

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
December 13, 2018**

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

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

Chairman Phil Toomajian called the roll and announced the presence of a quorum. The minutes for the ANC November 2018 meeting were accepted, and the agenda for the December 2018 meeting was accepted without changes or objection.

Community Presentations

Oni Hinton, Facility Planning and Design Coordinator for the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)

Oni Hinton reported on the Eliot-Hine Modernization Project. Progress will accelerate at the site beginning in early 2019 on the C Street side, starting with grading in preparation to pour the foundation. Ms. Hinton stressed this work will not create excessive noise. When asked if contaminate testing is necessary before proceeding with grading, Ms. Hinton explained that the existing contamination tests are still applicable and as they will only be doing soil compaction, no additional tests are necessary. Additionally, to ensure pedestrian safety for school children, no work will be permitted during drop-off and pick-up times and no construction vehicles will be allowed on the Constitution Avenue side of the site. For renderings of the proposed building and bi-weekly updates visit bit.ly/dcpsmods-eliothine. To join the project listserv, contact Oni Hinton at oni.hinton@dc.gov.

Brittney Fletcher, Office of Unified Communications

In the event of an emergency, residents are now able to text 911 in addition to calling. Ms. Fletcher emphasized that calling 911 is still the best method for reaching emergency services. Whether calling or texting, she stressed including your specific location as paramount so responders know where they are needed. Residents may also text 311 with non-emergency questions and issues as well as find 311 on Twitter as @311DCgov.

Ms. Fletcher also shared that some staff working in government buildings are now equipped with a virtual panic button accessed via an app on their phones. When activated, the app provides building layouts and location information to emergency responders as well as alerts others with the app of the pending situation.

Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Fifth District Sergeant Alali and Officer Fisher.

Sergeant Alali reported that a suspect has been arrested in connection with the homicide on the 1800 block of Benning Road NE on November 26, 2018. He also explained that officers have been, and will continue to be, posted around the clock at the Pentacle Apartments and along Benning Road NE.

Officer Reports

Chairman Toomajian thanked retiring Commissioners Patrick Malone and Calvin Ward for their time spent serving their community.

Treasurer's Report

In Commissioner Stephanie Zimny's absence, Chairman Toomajian presented the Treasurer's Report for December 2018. The opening balance is \$5,825.05. Disbursements for the month were \$846.00: \$650.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1855) for agenda/web master services and notetaking; and \$196.00 (Check 1856) for FedEx printing, leaving a balance of \$4,979.05 in the checking account. The balance in the savings account, including a \$.022 interest deposit, is \$13,794.21. The Treasurer's Report was approved by unanimous consent.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

The November 2018 report was accepted by unanimous consent.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 17, 2018

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

The November 2018 report was accepted by unanimous consent.

1. The Committee moved and Commissioner Toomajian seconded a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement with S-Square, LLC t/a Cheers DC! At 1402 H Street NE (Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration [ABRA] #111599) and withdraw the license protest. The motion passed 7-0.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 17, 2018

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

The November 2018 report was accepted by unanimous consent.

1. The Committee moved and Commissioner Mike Soderman seconded a motion to send a letter to Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) in support of the revised route for the Rock N' Roll Marathon. Support was given in recognition that Events DC made significant changes to the race route that will greatly reduce the negative impacts on residents on Capitol Hill, including those within ANC 6A. There will be fewer street closings making it easier for residents to go about their lives on race day. And, if cars must be removed from the race route, there are far fewer residential blocks that will be affected; an important consideration given that parking is already at a premium. The motion passed 7-0.

Diane Thomas of Events DC was present and outlined the notification process that will be used. Among other provisions, all residents in affected zip codes will receive a mailed notification with race route and street closing information.

2. The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded a motion to send a letter ANC 6A provide written comments to DDOT regarding the proposed regulations for E-scooters and E-bikes expressing these views: 1) General support for the regulations as they will improve public safety with respect to the use of these motorized vehicles. 2) Particular support for the requirement of governors on E-scooters that will restrict the speed to 10 mph until such time as E-scooter operation can be effectively eliminated from sidewalks and other pedestrian walkways. This may require their re-classification so that they are not considered "personal mobility devices" 3) Additionally, helmets should be required when using any of these motorized vehicles, whether E-scooters or E-bikes - as is

already required for motorcycles. 4) Cash payment devices should be designed in such a way that they cannot easily be vandalized.

The motion passed (4-2) [Soderman, Phillips-Gilbert, Ward, Brown in support; Gove and Malone opposed].

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 17, 2018

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

The November 2018 report was accepted by unanimous consent.

1. Without objection, the Commissioners agreed to table a vote on the recommendation that the ANC send a letter of support to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for a request for variance regarding the location and screening of HVAC units on the lower roof over the kitchen of the new school, and the nature of the parking lot fence for Maury Elementary School at 1250 Constitution Avenue NE as it has not yet been assigned a BZA number.
2. Without objection, the Commissioners agreed to table a vote on the recommendation that the ANC send a letter of support to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for historic approval for redevelopment of an existing medical office building with a surface parking lot into residential use, and on the surface parking lot, to build four condo units on two separate lots at 201 Eighth (8th) Street NE. The developers are still in negotiations with the neighbors, primarily regarding the siting of the entrance, and it is hoped that agreement can be reached.
3. The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded a motion that the ANC send a letter of support to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for historic approval for a three-story addition and renovation to a single-family home at 223 Ninth (9th) Street NE (HPA #19-064). The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

New Business

1. Commissioner Amber Gove moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded a motion to send a letter of support to the Permit Coordinator and Junior Project Manager in support of a Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) permit for after-hours construction at the Maury Elementary site to accommodate concrete pouring and troweling. This support is conditional upon:
 - Present of the extended construction hours dates that are anticipated in the months of December and January, at minimum.
 - Commitment to distribute, by December 17, 2018, flyers to residents on the 200 block of Tennessee Avenue, 200 block of Thirteenth (13th) Street and 200 block of Twelfth (12th) Place NE inviting immediate neighbors to opt-in to a construction communication email list.
 - Commitment to notify the list via email when additional unanticipated requests (not previously approved by ANC6A) for extended hours construction occur. Such notification should occur at least three (3) days prior to the event.
 - Immediate improvement to safe accommodations for pedestrians during construction hours. Commissioner Gove has witnessed and received several reports of closed sidewalks with no safe alternative provided-- which goes against the submitted and approved Traffic Control Plan, and DDOT regulations for safe accommodations.

The motion passed 7-0.

2. Commissioner Gove moved and Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion to send a letter to the DC Public Charter School Board expressing concern regarding changes to the notification requirements related to proposed changes and openings of public charter schools. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 19, 2018.

Single Member District Reports

Commissioner Soderman (6A03) attended a recent DDOT meeting and reported they will be installing 2700 Kelvin maximum LED bulbs in streetlights over the next two years. These bulbs will be dimmable by block and the ANC will have input as to which are dimmed and by how much.

Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) reported that at a recent community meeting to discuss proposals for the Department of General Services (DGS) urban farming project; one proposal, which includes a hydroponic greenhouse, received the strongest community support.

Commissioner Patrick Malone (6A05), who is retiring, thanked his colleagues saying they are “tireless unpaid public servants” and that it has been a life experience he will never forget. He introduced Ruth Ann Hudson who will fill his seat.

Commissioner Toomajian (6A02) reported that there are pedestrian safety concerns at the intersection of Eighth (8th) and G Streets NE and that he was working with DDOT to conduct a field visit there and to the 600 block of Ninth (9th) Street NE.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) noted that leaf collection has been deficient.

Commissioner Marie-Claire Brown (6A01) thanked Councilmember Charles Allen’s office for their assistance enforcing trash and recycling disposal violations by some restaurants on H Street NE.

Commissioner Calvin Ward (6A08), who is retiring, said that “it has been an awesome pleasure to serve three terms” and introduced Brian Alcorn who will fill his seat.

Community Comments

Naomi Mitchell from Councilmember Allen’s office thanked all of the Commissioners for their hard work and diligence.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.