



Proposed mixed use building with public plaza at 1800 Columbia, courtesy of Jubilee Housing and ECA Architects

KCA WILL MEET MAY 23, 7 PM

Please join us for our first membership meeting since last September!

The meeting will take place starting at 7 pm at Good Will Baptist Church, 1862 Kalorama Road, NW.

We will cover the following agenda items:

Presentation by Mary Belcher on the Ancestors Pavilion to be erected in Walter Pierce Park – see accompanying article in this newsletter;

Presentation of Jubilee Housing’s plans for 1800 Columbia Road; full plan set available here: <https://app.box.com/s/dhn9muwq7e6fqor5v5v40hn1w7yanfma/file/1511021738031>

Jubilee Executive Director Jim Knight and staffers will present the plans.

Consideration of a resolution for a different type of safety project for Columbia Road. See proposed resolution below;

Discussion of the protected bike lane project proposed by DDOT for Columbia Road with DDOT officials - Project Manager Kevin Harrison, invited; DDOT acting Director Sharon Kerschbaum, invited.

Other agenda items may be added.

RESOLUTION FOR A COLUMBIA ROAD SAFETY PLAN THAT WOULD BENEFIT ALL USERS

Whereas, DDOT has proposed massive changes to Columbia Road, NW from 16th Street, NW to Connecticut Avenue, NW, to install protected bike lanes in both directions under the guise of a “Rapid Bus Program”, and

Whereas, KCA has resolved against such a program three times previously, at various stages as DDOT developed its proposal, and

Whereas, in short, DDOT’s proposal would have negative impacts on all users except those who choose to ride in the bike lanes, and

Now, KCA urges DDOT to adopt the simple aspects of a true safety plan (below) which will make Columbia Road safer for all users, instead of proceeding with its protected bike lane proposal:

Repaved roadway which is safer for cyclists, motorists of all kinds, scooters and pedestrians;

Additional safety measure,s like the pushbutton crosswalk lights which flash at the Champlain and Biltmore crossings. They could also be installed at 20th, 19th, Belmont, 17th and Quarry;

Make crosswalk from Columbia across to Kalorama Park a raised speed table to help protect the many children (and others) who cross there;

Leave all existing parking in place with the exception that in a few locations, a space or two

gets removed to allow the buses to pull in tight to the stop at the curb. This would also provide maximum safety for riders and other pedestrians who would not be asked to catch the bus out in the middle of traffic. This allows other traffic to bypass the stopped bus.

Allow buses to get a "head start" at selected traffic signals. [This has been done at U street at 15th St., NW, eastbound, for instance];

Apply bright reflective color to entirety of existing bike lanes;

Don't create northeast-bound bus lane, just install a left-turn single at the so-called "Little Harvard Street" that buses and all other traffic can use to more readily make their way from Columbia Road on towards Mt. Pleasant or Harvard Street, etc.;

Convert a reasonable amount of parking into loading zones in the densest commercial areas to stop trucks from double-parking;

Enforce all traffic rules equally.

-Denis James



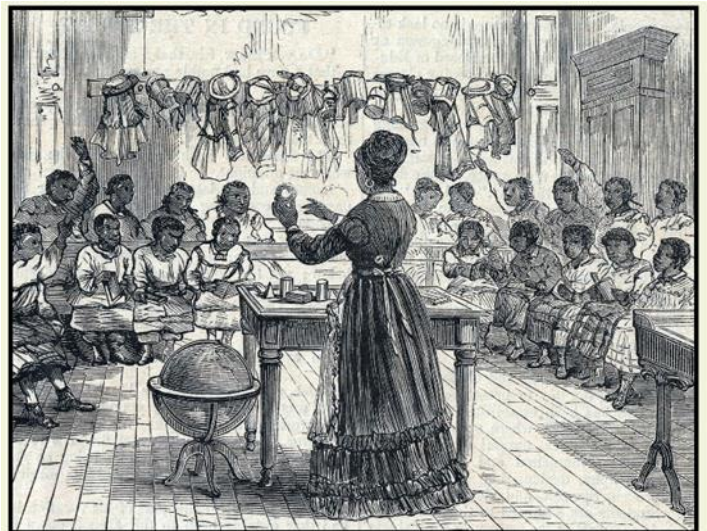
HELP KCA DONATE BENCHES TO THE NEW ANCESTORS PAVILION AT PIERCE PARK

This summer, the DC Department of Parks and Recreation will install nine signs at Walter Pierce Park to honor its historic African American and Quaker cemeteries. The "Ancestors Pavilion" will feature the 8,428 names, ages, and death years of the buried, interspersed with images that tell the stories of their times.

The signs can be viewed here:

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Descendants of the buried, working with concerned allies and anthropologists, proposed the Ancestors Pavilion to city officials in 2018. The signs were written by the author of this piece and Mara Cherkasky, both historians, with the approval of the descendants. They'll line the wall that separates the upper part of the park from the lower basketball court and face Adams Mill Road. KCA, which has sponsored Walter Pierce Park Archaeology Project events since 2005, seeks to donate two benches for the Ancestors Pavilion. The heavy-duty benches that meet city specifications and match those existing in the park cost \$1,300 each.



One of the images interspersed among the names on the Ancestors Pavilion signs. The caption reads, *Learning: Charlotte Norris Nugent and Lindsay Muse, both buried here, ran one of the city's few schools for Black children in the 1830s. Charles H. Brown, also buried here, was a founder of the Sunday School Union, a powerful coalition of African American church schools that taught children and adults alike.*



If you would like to contribute to the bench fund,

checks will be gratefully accepted by mail at KCA, PO Box 21311, Washington, DC, 20009, or by credit card through the donations page at: <http://www.kaloramacitizensassociation.org>

If you pay on the website, please check the box for the Walter Pierce Park Archaeology project.

-Mary Belcher



KCA PAST PRESIDENT MARILOU RIGHINI DIES AT 86

Marilou Mausteller Righini, who among her many other achievements, served as President of the Kalorama Citizens Association in 1989, passed away peacefully on March 9, 2024, just shy of turning 87 years old.

Marilou was born in 1937 in Savannah, Georgia, where her mother worked as executive secretary to Robert Roebing and her father was a forester. Her father eventually moved the family to Michigan to teach forestry at Michigan State University

Marilou earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science magna cum laude at Michigan State. She went on to attend the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies where she received a Master of Arts in International Relations.

While at Hopkins, she studied in both Bologna, Italy and Washington, DC. It was in Bologna that she met and fell in love with Massimo Righini. The two were married in a civil ceremony surrounded by friends and family in 1962 and then moved together to DC.

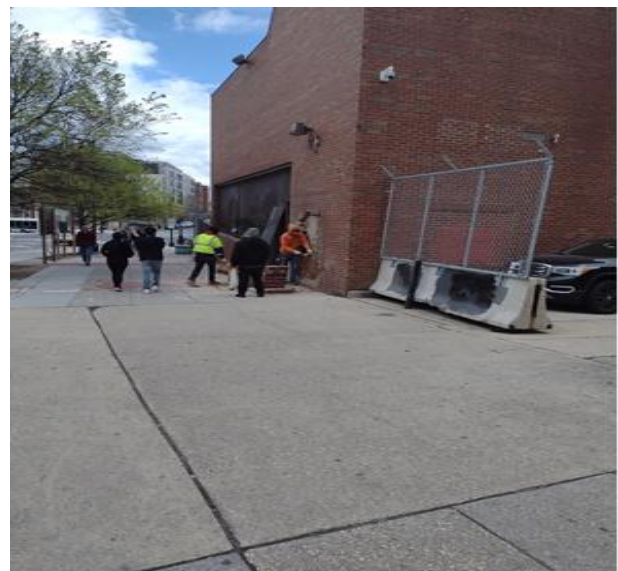
Starting out in DC, Marilou worked as a researcher and editorial assistant at Washington Center for Foreign Policy Research. From 1968 to 1997, she was editor of International Legal Materials for the American Society of International Law, as well as ASIL's director of publications beginning in 1992. In 1985, she was a visiting teacher of international law and organization at Trinity College in DC. In 1998, she joined Transnational Publications as an editor and consultant before retiring in 2002.

Marilou and Massimo raised two children, Giovanna Righini and John Righini, on Biltmore Street in Adams Morgan.

They enjoyed spending time in West Virginia and traveling the world.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Massimo; and is interred alongside him at Congressional Cemetery in Washington, DC.

JUBILEE TO USE EXISTING BANK AS OFFICES ON TEMPORARY BASIS



Jubilee contractors prep existing building for temporary use.

Please use the enclosed return envelope for dues payments and contributions.

Dues are 25.00 for individuals, 40.00 for couples at the same address.

Contribution for Pierce Park benches _____

Contribution for Biltmore Triangle Garden _____

Contribution to the General Fund _____

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Jubilee Housing at 1800 Columbia!

DDOT Bike Lanes for Columbia Rd

Ancestors Pavilion in Pierce Park