

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
June 14, 2018**

Present: Commissioners Phil Toomajian (Chair), Marie Claire Brown, Sondra-Phillips-Gilbert, Amber Gove, Stephanie Zimny and Calvin Ward.

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

Chairman Phil Toomajian called the meeting to order and announced the presence of a quorum. The minutes for the ANC May 2018 meeting were accepted, and the agenda for the June 2018 meeting was accepted without changes or objection.

Community Presentations

Derek Voight, Traffic Operations and Safety Division, District Department of Transportation (DDOT)

Prior to Mr. Voight's presentation, Mr. Tyon Jones, DDOT's Ward 6 Community Engagement Team Specialist, announced that Ms. Naomi Klein will be replacing him as DDOT's representative for Ward 6. Contact information for both Specialists is: tyon.jones@dc.gov and naomi.klein@dc.gov.

Mr. Voight's presentation addressed concerns raised by the Commission during DDOT's May 2018 presentation to ANC6A in response to the Commission's request for an All Way Stop at Eighth (8th) and D Streets NE. He informed the Commission that DDOT recollected traffic data at 8th and D on May 22, 2018 for a thirteen (13) hour period. As requested by the ANC, DDOT chose a date during which local schools and the U.S Congress were in session. The results of the survey reconfirmed that the traffic volume crossing 8th Street along D Street is not high enough to warrant an all way stop at the intersection. DDOT has identified two possible corrective actions for the intersection: (1) installation of curb bump-outs; and (2) installation of a concrete median. The first would be an immediate treatment, the second a long-term treatment. They would consider relocation of the bus stops at the intersection if they get WMATA buy-in. They are not committed to these improvements at this time; DDOT is constrained by Federal regulation. Mr. Toomajian requested that DDOT visit the site with Commissioner Soderman to negotiate the details of implementing the proposed immediate improvements and DDOT agreed to communicate with the Commission to schedule a follow-up site visit to do so.

Mr. Voight then updated the Commission on the Commission's request for traffic calming on the 400-600 blocks of Tenth (10th) Street NE. He explained that DDOT would install two (2) speed humps in the 600 block of Tenth (10th) Street NE and one (1) speed hump will be in the 400 block of Tenth (10th) Street NE. DDOT hopes that the work will be completed in 4 to 6 weeks. Commissioner Phil Toomajian asked DDOT to consider installing bump-outs for the crosswalks in the 600 block of Tenth (10th) Street NE to improve pedestrian safety for children crossing the street to visit Sherwood Recreation Center and to attend SWS at Goding D.C. Public School.

DDOT representatives will return to the July 2018 ANC6A meeting to provide further updates.

Jason Starr, D.C. General Manager, LimeBike Dockless Bikeshare

Mr. Starr introduced himself and two fellow employees of LimeBike. LimeBike is still in the pilot program phase in DC. They are encouraged by the volume of use of their bicycles and scooters and with the diversity of ridership. The problem of discarded equipment seems to be resolving itself. The best way to report problems is through their app and website. They are working to integrate with 311 so that reports can be forwarded to LimeBike representatives. Commissioners shared some concerns about traffic law violations, especially the use of scooters on sidewalks. The company has recently begun a community outreach education program for users.

Initiative 77 Presentation

Scheduled representatives for Initiative 77 were not in attendance at the meeting. No presentation was made.

Northeast Boundary Tunnel Project

Mr. Allen Etter of the DC Water Clean Rivers Project made a presentation about the Northeast Boundary Tunnel project. He identified commuter routes that will be disrupted during construction, specifically on Rhode Island Avenue NE and Mount Olivet Avenue NE. Stages of completion of the project range from 2018 through 2023.

Officer Reports

Mr. Toomajian announced that the July 2018 ANC 6A meeting will take place at Miner Elementary School and thanked Miner Principal Bruce Jackson for agreeing to host the ANC.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Stephanie Zimny presented the Treasurer's Report for May 2018. There were disbursements totaling \$763.00: \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1837) for agenda/web master services; \$113.00 (Check 1838) for FedEx printing; and \$200.00 (Check 1839) for the May 2018 minutes, leaving a balance of \$7,805.88 in the checking account. There is a balance of \$13,772.01, including a \$.022 interest deposit, in the savings account. The May 2018 report was approved by unanimous consent.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

The May 2018 report was accepted by unanimous consent.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 25, 2018

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

The May 2018 report was accepted by unanimous consent.

1. The Committee moved and Commissioner Toomajian seconded the motion that the ANC protest the request by Dangerously Delicious Pies (1339 H Street NE) for expansion to its second floor with outdoor seating unless a signed settlement agreement is submitted prior to the protest date, which requires the roof deck to be closed at 11:00 pm on weeknights and 12:00 am on weekends, with a three-month trial period where the ANC agrees to revisit the hours after that period has expired. If such a Settlement Agreement is reached, the ANC will submit a letter in support of a stipulated license for the substantial change. The motion passed 5-0.

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

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

The May 2018 report was accepted by unanimous consent.

1. The Committee moved and Commissioner Amber Gove seconded the motion to send a letter to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) asking them to alter their plan for the C Street NE Rehabilitation project to revert it back as much as possible to what was presented to the community in February 2018. The motion passed 5-0.
2. Commissioner Toomajian moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion to appoint Caitlin Rogger and Marc Brumer as new members of the T&PS committee. The motion passed 5-0.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 18, 2018.

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

The May 2018 report was accepted by unanimous consent.

1. The Committee moved and Commissioner Toomajian seconded the motion to send a letter of support to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for special exceptions under Subtitle E § 5201(a), (b), and (f), from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, and from the rear yard requirements of Subtitle E § 306.1, to construct a rear addition to an existing nonconforming structure (C § 202.2) in the RF-1 Zone at 220 Fourteenth (14th) Place NE (BZA #19792) on condition that the applicant makes their best effort to get a letter of support from 224 Fourteenth (14th) Place. The motion passed 5-0.
2. The Committee moved and Commissioner Zimny seconded the motion to appoint Nick Alberti as a new member of the ED&Z committee. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 20, 2018

New Business

There was no new business.

Single Member District Reports

Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) reported about the MPD Summer Crime Initiative and that DDOT has reduced the size of the roundabout located at Seventeenth (17th) and E Streets. She will be meeting with MPD's Fifth (5th) District at Rosedale Recreation Center on June 18, 2018 regarding rock throwing incidents in her SMD. Christ City Church will be sponsoring a block party on June 16, 2018 from 1:00-5:00 pm at Miner Elementary School.

Chairman Toomajian (6A02) announced that Captain Knutsen has returned to MPD's First District Sector 2. He spoke about a recent traffic fatality on H Street and stated that a GoFundMe page has been established for the family of the victim, Oren Dorell.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) spoke about lead levels found in the drinking water at Maury Elementary and other DC schools; a petition has been developed to ask DCPS to review and revise the DGS water filtration and testing protocol to comply with the Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention Amendment Act of 2017 (<https://chn.ge/2LSV8t3>) and encouraged

community members to sign. Ms. Gove has send a letter to Brown Memorial Church congratulating them on their 135th anniversary. The community litter clean-up is scheduled for the first (1st) Saturday of each month; Atlas Vet has joined as a sponsor.

Commissioner Zimny (6A06) announced that there will be a hearing on June 21, 2018 at 9:30 am to consider the inclusion of Emerald Street NE under the Targeted Historic Preservation Grant Assistance Program. She participated in a DDOT walkthrough of Linden Court NE; she is following up with DDOT and Councilmember Charles Allen's office. During Pride Weekend, several establishments experienced violations. There will be a Miner Elementary School event at 12:00 pm at W.S Jenks and Sons.

Commissioner Ward (6A08) reiterated Ms. Phillips-Gilberts concerns about vandalism in his SMD; his car was recently vandalized. Constituents in 6A08 experienced basement flooding during recent rainstorms; Mr. Ward informed meeting attendees that DC Water has a program in place that allows for residents impacted by combined sewer backups in their basements/ crawl spaces to install backwater valves (also known as backflow preventers). If eligible, DC Water will reimburse up to \$6,000 of the cost of valve installation.

Community Comments

Mr. Mehari Sequar made a presentation regarding the installation of a sculpture at 1402 H Street NE. He requested ANC6A write a letter of support to DDOT. Commissioner Zimny moved and Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion for ANC6A to write a letter of support to DDOT for the public space application to install sculptures at 1402 H St NE. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr David Batista informed the Commission regarding the opening of a new establishment in The Apollo development (600 block of H Street NE). They will be applying for a liquor license and making a presentation to the ANC6A ABL Committee in June 2018.

Ms. Laura Furr, Chairperson of the DC Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG), made brief comments about the work of JJAG . Pursuant to the concerns raised by Commissioners Phillips-Gilbert and Ward about the rock throwing incidents in their SMDs, she suggested the development of a community conference. She can be contacted at laura.furr@dcbc.dc.gov,

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.