

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A  
Minutes  
Miner Elementary School  
November 10, 2016**

**Present:** Commissioners Phil Toomajian (Chair), Matt Levy, Sondra-Phillips-Gilbert, Calvin Ward and Stephanie Zimny.

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

The minutes for the ANC October meeting and the agenda for the November 2016 meeting were accepted without changes or objection.

**Community Presentations**

Mr. Joe Weedon, Ward 6 Representative DC State Board of Education

Mr. Weedon gave a brief overview of the responsibilities of the State Board of Education, its areas of oversight, and the current metrics of DC student academic and achievement levels. Mr. Weedon then took questions from the Commissioners and members of the public regarding concerns about DC Public Schools operations, specifically the enforcement of existing residency verification requirements for attendance at the DC public schools. Mr. Weedon advised that while the State Board of Education has consistently sought clarifying information as to what constitutes legal residency for the purposes of attending DC public schools, the State Board of Education is authorized to act only in an advisory role as opposed to a rulemaking role in such matters. The Mayor by way of the DC Council, and/or the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) issues the regulations on the documentation required for proof of residency for attendance at DC public schools. OSSE is scheduled to issue new regulations regarding residency requirements in March 2017. Mr. Weedon can be reached at Joe.Weedon@dc.gov or 202-277-9410.

Ms. Nikki D'Angelo Petty, Ward 6 Liaison, Office of Family and Public Engagement DCPS

Ms. Petty took questions from the Commissioners and community members. Additionally, Ms. Petty provided her contact information for those wishing to obtain further information or follow up. Ms. Petty can be contacted at: Nicole.Petty@dc.gov or 202-384-6798.

Mr. Marcus Lucas, DC Department of General Services, DCPS Liaison

Mr. Lucas first outlined the status of several pending repair requests for the neighborhood schools, and then took questions from the Commissioners and community members regarding ongoing and outstanding repair requests. Mr. Lucas emphasized that repair requests to the DC Department of General Services (DGS) should come directly from authorized representatives of the school. He advised that there has been a new work order plan implemented for repair requests, and there are still some glitches yet to be smoothed out. In response to a question about a recent repair of the ventilation system at the Ludlow-Taylor, Mr. Lucas advised that a system has been put in place where remote monitoring of this school's ventilation system can be done in real time. Upon being informed that there are still apparent problems with the school ventilation system, Mr. Lucas advised that Mr. Adnan Mamoon of the DGS would be looking further into the matter. Mr. Mamoon shared a timeline for HVAC and sprinkler work to be completed at School-Within-School (SWS) @ Goding over the coming months. Mr. Lucas can be contacted at: Marcus.Lucas@dc.gov or 202-494-6973; and Mr. Mamoon can be reached at Adnan.Mamoon@dc.gov or 202-384-2525.

## **Officer Reports**

Chairman Phil Toomajian advised that seven (7) of eight (8) sitting ANC 6A Commissioners were re-elected to new terms beginning in January 2017 and that Ms. Marie Claire Brown is the newly-elected Commissioner for ANC 6A01. The Chairman indicated that an RFK Campus Redevelopment meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday December 5, 2016, at 6:30 pm at the Walter Washington Convention Center, 801 Mt. Vernon Place NW. Finally, Mr. Toomajian mentioned that he is currently participating in the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Community Engagement Academy. District residents from all seven (7) city police districts have completed training in this program which covers MPD policies, procedures, and police operations. Mr. Toomajian encouraged interested community members to consider participating in the program. Additional information about this program can be obtained at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/page/community-engagement-academy>.

**Treasurer's Report.** Commissioner Stephanie Zimny presented the FY16 Fourth (4th) Quarter Report, which was accepted without objection. Ms. Zimny delivered the Treasurer's Report, which showed an opening checking account balance of \$18,579.24, with a forwarding balance of \$4,621.20. There were disbursements of \$650.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1764) for agenda/web master services and for October 2016 minutes; \$137.00 to Fed Ex; (Check 1765) leaving a balance of \$17,792.24, in the checking account and \$13,746.66, including a \$.24 interest deposit in the savings account. A Petty Cash Summary was included in the report showing a forwarding balance of \$250.00. The report was accepted without objection.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Community Outreach Committee (COC)**

The October 2016 COC Committee Report was accepted without objection.

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that ANC 6A approve \$587.77 in support of the Ludlow-Taylor PTO request for books for two (2) school kindergarten classroom libraries. The motion passed (5-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 28, 2016 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday).

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

The October 2016 ABL Committee Report was accepted without objection.

**Motion:** Mr. Toomajian moved and Commissioner Matt Levy seconded a motion that ANC 6A approve a protest of the CT license renewal of Nomad Hookah Bar (1200 H Street NE) if the ABL Committee recommends a protest at its November 2016 meeting, and authorize the ANC Chair and ABL Co-Chairs to represent the ANC in the matter. The motion passed (5-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 22, 2016 (3rd Monday)

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

No report. The TPS Committee did not meet in October 2016.

**Motion:** Mr. Toomajian moved and Mr. Levy seconded a motion that ANC 6A write a letter in opposition to Proposed Video Signage at Nationals Park - The Nationals Park Graphics and Entertainment Regulatory Amendment Act of 2016. The motion passed (5-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 21, 2016 (3rd Monday)

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

### Old Business

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Ms. Zimny seconded the motion that ANC 6A write a letter to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) in support of the application by the owners of 1341 H Street NE (BZA Case #19358) for a special exception under the enlargement and design requirements of Subtitle H section 910.1 and Section 1202.1, to construct a mixed-use building in the NC-14 Zone, on condition that the design to be updated and bring it into conformance with the H Street Overlay, best efforts are made to get letters of support from neighbors, restrictions be included in sales documents prohibiting placing anything on the H Street balconies, including hanging or displaying anything, residential permit parking (RPP) restrictions written into the sales documents, and restrictions on amplified music on the roof deck to be included in sales documents. The motion passed (5-0).

**Motion:** Mr. Toomajian moved and Commissioner Calvin Ward seconded the motion that the ANC authorize former ANC 6A Commission Chair David Holmes to join the existing authorized representatives on behalf of ANC 6A in H Street NE Overlay Amendment - Façade Preservation Density Bonus Zoning Regulation (ZC Case 16-19). The motion passed (5-0).

### New Business

**Recommendation:** The Committee moved that ANC 6A write a letter to BZA in support of the application of the owners of 600 Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) Street NE (BZA #19355) for variances from the non-conforming structure requirements of Subtitle C Section 202.2, the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E Section 304.1, and the rear yard requirements of Subtitle E Section 306.1, to permit the location of multiple decks over an existing rear-attached garage, on the condition that owners supply letters of support from neighbors.

Mr. Toomajian moved that the above-referenced recommendation be tabled pending further solicitation of the requisite documentary support from the neighbors. The motion was tabled without objection.

**Recommendation:** The Committee moved and Ms. Zimny seconded a motion that ANC 6A write a letter to the BZA to oppose the application of the owners of 1336 H Street NE (BZA #19344) for lot occupancy relief for the residential levels, as well as court width relief for the residential levels, and rear yard relief due to the Commission's objections regarding the inappropriate application of the H Street façade preservation density bonus and concerns that the proposed trash plan was inadequate. Representatives of the property developer appeared before the ANC6A Commissioners in support of this application for relief. The motion failed (2-3).

Mr. Toomajian moved and Ms. Zimny seconded a motion that ANC 6A write a letter to the BZA in opposition to the application for the modification of the façade for the above-referenced property, 1336 H Street NE, based on the Commission's serious concerns regarding the inappropriate use of the H Street façade density bonus without additional objection regarding the proposed trash plans. The motion passed (5-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 23, 2016 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday).

## **Single Member District (SMD) Reports**

Commissioner Calvin Ward (ANC6A08) thanked his constituents for his re-election to the ANC 6A Commission. Mr. Ward advised that he had scheduled a meeting with a representative of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) regarding the continued issues at Eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) and D Streets NE.

Commissioner Zimny (ANC6A06) relayed the date of the next scheduled EDZ meeting, which will take place at the Sherwood Recreation Center; indicated that the MPD advised residents to keep their porch lights on after dark; mentioned leaf collection dates for her SMD; and that the Checkers Restaurant is scheduled to be reopened as a Chik-Fil-A sometime next year.

Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert (ANC6A07) thanked her constituents for her re-election to the ANC 6A Commission; mentioned well attend Halloween activities last month at Rosedale Recreation Center; and advised of a meeting with MPD representatives at Rosedale.

Commissioner Levy (ANC6A04) thanked his constituents for his re-election to the ANC 6A Commission. Mr. Levy indicated that he would like the ANC 6A to submit a letter to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) for a traffic calming study for C Street NE between Twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) and Fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) Streets and requesting a status on any ongoing projects in Ward 6.

Commissioner Toomajian (ANC6A02) advised that work on the Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School playground should be completed soon and that Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen is scheduled to appear at the ANC 6A Commission meeting in February 2017.

### **Community Comments**

Ms. Naomi Mitchell, Community Liaison, Office of Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen, advised that the annual Ward 6 Brickie Awards Ceremony will take place on Thursday, December 1, 2016 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm at the Apollo Theatre on 624 H Street NE.

Mr. Sid Cohen relayed information concerning an available community mediation and dispute mitigation service. This service addresses community matters only, not matters requiring adjudication before the DC Superior Court. Mr. Cohen can be reached at: [chmediate@aol.com](mailto:chmediate@aol.com)

A community resident asked for a status of a letter of appeal concerning 1511 A Street NE, and was referred to Mr. Ward for follow up.

A community member requested an update on the Kramer Street NE Development Plans. Ms. Phillips-Gilbert indicated that parking concerns will be addressed and that the most current information would be made available to the public by early December 2016.

A community resident asked that school zone signage be placed on Sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) Street NE behind the Miner Elementary School. Chair Toomajian suggested that DDOT's Safe Routes to School coordinator be contacted to install school zone traffic signs.

A community member requested an update on the status of the Maryland Avenue Corridor Pedestrian Safety project. The Chair advised that the next step is for sixty percent (60%) design completion and that the expected additional details in that design are likely to relate primarily to utilities.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.