



SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY

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“The mission of the Assembly shall be to improve the quality of life for all residents of Southwest; to open to every resident the wide cultural horizon of urban living; to help create rich and equal social, educational, and economic opportunities for residents of Southwest; to assist in providing the opportunity for gainful employment for all, and to promote development of the economic and aesthetic potential of Southwest. This mission shall be pursued without regard to the social, economic and racial barriers that have divided cities in the past.”

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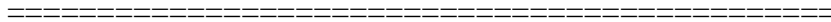
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Message from the President

Thanks to all Southwest residents for all the contributions you have made to make this year one of SWNA's best.

This has been a year where we have taken time to re-evaluate the vision and mission of the Assembly.

We have also taken a great deal of time to update and re-write our bylaws. Now that this task is nearly completed, we are ready to move on and get back into the swing of things enabling us to work harder and raise funds to serve the Southwest community.

We look forward to working together as one community to enhance life for our residents including the addition of the families across South Capitol Street up to 11th Street, S.W., as they develop into a community or choose to join us to work together as a part of our community.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President.

Marge Maceda, President

SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY

Statement of Operations January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007

	Scholarship	Southwester	Youth	History	General	TOTAL
Balance 1/1/2007	\$2,879.01	\$3,700.98	\$4,927.18	\$14,687.94	\$5,112.92	\$31,308.03
INCOME						
Contributions	\$18,317.00	\$500.00	\$12,950.00	\$1,554.59		\$33,321.59
Mary Kay - Refreshments					\$250.00	\$250.00
St Augustine's Ramp					\$150.00	\$150.00
ANC 6D Grants - 20		\$2,000.00				\$2,000.00
DC Sports & Entertainment			\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00
Total	\$18,317.00	\$2,500.00	\$22,950.00	\$1,554.59	\$400.00	\$45,721.59
Advertising revenue		\$34,086.01				\$34,086.01
MPD Awards Dinner					\$245.00	\$245.00
Civic Association Luncheon					\$320.00	\$320.00
Total	\$18,317.00	\$36,586.01	\$22,950.00	\$1,554.59	\$965.00	\$80,372.60
EXPENSES						
Program	\$13,200.00	\$26,425.19	\$7,333.69	\$1,535.28	\$870.00	\$49,364.16
MPD Awards Dinner					\$350.00	\$350.00
St Augustine's Ramp					\$150.00	\$150.00
Southwester dispensers		\$1,000.00				\$1,000.00
Total	\$13,200.00	\$27,425.19	\$7,333.69	\$1,535.28	\$1,370.00	\$50,864.16
Fund Raising	\$254.45		\$328.07			\$582.52
Total	\$254.45	\$0.00	\$328.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$582.52
Administrative						
Insurance					\$1,353.00	\$1,353.00
Post Office Box	\$84.00	\$84.00	\$84.00			\$252.00
Postage & Stationery						\$0.00
DC Federation of Civic					\$400.00	\$400.00
DC - Nonprofit Corp. Fee					\$75.00	\$75.00
Verizon					\$595.57	\$595.57
Supplies		\$389.56				\$389.56
Meetings - Rent					\$825.00	\$825.00
Meetings					\$422.45	\$422.45
Bank fees					\$6.00	\$6.00
Total	\$84.00	\$473.56	\$84.00	\$0.00	\$3,677.02	\$4,318.58
Total Expenses	\$13,538.45	\$27,898.75	\$7,745.76	\$1,535.28	\$5,047.02	\$55,765.26
Balance 12/31/07	\$7,657.56	\$12,388.24	\$20,131.42	\$14,707.25	\$1,030.90	\$55,915.37

Report of the Program Committee

Peter Atlee, Chair

In August 2007, the SWNA Program Committee was formed and charged with planning the monthly community meetings held by our organization. The Program Committee determined that most of the recent SWNA meetings had focused on the impending development of our neighborhood at the expense of informing our residents about the area's wealth of opportunities and history.

With that in mind, the Program Committee aimed to refocus our community meetings on learning more about our community, while simultaneously focusing on some of the issues important to it.

In September, the SWNA General Meeting focused on the Call Box Project currently being undertaken by residents of Southwest. We heard from several community members involved with the project, as well as the Metropolitan Police Department's Historian, who spoke about the historical use and relevance of both Police and Fire Call Boxes.

October's meeting provided SWNA with an opportunity to address the serious issues of HIV/AIDS in the District of Columbia. We heard about stigma, statistics, testing, and treatment from members of MetroTeen AIDS and the Whitman-Walker Clinic. We also heard from the Corcoran-College of Art & Design about their progress in developing the Randall School.

In November, we had the great pleasure of inviting residents of near-Southeast to our organization. The SWNA Board voted to expand our borders to encompass all of the ANC 6D and form a Task Force to begin welcoming near-Southeast residents to our organization and addressing issues important to them. We also heard from MPD's District 1 Commander about the department's efforts in the neighborhood.

There was no meeting in December due to busy holiday schedules, as is SWNA's tradition.

In January we addressed important mass-transit issues in our neighborhood and heard from the Safeway manager about how he will be handling some of the store's current challenges. And in February we joined with St. Augustine's Episcopal and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church to celebrate Black History Month with two extraordinary presenters.

In coming months we expect to explore summer opportunities for youth in the Southwest community, issues important to our aging population and our residents in public housing, and we hope to hear from some of our elected officials about what to look forward to in our schools next year. We also hope to hear from representatives of the Men's Titanic Society about their annual ritual. And next fall, around election time, the Program Committee hopes to hear from some of the Presidential, Congressional, and Local candidates looking for our support.

If you have suggestions for upcoming SWNA General Meetings or speakers you would like to hear from, please contact your SWNA Representative or another member of the Board.

The members of the committee are Peter Atlee, Farid Ben Amor, Thelma Jones and Lida Churchville.

History Task Force Annual Report

Lida Holland Churchville and Ron McBee, Co-Chairs

The SW History Task Force is open to all who want to understand and further the history of our SW community and area. In the past year, the History Task Force (HTF) and members have accomplished the following activities and ongoing projects:

Discover DC: In August 2007, History Task Force representatives spent some time with two groups of 12 freshman students from American University. This was part of *Discover DC*, a program for incoming AU freshmen combining a neighborhood walking tour with a visit with community leaders so the new students can become aware of the various communities in Washington DC and how these neighborhoods are active and culturally diverse.

Fort McNair: In October 2007, SWNA board members and other SW residents went on a Fort McNair walking tour arranged by the History Task Force co-chairs. We visited the courtroom where the Lincoln conspirators were tried; the Arsenal; the infirmary, where Walter Reed did much of his work on yellow fever; General's Row and more. The tour was conducted by Colonel Stephen Hatch, National Defense University, and Susan Lemke, Special Collections Librarian. The HTF is looking forward to resuming periodic walking tours of Ft. McNair.

Call Box Project: The Call Box Group has had a busy year. After several years of planning, we received Cultural Tourism funding to paint 32 community call boxes, and were given a sixty-day schedule to complete the painting. We were able to meet the schedule with the help of members of the Earth Conservation Corps, who took this on as a community project. The Call for Artists began for artists to submit artwork for the call boxes, and this is continuing into 2008.

As reported in last year's Annual Report, HTF is working on the historical designation of the Benjamin Banneker Park, which is one of the most endangered historical sites in SW. It is threatened with being destroyed and replaced by an "intermodal transportation center" serving over 3000 vehicles and buses daily for the National Mall by the Federal Highway Administration.

The HTF provides testimony on historical elements and buildings to the DC Historical Review Board and/or Mayor's Agent. This past year testimony was provided on the historical landmarking of the Randall Junior High School at 65 I Street SW and to the Mayor's Agent on the affect of the proposed development at the Randall site on the L'Enfant Plan at H and 1st Streets SW. The Randall Junior High School building was landmarked and the street right of way was preserved for H Street SW (100 block) as well as for 1st Street SW (800 block).

The HTF is working to make known the conclusions and recommendations put forward by the University of Maryland's graduate course report, *The History of Old Southwest*, covering Buzzard Point, James Creek, and Syphax Gardens to Southwest residents, and their representatives on the City Council and in Congress. A copy of the report is available in the Southwest Library (2 copies) and online at www.dcpreservation.org. This report was presented publicly at the HTF table at the 2007 SW Community Unity Day Celebration in July.

HTF is working on the historical research and nomination of the SW Community House located at 156 Q Street, SW. Founded in 1901 (currently not operating), SW Community House is based on the settlement house model and was originally built in approximately 1906 by the prominent African American, Rev. James C Dent, pastor and founder of Mount Mariah Baptist Church. Mount Mariah was

founded in SW at 1220 2nd Street SW in 1885 and is currently located at East Capitol Street and 17th Street NE.

Funds were received for the 4th and G Street SW “pocket parks” considered to be designed by the late Dan Kiley, “the grand master” of American landscaping.” The landscaping design was found not to be by Mr. Kiley and the funds were restructured by the National Trust and DC District Preservation Office for the Leo Lionni mural in SW. Any unencumbered funds are to be returned to the District Preservation Office after a final audit of expenses and payments

Concerns have been expressed about the plight of the Southwest Heritage Trail “From River Farms to Urban Towers” signs (brochure free at the SW Branch Library) during development of the Waterfront and the reconfiguration of the Waterfront Mall. Cultural TourismDC has assured HTF that they are keeping an eye on the trail signs and that every effort is taken to protect them. The HTF supports expanding the Southwest Heritage Trail with the development of the Anacostia River and the opening of the Nationals Ballpark to recognize more of Southwest’s historical heritage and character, specifically such buildings as James Creek, Carron Baptist Church, St. Vincent’s Catholic Church, and Sanitary Housing to name a few prominent structures and sites.

The “SW: Then & Now” exhibit posters that were installed at the demolished Waterfront Mall were exhibited at two events this past year. Several of the posters were put on exhibit as part of the HTF display at the SW Community Day Celebration in July held at the King-Greenleaf Recreation field. Over 3500 people attended the celebration. All the posters were put on display at the demolition party held by Vornado Realty at the Waterfront Mall in October. The posters were lent to Vornado Realty at their request.

A special project of HTF is the past utilization of water transportation by SW churches to provided recreational outings to such destinations as Marshall Hall on the Potomac River. One example was the display on Louis Jefferson at the Waterfront Mall. Mr. Jefferson popularized and created a tourist industry on the SW waterfront that is still evident today. These posters were arranged to be donated to the Historical Society of Washington, DC.

The HTF worked with the Historical Society of Washington, DC to show the slide show of the “Bulldozer and the Rose” in SW. This presentation is a pictorial history of the demolition of the buildings that were demolished in the SW RLA area here in SW. The HTF worked to move the slide show presentation to an electronic format. The HTF is waiting the conclusion of this work and will schedule a showing in the coming year as planned.

The HTF is still working with the SW Library to house and maintain documents and video projects on the history of SW. The Library was provided with two copies of “SW Remembered” on DVD. The HTF is working on finding funds to install photographs in our SW Library on historic and important places in SW. This project would include a curriculum for students at Jefferson Jr. High School and utilize our youth in the SW community to select sites and events to be displayed.

SWNA Scholarship Committee Annual Report

Barbara Murray, Chair

This is the 32nd year of the SWNA Scholarship Program. Over the past three decades, the community-supported fund has helped more than 200 neighborhood youth achieve their educational goals by providing grants for college. These grants of financial support help to defray the cost of tuition, purchase the ever-increasing textbooks, provide for small necessities, or pay for a trip home when a student is feeling homesick.

In school year 2007-2008, twelve (12) students were given grants totaling \$13,200 (from SWNA plus \$1,000 from Westminster Church) due to the generosity of Southwest residents. In addition, we received gifts from a church and law firm in Upper Northwest, and a special \$10,000 gift from Monument Realty. This generosity allowed the all-volunteer SWNA Scholarship Task Force the opportunity to assist these 12 students in achieving their educational goals. Nine out of 12 students maintained GPAs over 3.1. Individual student awards ranged from \$500 to \$1,500. University of Maryland freshman, Natasha Rodriguez was selected to receive the River Park Friends \$1,200 award, and Virginia State University freshman McKindra Leftsinger received a \$1,000 award from Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The Committee

Kudos to our all of the volunteers, Dale MacIver, Henry Evans, Susan Henriques-Payne, and SW Librarian, Stacey Mayo who devoted many hours of time and effort to make the program a success. Thanks also to Carolyn Mitchell who joined and helped in the interview process.

The Students

Any student who lives in “near Southwest” D.C. (zip code 20024) and has been accepted to an accredited college or university is eligible to be considered for a grant. A personal interview, scholastic achievement, financial need and community service are considered when making the awards. Because of the varied housing and income levels of Southwest, our scholarship recipients come from public housing, subsidized housing (Section 8) and middle-income families.

Scholarship recipients for year 2007:

Allen C. Dobbins, Jr. (VA Union)
Jamal Hansberry (Morehouse)
Sydney Henriques-Payne (U. of Pittsburgh)
Makai Kellogg (Trinity)
Diamond Kirkland (Temple University)
McKindra Leftsinger (Virginia State University)
Hloniphile Mkoko-Lee (UDC)
Natania Moscoe (Norfolk State)
Ebony Smalls (Norfolk State)
Tiffany S. Robinson (Georgetown)
Natasha Rodriguez (University of Maryland)
Shakira Thomas (Howard University)

Annual Report 2007 of *The Southwester*, the neighborhood monthly newspaper of SWNA

Dale MacIver, Editor

Again in 2007 *The Southwester* published twelve monthly issues, each of which appear in PDFs on SWNA's website www.swdc.org. Other issues dating back to 1999 also appear on that website.

Volunteers wrote all articles or condensed releases from city offices or organizations. Many thanks.

Advertising revenue and a donation or two covered all expenses. Many thanks to our advertisers. Circulation, which was 8,000 at the start of the year, rose to 12,000 by the end of the year, largely by the introduction of 22 orange newspaper dispensers on curbs throughout the area. These were bought from two \$1,000 grants from SW/SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D and other donors.

Here are some of the stories covered over the course of the year.

January 2007

Fenty at King-Greenleaf Rec
Waterside Mall to Be Mixed-Use Town Center
Water Street to Be Replaced in New Plan
Randall School Redevelopment Moves Forward
Jeff Students Meet Nilo Cruz
NCRC Approves Land Agreement for Waterside Mall
Game Day Plan Explained
Parade of Lighted Boats
Art Installed in 12th Street SW Tunnel
American Education Sunday in SW
Canal Park Design Approved
SE Federal Center Named "The Yards"
Youth Activities in Southwest
Service to Youth by Cavaliers

February 2007

Great African Americans
Councilmember Tommy Wells Officially on Duty
Citizens 1D Crime Summit
ANC Grants & Meeting Notes
The SWWR
Southwest AARP Celebrates
Mayor Adrian M. Fenty Announces Education Initiative
Mayor Fenty Listens to Ward 6
Wilson PTA Met at Jeff Jr. HS
Wilson's Academies Let Students Specialize
AWC and WWA Sponsor Tree Lighting

March 2007

Cherry Blossom Festival Starts
Shakeup Rocks SW/SE Waterfront
Rhonda Hamilton, Southwest ANC
An Update on the SW Health Clinic
Mayor's School Takeover – Pro & Con
\$30 Million For School Repairs
Creativity at Westminster
Black History Calendar Available
Hop Hop, Jazz at Jenny's
Sojourner Truth Commemorated
Arena Stage New Name

Jan Eichhorn in Florida
Tiber Island Art
Concert at *Art in the Spirit*
Mandarin Donates

April 2007

Cherry Blossom Events in SW
Where Will Baseball Fans Park on Game Days?
"Don't Abolish Waterfront Agencies": ANC 6D
SEU Teaches Word, Excel, Access, Powerpoint
Free Tax Help at SW Library
Neil O. Albert New Interim President, CEO of AWC
Support for Waterfront Agencies
Coordinating Community Benefits: An Open Invitation
Book Signing for Rosemary Reed
New Map of Taxi Fare Zones
Police, Citizens Honored
Child Development Center Has New Home
Shakira Thomas Receives RPF Grant
SEU at Amidon School
Sponsors Sought for Summer Meals
Schools, Groups Share Black History at SWNA
AWC Environmental Standards
Ron McBee Elected to ANC6D
SW Kiwanis Seeks New Members
SW/SE Evolving
Planning the 14th Bridge Corridor Underway

May 2007

Motor Vehicle Office in SW Opens
Ballpark Parking on Your Street
So. Capitol St. Bridge Closes July, Aug.
New SWNA Board
Youth News
National Marathon Race
Speak Out for Community Benefits
Drinking Water Change
Teens Speak Out on Crime
River Park Friends Strengthens SW
AWC Meeting on Anacostia Riverwalk
Kingman Island Opens To Public

PN Hoffman Leads SW Waterfront Cleanup
Sassy Seniors Fitness Expo

June 2007

Amidon Strings Concert
Corcoran, Waterfront Progress
Kwame Brown at Westminster
Sunshine Laws for AWC, NCRC
SEU In Shakespeare Festival
Gloria Lynne Concert by "Jazz in SW"
Voices of Now
Cherry Trees Honor 9th Graders at Jeff
DMV In New SW Offices
You Can Row & Paddle Free
Boat Safety Classes at Harbor Patrol

July 2007

Bridge Closed All July, Aug.
Maine Ave. Developers at SWNA
CVS, Bank Move to Trailers
Tommy Wells Picnic
SW Community Walk Through
Folk-life Festival in July
New Turf For Wilson Stadium
Coffee Café in SW Library Supported
Dr. Tarason Retires At Wilson
Kwame Brown Hearing Brings Developers
Neighbors Meet on Community Benefits
Forest City Volunteers
Keep Fans Off Residential Streets
Summer Youth Activities
SEU International Festival
Thelma Jones Receives Award
Farmer's Market at 1200 N.J. SE
Sports News

August 2007

\$140 Million AWC Funds Approved
Bridge Came Tumbling Down
Demolishing Old Pool at Wilson
Free GED Practice Tests at SW Library
Orange Boxes for Southwesters
Wells Proposes Affordable Housing Directory
Jokes Are On DC at SEU Gala
Juan Williams Book Signing
Tour for Corcoran Art School
SEU Certificate
Capper New Homes Being Built
Clarence Brown Heads Office of Aging
Food, Games at Ward 6 Picnic

September 2007

DC Bridges Deficient
Unity Day Takes SW by Storm
News Of Religion
Events at SEU

Safeway Agrees to Stay in SW
Neil Albert Takes Over AWC, NCRC
Jean Macdonald – Obituary
Praises for Unity Day
SEU Gets Renovations

October 2007

Master Planner Selected for SW Waterfront
14th St. Bridge Corridor Meeting
Mayor Listens to SW Concerns
Molly Smith's 10th
SEU Gala Oct. 17
Testing for Causes of Strokes
Volunteers Paint, Clean Bowen
Arena Stage Tells SW "Get Involved"
Desney Butler Birthday Party
Youth Swim at Fitness Club
Where to Call for Info on SW
PSA 104 Fun on the Potomac Event
KG Football Season in Full Swing
School Supplies for SW Youth
Youth Rally at KGL

November 2007

Help to Smash Waterside Mall
Football for Youth in SW
Arena Stage Breaks Ground in Jan.
Painting Historic Call Boxes
Earth Conservation Corps at SWNA
Maine Ave. Waterfront Discussion

December 2007

Derailment of CSX Train Pollutes River
SWNA on Concerns Common to SW & SE
Parade of Lighted Boats
Waterside Mall Disappearing
Marge Maceda Wins Award
Visit Arena Stage in Crystal City
Roger Williams Compliments Volunteers
Natasha Rodriguez Wins Grant
Jefferson Football Team
Yvonne Hudson Brings Poet to Life
Tunnel Could Reroute Hazardous Freight Cars
SEU Gala Raises \$600,000
Mosaic Art in 12th St. SW Tunnel
Painting Call Boxes
Scenes from the Waterside Mall Demolition
AU Students Survey SW
Corcoran's Randall Neighborhood Day
Ground-Breaking at SE Federal Center
SW Great Decisions Group Forming
Check Your Hydrant With Your Computer
Computer Training at James Creek, KGL
Tommy Wells Monthly at Pier 7

Youth Activities Task Force Annual Report

Beryl Rice and Rick Bardach, Co-chairs

Created in 1982, The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's Youth Activities Task Force (SWNA-YATF) continues to help meet the challenging needs of our community youth. Our efforts continue to make a positive impact in the community that is reflected by the children's enthusiasm and the general support we continue to receive in support of our programs.

This report must begin on a sad note. Jean Macdonald, Chair and very active member of YATF for many years, passed away in July, 2007. We have felt the loss of her leadership and energy. The current members are continuing the efforts to support the youth in our community. However, new blood is needed, and we therefore take this opportunity to invite interested residents to join our task force. Please contact any of the members listed below.

On the positive side, the YATF received a \$10,000 grant from the DC Sports and Entertainment Commission to support the football and other sports-related programs in our community. With these funds, we were able to provide significant assistance to the Jefferson Junior High football team, as well as the football programs at the Boys' & Girls' Club #4 (at Anthony Bowen Elementary School) and DC Parks & Recreation's King-Greenleaf Recreation Center. A total of \$5,767 was distributed in the fall to these three organizations.

In addition to the grant described above, the YATF raised \$12,850 during the 2007 year. Much of this was donated in memory of Jean Macdonald. The YATF end-of-year fund balance is a very healthy \$20,000. Going forward, this enables YATF to focus not only on the regular sporting programs but also on more life skills and engaging programs for the community's youth and perhaps their parents and guardians.

An exciting development this year was the implementation of a new computer training program, called "Computer-for-Kids Training." We are very grateful to the volunteer instructors, LaShawn Williams and Gerald Brown. On Saturday, December 15, fourteen youth "graduated" from the 8-week program with a certificate of completion and were treated to a luncheon compliments of Island Style Caterers. In addition, each student was offered a refurbished computer with the understanding they will teach other household members the skills they have learned in the program and participate in a periodic survey. This program had several partners, as follows: James Creek Resident Council/Friendship House, First Time Computers, King-Greenleaf Recreation Center and the Cavaliers. This training program is expanding in 2008 and has another instructor, Craig Ferguson.

For several years, the YATF has supported a Tae Kwon Do program at the King-Greenleaf Recreation Center. This program, Jean Macdonald's number one love, is led by a wonderful individual, Phil Baroody. Since Jean's passing, this program has experienced some challenges; however, the new Director at King-Greenleaf, Henry Moton, is working to reenergize the program.

For the second consecutive summer, YATF partnered with the Capitol Rowing Club to conduct a rowing class for several weeks. The youth participants came from the King-Greenleaf summer camp.

YATF, in collaboration with Naomi Mitchell of D.C. Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Well's office, compiled a *Directory of Services* for youth, seniors and families living in our community.

YATF also supported “Voices of Now,” a theater group led by Arena Stage Community staff, Ashley Forman and Psalmayene²⁴. The participants were students of Jefferson Junior High. Their play was created and acted by them. The title of the play was “Follow the Leader,” subtitled “A Recipe for a Leader.”

The YATF continues to be proud of its accomplishments and gratefully acknowledges the support of our patrons and the community at large. With the developmental changes occurring in our community, namely the future of Boys & Girls Club #4 as it relates to the closing of Anthony Bowen Elementary School and the creation of a Friends of King-Greenleaf Recreation, among others, the YATF hopes to become better poised to support these efforts. Remaining focused on our mission and increasing our membership will help to ensure that we provide support to our community youth and help achieve the overall developmental changes.

Current YATF members: Beryl Rice & Rick Bardach (acting co-chairs), Rhonda Hamilton, April Hines, Herbert Holmes, Thelma Jones, Dale MacIver, Valerie McCambry, Lenora Moragne, Delmar Weathers, Niles White and Eve Wilkins.

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Report of the Bylaws Review Committee

Meg Brinckman, Chair

Members: Meg Brinckman (Chair), Carolyn Mitchell, Ron McBee, Marge Maceda, Ellen Winship and Naomi Monk.

The Bylaws Review Committee was appointed at the June 9, 2007 Board meeting to review and update the bylaws. Using the June 7, 2004 version as the starting point, the following changes were made:

- 1) The term of SWNA officers and district representatives was increased from one year to two. The officers elected in March 2007 serve until March 2009. An addition to ARTICLE II, Section 2, provides necessary language to clarify when and how election of Officers and District Representatives will be held. The election will be held in March of odd numbered years. The category of “Non-voting membership” was removed.
- 2) The section describing “Community Meetings” was retained but moved to ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS. This section retains the language covering non-binding “sense of the meeting” votes at a General Assembly Meeting and requires such issues to be considered at the next Board meeting.
- 3) ARTICLE III was renamed MISSION and some minor format changes were made. It broadens to all residents of Southwest the goal of promoting employment, social and economic opportunities.
- 4) ARTICLE IV was renamed OBJECTIVES. The list of objectives was retained and the statement that the list does not imply priority was added, as all are important.
- 5) To ARTICLE V – PROGRAM COMMITTEES, a Section 4, Election Committee, was added. It provides for the appointment of chairpersons by the President to conduct the election and the supervision of the election by an independent organization that will tally the ballots cast and

announce the results at the next General Meeting of the Assembly. It also clarifies that all residents of Southwest shall be eligible to vote after stating their place of residency on a registration form on the day of the election.

The Board considered amending the Bylaws to include residents of near-Southeast, but decided instead for now to establish a new Task Force on SE Issues. As the population grows with the completion of new residential buildings in SE and the new Task Force becomes active, the Bylaws can be amended in the future.

The Bylaw Revision Committee recognizes that other changes may be desirable to the Bylaws and is continuing its work.

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SWNA Southwest DC Web Site (www.swdc.org)

Perry Klein, Web-site Manager

SWNA's Web-site www.swdc.org has been on-line since March 1999 and has recorded over 128,000 visits to the home page, including about 28,000 in the past 12 months. The site was designed by Eda Robinson and is maintained by Sherry Klein, as a service to the community. Its mission is to furnish information for the Southwest community and others interested in life in Southwest. The site is easily searchable using Google, including past issues of *The Southwester*, which are archived on the site back to 1999.

During 2007, we were able to update the web site with new aerial photos showing development in Southwest and near-Southeast. Taken in July by Richard Westbrook and Perry Klein, these photos are unfortunately already badly out of date due to the rapid pace of construction (and demolition) in the area.