

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
February 8, 2018**

Present: Commissioners Phil Toomajian (Chair), Marie Claire Brown, Sondra-Phillips-Gilbert, Patrick Malone, Mike Soderman, Amber Gove and Stephanie Zimny

The meeting convened at 7:05 pm.

Chairman Phil Toomajian called the roll and announced the presence of a quorum. The minutes for the ANC January 2018 meeting and the agenda for the February 2018 meeting were accepted without changes or objection. Mr. Toomajian introduced the new director of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT).

Community Presentations

Jeff Marootian, Director, District Department of Transportation

Mr. Marootian provided an overview to the Commission about DDOT's mission and ongoing projects, including urban forestry, safety initiatives, transportation issues affecting the area, planning for the future of mobility, and information on the extension of the DC Streetcar and the Vision Zero Initiative, whose goal is to achieve zero fatalities and serious injuries to users of the transportation systems by 2024. He answered questions from the Commission regarding how to make requesting improvements less cumbersome, safety improvements around Maury Elementary School, issues regarding commercial trucks at Linden Court and along H Street businesses, and about his participation in a Public Safety Walk. He also introduced members of his team, including Jim Sebastian (Planning and Sustainability), Lee Goodall (Community Engagement), and Tyon Jones (Community Engagement).

Officer Reports

Chairman Toomajian stated that there were flyers available with information on free tax preparation clinic offered by Catholic Charities and that information is provided through the Catholic University School of Law. Mr. Toomajian announced that the meeting regarding planned improvements to C Street NE will occur on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Rosedale Recreation Center. He went on to announce that Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) held a hearing on the Kingman Park Historic Designation application. The HPRB staff recommended designation of a smaller area that did not include the portion of 6A that was included in the application. Many residents testified in both support and opposition of their recommendation. Another hearing will be held, possibly on March 22, 2018, but at this time a date has not been set.

Mr. Toomajian announced that Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen will be attending next month's meeting, along with the Grants Director of the Mayor's Office of Victim Services, Michelle Garcia. Ms. Garcia will speak about the private home security rebate and vouchers programs.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Stephanie Zimny presented the Treasurer's Report. There were disbursements of \$751.50 for webmaster, agenda, notetaking and FedEx expenses, leaving a balance of \$7,821.38. There is a balance of \$13,770.91 in the savings account. The report was accepted without objection.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

The January 2018 report was accepted without objection.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 26, 2018.

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

The January 2018 report was accepted without objection.

Motion: Commissioner Marie-Claire Brown moved and Commissioner Mike Soderman seconded the motion to approve the submitted Settlement Agreement with Truth Hookah/Cigar (1220 H Street NE) (ABRA # 108602) and not protest its request for a CT license. The motion passed by unanimously (7-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 19, 2018

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

The January 2018 report was accepted without objection.

Old Business:

Chris Laskowski of Councilmember Charles Allen's office provided background and comments regarding B22-0351, legislation authored by Councilmember Allen to create a School Parking Zone Program and answered questions from Commissioners.

Motion: The Committee had already moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded this motion at the January 2018 meeting, supporting the concept proposed in B22-0351, legislation to create a School Parking Program. The motion passed 5-1.

New Business:

Diane Romo-Thomas, director of Community Relations for The Greater Washington Sports Alliance, spoke on the 2018 Rock and Roll Marathon and announced that they have appealed to the Mayor's Office to be granted an exception to the "Clean Route" requirement.

Motion: The Committee moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded the motion to provide a letter of conditional consent for the 2018 Rock and Roll Marathon on the condition that the organizers commit to meeting with the ANC prior to their meetings with DDOT and HSEMA in order to discuss the possibility of alternate routes that do not repeatedly impact ANC 6A and the streetcar for the 2019 race, and that the ANC 6A oppose the "Clean Route" requirement that no cars be permitted to park along the route far in advance of the race. The motion passed by unanimously (7-0).

Motion: The Committee moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded the motion to send a letter of support to the Mayor's Task Force on Special Events for the 2018 Capitol Hill Classic race and oppose the "Clean Route" requirement that no cars be permitted to park along the route far in advance of the race. The motion passed by unanimously (7-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 26, 2018 (4th Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

The January 2018 report was accepted without objection.

Commissioner Amber Gove presented recommendations and Mr. Toomajian combined three recommendations into one motion:

Motion: The Committee moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded the motion to send a letter to DCPS and DGS encouraging them to request a variance and seek other ways of increasing play space at Maury Elementary School; to send a letter to DDOT requesting they engage with DCPS to come up with a solution to the challenges regarding parking and space restrictions at Maury Elementary School; and to authorize a letter, when the time is appropriate, to the Zoning Administrator encouraging flexibility in the interpretation of parking requirements at Maury Elementary School. The motion passed (6-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 21, 2018 (3rd Wednesday)

New Business

Mr. Toomajian announced that there is an alley on the 600 block of Eleventh (11th) Street that has been sold and approved to be converted into housing. In order to add housing, the alley needs to have a name. Mr. Toomajian and Councilmember Allen are recommending that the alley be named after Bruce Robey, recently deceased, who was the founder of The Voice on the Hill newspaper and also the founder of the H Street Playhouse, which played a significant role in the revitalization of the H Street Corridor. The Commission will vote to honor Mr. Robey and request designation of the alley at its March 2018 meeting.

Single Member District (SMD) Reports

Commissioner Soderman (6A03) spoke of his constituents' desire to name the 200 block of Tenth (10th) Street for longtime resident Mr. William Outlaw, a pillar of the community. Mr. Toomajian advised that normally, before renaming, an individual must be deceased for a certain number of years, but that exceptions have existed.

Commissioner Zimny (6A06) spoke about the increase in the amount of trash around Fourteenth (14th) Street and Maryland Avenue NE and stated that she is working with nearby businesses to reduce it. She also warned that there are nightly attempted break-ins of vehicles on her block and in the area, and that camera footage have caught two break-ins on her street and have been sent to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), noting the effectiveness of the camera program.

Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) announced that she was interviewed for an article in Urban Turf and voiced concerns about lower-income individuals in the Rosedale community being priced out of the neighborhood. She also spoke of issues regarding Monument Academy, a public charter school that also functions as a boarding school. She plans to hold community meetings and will be testifying before the Committee on Education as well. She is working with the Deputy City Administrator/Deputy Mayor of Organizing Public Safety and Justice to organize a Public Safety Walk in Rosedale for February or March 2018. Ms. Gilbert also spoke about the Homeless Children's Playtime Project.

Commissioner Toomajian (6A02) announced that there was a recent search warrant where a firearm was confiscated. There were three burglaries in the past month, and that apparently an individual was targeting Shaw and areas of H Street NE. MPD made an arrest and closed

that case, but burglaries seem to be on the rise. However, the private security cameras program is where MPD is getting many of their leads which underscore its effectiveness.

Commissioner Brown (6A01) announced that they had burglaries in her SMD and commended MPD for its apprehension of the individual.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) announces that they are working on an additional speed camera eastbound on C Street next to Eliot-Hine. MPD has implemented a speed enforcement team with mini radar guns at Eighteenth (18th) and C Streets NE to address afternoon outbound commuters while schools are being let out. She is working on a joint litter clean-up and is in conversations with Eliot-Hine and Maury Elementary Schools and Eastern Senior High School to turn it into a joint service project, since their students all have service requirements. She also announced the next meeting of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) C Street NE project, on Thursday, February 15 at 7:00 pm at Rosedale Recreational Center.

Commissioner Patrick Malone (6A05) spoke about the transition to Maury Village and stated that the only complaint is that the outside is a bit drab and announced the intention to organize an outdoor decoration event when the weather turns nicer. He emphasized what Ms. Zimny stated regarding car break-ins and advised residents to call MPD even if there were no witnesses. He is also circulating information regarding alley clean-ups.

Community Comments

Two community residents raised concerns about the lack of transparency in the implementation of the Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results (NEAR) Act and requested that ANC 6A support it. Mr. Toomajian advised that these efforts are better directed to the Mayor's Office and Councilmembers.

Ms. Tynisha Owens, Ward 6 Liaison for Mayor Bowser's office left copies of the Mayor's weekly newsletter, as well as copies of budget engagement forms for 2018. She announced that a meeting on the 2018 budget will take place at Watkins Elementary School on February 22, 2018 at 6:30 pm, where residents can engage with the Bowser administration on items they would like to see prioritized or included in the budget. She additionally left a one-pager about the NEAR Act.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.