

5th & Eye Development

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development received proposals from seven development teams interested in building on the City-owned half-acre site at Fifth and Eye Streets, NW – one of the gateways into Mount Vernon Triangle.

On May 1, 2008, presentations were made at the Carnegie Library by the four finalists selected by the Deputy Mayor's Office. The development teams selected were Buccini/Pollin Group, Donohoe Development Co., JBG Companies, and Potomac Investment Properties, Inc.

Buccini/Pollin Group – Hotel rooms would take up the majority of the space along with two live music venues occupying the street level, operated by World Café Live – for 1000 patrons – www.worldcafelive.com. The hotel operator would be Starwood Hotels managing a total of 315 rooms: a short stay hotel (Element Hotel) and longer stay hotel (Aloft Hotel).

Donohoe Development Co. – The project would encompass a parcel larg-



One of the competing concepts for 5th and Eye Streets, NW

er than just the corner lot at 5th and Eye and would include several parcels north on 5th Street. The development would be 50 percent hotel and 50 percent condo with three restaurants on the ground level – a white tablecloth eatery, jazz club, and cappuccino café. The hotel would be called ME Hotel operated by Sol Melia: www.5th-and-i.com.

JBG Companies – This project would also encompass a larger parcel in this case incorporating the adjoin-

ing historic buildings east along Eye Street and a parking lot. The development would have 230 hotel rooms, 187 condo units (including 34 affordable units), and 44,000 square feet of street-level retail, including a restaurant.

Potomac Investment Properties, Inc. – The project would be a boutique hotel with 80 rooms, plus 85 rental apartments, including 21 affordable units for artists. Restaurateur Constantine Stavropoulis, owner of The Diner

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Gina Schaefer is stocking shelves getting her new store ready for opening day.

5th Street Ace Hardware Opens

The owners of Logan Hardware opened their newest store, 5th Street Ace Hardware, at 1055 5th Street NW in the CityVista project in late June. 5th Street Ace Hardware occupies 8,000 square feet of retail space on two levels. The store has all of the offerings of an old-fashioned hardware store: paint, tools, cleaning supplies, lawn and garden section, housewares, storage items, fasteners of all sorts, and plumbing

and electrical supplies.

“Special orders will be our specialty and requests often will be filled within the week,” says co-owner Gina Schaefer.

In addition to over 20,000 items in stock, the new store will be launching two new product lines for Ace Hardware – Mythic Paint and Schulte Storage Systems. Mythic Paint is one of the first environmentally friendly, zero volatile organic compound

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A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of the Triangle,

Now that the dog days of summer are upon us, why not take Fido out for a stroll? You can meet your neighbors, bond with your pooch and promote public safety in the Triangle all at the same time.

On Thursday, August 14th starting at 6:30 p.m., dogs should bring their owners to 301 Massachusetts Avenue NW in front of The Sonata for a walk with the Metropolitan Police Department. After the walk, residents are invited to the monthly meeting for PSA 101 East at Golden Rule Plaza; 1050 New Jersey Avenue, NW, while dogs are encouraged to go home and watch Lassie.

Thanks to the Metropolitan Police Department and our residents, crime in the Triangle was down 11% compared to last year. A safe Mount Vernon Triangle benefits everyone, so keep up the good work and come do your part by walking the neighborhood and learning more about public safety.



Bill McLeod
Executive Director

6 & K Auto Market

The landmark 6th and K Auto Market known for its 1960s sign, started as a car dealership in the mid-1950s. When it began, it was unique in providing financing directly to car buyers at a time when loans were not yet available to everyone.



The staff of 6th and K Auto Markets has worked at this location for 40 years or longer!

"I started working here in the early 1970s when the neighborhood was declining and people were moving to the suburbs," said Bud Holder, Vice President. "Now the neighborhood is changing for the better with all the new development going on."

Years ago, the character of Mount Vernon Triangle was very different. The neighborhood was lined with small apartment houses, retailers, and restaurants. Across the street from 6th and K Auto Market was the Stuart's Ford dealership, which became a Buick dealership. And, diagonally across from the block were the remnants of the old Convention Hall Market, which later housed the Wax Museum before it moved to Southwest DC in the 1980s.

You can drop by 6th and K Auto Market to pay off your car loan or reminisce about the history of the neighborhood with the staff. Come by to have your picture taken next to the iconic sign too. The 6th and K Auto Market is located at 510 K Street, NW. ▶

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—Bud Holder, Vice President
6 & K Auto Market

Clean Team



Cory Wilson, and Ernest Wilkerson

Cory Wilson, Christopher Coplin, and Ernest Wilkerson clean the streets and sidewalks every day to keep our neighborhood looking great. Thank them as they work toward graduation from the Ready to Work program at Gospel Rescue Ministries. ▶

Ace Hardware

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(VOC) paints on the market. Schulte Storage Systems are easy to install, durable, and perfect for condo dwellers or anyone wanting to maximize their space.

5th Street Ace Hardware has also launched its own e-commerce site, www.acehardwaredc.com, so you can shop for hardware from home too. Their delivery truck will be out and about making deliveries of grills, patio furniture, large plants, and mulch.

For more information, contact Gina Schaefer at (202) 246-3450 or email info@loganhardware.com. ▶

NAIOP Comes to the Triangle

The National Association of Industrial and Office Properties hosted a lunch meeting for commercial brokers on May 28th at 455 Mass. Topics included Mount Vernon Triangle's office development, residential sales, and retail plans. Speakers included Robert Gladstone of Quadrangle, Sharon Oliver and Philip Meany representing Mount Vernon Place,

Robert Bellinger on behalf of 455 Mass, Lisa Wiersma from CityVista, and James VanderVliet for the redevelopment of 425 Eye Street. The event was sold out with



XZY Guy leads a panel discussion at NAIOP's sold-out luncheon.

more than 160 people in attendance eager to learn about all the exciting changes coming to fruition in Washington's newest 24-hour neighborhood. ▶

CityVista, Catch the Vibe

CityVista launched its series of events on Vista Green – CityVista's one-acre private park on June 4th. The events began with a movie night, then a poetry slam, happy hour, "learn and burn" where you could stretch through yoga and then paint pottery, and next was a barbecue on June 8. Check out more Vista Vibe events on their website: www.vistavibersvp.com. ▶



CityVista's courtyard is inviting and vibrant

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Residents rolled up their sleeves to clean up our largest park at 2nd and Massachusetts Avenue, NW.

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and Tryst in Adams Morgan, would have a restaurant concept on the first floor. Art would be integrated throughout the building with the lobby used as gallery space and working studio space available elsewhere in the building.

On June 6th, the Deputy Mayor's Office for Planning and Economic Development announced that ___ was the winning bidder for the 5th and Eye parcel. Construction will begin in spring of 2009, and the project will be open by the autumn of 2010. ▶

Calendar of Events

August 14	6:30 pm	Dog Walk with MPD	Meet at 301 Mass. NW
Sept. 9	8 am	Marketing Committee Meeting	Downtown DC BID Boardroom
Sept. 12		Safeway's Grand Opening	5th and L Streets NW
Sept. 17	10 am	Property Managers' Committee Meeting	Downtown DC BID Boardroom
Sept. 20 & 21	8:30 am	Walking Tour of Mount Vernon Triangle	Meet at Carnegie Library

Job Training Fair



Job Training Fair on March 18 was a well-attended event at Mount Airy Baptist Church. The next Job Training Fair will be held at Mount Carmel Baptist Church on _____.

Meet the MPD Bike Ride



Our police bike ride was a lot of fun despite the drizzle.

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