

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
December 8, 2016**

Present: Commissioners Phil Toomajian (Chair), Matt Levy, J. Omar Mahmud, Patrick Malone, Sondra-Phillips-Gilbert, Mike Soderman, Calvin Ward, Stephanie Zimny

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

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

Officer Reports

Chairman Phil Toomajian advised that the DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DCHD) did not approve the application from 1300 H Street NE for affordable housing, but that he and the developer would be following up to find other options to provide affordable housing at the location; gave a brief update on the Maryland Avenue Corridor Pedestrian Safety Project which is approaching the sixty-five percent (65%) design point; and shared concerns regarding the Washington Post investigation into problems associated with the application of DC's "Youth Rehabilitation Act" that have led to recidivism. Mr. Toomajian indicated that he was completing training with the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Community Engagement Academy and encouraged members of the public to participate in this program. Mr. Toomajian further advised that Councilmember-At-Large David Grosso, who chairs the DC Council's Education Committee, is slated to attend the February 2017 ANC 6A meeting, Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen is scheduled for March 2017, and that Councilmember-At-Large Elissa Silverman will meet with the ANC 6A in the next year on a date to be determined. Mr. Toomajian closed with remarks of appreciation to Commissioner and Vice Chair J. Omar Mahmud for his years of tireless dedication to ANC 6A, including over a decade chairing the Transportation and Public Space (TPS) Committee. Newly-elected Commissioner Marie Claire Brown will represent ANC 6A01 beginning in January 2017.

Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Stephanie Zimny delivered the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$17,792.24, with a forwarding balance of \$4,621.20. There were disbursements of \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1766) for agenda/web master services; \$650.82 to FedEx; (Check 1767) \$200.00 for November 2016 minutes; (Check 1768) \$3,651.46 to Capital Community News (ANC Advertising); (Check 1769) leaving a balance of \$13,958.04, in the checking account and \$13,746.90, 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)

The November 2016 COC was accepted without objection.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 19, 2016 (3rd Monday usually 4th Monday).

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

The November 2016 ABL Committee Report was accepted without objection.

Motion: Mr. Mahmud moved and Commissioner Mike Soderman seconded a motion that the ANC protest the request for an Entertainment Endorsement by Ben's Chili Bowl/Ben's Upstairs unless the establishment agrees to a Settlement Agreement that prohibits entertainment on the roof deck and sidewalk café. The motion passed (7-1).

Motion: Commissioner Stephanie Zimny moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC support a stipulated license for Bespoke 1337, LLC (1337 H Street NE), but reserve its right to protest the full license until after the ABL Committee has given full consideration to the application at its December 2016 meeting. The motion passed (8-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 20, 2016 (3rd Monday)

Transportation and Public Space Committee (TPS)

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

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 19, 2016 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

Old Business

Recommendation: The Committee made a recommendation that ANC 6A write a letter to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) in support of the application of the owners of 600 Ninth (9th) 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 the neighbors. No vote was taken as Mr. Toomajian referred the matter back to the EDZ Committee for further discussion and review with the consent of the applicant due to concerns raised by nearby neighbors that need to be addressed.

Recommendation: The Committee made a recommendation that ANC 6A sponsor an application to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for historic designation of Emerald Street NE.

Motion: Mr. Soderman moved and Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion to reopen debate on the above referenced recommendation. The motion passed (8-0). Extended discussion ensued.

Motion: Mr. Soderman moved and Ms. Zimny seconded a motion that the ANC 6A submit the Emerald Street Historic Designation application to the HPRB as written. The motion passed (5-3).

New Business

The November 2016 EDZ Committee report was accepted without objection.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 21, 2016 (3rd Wednesday).

Single Member District Reports

Commissioner Patrick Malone (6A05) advised that requests for sidewalk re-pavement are being addressed with the assistance of the new Ward 6 Outreach Specialist from the Mayor's office, Ms. Tynisha S. Owens, and spoke words of support to outgoing Commissioner Mahmud for his work in behalf of the ANC 6A community.

Commissioner Matt Levy (6A04) advised that assistance is being sought from the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) regarding a request for a change in the traffic patterns around Maury Elementary School. Commissioner Levy commended outgoing Commissioner Mahmud for his efforts in behalf of ANC 6A.

Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) spoke of food donation and distribution efforts for the holiday season to assist those in need, and thanked Commissioner Mahmud for his work in behalf of the residents of ANC 6A.

Commissioner Zimny (6A06) advised that the new Chick-Fil-A restaurant at Fourteenth (14th) Street and Maryland Avenue NE will not have seating but will be a drive-thru only and expressed appreciation to Chairman Toomajian and Commissioner Mahmud for their work in behalf of the constituents of ANC 6A.

Commissioner Ward (6A08) mentioned a recently held meeting address community crime issues; mentioned community resident concerns regarding package delivery thefts; spoke of an upcoming meeting regarding a pending application for designation of a Kingman Park Historic District; and finally, gave words of appreciation to the Chair and Commissioner Mahmud for their efforts in support of the ANC 6A community.

Commissioner Soderman (6A03) relayed words of support to fellow ANC 6A Commissioners and to the Chairman Toomajian; spoke of community food drives, mentioned an uptick in nuisance crimes; and commended long time neighborhood resident, Mr. William Outlaw.

Commissioner Mahmud (6A01) mentioned efforts to address ongoing traffic management issues at the 800 block of Seventh (7th) Street NE, resulting in the reduction of parking for neighborhood residents.

Commissioner Toomajian (6A02) mentioned that the renovation is almost completed at the Madison Building on Tenth (10th) and G Streets NE; that the lights are back on at the Sherwood Recreation Center; that he and DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will be working with the Urban Forestry Administration to plant trees at the Sherwood Recreation Center; and that ongoing efforts are being made to continue working with the MPD regarding crime issues in the area.

Community Comments

Ms. Theresa DuBois Community Outreach and Engagement Manager, DC Events; mentioned that the next RFK Campus Redevelopment Project meeting will take place on Thursday, January 5, 2017, from 6:30-pm-8:30pm, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Avenue NW, Room 146ABC, Washington, DC 20001; additional information can be obtained at: www.rfkfuture.com.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.