

February 10, 2013

Dear CPCA Members,

Big News! Our next meeting -- on Thursday, February 21 -- will feature a very special program. It was indeed an historic moment when the presidential limousine's license plate at the inauguration included the words "Taxation Without Representation." This is a perfect time, therefore, to explore the relationship between the District of Columbia and the U.S. Congress. What should be done about the inequity we all experience as residents of DC? If the District were to achieve statehood, what would happen to the Federal subsidies currently allocated to the District? The District is strictly an urban community, whereas States have both urban and rural means of generating a revenue base. Would this fact have any consequence were DC to gain statehood? Is statehood the answer? Are there alternative remedies to a lack of representation? I am delighted and honored to announce that our Former Mayor Anthony Williams will be our guest speaker to address these issues.

TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION IS STATEHOOD THE ANSWER?

GUEST SPEAKER:

FORMER MAYOR ANTHONY WILLIAMS

Thursday, February 21, 2013

Cleveland Park Library ~ 1st floor meeting Room
6:30 pm to 7:00 pm - CPCA Business meeting
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Program

Refreshments will be served

Our January meeting explored current and potential parking policies for the District of Columbia, with a wide range of opinions expressed by the panelists and the audience. The presentations noted that DC's population has grown by about 1100 per month for the last 18 months, which puts tremendous strain on an already scarce resource -- parking. The discussion raised questions about how to meet the transportation needs of this growing population as well as those of its older residents, what makes for a livable city, and what specifically do we want for our neighborhood to best meet the needs of our residents and our local businesses. These questions all warrant further exploration, which CPCA plans to undertake. You can listen to the program in its entirety by downloading the podcast at cpcadc.org

I also want to offer a special update on the Cleveland Park Village. The Village Board has done a terrific job propelling the dream of an aging-in-place village toward a reality. Most recently, they are conducting a search for an Executive Director in anticipation of launching services *this April*! They have also been actively searching for office space in the neighborhood. If any of you know of available space, preferably wheelchair accessible, please contact me immediately. The Village Board is a remarkable group. They are volunteer neighbors who have worked tirelessly to create an organization that will strengthen our community. When you see a Board member, please tell them how grateful you are for their service. Board members include Barbara Stevens (Chair), Jinny Stern, Elizabeth Fox, Barbara Mundy, Minturn Wright, Mary Worstell, Susan O'Sullivan, and Bill Ince.

Finally, I want to remind you that CPCA's new website offers a wealth of information about our association, our neighborhood and the greater DC community. Additionally, it includes a calendar of events where we post CPCA events as well as events of other community organizations. To post to the calendar, simply send an email with details to calendar@cpcadc.org.

Thanks to everyone who has already renewed their membership. Please, if you haven't already done so, take a moment to renew now. You will receive a renewal form through the mail shortly, or you can go to our website and download the form.

See you on the 21st!

Best regards,

Susie Susie Taylor and the CPCA Board