

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Capitol Hill Towers
900 G Street NE
July 13, 2017**

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

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

The minutes for the ANC June 2017 meeting and the agenda for the July 2017 meeting were accepted without changes or objection.

Community Presentations

Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) First District Commander Morgan Kane

Commander Morgan Kane gave an update on the case of recent tragic wounding of a toddler caught in the crossfire of a shooting incident. She advised that she had visited the family earlier that day, and that one of the three individuals involved in the incident had been identified. Commander Kane advised that every effort was being made to apprehend the individuals involved at the earliest possible moment. An MPD Public Bulletin was distributed at the ANC meeting regarding this matter soliciting information from the public and containing MPD contact information for members of the public wishing to provide information to the MPD about this case. Commander Kane then gave a brief overview of the MPD First District snapshot on crime fighting efforts. She indicated that violent crime rates had been halved, and that thefts and auto theft rates were up but that there had been a double digit decrease of such crimes in the District. Commander Kane further advised that the MPD has put focus on monitoring and decreasing the drug activity on the H Street Corridor and that there would be increased presence of special investigative officers for this purpose. Commander Kane can be contacted at: morgan.kane [at] dc.gov.

Douglas Klein, Community Prosecutor, First District, U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia

Mr. Klein spoke briefly regarding the role and function of the U.S. Attorney's DC office, which processes approximately eighty percent (80%) of its cases through the DC Superior Court. He advised that, under certain circumstances, community or neighborhood leaders or representatives can submit a "Community Impact Statement" to the U.S. Attorney's Office for consideration. Mr. Klein can be reached at: Douglas.Klein [at] USDOJ.gov, telephone: 202-660-2150.

Brandon Johnson, Recreation Manager, Sherwood and Rosedale Recreation Centers, DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

Mr. Johnson outlined DPR mission, and took questions from the Commissioners regarding some activities occurring at both recreation centers. Mr. Johnson can be reached at: brandon.johnson2 [at]dc.gov, telephone: 202-549-7042.

Officer Reports

Chairman Phil Toomajian advised that a formal resignation had been received from Commissioner Matt Levy, and that the Board of Election would be making petitions available

to those individuals wishing to run for the vacated seat. Individuals interested in running should contact the Board of Elections and Chairman Toomajian.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Stephanie Zimny delivered the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$12,045.28, with a forwarding balance of \$10,179.16. There were disbursements of \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1794) for agenda/web master services; \$200.00 to Gail John (Check 1795) for June 2017 minutes; and \$81.00 to FedEx (Check 1796), leaving a balance of \$11,314.28, in the checking account and \$13,748.48, 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 committee did not meet in June 2017.

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

The June 2017 ABL Committee report was accepted without objection.
Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 18, (3rd Tuesday) (if necessary)

Transportation and Public Space Committee (TPS)

The June 2017 TPS Committee report was accepted without objection.
Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 17, 2017 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

The June 2017 EDZ Committee report was accepted without objection.

Old Business

Motion: The Committee moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for approval of the creation of a small two (2) story addition at the rear court and the demolition of the existing garage at 210 Tenth (10th) Street NE, pending best efforts to receive letters of support from neighbors. The motion passed (7-0).

New Business

Motion: The Committee moved and Ms. Zimny seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for the application by 1330 Maryland Avenue NE (BZA#19549) for a special exception under Subtitle E Section 205.5 from the rear yard requirements of subtitle E section 205.4, and under Subtitle E Section 5201 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E Section 304.1 and the non-conforming structure requirements of Subtitle C Section 202, to construct a two (2) story rear addition to an existing one-family dwelling in the RF-1 Zone on the condition that best efforts are made to obtain letters of support from neighbors. The motion passed (7-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm July 19, 2017 (3rd Wednesday).

New Business

Motion: Ms. Zimny moved and Commissioner Patrick Malone seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen urging that the Historic Landmark and

Historic District Protection Act of 1978 add the Emerald Street Historic District to the Targeted Homeowner Grant Program. This program makes funds available to assist those of limited means in maintaining homes within designated historic districts. The motion passed (7-0).

Motion: Mr. Toomajian moved and Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion that ANC 6A sign on to a multi-ANC letter of support to reopen the National Arboretum's Maryland Avenue Gate. The motion passed (7-0).

Single Member District Reports

Commissioner Mike Soderman (6A03) urged neighborhood residents report any noted crime activity. He said that there has been an increase in rodent activity due to residents not properly closing trashcans and asked that everyone look in on neighbors during the days of intense heat.

Commissioner Calvin Ward (6A08) indicated that there was a recent fire on Eighteenth (18th) Street NE which totally destroyed the resident's home.

Chairman Toomajian (6A02) advised that thanks to the efforts of Councilmember Allen and Mayor Bowser, the Ludlow-Taylor playground would be opened to the public on August 17, 2017.

Commissioner Phillips Gilbert (6A07) mentioned that Chief of Police Peter Newsham recently attended a public safety meeting in Rosedale.

Commissioner Marie Claire Brown (6A01) indicated that there were some ongoing issues with the DC Department of Public Works (DPW) regarding regular and/or consistent trash pickup.

Commissioner Zimny (6A06) advised that the traffic issues around the Chik-Fil-A restaurant seem to be improving and that contact has been made with DPW regarding neighborhood concerns about trash pickup. There are pending requests for street light repair and, finally, she was pleased with the MPD response to the recent injury to a toddler during a shooting incident in the neighborhood.

Community Comments

A Community member gave an update to the Commissioners regarding the BZA matters involved DCRA's rescission of the permit that was previously issued in error for 1511 A St NE.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.