

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
June 14, 2012**

Present: Commissioners Alberti, Healy, Holmes, Lawler, Mack

Absent: Commissioners Hysell, Ronneberg, Veenendaal-Selck

The meeting was convened at 7:03pm

1. Previous Meeting's Minutes

Ms. Mack had an objection to the approval of April's minutes under Community Comments, but her move to change them was not seconded.

2. Agenda adopted by unanimous consent.

3. Community Comments

Chris Fitzgerald of the Mayor's office introduced grade.dc.gov, a feedback and comment site for DC service departments.

Naomi Mitchell of Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells' office announced Family Day at Rosedale Recreation Center, June 23, 2012.

4. Community Presentation

Dr. Charles Vincent, Executive Director, Options Public Charter School (1375 E Street NE), presented plans for a new gym to be built in back of the school over an existing annex. Ms. Lawler clarified that this construction is a matter of right. Construction begins July 2012 and finishes April 2013.

Mr. Alberti asked where building materials and machinery will be staged. According to Dr. Vincent, everything will remain in their parking lot.

5. Officer Reports

Chair

Mr. Holmes explained that the May minutes were not available, due to Roberta Weiner's computer trouble.

FreshFarm has received a permit to close 13th St. just north of H St., from 8am until 1pm.

The RFP for the RL Christian Library site has been published by DMPED.

Mr. Holmes will request that the Council Chair resume transmission of the complete Council schedule to Commissioners, a practice that ended under Kwame Brown.

A group of four Class A licensees will not sign the updated ANC 6A VA. If an agreement is not reached between the ANC and the licensee in three cases, the older VA will remain in effect. The 4th, Family Liquors, which has no current or expired VA with ANC 6A, has contacted the DC government and asked for an investigation into VAs and the Ward 6 singles ban.

Mr. Holmes reported an invitation from Pepco and the DC government to send a representative to a series of meetings on the environmental remediation at the Benning Road Power Plant. There is evidence of pollution from Pepco dating back to 1909. A commissioner or committee chair with expertise in riverine environments and/or environmental remediation is sought to represent the ANC.

Finally, Mr. Holmes is of the opinion that the ANC needs a reserve of \$25,000.

Treasurer

Mr. Alberti offered an explanation on the unusually high photocopy expense of the previous meeting's agenda package. The order was made for full color copies on quality paper by another commissioner - it was an accident.

Motion: The Treasurer's Report and previous month's disbursements were unanimously approved.

Motion: The post office box expense and replenishing petty cash were unanimously approved.

6. Single Member District Reports

Ms. Mack reported there will be a public meeting for the 17th and 19th Streets Safety Improvement Project on June 25 from 6:30 to 8pm at Friendship PCS, 725 19th Street, NE. She thanked Mr. Holmes for attending the Rosedale Rec Center grand opening, and reported that a Benning Road establishment has closed due to the single sales ban.

Ms. Lawler reported that Lincoln Park Towers now has full street parking, and that Options is graduating their 2nd class to date.

Mr. Holmes, who attended its opening, said that Ms. Mack is the queen of Rosedale Rec, and thanked her for her hard work in getting it open.

Mr. Alberti reported that he had been contacted by citizens concerned about the United Methodist Church on East Capitol housing transient youth. There are 60 to 65 students to be housed for 7 weeks during a summer work program and there is concern for students as the property is not well-maintained. DCRA is investigating, but the Religious Grants Act may override zoning constraints.

Mr. Healy sadly reported the homicide of Grace's Deli owner on the 700 block of H St. NE, just across the street from his SMD.

7. COC (pt. 1)

COC recommended partial funding of two \$5,000 grants in committee - knowing that the balance in the grants budget would not cover full funding for both. Their recommendation was that funds be provided to cover the storage equipment component of the Eastern SHS PTSA grant and that the balance of the grants budget be used to fund P'Tones application for recording equipment to be used at Sherwood Rec Center. They were uncertain as to the exact amount currently in the grants budget; Mr. Alberti said there was actually \$3,645 and change left in the budget. It was noted that the Eastern SHS PTSA had already received a lot of ANC 6A funds. Sherwood had never received a grant in support of programming at the center.

Eastern PTSA's representative was not in attendance and there is a requirement that the representative be present for funding to be approved. The amount of the P'Tones funding could not be determined until funding for the Eastern PTSA had been determined (since the recommendation was that P'Tones receive the remaining balance). Commissioners consented to give Mr. Roy until 7:50pm to arrive and deferred the rest of the discussion until later in the meeting.

8. ABL

No recommendations. Previous report approved. Next meeting June 19.

9. TPS

Curb Cut Relocation

Committee moved/seconded by Mr. Healy, to approve curb cut relocation at Capitol Hill Oasis development (900 block of 12th St. NE). Ms. Lawler asked if it was the same developer; Mr. Mahmud answered that it is a new developer, seemingly competent.

Mr. Holmes asked for clarification that the developer assumes all costs.

Motion approved by vote of 5-0-0.

1400 Block G St.

Committee moved/seconded by Mr. Holmes, to support a petition asking DDOT to explore changing the 1400 block of G St. NE into a one-way street. Mr. Mahmud reported that the petition to petition was signed by 15 of the 19 households on the block.

Mr. Holmes spoke in favor, pointing out how people who live there are subject to sideswiping and other dangers of people coming back to their cars from H St. late at night.

Mr. Alberti asked if the committee had explored traffic patterns. Mr. Mahmud answered that DDOT will look at that, and they will take their recommendations.

Motion passed 4-0-1, with Mack abstaining.

Parking Permit Regulations

Committee moved/seconded by Mr. Healy, to send a letter supporting ANC 6C's proposed amendments to parking permit regulations in the DCMR.

Motion approved by vote of 5-0-0.

Next meeting is June 18.

10. EDZ

The Zoning Committee recommends/Mr. Alberti seconds the motion, points 2 and 3 of which were rendered moot. Mr. Holmes clarified the situation, as Dr. Ronneberg was not present, and offered a substitute amendment, that the ANC appeal the building permits at 1400 Maryland Ave. based on the failure to close the median as required by BZA order, and that the ANC reserves the possibility of supporting an appeal of this matter filed by others. Commissioners Ronneberg, Hysell, and Holmes are authorized to represent the ANC in this matter.

Mr. Holmes said that the intention is to file an appeal and possibly to join an appeal filed by others who hire attorneys that ANC 6A can't afford and aren't authorized to use.

Motion to approve substitute amendment passed 4-0-1, Mack not voting.

Motion to adopt recommendation as amended passed 4-0-1, Mack not voting.

Committee report approved. Next meeting is June 20.

11. COC (pt. 2)

Eastern PTSA Grant Application

Motion to approve funding for the storage equipment portion of the grant application is tabled by vote of 5-0-0.

P'Tones Grand Application

Motion to give the balance of the grants budget to P'Tones, seconded by Mr. Alberti.

Mr. Alberti distributed a finance review sheet. Balance of unassigned grants budget is \$3,645.47.

Mr. Holmes wished to give P'Tones the remaining balance of the allocated grant budget, but was nervous about exceeding that, at least through August, due to unknowns regarding 1400 Maryland Ave., due to the possibility of having to hire counsel. Willing to give more later.

Ms. Mack asked if organizations may only receive grants once a year. Ms. Nelson clarified that it is not so. Also, the COC is going to look at their grants system going forward, that typically there has been more money than takers, but that is no longer so. They will look at perhaps modeling their system after the Capitol Hill Community Foundation, no more 1st come 1st served. This and other possibilities will be explored at the July 16 meeting of the COC.

Mr. Holmes said he was impressed with their recording studio, and urged P'Tones to reapply later.

Mr. Alberti said he supported Mr. Holmes' recommendation, and assumes that they will have more to give after getting all of the District allotment, that this is the smallest reserve they've had since he's been on the ANC. They'll know more in October.

Motion of granting P'Tones \$3,645 approved 5-0-0.

Motion to put additional funds in grants budget to bring it to \$5,000 moved by COC, seconded by Mr. Holmes. Mr. Holmes moved to lay this motion on the table.

Joseph Barnes of P'Tones took questions from Ms. Lawler regarding functioning equipment. Ms. Nelson said they can function without the extra amount.

Ms. Lawler asked for clarification on the difference, why that small amount should make a difference, asked about the benefit of ending the balance with such a reserve, and the benefit of having so much to cover future expenses that they may or may not have.

Mr. Alberti explained that there could be a delay in getting the District allotment. Mr. Holmes expressed his concern with being able to pay for possible legal fees. Mr. Alberti said that they're on track to spend \$30,000, and their allotment is only \$18,000, so it is a struggle to maintain the grants like they have been.

Mr. Healy asked if the allotment has decreased, which it has. Ms. Lawler clarified that the money they're spending on grants is surplus from previous years.

Motion to bring P'Tones grant to \$5,000 is tabled.

Moving Funds to Grants Budget for Eastern PTSA

Motion to move funds into the grants budget to have enough to cover the grant from Eastern PTSA to purchase sweat suits in addition to storage equipment, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Alberti said that it was a worthy grant, but the ANC can't afford it this year, that they should come back. He pointed out that the ANC has given Eastern \$8,500 in two years. Mr. Holmes added that the ANC has, in effect, obtained \$130,000 for Eastern by transferring money from the PUD from the development across the street to their library.

Ms. Nelson advised that tabling the motion would not be helpful as the benefit of the grant was timely to a specific opportunity, and that Eastern would not seek funding for the same thing next time.

Motion to move funds to the grants budget to complete the grant to Eastern PTSA in the amount of \$5,000 is unanimously no, with a vote of 5-0-0 against.

Committee report is approved without objection.

Mr. Alberti asked if they would get a demonstration of P'Tones. Mr. Barnes answered that they are at Sherwood from 3-8pm weekdays, 12-4pm Saturdays, and will have extended hours over the summer.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:03pm.