

# THE DUPONT CURRENT

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## MAKE IT *YOUR* NEIGHBORHOOD

DCCA Meeting: December 4

Speaker: John Thomas

Department of Transportation

"Dupont Issues"

The International Student House, 1825 R St. NW

Time: 7:30 – 9:30 pm

### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

#### DCCA MADE A DIFFERENCE

- Safeway Alcohol Merchandising Standards
- Historical Preservation:  
16<sup>th</sup> Street remains four lanes
- Zoning Enforcement:  
Carlyle Hotel Roof Deck Permit Withdrawn
- Park Beautification:  
T St. Park  
Friendship Park
- Grants to Good Neighbors:  
Charlie's Place, Keegan Theater, Heurich House
- Garrison School Renovation

#### A New Tree Plaza for Dupont

In just ten years the nonprofit Restore Mass Avenue has arranged for the planting of 350 new trees on the Avenue, increasing its tree canopy by 13%. Now it is seeking to restore DC's tree cover to the barren sidewalk just off Dupont Circle in front of PNC Bank. The group has proposed adding seven more large trees to the existing two for aesthetic appeal and environmental improvement. RMA's proposed "Dupont Tree Plaza" would keep the same number of bike docks and allow for expansion nearby. The redesigned plaza would also add an info kiosk as a kickoff point for self-guided tours of the neighborhood.

RMA's goal is to recreate the lush overhead canopy of trees that graced Mass Ave a century ago. Many in the community support RMA's leadership "greening" the sidewalk by the bank, because of the group's success in planting and maintaining the leafy allees that are starting to shade the Avenue from 20<sup>th</sup> Street to Wisconsin Avenue.

At the DCCA November meeting, RMA President Deborah Shapley, said the project would restore the tree canopy which graced the site in 1873, where the first big mansion in the area was built. DCCA Members endorsed RMA's Dupont Tree Plaza draft concept, and resolved to support its request for a city grant to finalize the project design.

#### DCCA WE TAKE ACTION

- DC Comprehensive Plan
- Safeway Mediation
- St. Thomas Request for Variance
- Public Lavatories
- DC Street Lighting-LED Health Issues
- Oversized Electronic Digital Billboards
- Fair Elections Act
- 17<sup>th</sup> Street Bike Lanes
- S Street Noise Issues

\* CORRECTION:  
Canopy has increased by 13%

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