremiah expressed concern about the safety of the chosen locations, particularly near the library and the Rec center. Leroy suggested that the

project could potentially slow down traffic and engage pedestrians. Rachel agreed to seek evidence on the safety of the project and promised to respond to a survey by March 13th. Jeremiah also discussed a new project that was a done deal but would not be available by the requested date.

Grant Proposal Application Process Discussion

Jeremiah discussed the process of applying for grants and the importance of following legal procedures. He expressed concern about the lack of transparency in a recent proposal, suggesting that it should be put on hold until certain issues are resolved. Leroy shared his experience with similar situations in the past, emphasizing the potential for good ideas to be overlooked due to procedural mistakes. The group decided to support Jeremiah's motion to hold off on the proposal until further information is available.

New Bus Signs and Route Redesignations

Jeremiah discussed the implementation of new bus signs and route redesignations in the region. He mentioned that these changes are already being implemented in Virginia and will be fully operational by June. Jeremiah also highlighted the importance of community participation in the 2050 Comprehensive Plan, which aims to determine the future of the city for the next 25 years. He encouraged everyone to visit the website (<https://dc2050.com>) to learn more about the plan and provide their input. Lastly, Jeremiah discussed the progress of the Bladensburg Bus Garage, which is expected to open its first operational part soon, and the ongoing efforts to involve the community in the project's planning and execution.

City Governance Updates and Projects

Jeremiah discussed the ongoing challenges and uncertainties in the city's governance, highlighting the potential for negative impacts from recent federal layoffs and potential infringements on the city's Home Rule. He urged residents to be prepared for any outcome and consider long-term implications. Melissa from the Council's office provided updates on the city's budget process, federal issues, and the upcoming Ward 5 Awards Ceremony. She also mentioned the launch of a new landing page for people impacted by federal layoffs and encouraged residents to read the Council's newsletters for important updates. In the Woodridge area, Jeremiah mentioned the progress of various projects including the Rhode Island Avenue planning study, the Bladensburg Bus Garage Reconstruction project, and the

introduction of smart bins for food waste. He also discussed the potential removal of bus stops as part of the better bus network redesign.

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