The Kennedy Street, NW Economic Development and Small Business Revitalization Advisory Committee met in the Multipurpose Room, Roots Public Charter High School, 15 Kennedy Street, Washington, D.C., at 6:00 p.m., Loretta Caldwell, Chair, presiding.
PRESENT

LORETTA CALDWELL, Chair
LAMONT AKINS, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office of Community Affairs
LISA COLBERT, 4D ANC Commissioner
DEREK COLBERT, Strategic Partnership Initiatives Manager, Department of Small and Local Business Development
SYBONGILE COOK, Committee Administrator
DEREK FORD, Senior Vice President for Emerging Neighborhoods, Washington DC Economic Partnership
DAVID GOTTFRIED, Ward 4 Resident
DEIDRE JEFFERIES, Manager, District of Columbia Business Center
ANNIE McCARTHY, Legislative and Public Affairs Specialist, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
ERKIN OZBERK, Ward 4 Planner, Office of Planning
BRANDON TODD, D.C. City Councilmember
DOLLY TURNER, Deputy Chief of Staff for Councilmember Brandon Todd
MS. CALDWELL: So I'd like to welcome everyone to our first Kennedy Street Economic Development and Small Business Revitalization Advisory Committee. I am Loretta Caldwell. I am chair of the committee, and I am pleased to welcome each and every one of you to something that obviously have been a long time comings.

I'd like to welcome the committee members and thank them for their service, because we will be calling upon you for service. And also to thank and welcome the other residents and/or businesses that have come to join us today. And welcome, and thank you for taking time to be interested in something that we're all very concerned about.

So without further ado, as I said I will indeed deter from the agenda as we call this meeting to order today, Thursday, March 29th at 6:15. The meeting is now called to order. I'd like to take
a roll call. Sybongile, could you do the roll call, please?

MS. COOK: Yes, okay. Chairwoman Loretta Caldwell.

MS. CALDWELL: Present.

MS. COOK: Lisa Colbert.

MS. COLBERT: Present.

MS. COOK: Deidre Jefferies.

MS. JEFFERIES: Here.

MS. COOK: David Gottfried.

MR. GOTTFRIED: Present.

MS. COOK: Lamont Akins.

MR. AKINS: Here.

MS. COOK: Annie McCarthy.

MS. McCARTHY: Here.

MS. COOK: Derek Colbert. I know he's in route, he just texted. Sybongile Cook, here.

Erkin Ozberk.

MR. OZBERK: Yes.

MS. COOK: Dolly Turner.

MS. TURNER: Here.
MS. COOK: Derek Ford.
MR. FORD: Present.
MS. COOK: All right.

MS. CALDWELL: Thank you. There are how many people present and accounted for, Ms. Cook?
MS. COOK: There are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, eight present, three absent, one in route.

MS. CALDWELL: With eight individuals present, since we do not have right now an approved bi-laws we'll be following the Roberts Rules of Order, which means that we do have a quorum. Anything that we vote on today can be carried. With more than six individuals we do have a quorum of committee members here.

As I indicated we will be following parliamentary procedure for our meeting. We do not have any said bi-laws, but we will be developing some basic bi-laws so that we will have some rules for structure for our meeting going forward.

If there is a motion on the floor it will have to properly moved and seconded, and a
quorum will carry that motion. There will be discussions prior to me asking for a full motion for to carry forward.

Pretty much those are the basic rules.

When someone is talking, please be courteous only to allow them to talk. We'll only be discussing the subject matter at hand, and attempt not to deter. In the future I will start promptly at 6:00 as long as we have a quorum present, because it is my intent to end promptly at 7:00. To the extent we can today we're starting 15 minutes late, so we will probably end 16 minutes late. I apologize for that.

I will now interrupt our standard meeting to welcome Councilmember Brandon Todd.

MR. TODD: Right. Well, thank you, Madam Chairwoman. And good evening, everyone, and thank you all for being here. Should I swear in the committee members that need to be sworn in now?

MS. CALDWELL: Yes, please.

MR. TODD: And they are Commissioner
Lisa Colbert, ---

MS. CALDWELL: Deidre Jefferies, she's not here yet.

MR. TODD: Deidre Jefferies, and ---

MS. CALDWELL: David Gottfried. You've been sworn in already. Okay.

MR. TODD: All right. So he haven't been sworn in.

MS. COOK: And Annie McCarthy, but she's not here.

MS. CALDWELL: Yes.

MR. TODD: Okay. So we'll just swear in the Commissioner. Commissioner, if you would please stand, and please raise your right hand. I, please state your name.

MS. COLBERT: I, Lisa Colbert.

MR. TODD: Having been appointed as a member of.

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MR. TODD: The Kennedy Street Economic
Development and Revitalization Committee.

MS. COLBERT: The Kennedy Street Economic ---

MR. TODD: Development and Revitalization Committee.

MS. COLBERT: Development and Revitalization Committee.

MR. TODD: Do solemnly swear or affirm that.

MS. COLBERT: Do solemnly swear or affirm that.

MR. TODD: I, state your name.

LISA COLBERT: I, Lisa Colbert.

MR. TODD: Will support and defend the Constitution of the United States.

LISA COLBERT: Will support and defend the constitution the United States.

MR. TODD: And the laws of the District of Columbia.

LISA COLBERT: And the laws of the District of Columbia.

MR. TODD: That I will perform such
duties as may be assigned to me.

    LISA COLBERT: That I will perform such
duties as may be assigned to me.

    MR. TODD: As a member of the Kennedy
Street Economic Development and Revitalization
Committee.

    MS. COLBERT: As a member of the Kennedy
Street Economic Development Revitalization
Committee.

    MR. TODD: To the best of my ability.
    MS. COLBERT: To the best of my ability.
    MR. TODD: Without fear or favor.
    MS. COLBERT: Without fear or favor.
    MR. TODD: That I will exercise my best
judgment.

    MS. COLBERT: That I will exercise my
best judgment.

    MR. TODD: And will consider each matter
before me.

    MS. COLBERT: And will consider each
matter before me.
MR. TODD: From the viewpoint of the best interest.

MS. COLBERT: From the viewpoint of the best interest.

MR. TODD: Of the District of Columbia.

MS. COLBERT: Of the District of Columbia.

MR. TODD: As a whole.

MS. COLBERT: As a whole.

MR. TODD: And I will faithfully discharge said duties.

MS. COLBERT: And I will faithfully discharge.

MR. TODD: Said duties.

MS. COLBERT: Said duties.

MR. TODD: Yes, congratulations.

MS. COLBERT: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. COLBERT: Thank you.

MR. TODD: All right. Well, good evening everyone, and I will keep my remarks brief.
But I did want to take the opportunity to welcome you all to the inaugural meeting of the Kennedy Street Economic Development and Revitalization Advisory Committee, which we will clearly have to come up with an acronym for.

(Laughter)

And I'm really incredibly excited to reach this milestone for Kennedy Street. And I want to thank the Roots Public Charter School for hosting us here tonight. But I would like to take a quick moment to introduce all of the committee's members.

And we will begin with our chair, Loretta Caldwell, who will serve as chair of the Kennedy Street Economic Development and Revitalization Committee. Loretta is a Ward 4 resident, a long-time business owner of LS Caldwell and Associates, which is located at 14B Kennedy Street, Northwest, that successfully develops, implements, and monitors contracting employment and public awareness compliance programs for major
corporations for over 27 years. Some of their projects include the Purple Line, City Center, and management of the Baltimore Majority Business Development Center. So we are thrilled to have Loretta serve as chairwoman for this committee.

MS. CALDWELL: Thank you.

MR. TODD: Sybongile Cook, who is the Kennedy Street Committee administrator, and Director of the Great Streets Grant Program, which is focused on transforming commercial and emergent corridors into private neighborhood centers and job creation. Previously she oversaw the Bank On DC initiative for the Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking.

David Gottfried, the long-time District of Columbia resident lives in Ward 4, and an original member of the Kennedy Street Development Corporation. Thank you for joining us, David.

Lamar Akins, a long-time Kennedy Street resident who resides at Seven and Longfellow. Mr.
Akins served as a former advisory neighborhood commissioner, and currently he's the chief of staff to the mayor's office on community affairs.

ANC Commissioner Lisa Colbert, who is a Petworth resident, not too far from Kennedy Street. She was actually my neighbor growing up, Commissioner Colbert, and she represents Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D, which she serves as the chair. And she is a senior staffer at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Derek Ford, Senior Vice President for Emerging Neighborhoods for the Washington D.C. Economic Partnership, and previously the first Vice President and Board of Directors for the National Conference's State Housing Boards. Thank you for being with us Mr. Ford.

Derek Colbert, who is representing the District's Department of Small and Local Business Development. He serves in the capacity of Strategic Partnership's initiative manager for DSL BD where he manages all external and
intergovernmental partnerships.

Erkin Ozberk, is representing the Office of Planning this evening. He is the Ward 4 planner, so it is quite appropriate that he is on this committee, with the D.C. Office of Planning, and formerly with the City of Tacoma Park Planning Office.

Annie McCarthy, who will be representing the District's Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. She is the legislative affairs specialist who works with DCRA to improve consumer protection in the District. And Ms. McCarthy has worked for non-profits focused on protecting clean air and water.

Deidre Jefferies, the D.C. Business Center is who she represents on the committee. She's currently the manager where she leads the District's new website that will streamline and personalize the interactions professionals and business owners have with the District of Columbia's Regulatory and Support Agency.
And then Dolly Turner, who will represent myself. She is my Deputy Chief of Staff in the Ward 4 Council Office, and part of Dolly's portfolio includes small business development, seniors, the District's Department of Transportation, and special projects. Previously Dolly spent 20 years in business as an entrepreneur and corporate executive working with small businesses and multinational corporations in banking, hospitality, media technology, and non-profit.

We've already sworn in our officers, and I would just like to provide a little bit of background. As you know, in 2015 I introduced an shepherded through the council legislation that would create this committee. The purpose of the committee is to provide recommendation to the mayor and council regarding the portion of Kennedy Street running from North Capital to Fourteenth Street with respect to the following matters: Implementing the recommendations of the Kennedy
Street small area plan, addressing the needs of the community including providing retail options that are assessable to the community and serve the needs of both the community and visitors, parking and transportation issues, economic development opportunities that may be created for surrounding neighborhoods as a result of the Kennedy Street Revitalization Plan.

This committee will work collaboratively with government and the community to ensure the full potential of Kennedy Street is realized. The committee shall meet no less than four times per year, and will remain in effect for a two-year period to be reconsidered for an additional two-year reappointment. I'm confident that this advisory committee will produce lasting recommendations and results for this vibrant area of Ward 4.

Investing in Kennedy Street requires significant collaboration and strong leaders to continue our strong momentum of revitalization.
The establishment of this advisory committee will ensure the continued progress of that plan and focus on the future development of Kennedy Street, the Kennedy Street corridor and the surrounding area.

My overarching goals will offer a fresh canvas for us to build on and add our stamp to include the following: A collaborative vision shaping a legacy and future, employment, job creation, and employment opportunities, and business development and business potential on Kennedy Street.

In 2008 the Kennedy Street revitalization plan was passed by the D.C. Council with the goal of attracting a variety of retail options, restaurants and cafes and housing options, promoting a pedestrian friendly public ground, developing a clear gateway present at Georgia Avenue, empowering the existing community based organizations, building mixed income housing, including workforce housing and prioritizing public safety.
We're in the process of completing a $10,000,000 streetscape improvement project along Kennedy Street, an initiative that was a priority for Mayor Bowser over the last two years. And together we've been able to get it to the finish line this April, which we are all very excited about. And we all know what the improvement will entail.

And I'm going to stop talking because I think I've said more than enough, but I just want to express how excited I am about this committee. I think it's a fantastic opportunity for stakeholders and the government to really work collaboratively to literally tick down the list of things that we want to get accomplished on Kennedy Street, and to make sure that everybody is laser focused on how we continue to move the ball forward.

So this committee has my 100 percent support. And I want to thank our government partners, but more importantly our neighbors for
agreeing to serve on this committee. And I know we'll get a lot done together. Thank you for the public for joining into the meeting.

(Applause.)

MS. CALDWELL: It's always a joy to have Council Member Todd actually take time from such a busy agenda to join us, or to join any activity that is going on. He does have a busy agenda. He cares so much about this Ward, not just about the City, but in particular about this Ward. I was delighted when he asked me to chair this committee and the first thing I said was this is a lot of work. He said, "Yes, it is.", but you've got great people on this committee. And his vision for Ward 4 is so extensive.

I'm delighted that he took the time to review what the legislation said. That takes a lot of the preamble out of what it is that I need to say, but it's important that it came from him because this is our leader for Ward 4 and a visionary, I think, in terms of what Ward 4 can
possibly do.

When I first took on this responsibility I asked him very specifically what his vision was, and he said my vision is that it's great. My vision is that it can be anything that it possibly can be. It can be an art hub, it can be a playground hub, it can be any kind of successful hub that the constituents of Ward 4 want it to be.

We just want it to be safe, we want it to be friendly, we want it to be business friendly as well as family friendly, as well as to be successful.

We want this to be a place where people want to come where economic development is going to thrive. That's a huge mandate to give on this little corridor of Kennedy Street from North Capitol to Fourteenth Street. But I sincerely believe that with the talent that I read about that's on this commission --- or committee --- is it commission or committee?

MR. TODD: Committee.
MS. CALDWELL: This committee ---

MR. TODD: Advisory committee.

MS. CALDWELL: --- advisory committee that we can do it. But it's going to take individual collective efforts, and I'm glad to see that we have residents, or constituents to come out because I will make a note that we're going to talk about. We're going to go into some of the kinds of subcommittees that we have that are --- we're going to suggest that we group together in order to get our work done.

Because this is a collaborative committee effort then my peers may feel free to speak up and comment on the subcommittees that I'm going to talk about next. In addition to that if there's anyone who's interested in participating on the subcommittee then there are sign-up sheets on the table to my right and your left where if you hear something of interest and you'd like to work on that committee then please feel free to join in.
There are five subcommittees that we have talked about for this. The first --- and they're not in order of importance, because they're all important. The first is clean and safe. We're going to make sure that the neighborhood is clean and safe, and what that in fact entails is that there be vigilant eyes at all times to make sure that our community is clean and that it's safe.

We have to do more than just say I don't like that. But there should in fact be meetings with the Metropolitan Police Department, with Department of Public Works, and any other of the city agencies that have a stake in keeping our community clean and safe. That means that there are indeed a lot of landmarks and things that should occur along the corridor.

They won't occur unless you have created, unless the individual on that committee are proactive, unless the individual on that committee are meeting with these agencies to provide some input and suggestions about what could
and could not be, unless you report back out about any issues that you have, unless you listen to your neighbors and take notes. There are any number of things that have to be done for us to be clean and safe.

It also has to do with our streets. It has to do with making sure that we are indeed clean and safe in the neighborhood. If the lights are out, you need to report it. My children chide me about having 311 fingers. And so they had named me that because I'm constantly calling 311. I don't care where I am in the city, if I go over a bump and my car goes in it --- and by the way, if you do get a flat tire as a result of a pothole the Federal Highway Administration does pay for that by the way through DCW, just in case you didn't know that. And we do have potholes in the city, but report it. If a light is out, report it.

There are so many things that this committee should be responsible for doing, and looking at initiatives. On --- We'll talk a little
bit later, an announcement from April 11, there's going to be --- a retail conference is being held. And there are --- the agencies that are there had information about initiatives for retail and professional services. Many of these things I've never even heard of, or didn't know about. And so whoever's on the Clean and Safe Committee please help to keep our community clean and safe and take that very, very seriously. And I'm hopeful that you will indeed consider volunteering to chair. One of our committee members volunteered to chair that, one of those --- that committee.

The next committee that we have is public transportation, I'm sorry, Transportation and Public Safety. And that goes hand in hand with Clean and Safe. But, public transportation, I --- in front of my office on the corner of Fourteenth and Kennedy Street there is a bus stop, and often times whatever I see --- I will go to the bus stop and I will, for the Clean and Safe people, I will go and pick up newspapers, but I report if something
is broken. I will also make a note --- there's a bus bar there. If in fact the bus isn't --- and we have a lot of seniors who take public transportation, our children take public transportation. That bus barn that is next to me carries children to Woodrow Wilson school as well as to --- what is the grammar --- Deal, Deal Public School. And those buses need to be clean and safe, but transportation they need to run on time. They need to be held accountable for coming on time, they need to be held accountable for being on time for residents. And the --- that committee should in fact, until I have this list on my phone because it keeps going out, that committee works hand in hand with clean and safe.

The public spaces are important too. We don't want --- there are -- on Fifth and Kennedy is one of the temporary shelters --- we should think of a better name than shelter, but there are temporary living abodes for individuals who need to be in those spaces. And those spaces are for
individuals who don't have a home, who are temporarily displaced. There go you and I but for the grace of God that we all have homes, we have jobs, we have places to live.

But there are individuals who there needs to be clean public spaces for them. There are number of public spaces in our neighborhood where people sit and dwell. The public spaces are in our parks, they are on our corners, they are on out bus shelters. There are a significant number of public spaces, and those spaces need to be kept up. I've noticed a couple of public spaces, a couple of the bus bars that it's time for a repaint, it's time for flowers in the area, it's time for things to look a little bit more cheerful, but if we do not, if there's not someone who is making recommendations to the correct agency to make sure that those things are done on a consistent basis and work with the agency it doesn't happen.

Kennedy Street is important to all of us who want to make sure that whoever is responsible
to chair our transportation and public safety understands that that is important to all of us. No one wants to live someplace that is not safe, clean and safe, and that doesn't have a excellent transportation public spaces. When we have that that increases our own value of our home, and the economic development in our area is increased.

And I mentioned economic development which is so very important. Jobs and contracts are indeed important and crucial to the businesses in our neighborhood. Our workforce development can be a lot better than what it has been. Working with D.C.'s Department of Employment Services as well as making sure that jobs are something that are easily acceptable to the businesses along the Kennedy Street corridor is something that should be taken very seriously.

I have been waiting for the past nine months for DOS to send interns to my office. That's not acceptable, and I would be willing to bet that there are other businesses along the corridor who
also could use the support of business of our youth in their businesses to help them to get further ahead in life. And I know when I hire interns there's a strong possibility I'm going to not just keep them as an intern, but hire them and train them for permanent employment.

Jobs are so very, very important. There are a number of educational programs that should be made available to individuals on the Kennedy corridor. There are a number of contract opportunities for everyone in this city from small businesses to major corporations. And when you think of economic development I don't just want you to think about contracts, I want you to think about what happens when a major project comes to our neighborhood and they tear the streets up because the trucks are rolling down the street. I want you to think about the streets being closed off and you can't get through to your house because a truck is blocking your way, or there are horses that are blocking the street that you haven't been
made aware.

   Economic development affects all of us
in a lot of different ways, and it is --- it's one,
certainly very, very important, that we make sure
that we pay attention to businesses that are getting
contract opportunities. There are a lot of
professional services in our city that can
certainly benefit from the small business
enterprise contract opportunities that the
Department of Small and Local Business Development
has. We want to make sure that they avail
themselves of that.

   DSLBD is also responsible for all the
Main Streets Program. And we want to make sure
that our residents are aware of those programs.
I'm not sure whether or not the security program
falls under our Main Streets, but certainly I think
maybe Emory Beckon may have that program. But ---

   MR. TODD: I believe so.

   MS. COOK: SDAC.

   MS. CALDWELL: Who does?
MS. COOK: SDAC, the Department of ---

(Simultaneous speaking.)

MS. CALDWELL: DAC does, the security program that people should be aware of. That's certainly an economic development tool. If you want a security camera, I believe you pay ---

MS. COOK: Oh, that's MPD, my apologies. I thought you were talking about ---

MS. CALDWELL: That's MPD.

MS. COOK: That's MPD. You mean the security cameras where you can get a rebate?

MS. CALDWELL: That's right. There's a rebate. Please correct me, Ms. Cook, but I believe that the City will pay $100 towards your first camera.

MS. COOK: I'm not sure, but I know that ---

MR. TODD: Actually it's Seventy-five for businesses.

MS. CALDWELL: 700 ---

MR. TODD: 50 for businesses.
MS. CALDWELL: 50 for businesses.

MR. TODD: 750.

MS. CALDWELL: $750 for businesses --- how much?

(Laughter.)

MS. COOK: Up to $750 for businesses.

MS. CALDWELL: But I bet --- I didn't know that. I'm thinking $100. I didn't know that, but those are the kinds of things in terms of economic development incentives to help our businesses stay safe. It also creates opportunities for businesses that are supplying those tools. It also creates a safer opportunity --- a safer venue for our businesses that are along the Kennedy Street corridor.

So economic development comes in more than just the package of contracts and jobs, and that's something I want to make sure that the chair of this committee and the committee members look holistically at what economic development means for Kennedy Street.
PARTICIPANT: Loretta, I'm sorry. So the third --- I just want to be clear, what --- were you --- what's the third subcommittee?

MS. CALDWELL: Economic Development. The first economic development is Clean and Safe.

The second subcommittee is Transportation/Public Spaces, the third is Economic Development. And the fourth one is important to all of us: Housing.

We all have to live somewhere. Some of us live a little bit better than others, but we all have to live somewhere. All of us have either a mortgage or we have a lease. All of us need to know about what the laws are relative to mortgages, about rates, about our leases, about --- and certainly it has been an issue, and one that will be addressed again at the retail forum that the council member has determined that we will have on April 11th, that we'll talk about leases. And talk about all the issues that our businesses have with leases.

And many times our retail businesses -- and most times there are senior citizens like
myself. And so consequently we reach a certain age you don't look --- you don't think as quickly, you know, I certainly don't move as quickly, but you may not think as quickly. And all the times you have to have some common sense and common knowledge, more than just what your attorney can do for you.

So there are a number of things that go into housing, into taking care of housing. If you'll notice there is a thread that goes to all of these committees, because in housing we clean safe any transportation. It is an economic development tool because you're building equity. So there is a thread, a common thread, that goes throughout all of these committees. And whoever is doing housing has to really be very particular about the kind of housing that's going on in our Ward.

Housing stock is going up. There's going to be a lot of individuals who are looking to help our seniors to make decisions about starting
their houses so that they can indeed buy and renovate and make --- and flip houses. And so housing laws and regulations are indeed very important, and we need to pay particular attention to whoever is going to chair the committee to understand this is not an easy committee. It is one that has a lot of different variables to please pay attention to.

The last committee is equally important, which is a collaborative strategic partnership. Again, collaborative, because we want to be able --- I want to be able to contact Mr. Ozberk and say, listen, what's Office of Planning doing? I want to be able to contact the other agency peers around the table and have an understanding of how all of this fits together in terms of their agency budget. And so consequently collaboration and strategic partnership with not only the public sector, but the private sector. There are a lot of major developers that are here, and not the property organizations that are even
funed by the District of Columbia or by the federal government in order to support Kennedy Street. So that's an extremely important group and someone who will have to, of course, interact with everyone because those strategic partnerships are for everyone in this room.

Again, just to go over the list of subcommittees, we have Clean and Safe, Transportation and Public Spaces, Economic Development, Housing, and the last one Collaborative Strategic Partnerships of Public, Private and Not for Profit Organizations. So saying, do I have individuals or committee members -- or I should --- before that let me ask our council members, do you have recommendations for committee chairs Council Member Todd.

MR. TODD: I think that whoever may be interested for chairing a committee to help focus the group on, I think, actionable goals in each of those areas would be helpful. I think if there's expertise from the government side that it may be
appropriate. It certainly appears to be expertise from community side. It would be helpful for public to chair that committee, and then I think, and Sybongile correct me if I'm wrong, but we would be able to have stakeholders join on one of those ---

(Simultaneous speaking.)

MS. COOK: Absolutely, absolutely, yes.

MR. TODD: So it would be chaired by a member of the committee, but we would be able to have stakeholders ---

(Simultaneous speaking.)

MR. TODD: --- work on the issues of those subcommittees.

MS. COOK: Absolutely. And to add to that council member and chair, for any of the committee members who chair one of the subcommittees. I'll be happy to provide you as much information that we have collected in those different subcommittees. So as much information as we have. I'm happy to support each chair to
make sure that they have as much information that
we have available.

MS. CALDWELL: For now is a good
commercial to say that Ms. Cook has been a true
asset in terms of putting all of this together.
She takes on the responsibility of ensuring that
you have information, that the information is
accurate and up to date, and getting materials to
you. And without Ms. Cook this just could not have
been done, so I want to make sure -- and when she
said that she will get information to you, she shall
indeed. And that is certainly appreciated.

MS. COOK: No problem.

MS. CALDWELL: But I would be remiss,
of course, if I didn't mention as well, Dolly
Turner, who the mayor --- the mayor, the soon to
be mayor --- our councilmembers, deputy chief of
staff, has been absolutely phenomenal. Dolly
works so assiduously throughout all of these
programs. I don't see how she does it. I don't
see how --- she must not have a life.
(Laughter.)

MS. CALDWELL: Because I get emails at all times of night, and it is --- she has been amazing. If it seems like a seamless meeting, it's not. And if you've ever put together meetings or agendas, and planning, there's so many regs and legislation you have to check so that that doesn't happen, and this doesn't happen. And later on Ms. Cook is going to talk about things that you may not do, and there are quite a few that you may not do.

So all of you have gone to ethics training, yes?

(Chorus of yes.)

MS. CALDWELL: Wasn't that amazing? It truly was an eye-opener in terms of what you may and may not do. And so please make sure that you do use your DC email addresses. Ms. Sybongile put out instructions for everybody right at the beginning of the meeting. We're going to kind of go through those housekeeping tasks again. But
to go back to our subcommittee, could I please have someone volunteer to be ---

MR. TODD: Madam Chair, if I could, I would just also note that the agenda is driven by the committee members.

MS. CALDWELL: Yes.

MR. TODD: So if there are items, or issues that you want to see addressed ---

MS. CALDWELL: Yes.

MR. TODD: --- you could send them to the chair and Ms. Cook to make sure that those are agenized, or, you know, that the committee is looking at whatsoever issues you feel that are important.

MS. CALDWELL: Absolutely.

MR. FORD: Madam Chair, I would volunteer to chair either Economic Development or the Housing Committee.

MS. CALDWELL: Thank you very much. Would you select one, sir?

MR. FORD: Economic Development.
MS. CALDWELL: All right. I'd like to thank Mr. Ford for chairing Economic Development.

MR. OZBERK: Madam Chair, I'll take the collaborative and strategic partnerships.

MS. CALDWELL: Thank you very much. I certainly appreciate you doing that, sir.

MR. OZBERK: Madam Chair, I can take the Transportation also.

MS. CALDWELL: Excellent. Thank you, Mr. Ozberk. So I do need Clean and Safe, and I need Housing.

MR. FORD: I can do housing.

MS. CALDWELL: Thank you so much. I appreciate you taking Housing. And that would leave me Clean and Safe.

UNKNOWN: I will.

MS. CALDWELL: Thank you so much. I appreciate everybody volunteering.

(Applause.)

MS. CALDWELL: Now that was five committees and there are eight of us here. That
means that there are two committee members --- oh
that does include your percentage of --- so that
means Ms. Colbert which committee which committee
would you like to participate on?

MS. COLBERT: I need a few minutes to
think --- how much time is it --- I didn't need
to think about that.

MS. CALDWELL: Well, and you know what,
that's a very good question because I should have
addressed that,. Because we meet once a quarter,
and I'm going to suggest to this committee that
we meet --- our next meeting be in 60 days and not
in --- I think that's way --- a little bit too much
time, that meet in 60 days. Again, you have my
promise that we will never be more than an hour.
And I'm going to try and end it tonight at 7:00
as well. I promise you we will always be on time.

A lot of work is done in the
subcommittees. But, again, I don't think that your
subcommittee needs to meet more than an hour. And
I strongly suggest that you do conference calls,
I strongly suggest that you use email, powerful tools, and that you assign each other --- if you're able to have at least three individuals, including our constituents, on a committee then divide the work up. Again, the research you have to do, Ms. Cook is going to be the person who is identifying any research you have. But you have to read it, and make some assessments and recommendations, as well as be eyes and ears within the community.

So how much time would it be, it's going to be entirely really up to you how --- and I don't say this negatively or facetiously, how important it is to you, how much time you need to invest in it. And there may be times when you can invest an hour, and your other committee members may invest 15 minutes. And, I mean, that means that collectively you have an hour and a half. But there may be other times when you can't do something and they will carry the bulk on it. There may be times when you're out for the summer, so, I mean, it's a none answer to give you.
But I would probably suggest that in between the regular quarterly meeting, which I'm going to veer away from that for our next meeting, that as a subcommittee that you meet at least once, and based upon the work that you're doing and the issue at hand you may make a determination that there are things that you do individually, and not necessarily collectively. Does that help you at all, Ms. Colbert?

MS. COLBERT: I have a question, are minutes produced after meetings, the board meetings, will we get the minutes?

MS. CALDWELL: Yes, ma'am. Yes, we do. And I can talk about that during our housekeeping. I'll address all of that. I'd like to thank, again, the committee members for so quickly volunteering with --- I'm sorry.

MS. TURNER: I volunteer to be a part of the Economic Development Subcommittee.

MS. CALDWELL: Oh, wonderful.

MR. TODD: Wonderful.
MS. CALDWELL: Wonderful.

MR. FORD: And Ms. Madam Chair, I would like you to be part of that too.

MS. CALDWELL: So said, so done. I will, in fact, hopefully be able to attend via phone conference each one of your committees --- to listen in on each one of your committees and to be a resource and support. But you've asked me to be an active part of your committee, and I shall be, Mr. Ford. So you have three. Okay. All right.

MS. COLBERT: There may be more from ---

(Ms. Caldwell: And there may be more.)

(Simultaneous speaking.)

MS. CALDWELL: Okay. Welcome to those individuals who have just joined us. We're glad to have you as a part of today's meeting.

Okay, so we have our committees. I would like to ask each committee chair to please make sure and identify at least two other individuals for your committee to set a time when you're going to meet, and to please let us know
--- let me know and Ms. Cook know, via email, your DC government email, when it is that you're going to meet. Okay. If you do not have two individuals that have volunteered as a result of this public meeting then feel free to ask your neighbors. This is --- this is a public event. Ask individuals who are just as concerned and care about Kennedy Street as you all. We want to try and encourage individuals to be a part. You are not limited to three individuals. I would suggest you have at least three individuals. Ms. Cook.

MS. COOK: Madam Chair, I also want to add to that. We will put on the Kennedy Street website, and open it up to invite anyone who's interested to sit on any of the subcommittees. We'll have that on the website, and residents and stakeholders are invited to go into that link and they can sign up for a committee if they --- if they'd like to be a part, if they'd like to participate. So we'll keep that on our website. We'll put that up in the next seven days.
MS. CALDWELL: Thank you. There will be --- I will ask once you have had your first committee meeting, subcommittee meeting, and every committee meeting thereafter there will be a template that is provided to you, so --- and that template is very basic. It will ask who's on the committee, who attended, what were your goals, what were the outcomes, and what are the next steps. So it will be very simple. I don't --- please, I don't want to read a book. I have legislation things to read --- regulations to read, so please, -- and no one --- everybody does. So keep it brief.

You all know the KISS principle, so please KISS that paper as you are writing. It is an update so that everyone knows what is occurring. As I said all of these committees, subcommittees are interchangeable, and something that you may be doing may have an impact on another subcommittee.

Okay. New business. I did want to make it a point to say that I was very pleased that Committee Member Gottfried had sent some
information about opportunity zones. I did, in fact, --- and anytime anyone sends anything to me I promise you I will read it and look it up and report back. So he sent me an email that he wanted to discuss economic opportunity zones, and to add that to our agenda for our meeting. He did state that the entirety of Kennedy Street is eligible for this program, which have put in place special tax incentives for investment along the corridor. And he gave a website to follow. I have crossed into that website and did a little bit more research in that about opportunity zones, what they are, and why they matter.

It is indeed, of course, the newest community development program which they have been talking about now for the past, I don't know, three years that has now been enacted. However, there was a deadline. The deadline for submission for participation was March 21st. And so the next thing that I read about it was that there had been an application submitted to extend.
These opportunities also provide special tax credit to businesses along the Kennedy corridor if it was included. I am informed at this meeting --- I was told in this meeting that there wasn't the --- there was an application submitted, but that it had been approved. And so I cannot speak with any certainty about the approval of the application or the tax incentives, or what specific area of Kennedy Street was included. And so I would like to table that until I can get more information that I can confirm exactly what has occurred. But what I --- yes, Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: I believe the Washington DC Economic Partnership did a seminar on its K&L gates. And I believe that the mayor asked for a 30-day extension, and the secretary of treasury gave us 30-days extension. And I believe that there was a website through DMPED that she can recommend, or you can, you know, add your idea driven empowerment zones, which you probably did. And then they would compile it.
MR. TODD: I have not done that.

MR. FORD: Oh, you haven't. Well, I actually discussed it with them, and Kennedy Street, yes, it is a --- it's a good area to have it. So the mayor has 30 days, and the secretary of treasure has given us to extend --- for her to submit. It was Senator Tim Scott of South Carolina is one of the leaders on this subcommittee of the committee of the Senate who is pushing this. One of the good things about it is that it actually takes your capital gains up into 26 --- 2026 and defer for these areas. And not only is it good for Kennedy Street, but if it's 125 percent of the value then neighbor's community can get it as well. So it's not like you just --- we just trying to develop this one area, but it helps to develop areas right next to it that could be included as well. So I think it's a great thing. I think we need to be steadfast to include Kennedy Street.

MR. MASEMBWA: Can I add to that, because I actually went to one of the meetings when it was
being offered, or introduced. My understanding, and I'm still learning a lot about it, is there are three areas where the tax credit to apply. And it appear, just looking on the map that they presented in the presentation I tried to pull up on my phone trying to pull it down but I wasn't able to zoom in, but it appeared that part of Kennedy Street had already been identified. Doesn't mean it's been approved, but identified, and it didn't seem to cover all of Kennedy Street, so that was one.

The second thing was there are three areas of taxes as opposed --- and it didn't appear that all three covered Kennedy Street. So if that's the case I would encourage if there's an opportunity, and you can't have more than just the one tax --- type of tax credit, meaning the tax credit is the same, but it applied to a certain type of business as opposed to the other two could have been like maybe housing, or one could have been industrial business or something along that
line. So I wanted to say there appear to be three different areas, and if Kennedy Street is applicable then we look at all three if we can make a recommendation. That's all.

MS. CALDWELL: Could I also have you state your name for the record?

MR. MASEMBWA: Yes, my name is Kanyi Masembwa. I'm a business owner on Jefferson Street, and I appreciate being here.

MS. CALDWELL: Thank you.

MR. MASEMBWA: I'm a --- also a Ward 4 resident.

MS. CALDWELL: As I --- Mr. Gottfried, did you want to add anything to that?

MR. GOTTFRIED: You know, I'm little bit embarrassed, because I actually don't know that much about the program. I read an article or two. I'm impressed. My basic understanding is that it was a small line in the recent tax bill that was passed.

MS. CALDWELL: Correct, that's what he
said.

MR. GOTTFRIED: It identifies low income communities that are eligible then for tax abatements, particularly the capital gains tax abatement. Those who invest in the identified areas. And I understand that there's a list that's already been put forth by the city, and I don't know whether Kennedy Street is on that list or not.

MS. COOK: Okay. I think they are.

MR. TODD: It is on the list.

MR. GOTTFRIED: It is on the list.

MS. COOK: Yes, I think they are.

MR. GOTTFRIED: Okay.

MS. COOK: To add to that, David, it is important that we get feedback from everyone. I know ANC, I believe, are responsible for trying to collect as much feedback and information from the residents. That deadline is April 10th. I just got an email from my colleague who's managing the opportunity zone information. So ANCs would need to submit their feedback and recommendations.
from the community by April 10th, okay? And there
is a website. We're happy to put that on the
Kennedy Street website. You can go in and take
a look at them. But there is also an opportunity
zone website as the chair, and David, and everyone
else mentioned.

MR. AKINS: I'm sorry, so the City has
submitted --- is that --- is that what I heard that
---

MS. COOK: If you go to the opportunity
zone website you can see all of the information
and the recommendations so far, like, what the
locations are. So whatever feedback you may have
that's been extended also until April 10th, and
I believe that's being run through the ANC, that
the ANC commissioners are the ones that are
collecting the information from the communities
for submitting feedback they still want things.

MR. FORD: I think what you're asking,
Ms. Councilwoman, ---

MS. CALDWELL: Yes.
MR. FORD: --- is has it been submitted yet, and the answer is no because we have extension.
So the Mayor and DMPED is compiling information they would ---

MR. TODD: Submit.

MR. FORD: Yes.

MR. AKINS: Well, I think it may be off use tonight -- because I think AND 4D's meeting has already passed, correct?

MS. CALDWELL: Yes.

MR. AKINS: And the next one is not until the third week of April.

MS. CALDWELL: Correct.

MR. AKINS: Oh, you said May.

MS. CALDWELL: No, I said correct.

MR. AKINS: Oh, okay. Is it --- is it okay for us to do some type of resolution from this community to submit to DMPED, or to the mayor to say we would like Kennedy Street to be included since most agencies do resolution?. But they would have to do a special meeting to include feedback
if they wanted to do alternative resolution.

MS. CALDWELL: Can this committee do resolutions, or would that fall under a council member to submit the resolution?

MS. COOK: I think we would just need to do a motion and submit our recommendation as a committee. So we would need to make a motion, move it, pass it, and then that'll be submitted in the notes and then I can forward it up the opportunity zone chair and commissioner.

MS. CALDWELL: Do I have a motion on the floor that the Kennedy Street Economic Development and Small Business Advisory Committee develop or craft a resolution to go to the appropriate site indicating our support for opportunity zones for Kennedy Street.

MR. FORD: So moved.

MS. CALDWELL: It has been properly moved. Do I have a second?

MR. GOTTFRIED: Second.

MS. CALDWELL: Is there any discussion?
MS. COOK: Who seconded? Was that David, or ---

MR. TODD: That was David.

MS. COOK: David, okay.

MS. CALDWELL: Properly moved and seconded. To have a vote. All in favor please indicate by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

MS. CALDWELL: Opposed?

(No audible response.)

MS. CALDWELL: The ayes carry it. So moved. Thank you very much.

MR. AKINS: Madam Chair, may I add that I will send a letter from my office in support of the resolution and/or letter that the committee submits.

MS. CALDWELL: Wonderful, thank you. Ms. Cook.

MR. FORD: Madam Chair, is there a particular --- should --- is all --- So we've been ensured that all of Kennedy Street North Capital
to Fourteenth? I think, because the gentleman was talking about there may be some difference in the zones, so we want to ensure that it covers all of Kennedy Street.

    MR. TODD: Well, I think it's based on tract. So it's based off income.

    MR. FORD: Yes, it is.

    MR. TODD: We have to look at the tract. I think the map that I just saw on my phone about 10 minutes ago it was based on Georgia Avenue. So I believe it's North Capital.

    MS. CALDWELL: Then let us amend the motion to ensure that all of Kennedy Street is included based upon the acceptable space allocations that they have so stated, whether it's tracts, whether it's blocks, but that all of Kennedy Street from North Capital to Fourteenth Street be included in this resolution. I amend the motion. Will someone so move?

    MR. TODD: So moved.

    MS. CALDWELL: Can I get a second?
MR. GOTTFRIED: Second.

MS. CALDWELL: Discussion?

(No audible response.)

MS. CALDWELL: All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

MS. CALDWELL: Opposed?

(No audible response.)

MS. CALDWELL: Amendment carried.

Thank you very much. I want to thank Mr. Gottfried for bringing that to our attention, and Mr. Masembwa for having some additional information to bring to the committee. Is there any new business?

(No audible response.)

MS. CALDWELL: Okay. Well I will continue moving right along. Housekeeping, and something very, very, very important. Ms. Sybongile Cook, Please.

MS. COOK: Please bear with me while I go through a couple of these here. First, I want to thank Neal R. Gross and Company. You might see the young woman here to the side, Ms. Jasmine
Gallup, she is our scribe, and so she's over there diligently taking notes and also recording this meeting. And all of our meetings Jasmine or someone from Neal R. Gross and Company will be here to record all of the public meetings and also scribe them so that we have minutes. I do want to thank the CBE for being here. They will be here for every meeting that we have. So thank you Jasmine for being here. I appreciate it.

Number two, for our community and residence and stakeholders that are here, whenever you have comments please be sure to state your name. We don't need everything, but just your name so that we can make sure that it gets included in the record, okay. But thank you so much for being here.

Number three. I'd like to point everyone, all of the committee members, you do have a binder in front of you. I want to kind of walk you through what you have in your binder. Number one, your name is on it. Number two, if you take a look there are tabs. There is a legislative
summary that you see. You also see the act here. When you go under numbers you will see the full list of everyone that is on this committee. More details are in the workspace that you all have access to in terms of emails and phone numbers. The next tab that I will take you to includes the Kennedy Street revitalization plan that was approved by Council in a summary.

The next thing in here is the feasibility assessment for the main street, which includes Kennedy Street and upper Fourteenth Street. The next report that you'll see in here is envisioning Kennedy Street. The next report --- the next tab that you see is other. This is kind of a hodgepodge of other information. Some of it is the status of updates and information that date back to 2008. And then you have another tab that says notices. In this section, this is where we will include the notifications of when the meetings are, your agenda can go in here, all that good ole jazz, that's up to you.
And then there's a blank tab you might have with just some extra pieces of paper just to jot down your notes. In the first --- when you open your binder and the folder you should see your agenda, but also there is a double-sided one pager that gives you a profile of Kennedy Street. The Washington Economic Partnership just released hot off the press their 2018 neighborhood profile. So this is the book in its entirety. You'll be getting this in the mail. We'll be sure to bring these to our committee meeting going forward, so everyone can take advantage and pick one of these.

But what I did is I printed a double-sided copy of what's already in here just for Kennedy Street. So when you look at it you will see from a half mile, one mile, and three mile radius, population, household income, age, consumer expenditures, walkability score and all that kind of good information, okay? This is the most current information that comes from the
neighborhood profiles, Okay?

   We'll make sure that you guys get these at our next meeting, so feel free. And if you can't wait that long feel free to put your name on the sign in sheet and we'll be happy to mail you one as well, okay. These are really, really --- it's chock full of really good information. So I just want to make sure that all of the committee members are aware that that is in their binder.

   If you take a look at the last --- the last flap in your binder you will see as the chair --- as our chairwoman mentioned there is a PowerPoint slide deck of the ethics and accountability information. Something that's very, very important here is that I want to make sure that we are using only the Board and Commission email addresses. So you might have seen my email that said this is the last email I am sending to your personal. It is the last one.

   So everything you get from me from now on will be from your Board and Commission email
address. You should have a one pager where I have also provided the instructions again. It got lost in your emails, or went to your junk. I've also provided instructions for everyone. There's a quick sample of exactly what you need to do to access your email of your Boarding Commission email address, okay?

In addition to that there is a digital work space with all of this information. I just want to make sure that everyone have paper copies of data that we've been able to collect. But there is a workspace for this, and everyone has access to it. And so your Board and Commissions email address is connected to that, okay?

The other thing I'd like to mention is that there is a Kennedy Street Economic Development and Small Business Revitalization Advisory Committee website. It's a microsite. It lives on the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development's website, so you can go to dmped.dc.gov. You will find in the section of cool
down that says that Kennedy Street revitalization site. And it has all of this information as well that communities can also download all of this information. You will find the minutes there. You will find an audio recording of every meeting. And you can download the exact same information that the committee members have right there in the file. So it make sense? yes? --- okay, fantastic.

The next thing I have for you is, let's see here, I thought there was one other item footnote. As the chair mentioned that there will be a form for the subcommittee reports. Subcommittee reports, we would like to have those submitted a week before our committee meeting, so that we're able to then collect, prepare and share them with the residents as we conduct that meeting. So you will get a reminder, all of the chairs, that your subcommittee report will be due a week before we have our public committee meeting, okay? Does that make sense? Yes?

(Chorus of yes.)
MS. COOK: Just want to make sure we get that covered. Aside from that that is all I have. Also just a quick note when we are --- when we are doing a motion if you are second, third, carrying a motion, please state your name for our scribe so that she can make sure she has it correctly, okay?

I think that's all I have. Madam Chair, did I miss anything?

MS. CALDWELL: No, I think you covered everything. Other than our next meeting is supposed to be.

MS. COOK: I'm sorry.

MS. CALDWELL: Our next meeting site will also be advised.

(Simultaneous speaking.)

MS. COOK: Yes, I will advise on our next meeting site since it seems like we're going to up the date to 60 days. We'll make sure that that information is on the website so that everyone is aware, okay?
MS. CALDWELL: All right, I mentioned
that I wanted to meet in 60 days, but let me get
some feedback from my committee members. Do you
think that is advisable that we not wait for a
quarter, but meet within --- we must meet four times
a year, but I'd like to meet within the next 60
days. Does that make --- is that agreeable?

MR. COLBERT: It's agreeable, sure.

(Chorus of yes.)

MS. CALDWELL: Okay. All right, well,
I don't think we need to take a vote on that as
long as ---

MS. COOK: No.

MS. CALDWELL: --- as long as we're
agreeable to that. Okay. All right. Well, we're
moving right along. I promised I'll have you out
in another four minutes, and I will.

Announcements. I'd like to certainly
ask Ms. Dolly Turner to make the announcements of
upcoming events.

MS. TURNER: Okay. On Wednesday, April
the 11th, we're -- Council Member Todd is going
to host his inaugural board for small business
summit. It's going to take place at People's
Congregation on 13th Street from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00
p.m. It's going to be a fantastic day. We're
bringing out about 12 different district agencies,
everything from DSLBD, DPW, the Security Camera
Program, DDOT to talk about sidewalk permits that
have the café outdoors, the wonderful Great Streets
Program. So we'd love to --- we'd love to have
you help us spread the word.

We're also going to invite the new
executive director of the uptown Main Street, so
that business owners can be heard. A lot of the
small businesses have mentioned that they're having
difficulty renewing their leases. So we're
bringing out someone from D.C. Barge to give them
negotiating tactics and tips, consult them on that.

For the service-oriented businesses
we're going to bring out several contracting
officers from the District agencies so that they
can meet people in person and learn about upcoming bids that will take place. And we're also going to have a marketing, social media, and digital media panel and workshop.

So this is our inaugural program. This has been a vision of Council Member Todd for a long time to help support our businesses, and it couldn't be a better time because of all the economic development in the water, so please we'd love for you to spread the word.

MR. TODD: Yes, please help spread the word. And I think it's important that as we talk about how we grow Kennedy Street we want to bring new businesses and retail opportunity, but I feel that it's my job and our job as a community to provide resources to support the businesses that are currently here. But I'm hopeful that this retail summit will be helpful. I think the Washington Economic Partnership will also be there. I believe they will be.

(Laughter.)
But there will be a range of services. My team has been canvassing businesses to invite them. I will be out canvassing businesses a couple days next week while the council is on recess, so I don't have to worry about planning for budget funds I can take a little break. But I will be out canvassing next week trying to make sure that our businesses know it.

And I did want to take an opportunity to thank Dr. Thompson, who I know has joined us in the back, for opening up her wonderful school that has been on Kennedy Street for a number of years, when it was good, when it was bad, you know, and now certainly as Kennedy Street is moving to the future we just appreciate that you've been diligent and being in this community for so long. So thank you for opening up your space to us tonight.

MS. THOMPSON: You're more than welcome.

MS. CALDWELL: I think that the retail summit is another indication of our council's
commitment to helping to revitalize and rejuvenate Kennedy Street. I've been in economic development for 37 years, and I can tell you that most of the time there are economic development conferences and fairs aimed at construction procurement, but not a lot for retail or professional services.

So this is not only inaugural event in Ward 4, this is probably an inaugural event that I'm aware of that there's been a conference geared just trying to support retail businesses in D.C. I certainly haven't heard of any. There's been a little retail things here, or retail, but not at a conference and one that I'm sure is going to grow and grow and grow as we try and grow Kennedy Street.

So I just want to thank the council member for being --- for his forward thinking and for the initiative in doing this, because this is something that doesn't take place. I encourage each and every one of you to spread the word. There are posters. If you have a retail business ask
for a poster, put it up in your business. If you have a business ask for flyers. Put flyers up on counters. Let people know exactly all the resources that are here for retail businesses. And on that I will say do my committee members have anything else they'd like to say?

MS. COOK: Yes, I do have three other events that I have seen. There is a Kennedy Street Northwest Facebook page. And they have whole host of events. The April 11th, workforce small business summit is included on there, but I would be remiss if I didn't also share that on April 10th there is a Kennedy Street happy hour that's taking place.

There --- on April 14th there is a Kennedy Street umbrella stroll that's going to take place. And then on May 8th there's another Kennedy Street happy hour. I think these are great things in terms of how the community and stakeholders are trying to come together and really create, kind of a family, I mean, that's really what you want
in your community.

And so I just wanted to share some of the other dates that I had seen out there as well just for the record, just so that everyone is aware of some of the other events that are available that are out there.

MS. CALDWELL: Thank you.

MR. TODD: Can you tell us where the happy hour is?

(Laughter.)

(Simultaneous speaking.)

MS. COOK: So that's right up the street.

I can't recall where the May 8th one is. I'm sorry. The umbrella stroll that starts at 11:00. I haven't gotten all the details, but it is on the Facebook page and I'm almost certain that our stakeholders possibly can bid LBDs from KSDC and some of our other folks at Main Street will probably be sharing some of this information in the community as well.

MS. CALDWELL: Are there anymore
comments, announcements, ---

MR. GOTTFRIED: Kennedy Street, that --
the Kennedy Street Northwest Facebook page is
operated by the Kennedy Street Development
Corporation.

MS. COOK: Okay. So I did just say KSDC,
but, yes.

MS. NCHAKO: My name is Lena Nchako.
I live on Kennedy Street.

MS. CALDWELL: I'm sorry, state your
name, please.

MS. NCHAKO: My name is Lena Nchako.

MS. CALDWELL: Yes, Ma'am.

MS. NCHAKO: I live on Kennedy Street
on the 900 block. And I'm on the Board of the
Kennedy Street Development Corporation.

MS. CALDWELL: Okay.

MS. NCHAKO: And after the umbrella
stroll there is a happy hour at Jackie D's
(phonetic).

(Laughter.)
(Simultaneous speaking.)

MS. CALDWELL: That's important information. Thank you. Are there anymore announcements or comments about ---

MR. TODD: I have one more thing. I just want to add one thing. I do want to thank the chair, but I want to thank each of you for making the commitment to serve our community. I know that there are many other things that we can all be doing especially when these folks have kids, and birthdays and jobs, but the fact that you all have agreed to serve in this capacity as we move forward Kennedy Street for the next two years is --- doesn't go unnoticed and I'm grateful to you all, and I know that Kennedy Street will be grateful to you so thank you for your service that you provide.

MS. CALDWELL: All right. Well, I was going to give our Councilmember the last word. He just did. So on that I would like to entertain a motion from the committee members to adjourn.

MR. AKINS: So moved.
MR. FORD: Second.

MS. CALDWELL: It has been moved by ---

MR. AKINS: Lamont Akins.

MS. CALDWELL: Seconded by ---

MR. FORD: Derek Ford.

MS. CALDWELL: It has been properly moved and seconded that we adjourn the meeting, Thursday the 25th at --- I have 7:25 p.m. All in favor.

(Chorus of ayes.)

MS. CALDWELL: Opposed?

(No audible response.)

MS. CALDWELL: The meeting is adjourned.

Thank you.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 7:25 p.m.)