

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Minutes
Regular Business Meeting
Miner Elementary School
February 25, 2014**

Note: The regularly scheduled business meeting of February 13, 2104 was postponed due to snow.

Present: Commissioners Alberti, Holmes, Nauden, Phillips-Gilbert, Ward, and Williams

Absent: Commissioners Hysell, Mahmud

The meeting was convened at 7:00 pm.

1. Agenda

Two items were added to the agenda: 1) a discussion of traffic at Tenth (10th) Street and Massachusetts Avenue NE was placed under the Transportation and Public Space Committee Report, and 2) a discussion of a construction project at 901 D St NE was placed under Economic Development and Zoning Committee Report. The agenda as presented was accepted without objection.

2. Minutes

Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert moved to amend the minutes to show that she had abstained from the vote to include her Single Member District (SMD) report in the December minutes. The correct vote tally was 3-2-1. The minutes, as amended, were adopted without objection.

3. Community Presentation

1350 Maryland Avenue NE

Will Lansing of Valor Development presented a status report on the construction of 1350 Maryland Avenue NE. Valor Development will move ahead with the construction within the next few weeks. The building will have eighty-four (84) condominiums with underground parking. Seven (7) units will be designated for affordable housing.

4. Officers' Reports

Chair

Mr. Alberti reported on his attendance at Mayor Gray's roundtable for ANC Chairs. The Mayor discussed the city's effort to provide shelter for the homeless on many very cold nights we have experienced. He announced a hypothermia hotline (202-399-7093). He also reported that the Deputy Mayor for Education discussed the DC Student Assignment and School Boundary Review Process, which is currently in progress. A twenty-three (23) member Committee of community members and District agency representatives has been charged with making recommendations. They will issue a preliminary report in May. Ideas and comments can be shared with the committee via the website EngageDC.org. Finally, there was discussion about the Age Friendly City Initiative, which is working with the World Health Organization (WHO) to transform DC into an even better place in which to grow up and grow old.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Holmes presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported that the opening balance in the checking account was \$15,556.49, and the savings account balance was \$13,717.36. There was an interest payment of \$0.23 to the savings account. There were disbursements of \$126.12 to the DC Treasurer for Department of General Services for security for Miner School (Check #1629); \$25.00 to the ANC Security Fund (Check #1630); \$180.00 to Roberta Weiner for transcription of the January 2014 ANC minutes (Check #1631); \$200.00 to Irene Dworakowski for the February 2014 agenda package (Check #1632); \$24.06 for a travel reimbursement for Jay Williams (Check #1633)

and \$237.97 for FedEx Office for January 2014 statement (Check #1634), leaving a balance of \$14,763.34 in the checking account, and \$13,717.59 in the savings account.

Mr. Holmes announced that the DC Auditor has approved release of a quarterly allotment of \$4,607.82.

Motion: Mr. Holmes moved/Mr. Williams seconded a motion to accept the disbursements. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 6-0-0.

Motion: Mr. Holmes moved/Mr. Ward seconded a motion to allocate \$23.42 to reimburse Mr. Williams for transportation to an ABRA hearing. The motion was accepted 5-0-1, with Mr. Williams abstaining.

Motion: Mr. Holmes moved/Mr. Williams seconded a motion to allocate \$178.20 to reimburse Elizabeth Nelson for her payment to WebHST to cover two checks (checks voided) issued by the ANC that they did not receive. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 6-0-0.

Motion: Mr. Holmes moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion passed without objection.

5. Committee Reports

Community Outreach

The report of the committee was accepted without objection.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation to approve grant funding as follows: \$1,500.00 in support the Eliot-Hine MS PTO's request for aquarium equipment; and \$1,000.00 in support of the Maury ES PTA's request for printing press supplies and other art supplies, as outlined in their grant applications. Representatives of both organizations were present (Veronica Hollmon, Eliot-Hine PTO and Lauren Bomba, Maury PTA). The motion passed by unanimous consent, 6-0-0.

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing

The Committee's meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather, but the following recommendation was offered for action by the body:

Motion: Mr. Williams moved/Mr. Holmes seconded a motion to approve a Settlement Agreement with Sin Bin Sports Bar and Restaurant, 1336 H Street NE. The motion passed 5-1-0, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert in opposition.

Transportation and Public Space

The Committee's meeting was cancelled, but the following recommendation was offered for action by the body:

Motion: Mr. Holmes moved/Mr. Williams seconded a motion to send a letter to DDOT requesting signage at Tenth (10th) and East Capitol Streets and Tenth (10th) Street and Massachusetts Avenue NE to stop cross traffic from crossing without stopping. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 6-0-0.

(Commissioner Nauden left the meeting.)

Economic Development and Zoning

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

1362 H Street NE

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion that the ANC approve the Committee's recommendation that the ANC write a letter to BZA in support of a variance from the floor-to-area (FAR) requirements in connection with planned construction of a sports bar at 1362 H Street NE, provided that the following conditions are met by the applicant: 1) all trash is stored indoors; 2) loading occur at the rear of the building; 3) no amplified music be played on the roof deck; 4) roof deck hours not extend beyond 11:00 pm from Sunday through Thursday and 12:00 am on Friday and Saturday; and 5) any signage for the building be in keeping with the character of H Street and the architectural context of the building. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 5-0-0.

819 D Street NE

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion that the ANC approve the Committee's recommendation that the ANC write a letter to BZA in support of BZA 18724, which seeks variances from the requirement that there be a minimum lot area of 900 square feet for each residential unit, from the lot width and size requirements for a rowhouse being converted back to residential use, and from the court width and area requirements, in connection with the conversion of the church at 819 D Street NE and two (2) adjoining row houses into a residential development, provided that any contracts for sale or lease of the residential units restrict the number of residential parking permits (RPP) to be issued to residents to no more than six (6) and that this restriction be recorded as a covenant in the land records. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 5-0-0.

723 13th Street NE

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion that the ANC approve the Committee's recommendation that the ANC write a letter to BZA in support of BZA 18720, which seeks a special exception from the lot occupancy requirements for the construction of a one-story garage with a mezzanine at 723 13th Street NE, provided that the applicant have obtained letters from the two adjoining neighbors stating that they support the project and expressly acknowledging that the garage has a proposed height of fifteen (15) feet. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 5-0-0.

1717 E Street NE

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion that the ANC approve the Committee's recommendation that the ANC write a letter to BZA in support of BZA 18692, which seeks a use variance to permit the construction of a new eight (8) unit apartment house on the vacant property located at 1717 E Street, NE, provided that any contracts for sale or lease of the residential units restrict the number of residential parking permits (RPP) to be issued to residents to no more than three (3) and that this restriction be recorded as a covenant in the land records.

Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert moved to amend the motion to add to the recommendation that support is conditional on the applicant's commitment to hire local residents for construction and maintenance and to provide support for a youth organization.

The amendment was accepted, 4-1-0, with Commissioner Alberti in opposition. The motion, as amended, was accepted 4-1-0, with Commissioner Alberti in opposition.

901 D Street NE

Motion: Mr. Holmes moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion to send a letter to HPRB calling to its attention its requirement that decks and furniture be built out of sight of the street and the fact that the construction of a deck at 901 D Street NE may be out of compliance with those regulations. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 5-0-0.

6. New Business

H Street FreshFarm Market

Motion: Mr. Holmes moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion that the ANC send a letter to DDOT supporting the H Street FreshFarm Market to be located at Thirteenth (13th) Street NE between H Street NE and Wylie Street NE from April 19, 2014 through December 20, 2014. Further, the ANC supports FreshFarm's requests to not be moved on the day of the H Street Festival, and that it be allowed to close the street for a Tenth (10th) Anniversary celebration on one Saturday this season. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 5-0-0.

Participation in March 26 Mayoral Forum

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Ward seconded a motion in support of ANC 6A's co-sponsorship of a DC Federation of Civic Organizations Mayoral Forum on March 26, 2014 at Eastern High School, along with many other local organizations. Further, Commissioner Ward is appointed as the ANC's representative to the planning committee for the event. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 5-0-0.

Authorization for Pocket Parks Testimony

Motion: Mr. Holmes moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion to authorize Mr. Holmes and Mr. Alberti to testify at a March 3, 2014 hearing on D.C. pocket parks. The motion passed by unanimous consent, 5-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.