

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
January 14, 2016**

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

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

Chairman Phil Toomajian called the roll and announced the presence of a quorum.

Motion: Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Sondra Phillips -Gilbert seconded the motion to adopt the Commission rules. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Motion: Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert seconded the motion to elect the following slate of Commission officers:

Chair	Phil Toomajian
Vice-Chair	J. Omar Mahmud
Secretary	Calvin Ward
Treasurer	Stephanie Zimny

The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Motion: Chairman Toomajian moved and Vice Chairman J. Omar Mahmud seconded the motion to elect the following members of the permanent committees for 2016.

Economic Development and Zoning Committee - Brad Greenfield, Dan Golden, Andrew Hysell, Laura Gentile, Missy Boyette, Brian Carlson, Michael Hoenig, Justin Thornton, Matt Turkstra, Stephanie Zimny.

Transportation and Public Space Committee - Todd Sloves, Omar Mahmud, Andrea Adleman, Hassan Christian, Jeff Fletcher, Lara Levison, Elizabeth Nelson.

Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee - Jay Williams, Christopher Seagle, Roger Caruth, David Oberting, Michael Herman, Justin Rzepka, Mark Samburg.

Community Outreach Committee - Dana Wyckoff, Roni Hollmon, Gladys Mack, Raphael Marshall, Joyce West.

The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Motion: Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Calvin Ward seconded the motion to elect Committee chairs for 2016: Brad Greenfield, Chair, Economic Development and Zoning; Todd Sloves and Omar Mahmud, Co-Chairs, Transportation and Public Space; Jay Williams and Chris Seagle, Co-Chairs, Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee; and Dana Wyckoff, Chair, Community Outreach Committee. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Motion: Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Ward seconded the motion to authorize the chair to notify various appropriate offices of the District of Columbia government of the Commission Officers, Committee Chairs, and membership. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Motion: Chairman Toomajian moved and Vice Chairman Mahmud seconded the motion to adopt a schedule of monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month for 2016 (except August): February 11, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Motion: Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Matt Levy seconded a motion to participate in and to authorize the Treasurer to write a check in the amount of \$25.00 to participate in the ANC Security Fund. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The minutes for the ANC December 2015 meeting and the agenda for the January 2016 meeting were accepted without changes or objection.

Community Presentations

Representative from Mayor Bowser's Office

Mr. Seth Shapiro, Ward 6 Outreach Service Specialist was present. He advised the Commission of a January 2016 notice issued by the DC Historic Preservation Review Board's (HPRB), Historic Preservation Office (HPO) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) participation in the historic preservation review process. He mentioned that Christmas tree removal will be done by the city also with regular trash pickup until January 23, 2016 provided that residents put the trees in proximity with their trash cans. He advised that the Styrofoam ban is in effect as of January 1, 2016. Individuals wishing to report violations will want to call the city's 311 Call Center.

DC Department of Human Services (DHS)

Mr. Jay Melder, Chief of Staff to the Director of the DC Department of Human Services was present to address the following matters:

- The Mayor's Homeward DC Plan which emphasizes securing permanent and/or long-term housing placement for homeless individuals and families. Further information about the Homeward DC Plan can be found at the DC Interagency Council on Homelessness website at: ich.dc.gov.
- The proposed closing of the DC General Family Shelter and the intention to place families experiencing homelessness in small community based shelters and placing adults without shelter in single adult housing. Mr. Melder stated that Mayor Bowser's office is committed to developing practical housing solutions for the city's homeless residents and in better implementing the existing emergency placement plans for those similarly affected.
- Several Commissioners questioned Mr. Melder about the use of the Sherwood Recreation Center in the DC Cold Emergency Winter Plan for 2015-2016. The Commissioners relayed several issues of concern regarding problems with the operation of the program at the center. Mr. Melder advised that the Sherwood has again been designated an overflow shelter location, but unlike last year, the center will be limited to women only and the maximum number of individuals placed is not to exceed fifty (50). Mr. Melder stated that there will be new guidelines issued concerning the selection of future overflow sites under the DC Cold Emergency Winter Plan but that there has not yet been a determination made on the manner in which public comment on the matter will be solicited.

Motion: Vice Chairman Mahmud moved and Chairman Toomajian seconded a motion that ANC6A send a letter to the Mayor asking that the Sherwood not be used as shelter location due to the problems with its use over the past two (2) years. The motion passed (5-0).

Officer Reports

Chairman Toomajian announced the resignation of Commissioner Chris Ward as Commissioner for ANC6A03, and that Mr. Mike Soderman is expected to replace Mr. Ward on the ANC 6A Commission pending Board of Election review of his petitions. He advised that a KaBOOM playground will be constructed at Twentieth (20th) and C Streets NE, thanks to the tireless

efforts of Commissioner Calvin Ward. He also advised that the H Street Connection building is now empty and the parking lot has been cleared and fenced. He announced that, thanks to Commissioner Levy's efforts, there will be a Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) neighborhood watch briefing on February 8, 2016, at Maury Elementary School.

Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Stephanie Zimny presented the Fourth (4th) Quarter Report. The Fourth (4th) Quarter Report was accepted without objection. Ms. Zimny then delivered the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$13,573.49, with a forwarding balance of \$18,967.925, (including a Q2 District Allotment of \$4,481.70, and a Q3 District Allotment of \$1,746.231). There were disbursements of \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1723) for agenda/web master services; \$200.00 for November 2015 minutes; (Check 1724); \$183.50 (Check 1725) to FedEx; \$36.78 Cab Receipts for Jay Williams (ABL Committee); leaving a balance of \$18,967.92 in the checking account and \$13,721.00, including a \$.023 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)

There was no December 2015 COC meeting.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 25, 2016 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

The December 2015 ABL Committee report was accepted without objection.

Report (Nonvoting item) The ABL Committee reviewed and approved Ocopa's plans for its Entertainment Endorsement per the vote taken at the November 2015 ANC meeting. The ANC's protest of Ocopa's Entertainment Endorsement request has accordingly been withdrawn.

Motion: The Committee moved and Chairman Toomajian seconded the motion that the ANC approve the Settlement Agreement and support a stipulated license for Sally's Middle Name. The motion passed (7-0).

Motion: The Committee moved and Chairman Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC approve the Settlement Agreement and support a stipulated license for Rosato, LLC t/a Sospeso. After reiterating the requirement that the applicant not place its trash receptacles in public space, the motion passed (7-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 19, 2016 (3rd Tuesday).

Transportation and Public Space Committee (TPS)

There was no December 2015 TPS Committee meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Mahmud moved and Chairman Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC send a letter to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) requesting that once operational and providing passenger service, the streetcar's hours be extended to include Sunday service to provide passenger service seven (7) days per week. The motion passed (7-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 25, 2016. (4th Monday - delayed due to MLK holiday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

The December 2015 EDZ Committee report was accepted without objection.

Motion: The Committee moved and Chairman Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC write a letter to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) in support of the 1300 H St NE application for variances from the off-street parking requirements under § 2101.1, the parking aisle width requirements under § 2117.5, and the loading berth requirements under § 2201.1, and a special exception from the H Street Overlay requirements under § 1320.4 (f), to convert a vacant church at 1301 H Street NE into a new four (4) story, mixed-use commercial and residential building in the HS-A/C-2-A District with the following conditions: Residential Parking Permit (RPP) restrictions will be in place; restrict the use of public space regarding construction noise on Saturdays between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm; the building will use the H Street address; the developers will use a consistent design on the side of the Thirteenth (13th) Street side of the building that faces row houses. The motion passed (7-0).

Motion: The Committee moved and Chairman Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC write a letter to ANC 6C that supports in principle changes to the H Street Overlay to clarify preservation requirements and remove other ambiguities. The Motion passed (7-0).

Motion: The Committee moved and Chairman Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC write a letter to ANC 6C that supports in principle a change of the definition of building areas in the DC zoning regulations. The motion passed (6-1).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 20, 2016 (3rd Wednesday).

Single Member District Reports

Commissioner Ward (ANC6A08) emphasized the need for the installation of speed bumps and/or traffic cameras on Nineteenth (19th) Street NE. A car landed in his yard and could have severely injured a family member as a result of a young man driving a stolen vehicle attempting to escape apprehension by the police. He may suggest that the ANC 6A send a letter requesting that the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) conduct a study for traffic calming or other remedial action deemed appropriate.

Commissioner Zimny (ANC6A06) advised that the area around Fourteenth (14th) and F Streets NE has received Zone 6 signs extending the hours for Residential Parking Restrictions on the weekends. She relayed the results of a recent parent survey conducted regarding the proposal to offer a language immersion program or an International Baccalaureate program at the Miner Elementary School the school. She mentioned parental concerns regarding class instructors in the school. Finally, she advised that there is strong interest by parents in the community whose children attend the Miner Elementary School to arrange a meeting with Chancellor Kaya Henderson of the DC Public Schools.

Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert (ANC6A07) advised of plans to schedule a meeting with McWilliams|Ballard about their proposed development of 1701 H Street NE.

Commissioner Levy (ANC6A04) mentioned an effort to secure signatures for the purpose of suggesting that ANC 6A send a letter of support to DDOT requesting a study for traffic calming

on C Street NE between Twelfth (12th) and Fifteenth Streets NE. He also advised of a School Improvement Team (SIT) meeting for the Maury Elementary School.

Commissioner Phil Toomajian (ANC6A02) discussed Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen's efforts to provide rebates for personal and business exterior security cameras under the Private Security Camera Incentive Program Emergency Act of 2015, which Mayor Bowser recently signed into law.

Community Comments

Ms. Elizabeth Nelson mentioned an exhibit of the art works from Miner Elementary School taking place at Hill Center. Ms. Nelson also mentioned that many contractors and developers are not conforming to city regulations concerning the maintenance of city trees and tree boxes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.