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Dear Neighbors:

The next DC Council legislative session will be this Tuesday December 11th. During the Committee of the Whole meeting, we will consider a number of measures including: Public Education Personnel Reform Amendment Act of 2007", Bill 17-0450. To amend the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 to amend the Education Service personnel classification to reflect the changes mandated by the Public Education Reform Amendment Act of 2007, to create at-will employment positions with the Educational Service classification. Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Submission Requirements Resolution of 2007", PR 17-0551. To establish the date by which the Mayor shall submit to the Council the proposed budget for the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

I will introduce a ceremonial resolution titled: "Curtis Chevrolet Recognition Resolution of 2007". There will be a final reading and final vote on the Georgia Commons Real Property Tax Exemption and Abatement Act of 2007", Bill 17-0180.

I hope this is helpful information and please visit the DC Council website for more details at: www.dccouncil.us.

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Councilmember Bowser hosted Bus Tour of Ward 4 Development Opportunities

On Friday November 30th, Councilmember Muriel Bowser hosted a business showcase and bus tour to review the revitalization opportunities in commercial corridors of Ward 4. It was held at the Curtis Chevrolet dealership at 5929 Georgia Avenue. NW, with city officials, neighbors, developers and Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners in attendance. The morning began with remarks from Councilmember Bowser and Mayor Adrian Fenty. The owners of Curtis Chevrolet announced that they have partnered with Foulger-Pratt Development Inc. to turn the former car dealership into new residences and retail shops. Foulger-Pratt has developed more than 2 million square feet in downtown Silver Spring, transforming the area above the Silver Spring Metro station into a mix of residential, retail and office space. The details are still being finalized for the Curtis Chevrolet site, but stay tuned to this newsletter for additional information about the plans. Curtis Chevrolet had been

operating on Georgia Avenue for 41 years since Curtis Dworken purchased the property in 1966.

The morning continued with a bus tour of the commercial corridors of Ward 4 including Georgia Avenue, 14th Street and Kennedy Street. We highlighted 31 points of interest along the way including the newly completed Brightwood Lofts at the corner of Missouri and Georgia Avenue, NW, and also the Meridan Restaurant scheduled to open later this month on the first floor.

Councilmember Bowser has been pushing for economic revitalization for commercial corridors throughout the ward and will continue to make sure that Ward 4 is "Open for Business".

Councilmember Bowser hosted Ward 4 Education Compact meeting

Councilmember Muriel Bowser held a Ward 4 Education Compact community meeting on Tuesday, December 4, at Clark Elementary School, to review Chancellor Michelle Rhee and Mayor Adrian Fenty's proposed education plan and gather community input. Kaya Henderson, the Deputy Chancellor, presented the Chancellor's plan and rationale for their decisions.

The Chancellor's proposal includes the following changes in Ward 4:

- 1) Barnard, Brightwood, LaSalle, Raymond, Truesdale and Powell Elementary Schools and MacFarland Middle School will have an emphasis on PreK through 8th grade format,
- 2) Powell Elementary will become PreK to 3rd grade.
- 3) Whittier Elementary and Coolidge High School would become high-tech campuses.
- 4) West Elementary School is proposed to become a Laboratory School for differentiated learning.
- 5) Clark and Rudolph Elementary Schools are proposed to close.
- 6) Sharpe Health School is scheduled to close in 2009.

Also discussed during the meeting were the plans to ensure that every school has the following:

- 1) a comprehensive staffing plan to include visual arts and music;
- 2) media specialists;
- 3) guidance counselors;
- 4) wellness support such as social workers and psychologists, and
- 5) administrative support such as business managers and IT staff.

Chancellor Rhee is sponsoring a series of community meetings throughout the District to discuss the proposed new academic school plan and gather input. The meetings for Wards 4 and 5 will be at:

Noyes Elementary School at 2725 10th Street, NE on December 11th,
Barnard Elementary School at 430 Decatur Street, NW on December 18th and
Emery Elementary School at 1720 First Street, NE on January 10, 2008.

The next Ward 4 Education Compact meeting will be on January 8th at Coolidge High School in the Parent Resource Room #134 from 6 to 8 PM. For more information, please contact Dr. Gloria Dickerson, Constituent Services Coordinator at 202-724-8052 or email gdickerson@dccouncil.us.

Upcoming Events

Councilmember Muriel Bowser's Annual Ward 4 Holiday Party – December 15

Councilmember Muriel Bowser's Annual Ward 4 Holiday Party will be on Saturday December 15th from 6 to 8 PM at the Kingsbury Day School, 5000 - 14th Street, NW. Please bring an unwrapped toy, book or game for children ages 2 to 18 years old. Donations of wrapping paper would also be appreciated. Please respond to Lisa Adams, Constituent Services Coordinator, 202-724-8052 or ladams@dccouncil.us.

DC Public School Contractor Fair – December 10

Councilmember Muriel Bowser encourages small and local businesses to attend the Office of Public Education Facilities Modernization's School Contractor's Fair on Monday December 10th at the Washington Convention Center, Ballroom A, from 8:30am to 1:00pm. The purpose of the fair is to share information on all upcoming school modernization and large capital projects and all associated business opportunities with local contractors, architects and other possible vendors.

For more information please contact Vicki Brown at (202) 698-7701 or via email at Vicki.Brown@dc.gov.

Resources

Update on DDOT's Ward 4 Pilot Visitor Parking Permit

Last week, DDOT began mailing postcards to all Ward 4 residents who live on streets that are zoned for residential permit parking (RPP). This project is intended to respond to citizen's concerns regarding parking restrictions imposed upon their guests/service providers by the current RPP program.

The pilot will offer residents on Zone 4 RPP designated streets a visitor parking pass for use by their guests/service providers at any time during RPP hours. This permit will be good for one year; will allow parking within the resident's neighborhood (using ANC boundaries rather than the entire ward) and, unlike the current visitor parking pass, will not be tied to any particular vehicle or guest. Non-RPP permit holders will be mailed information on how to may apply for a visitor parking pass. Duplication of these passes is prohibited and it is also unlawful to sell or distribute the visitor parking pass for personal gain.

For more information about this pilot program, please contact: Fran Harris, Program Analyst, Office of Strategic Planning, Public Space Management Administration of the District Department of Transportation at 202-673-6535 or at the main DDOT office 202-671-2333. Please also visit www.ddot.dc.gov.