



February 2015

Dear CPCA Members,

For such a short month, February will be a very busy month for the CPCA. First is the Cleveland Park Library Rebuild/Renovation. As many of you know, the library is slated for either a renovation or rebuild beginning later this year. The Request for Proposals (RFP) -- a document outlining construction requirements that prospective contractors use to submit proposals for the project -- was issued mid-January, and an award will soon be made. (You can read the RFP at: <http://dclibrary.org/node/46172>.) After contract award comes the selection process for the architect, then the design for the building, until finally shovels dig into the ground in the fall of 2015. DC Public Library (DCPL) assures us there will be the opportunity for community input throughout this process. The CPCA will keep you informed of these opportunities as we become aware of them.

In February, anyone with an interest in the library should put two meeting dates on their calendars: February 7th and February 19th. The first meeting, sponsored by the Friends of the Cleveland Park Library, will take place on **Saturday, February 7th, at 1:00 p.m.**, in the library's first floor meeting room. Richard Reyes-Gavilan, executive director of the DCPL, will speak about the vision for the new Martin Luther King Branch library. More pertinent for the neighborhood will be the second speaker, Jeff Bonvecchio, Director of Capital Projects, who will address the audience about the future of the Cleveland Park Library. Anyone who has questions about the upcoming construction should consider attending this meeting.

The second meeting will be sponsored by the CPCA, and will take place on **Thursday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m.** in the library's first floor meeting room. Featured speakers will be announced on our website in the coming days. Our monthly membership meeting will precede the library program and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Another issue the CPCA has been following is plans for Klinge Valley. In January I wrote to Councilmember Cheh to inquire about the status of those plans. Councilmember Cheh reports the project to transform the former Klinge Road into a hiking and biking trail has moved very slowly, but the RFP for construction work was issued on October 31, 2014. Proposals were due in mid-January. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) plans to award the contract as quickly as possible and commence construction in February or March 2015, with the project schedule to take 18 months for completion.

Finally, as a reminder, if you have not already renewed your membership for 2014-15, you can do so on our website at <http://www.cpcadc.org/membership/join-or-renew/>. There is also an

option on our website to print a hard copy membership form and mail us your membership due. Thank you in advance for your continued support. If you have a question about the status of your membership, please email [membership@cpcadc.org](mailto:membership@cpcadc.org).

I look forward to seeing you on February 7 and 19.

Best,

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Gina Polidoro and the CPCA Board