

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A  
Minutes  
Miner Elementary School  
January 11, 2018**

**Present:** Commissioners Phil Toomajian (Chair), Marie Claire Brown, Sondra-Phillips-Gilbert, Patrick Malone, Mike Soderman, Calvin Ward, Stephanie Zimny

The meeting convened at 7:05 pm.

Chairman Toomajian called the roll and announced the presence of a quorum.

**Motion:** Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Patrick Malone seconded the motion to adopt the Commission rules. The motion passed by unanimous consent (6-0).

**Motion:** Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Malone seconded the motion to consider the election of Commission officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer). The motion passed by unanimous consent (6-0).

**Motion:** Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion to elect members of the permanent committees for 2018.  
*Economic Development and Zoning Committee - Brad Greenfield (Chair), Jake Joyce, Missy Boyette, Michael Hoenig, Tim Drake, Ruth Ann Hudson.*  
*Transportation and Public Space Committee - Todd Sloves (Chair), Jeff Fletcher, Andrea Adleman, Hassan Christian, Elizabeth Nelson.*  
*Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee - Jay Williams (Co-Chair), Christopher Seagle (Co-Chair), Roger Caruth, Michael Herman, Justin Rzepka, Mark Samburg.*  
*Community Outreach Committee - Roni Hollmon (Chair), Gladys Mack, Joyce West.* The motion passed by unanimous consent (6-0).

**Motion:** Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Stephanie Zimny seconded the motion to adopt a schedule of monthly meetings, on the second Thursday of each month for 2018 (except August): February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13. The motion passed by unanimous consent (6-0).

**Motion:** Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Calvin Ward seconded a motion to participate in and to authorize the Treasurer to write a \$25.00 check to participate in the ANC Security Fund. The motion passed by unanimous consent (6-0).

The minutes for the ANC December 2017 meeting and the agenda for the January 2018 meeting were accepted without changes or objection.

**Community Presentations**

Amber Breitenberg, Senior Manager, FRESHFARM H Street NE Farmers Market

Ms. Breitenberg spoke to the Commissioners regarding the continued operation of the FRESHFARM H Street NE farmers market, at its current location on Thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) Street NE between H Street and Wylie Streets. She asked that ANC 6A send letter of support to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) concerning the necessary permit for road closure at the business site.

**Motion:** Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Marie-Claire Brown seconded the motion that a letter of support for the FRESHFARM H Street Farmers Market permit be forwarded to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT). The motion passed (7-0).

Captain John Knutsen, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) First District Sector 2

Captain Knutsen gave an overview of recent crime figures for the First District, and advised that the overall crime figures had decreased, in some cases significantly, in 2017 from the previous year, 2016. Violent crime figures in 2017 were down twenty-five percent (25%). Captain Knutsen further indicated that assaults and robberies had decreased fifty percent (50%) and twenty-five percent (25%) percent respectively over the previous thirty (30) day period. Captain Knutsen also discussed a recent shooting incident that took place at Ninth (9th) and I Streets, NE, in which the offender was critically wounded but survived. Also present were Captain John McDonald and Lieutenant Scott Siegel of the MPD Fifth District. These MPD officials strongly urged that neighborhood residents avail themselves of the city's Private Security Camera Rebate Program since these cameras have proven very helpful to the MPD in identifying offenders. Finally, MPD officials indicated that motion was in place to add more MPD Mountain Bike Officers. MPD officials received questions and comments from the Commissioners and members of the public concerning these matters.

Hayley Peckett, Project Manager, DC Department of Transportation (DDOT)

Ms. Peckett discussed the upcoming public meetings regarding the proposed streetcar line extension from Union Station to Georgetown, the planned extension of the Benning Road line and the ongoing consideration of a site location for the erection of a streetcar storage and maintenance facility. Ms. Peckett provided factsheets concerning the aforementioned. She also took questions and comment from the Commissioners on these subjects.

**Officer Reports**

Chairman Toomajian advised that Mr. Jeff Marootian, Director, DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) is scheduled to appear at the February 8, 2018 ANC 6A meeting and Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen is tentatively scheduled to speak with the ANC 6A Commissioners at the March 8, 2018 meeting. Chairman Toomajian also mentioned the DC Summer Camp Fair scheduled for January 25, 2018, at the J.O Wilson Elementary School, 600 K Street, NE, from 6:00-8:00 pm, and gave kudos to the Miner Elementary School which was selected to participate in the DC Department of Energy and Environment's (DDOE) Riversmart Project.

**Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Zimny presented the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$9,344.38, with a forwarding balance of \$8,799.10. There were disbursements of \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1816) for agenda/web master services; \$81.00 to FedEx; (Check 1817) \$200.00 for December 2017 minutes; (Check 1818), \$25.00 to ANC Security Fund (Check 1819), leaving a balance of \$8,799.10, in the checking account and \$13,771.13, including a \$.024 interest deposit in the savings account. A Petty Cash Summary was included in the report showing a forwarding balance of \$25.00. The report was accepted without objection.

**Committee Reports:**

**Community Outreach Committee (COC)**

No report. The COC did not meet December 2017.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 22, 2017 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday).

### **Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)**

No report. The ABL Committee did not meet in December 2017.

**Motion:** Commissioner Brown moved and Chairman Toomajian seconded a motion that ANC 6A withdraw its protest of Nomad Hookah Bar's request for later sidewalk café hours. The motion passed (6-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 16, 2018 (3rd Tuesday)

### **Transportation and Public Space Committee (TPS)**

The December 2017 TPS Committee Report was accepted without objection.

**Recommendation:** ANC 6A support the concept proposed in B-22-0351, Legislation authored by Councilmember Charles Allen to create a school parking zone program because it seeks to address the fact that DC Public Schools are being forced to prioritize parking on school property over recreational space.

Chairman Toomajian seconded that the above-referenced recommendation and tabled it pending further discussion and review at the ANC's February meeting by unanimous consent when staff from Councilmember Allen's office can be present to discuss the matter with the Commission.

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded a motion that ANC 6A ask the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) to investigate pedestrian safety around Miner Elementary School as well as establish or review its "Safe Routes to Schools" plan. The motion passed (7-0).

Next meeting - 7:00pm January 22, 2018 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday)

### **Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)**

The December 2017 EDZ Committee report was accepted without objection.

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for a special exception from the requirement that a rear addition extend no more than ten (10) feet beyond a neighboring structure to construct a rear addition to an existing one-family dwelling at 128 Seventeenth (17<sup>th</sup>) Street NE in the RF-1 Zone on condition that the applicants make best efforts to get letters of support from neighbors. The motion passed (6-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 17, 2018 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday).

### **New Business**

#### **Single Member District Reports**

Commissioner Malone (6A05) advised of the pending federal government shutdown and mentioned the potential complications and disruptions of service.

Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) spoke of the recent death of Ms. Mamie "Peanut" Johnson, one of only three (3) women to be selected to play baseball in the then designated Negro leagues.

Commissioner Mike Soderman (6A03) spoke to the recent and ongoing frigid winter weather and that many residents have experienced frozen or burst pipe issues. He mentioned some measures that might be taken to prevent such problems, and also indicated that individuals might want to donate to the funds established by DC Water and Pepco to assist low-income individuals needing assistance.

Commissioner Brown (6A01) advised that she accompanied Mayor Bowser, Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen, and other officials on the Ward 6 Neighborhood Walk last month emphasizing the need for improved trash collection and street clean-up and urging the city's aggressive response in its rat abatement efforts.

Commissioner Zimny (6A06) also mentioned that she accompanied Mayor Bowser, Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen, and other officials on the Ward 6 Neighborhood Walk last month emphasizing the need for improved trash collection and street clean-up and urging the city's aggressive response in its rat abatement efforts. Commissioner Zimny indicated that neighborhood residents should be vigilant and proactive in the efforts to keep the areas around their properties clean and that DC Department of Public Works (DPW) came to her district to collect any remaining leaf bags that may have been left during prior collections.

Commissioner Ward (6A08) mentioned an upcoming dance at the Miner Elementary School.

#### **Community Comments**

Ms. Tynisha Owens, Ward 6 Liaison for Mayor Bowser's office left a factsheet regarding Mayor Bowser's scheduled appearances at planned community events from January through July 2018. More detailed information can be obtained at: <http://moca.dc.gov> or 202-442-8150.

Mr. David Rydzeski gave an overview on the DC College Savings Plan and left pamphlets for the public on this subject. All contributions are tax deferred and this plan covers post graduate education and can be used for grades K-12 and as well. Detailed information on this matter can be obtained at: [www.dccollegesavings.com](http://www.dccollegesavings.com)

Mr. Jeremiah Lowery, a candidate for DC Council, At-Large, left literature for the public.

A community resident spoke in support of The Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results Act (NEAR Act).

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.