

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A  
Minutes  
Miner Elementary School  
February 12, 2015**

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

The meeting was convened at 7:00 pm. Commissioner Toomajian chaired the meeting.

**1. Minutes/Agenda**

The minutes for the ANC's January 2015 meeting and the agenda for the February 2015 meeting were approved without objection or changes.

**2. Community Presentations**

H Street Farmers' Market

Market director Lindsay Wallace presented regarding plans for the continued operation of the FreshFarms H Street NE farmers' market.

**Motion:** ANC 6A send a letter to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) in support of the 2015 season of the FreshFarms farmers' market on H Street NE. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen

Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen presented his priorities to the ANC, speaking about his Books from Birth initiative, his concerns about the tragic L'Enfant Plaza Metro incident, and his availability to the Commission and the residents of 6A.

Commissioners engaged with Councilmember Allen on topics including the following:

- Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert expressed concerns about transparency in the disposition of the Gibbs School. She is concerned about a timeline and how the community is being dealt with.
- Mr. Mahmud raised the issue of alley conditions off of H Street NE, and would like to see proactive responses from city agencies and would like help in getting the agencies to the table.
- Mr. Levy spoke about traffic patterns around the schools and that cars are going too fast. He is also concerned about the use and beautification of Kingman Island.
- Ms. Zimny is concerned about parking in the H Street area
- Calvin Ward expressed interest in a time frame for the modernization of Eliot-Hine and wants to see a real commitment to good leadership and an attractive building.
- Mr. Toomajian asked about when residents could use the streetcar and expressed interest in its continuation west through downtown over a rebuilt Hopscotch Bridge. He also identified the implementation of the Maryland Avenue NE pedestrian safety project as a priority.
- Chris Ward raised the issue of enforcement of dumpster regulations.

**3. Officers Reports**

Chair

Mr. Toomajian announced that the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) First District Commander would attend the March 2015 ANC meeting to address questions and concerns from Commissioners and residents.

He also shared an update on the redevelopment of the H Street Connection site and said that he and Commissioner Mahmud would be working closely with the developer and would provide opportunities for the community to discuss ways to minimize disruption to the community from the construction, which is expected to begin next year.

#### Vice Chair

Mr. Mahmud noted that the monthly community updates on the Apollo development coincide with the ANC 6A meetings, but said that residents with questions or concerns about this development on the north side of the 600 block of H Street NE should contact him.

#### Secretary

Mr. Calvin Ward noted that he is updating information for the ANC's advertisements and asked Commissioners and Committee Chairs to confirm their contract information with him.

#### Treasurer's Report

Ms. Zimny presented the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$16,250.39 and the savings account balance was \$13,720.10. There was an interest deposit of \$0.24 to the savings account. There were disbursements of \$25.00 to the ANC Security Fund for a Treasurer's Bond (Check # 1685); \$200.00 to Roberta Weiner for transcription of the January 2015 minutes (Check #1687); \$200.00 to Irene Dworakowski for the January 2015 agenda package (Check #1688); \$241.50 to FedEx Office for the January 1, 2015 invoice (Check #1689); and \$18.25 to Phil Toomajian for reimbursement for the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) training expenses, leaving a balance of \$15,366.64 in the checking account, and \$13,720.34 in the savings account. The report was accepted without objection.

#### **4. Committee Reports**

##### **Community Outreach Committee**

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection. There were no recommendations requiring action by the full ANC.

##### **Alcoholic Beverage Licensing**

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

**Motion:** The Committee moved/Ms. Zimny seconded a recommendation that the full Commission oppose the request by Andy Lee Liquor, 914 H Street NE, for an exemption from the Ward 6 single sales ban, and authorize the Committee co-chairs to represent the ANC in this matter. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

**Motion:** The Committee moved/Ms. Zimny seconded a recommendation that the full Commission oppose the request by Me & My Supermarket, 1111 H Street NE, for an exemption from the Ward 6 single sales ban, and authorize the Committee co-chairs to represent the ANC in this matter. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

##### **Transportation and Public Space**

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

**Motion:** The Committee moved/Mr. Ward seconded a motion to approve the Committee's recommendation to send a letter to DDOT requesting conversion on the current two (2) way stop to a four (4) way stop at the intersection of D Street and Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Street NE. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

#### Rock 'n' Roll Marathon

**Motion:** The Committee moved/Ms. Phillips Gilbert seconded a recommendation that the ANC send a letter if support for the 2015 Rock 'n' Roll Marathon on Saturday, March 14, 2015, to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) contingent on the following commitments from event organizers:

- There will be no amplified music in Lincoln Park;
- Trash trucks will not be permitted to idle;
- Public notification will include door hangers on houses both on the race route and nearby, course signs to be posted a week in advance along the course route, advertising in the Hill Rag, tips on how to navigate street closings to be posted on the website: [runRockNRoll.com/community](http://runRockNRoll.com/community);
- Gloves and Mylar blankets will not be distributed; and
- Trash pickup will happen immediately following the race; all signs will be removed by the day after the race.

The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

#### Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

#### 1600 Block, Kramer Street NE

**Motion:** The Committee moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion that the ANC write a letter to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) expressing appreciation for the three applicants who gave presentations regarding their proposals for the redevelopment of the 1600 block of Kramer Street NE, and stating that:

- the community expressed its preference for a proposed redevelopment of the block that provides on-site parking,
- emphasizes affordability, be of moderate density,
- furnish green space, and
- retain the architectural integrity of the neighborhood.

A friendly amendment added the following issues:

- maintaining access to garages for certain houses along the alley, and
- reviewing storm water management concerns prior to selecting a developer.

The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

#### 1371-1375 H Street NE

**Motion:** The Committee moved/Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC write a letter of support to the Bureau of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) regarding the requested zoning relief for 1371 to 1375 H Street NE (BZA 18940), specifically the applicant's request for a variance from the off-street parking requirements under § 2101.1, and a special exception from the roof structure setback requirements under §§ 411.11 and 770.6, to

construct a six (6) story multi-family residential building with ground-floor retail, provided that: 1) covenants be recorded in the District land records for each unit stating that it is not eligible for residential parking permits (RPP), that the by-laws for the homeowner's association provide for an enforcement mechanism including fines should any homeowner obtain RPP; and that a separate covenant be recorded in the District land records providing that this by-law provision may not be amended or removed; 2) the applicant furnish a suitable plan for trash collection from the site; 3) the applicant obtain the written support of the property owner at 1350 Maryland Avenue NE for the roof structure setback; 4) the applicant revise the design of the proposed building to comply with the H Street Design Guidelines; and 5) the applicant consider supporting a Capital Bikeshare station. The motion passed 7-1.

#### 1102 Park Street NE

**Motion:** The Committee moved/Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion recommending that the full ANC write a letter to BZA in support of the requested zoning relief for 1102 Park Street NE (BZA 18930), supporting the applicant's request for relief from the court requirements of § 406.1, and opposing the applicant's request for relief from the lot occupancy requirements under § 403.2 and the nonconforming structure requirements under § 2001.3 unless the applicant can reach agreement with the neighbors across the alley on the design of the proposed renovation of the garage. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

#### 721 Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Street NE

**Motion:** The Committee moved/Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion recommending that the full ANC write a letter to BZA taking no position on the requested zoning relief for 721 11<sup>th</sup> Street NE (BZA 18931) specifically, the applicant's request for special exceptions under § 223 for not meeting the lot occupancy requirements under § 403.2, the rear yard setback requirements under § 404.1, and the non-conforming structure requirements under § 2001.3, in view of the fact that, in the ANC's view, additional zoning relief from the accessory building height requirements under § 2500.4 should be required for the proposed structure. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

**Motion:** The Committee moved/Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion recommending that the full ANC write a letter to the Zoning Administrator requesting that the pending application for zoning relief for 721 11<sup>th</sup> Street NE (BZA 18931) be reviewed to determine whether additional zoning relief from the accessory building height requirements under § 2500.4 is required for the proposed structure and stating that, in the ANC's view, such relief should be required. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

#### **5. New Business**

**Motion:** Mr. Toomajian moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion authorizing a contract for the payment of \$200.00 per month to Irene Dworakowski for preparation of the ANC 6A agenda packages and \$250.00 per month for Ms. Dworakowski to maintain and post approved documents to the ANC 6A web site. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.