

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
January 8, 2015**

Present: Commissioners Matthew Levy, J. Omar Mahmud, Patrick Malone, Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, Phil Toomajian, Calvin Ward, Chris Ward and Stephanie Zimny

The meeting was convened at 7:00 pm.

1. Election of Officers

The rules of the Commission were accepted without objection.

The decision to vote for ANC Officers as a slate was made without objection.

Motion: Mr. Mahmud moved/Ms. Phillips Gilbert seconded a motion to nominate the following as officers for ANC 6A for 2015: Chair - Phil Toomajian; Vice Chair - J. Omar Mahmud; Secretary - Calvin Ward; and Treasurer - Stephanie Zimny. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

A Motion to elect Committee Chairs and Committee members as a slate was accepted without objection.

Motion: Mr. Mahmud moved and his motion was seconded for the nominations of the following as Chairs of ANC 6A Committees for 2015: *Economic Development and Zoning* - Dan Golden and Andrew Hysell, Co-Chairs; *Transportation and Public Space* - Todd Sloves and J. Omar Mahmud, Co-Chairs; *Alcohol Beverage Licensing* - Jay Williams and Christopher Seagle, Co-Chairs; and *Community Outreach* - Dana Wyckoff, Chair. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Motion: Ms. Phillips-Gilbert moved to add Rafael Marshall as Co-Chair of the Community Outreach Committee. The motion as amended passed unanimously, 8-0.

Motion: Mr. Toomajian moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded the nominations of the following as members of ANC committees for 2015: *Economic Development and Zoning*: Laura Gentile, Missy Boyette, Brian Carlson, Justin Thornton, Michael Hoenig and Stephanie Zimny; *Transportation and Public Space*: Jeff Fletcher, Andrea Adleman, DeLama Hardy, Lara Levison, Christine Ennis, Hassan Christian and Elizabeth Nelson; *Alcohol Beverage Licensing*: David Oberting, Michael Herman, Roger Caruth and Adam Healy; *Community Outreach*: Pat Joseph, Roni Hollman, Shirley Worthy, Gladys Mack and Jean Kohanek.

Amendment: Ms. Phillips-Gilbert sought to add Jerry Goodwin to the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee and Joyce West to the Community Outreach Committee. The amendment failed 2-5. She then offered an amendment to have Joyce West added to the Community Outreach Committee that passed unanimously 8-0. The motion, as amended, passed unanimously, 8-0.

Motion: Mr. Toomajian moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion to authorize the Chair to write notifications to the various appropriate officers of the city government of the newly elected Commission Officers, Committee Chairs and Membership. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Motion: Mr. Toomajian moved and his motion was seconded to adopt a schedule of monthly meetings, on the second Thursday of each month, for 2015: February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, no August meeting scheduled, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Motion: Mr. Toomajian moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion to authorize the Treasurer to write a check for \$25.00 to participate in the ANC Security Fund. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

2. Minutes/Agenda

The minutes for the December 2014 meeting were approved without objection. The agenda for the January 2015 was accepted without additions or objections.

3. Officers Reports

Chair

Mr. Toomajian reported that Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen will address the February 2015 meeting of the ANC.

Vice Chair

Mr. Mahmud mentioned the importance of providing key topics for the meeting with Councilmember Allen via email.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Mahmud presented the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$15,461.45 and the savings account balance was \$13,720.10. There was an allotment to the ANC from the DC Government of \$4,607.82 and an interest deposit of \$0.23 to the savings account. There were disbursements of \$200.00 to Roberta Weiner for transcription of the November 2014 minutes (Check #1681); \$200.00 to Irene Dworakowski for the December 2014 agenda package (Check #1682); \$1,500.00 to Stephen Kukoy as a deposit for ANC web development (Check #1683); and \$177.76 to FedEx Office for the December 1, 2014 invoice (Check #1684, leaving a balance of \$17,991.51 in the checking account, and \$13,720.33 in the savings account. The report was accepted without objection.

5. Committee Reports

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation to protest the Class C Tavern License Partners LLC, t/a Copycat Co., at 1110 H Street NE unless a signed settlement agreement is submitted prior to the date of the protest hearing. The resolution passed unanimously, 8-0.

Motion: Mr. Mahmud moved/Mr. Chris Ward seconded a motion authorizing Mr. Toomajian to sign that agreement if it was finalized. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation to oppose the request by 1101 Convenience Mart at 1101 H Street NE for an exemption from the Ward 6 singles ban. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Calvin Ward seconded a motion that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation that the ANC approve an amendment to its settlement agreement

with Cusbah at 1125 H Street NE, stating that 1) the establishment's sidewalk café close at 11:00 pm on weeknights and 1:30 am on weekends, and 2) no noise from the sidewalk café will be heard from any nearby residence, and that the ANC withdraws its protest of Cusbah's license renewal. The motion passed 7-0.

Transportation and Public Space

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Calvin Ward seconded a motion that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation that the ANC send a letter to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) requesting additional pedestrian crossing signage at the intersections where Sixteenth (16th) Street NE crosses C Street and North Carolina Avenue, with an additional request that DDOT also consider installation of crosswalk lighting, if available. The motion passed 8-0.

Economic Development and Zoning

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

240 9th Street NE

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation to send a letter of support to the Bureau of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) regarding the requested zoning relief for 240 Ninth (9th) Street NE supporting the applicant's requests for variances from the alley setback requirements under §2300.4, and the accessory building height requirements under §2500.4, and for a special exception from the lot occupancy requirements under §403.2, to permit the construction of a second story rear addition on an existing garage in the R-4 district. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation to send a letter of support to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) regarding the design of the proposed second story on the existing garage at 240 Ninth (9th) Street NE. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

815 8th Street NE

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation to write a letter to BZA taking no position on the requested zoning relief for 815 Eighth (8th) Street NE, specifically the applicant's request for special exceptions under §223, for the construction of a two-story rear addition to an existing single family dwelling not meeting the lot occupancy requirements under §403.2, the rear yard requirements under §404.1, the open court requirements under §406.1 and the nonconforming structure requirements under §2001.3, in view of the fact that, in the ANC's view, additional zoning relief from the accessory building height requirements under §2500.4 should be required for the proposed structure. The motion passed 6-1.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation to write a letter to the Zoning Administrator requesting that the pending application for zoning relief for 815 Eighth (8th) Street NE be reviewed to determine whether additional zoning relief from the accessory building height requirements under §2500.4 is required for the proposed structure and stating that, in the ANC's view, such relief should be required. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

915 C Street NE

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation to write a letter of support to the BZA regarding the requested zoning relief for 915 C Street NE, supporting the applicant's requests special exceptions under §223 for the construction of a two-story rear porch addition to an existing single-family dwelling not meeting the lot occupancy requirements under §403.2, the minimum lot size requirements under §401.3, the open court requirements under §406.1 and the nonconforming structure requirements under §2001.3 in the R-4 District. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation to write a letter of support to HPRB regarding the design of the proposed two-story rear porch addition at 915 C Street NE, on the condition that the downspout not be visible from the facing porch and that the applicant address and future concerns raised by HRPB. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

1020 F Street NE

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation to write a letter of support to BZA regarding the requested zoning relief for 1020 F Street NE, supporting the applicant's request for special exceptions under §223 for the construction of a third-floor addition to an existing single family dwelling not meeting the lot occupancy requirements under §403.2, the rear yard requirements under §404.1 and the nonconforming structure requirements under §2001.3 in the R-4 District. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

5. Single Member District (SMD) Reports

Ms. Zimny reported that her constituents are concerned about parking and alley issues, particularly weekend parking, and she is collecting signatures to forward to DDOT.

Mr. Levy said he is looking forward to working with his fellow Commissioners, and to working to develop a communication strategy for the Commission.

Mr. Mahmud said he is working to get the Department of Public Works (DPW) to come to the table on the situation with the alleys in the ANC. He also mentioned that he has monthly office hours before the Public Space Committee meetings at Capitol Hill Towers.

Mr. Toomajian reported on the new playground at Sherwood Recreation Center and he is working with the city on the punch list of things yet to be done. He also said the School-Within-School at Goding School Improvement Team is now meeting and that the building would be renovated over the next two years.

Mr. Malone reported that he is working with the District on snow removal, and that he, too, is concerned with the alleys and pedestrian safety in his SMD.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.