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Lost? Not Really!

Well, we made it! FBA President Joy Howell and Association member Bill Schechter likened it to being held captive in a prolonged session of the TV series, "Lost," wherein the survivors of a plane crash are forced to live with each other on a remote island.

Facilitator Richard Layman was impressed by everyone's enthusiasm and energy, and thought we produced some really great material. Dupont Circle Citizens Association member Dave Mallof not only delivered a tasty breakfast buffet on Saturday but also a compelling presentation on how to develop a mission critical Fire and Emergency Service facility for our Engine Company #1.

So just what were we up to? For three hours on Wednesday evening March 12, and for four hours on Saturday March 15, we held two "visioning sessions" at the West End Branch Library. Both sessions attracted sizeable groups of residents from Foggy Bottom/West End and Dupont Circle to participate in creating and shaping what we want to see happen with our public facilities in the West End.

On Wednesday, we had a wide-ranging discussion, led by Layman, on what it takes to create great neighborhoods. Then we began to establish specific likes and dislikes about the West End which were captured by Robin Diener of the DC Library Renaissance Project who has been assisting us in this process since last summer. One surprising thing we realized is that there isn't really a center to the neighborhood, and that led to a discussion about why Washington Circle doesn't function in the same way Dupont Circle does. One was suggested that the current center of the West End neighborhood is Trader Joe's at the new Columbia Condominiums.

All of our Wednesday comments were posted at the Saturday session, and we added on to those observations to create a comprehensive, descriptive framework of our West End neighborhood. (The planning pros refer to this

as "scoping"—taking a look at all the factors—the scope—in a given area.) Around noon, we broke to grab some tasty lunch items from a generous spread—something everyone could agree on—provided by the FBA and then immediately got back to work.

We split up into two groups. One was a macro group to discuss further "big picture" issues like homelessness, transportation, development of public facilities for public benefit, and sustainable development. The other was a micro group, focused on specific West End public properties that seem to be in flux and what we would like to see happen with these properties.

After a very spirited two-hour session (the micro group went right up to the wire), a recorder for each group (Greg Snyder for macro and Joy Howell for micro) delivered a synopsis of the group's discussions, debate, and conclusions. Layman is preparing a draft report on our sessions, which will be sent shortly to all session participants for feedback and commentary. He then will provide a final report with recommendations that can be used by our Foggy Bottom/West End and Dupont ANCs and community groups. Stay tuned. A "world class" neighborhood is on the horizon!

—FBN

BENITO JUAREZ – Mexico's first and most loved President's birthday was celebrated by the Mexican Embassy and members of the Foggy Bottom community at a brief ceremony March 21st.



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The Foggy Bottom Association was formed by a group of citizens in 1955 and was formally incorporated in 1959. Attendance at FBA meetings is open to all residents of Foggy Bottom and the West End.

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APRIL CALENDAR

**2, WEDNESDAY
2:30–5:30 pm:
The Foggy Bottom
Farmer's Market
(FRESHFARM)
opens!**

**16, WEDNESDAY
7:30 pm:
ANC 2A
Meeting TBA**

**29, TUESDAY
7:30 pm:
FBA Membership
Meeting TBA**

BE READY TO HELP IN AN EMERGENCY!

The FBA is coordinating with Metro Transit Police to offer Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training to volunteers in Foggy Bottom-West End.

The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster

DATES:

**June 11, 18, 25
from 6-9/10pm.**

LOCATION:

**All sessions meet at
Metro Headquarters,
Jackson Graham
Building,
600 Fifth Street N.W.
Washington, DC**

*Space is limited to
12 volunteers.*

medical operations.

Training consists of 3 sessions, which include class training and hands-on experiences.

To learn more about CERT, go to www.citizencorps.gov/cert/

For more information and to apply, contact **Armando Irizarry** ANC2A member at armandoanc@gmail.com.

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Show Us your Photograph of Foggy Bottom!



Share your favourite photographic image of Foggy Bottom by entering it in the **"Show Us your Photograph of Foggy Bottom"** contest and exhibition. It is Spring and what better way to celebrate the joys of Foggy Bottom than to take a picture of it and share it with the neighborhood.

This is a reminder that **FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION** is sponsoring a juried photography competition (with cash prizes) to be presented at the **WATERGATE GALLERY AND FRAME DESIGN - May 3-31, 2008**. The gallery is located in the lower level shops area of the Watergate complex, 2552 Virginia Ave., NW, 20037. The Jurors will be **Kerry Stowell**, *International Travel Writers Alliance*; **Frank Van Riper**, *columnist for the Washington Post*; and **Missy Lowe** - *Washington School of Photography*. The submission dates are coming soon: **March 31 – April 14, 2008**, at gallery address above. Please deliver images by mail or in person.

In order to enter, the photographer must live, work, or study within Foggy Bottom (including West End) and the subject matter must be located within these neighborhoods. The geographic boundaries are defined as the area South of N St., NW; West of 17th St, NW; North of C St., NW; and East of Rock Creek. Images must have been taken after 1 January 2007. The jurors will select images to be included in the

exhibition in the following categories: People, Cityscape, Landscape, and Animals. In addition, prizes will be awarded for the overall best (\$300) and for second place (\$200), and \$100 will be awarded for the best color and black and white images in each of the four categories.

There is a \$5 fee by check only per applicant made out to the Foggy Bottom Association. For selection and display, unframed 8 x10 inch images in any black and white or color photographic medium may be used. Up to three images per applicant will be judged, but only one image per applicant will be displayed. Each image must have the identification tag from the bottom of the application attached to the back of the photograph. Juried images will be returned if accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope or picked up from the gallery by one week after the exhibition closes. All displayed images will be framed in plexiglass boxes by the committee. If viewers would like to purchase an image, we will refer them to the photographer.

The Foggy Bottom Association, Watergate Gallery and Frame Design, judges, officers, and organizers are not responsible for any damage, loss, or theft of photographs. If you have any questions, please contact: Tom Bower at 202-986-0917.