West End Citizens Association

Washington, D.C.

Boundaries: 15th Street on the East • Potomac Park on the South Rock Creek and the Potomac on the West • N Street on the North

April 14, 2025

Dear WECA Members and other Residents:

The Spring Meeting of the West End Citizens Association (WECA) will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in GWU Phillips Hall - room 110, 801 22nd Street, NW.

The featured speaker will be Colby King, Pulitzer Prize for Commentary winner and Washington Post columnist. In addition, Ben Sislen, recently named Executive Director of the Foggy Bottom West End Main Street, will speak.

Colby King grew up in Foggy Bottom, attending Stevens Elementary, Francis Junior High, and Dunbar High School. He graduated from Howard University where he met his wife, Gwen. Prior to joining the Washington Post, Mr. King served in the Army, was a Vista volunteer, was Minority Staff Director of the Senate Committee on DC, was Deputy Assistant Secretary at the Treasury Department, US Executive Director to the World Bank, and worked at Riggs Bank.

Ben Sislen became the Foggy Bottom West End Main Street Executive Director in January 2025. Directly prior to that, he was Founder and CEO of Expat Hospitality for over 5 years. He graduated from Tulane University and got his LLM from Georgetown University Law Center.

Enclosed is a copy of the WECA's 2-year activities report for 4/1/23-4/1/25 which was filed with the DC Department of Buildings (formerly part of DCRA).

Lastly, it is time for WECA Members to renew your membership. Please mail your \$15 dues check payable to the WECA to the following address: West End Citizens Association, P.O. Box 58098, Washington, DC 20037-8098. For non-Members, please consider joining the WECA. An application for your use is on the back side of WECA's 2-year activities report. You can bring your check and/or your completed application form to the April 26th meeting.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, April 26th at 2:00 p.m.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Sara Maddux President

Enclosures