

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
February 11, 2016**

Present: Commissioners Phil Toomajian (Chair), J. Omar Mahmud, Patrick Malone, Sondra-Phillips-Gilbert, Mike Soderman, Calvin Ward, Stephanie Zimny. Commissioner Matt Levy arrived at 8:05 pm.

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

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

Community Presentations

Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) First District Commander Robert Contee

Commander Contee advised that although there has been a significant reduction in property crime in the first district, robberies are still a major problem district-wide. He indicated there have been thirteen (13) arrests recently and that MPD is actively working cases including two recent cases of note—the armed robberies at the T Mobile Store on H Street and at H & Pizza. He advised that in addition to the regularly assigned patrol officers in the precinct, when necessary Criminal Interdiction Units (CIUs) can be dispatched on a real-time basis as situations occur. Several Commissioners expressed concerns regarding some ongoing problems in the area. Commander Contee indicated that the MPD will continue to work at addressing concerns in a timely manner. The Commissioners and Commander Contee discussed the effectiveness of the MPD Bicycle Patrol Officers, and Commander Contee indicated that he would like to see an increase in the number of Bicycle Patrol Officers in the First District.

Ms. Mary Bloodworth, Community Planner/Outreach Coordinator for Ward 6 Aging Services via Seabury Resources for Aging, was present to advise of services available to senior citizens. Ms. Bloodworth can be reached at: mbloodworth (at) seaburyresouces.org, telephone: 202-397-1729.

Officer Reports

Chairman Phil Toomajian announced that DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) Director Leif Dormsjo will be present at the ANC 6A Transportation and Public Space (TPS) Committee meeting on February 22, 2016, at Capitol Hill Towers, 900 G Street NE at 7:00. He relayed that Boy Scout Troop 500 will be holding its Fourteenth (14th) Annual Pancake Feast on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at the Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Fourth (4th) Street and Independence Avenue SE from 8:00 am - 12:00pm. He advised that the “Books from Birth” initiative will be implemented in conjunction with DC Public Libraries. This program was initiated through legislation introduced by Councilmember Charles Allen. Councilmember Allen will be ANC6A’s featured guest at its March 10 meeting. Finally, he announced that Mr. Seth Shapiro and Mr. Frank Maduro, the Ward 6 Outreach Service Specialists from Mayor Bowser’s office, have been appointed to new posts at the Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) and the Department of General Services (DGS) by the Mayor and thanked both for their service to our community.

Vice-Chairman J. Omar Mahmud advised that he is communicating with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) about the commencement of streetcar operations. The ANC sent a letter to request that streetcar service be extended to seven (7) days a week.

Commissioner Calvin Ward mentioned that he was in active communication with Commissioner Denise Krepp of ANC 6B and other nearby concerned Commissioners regarding the proposed plans for the development of RFK Stadium and Reservation 13 in Hill East.

Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Stephanie Zimny presented the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$12,739.99, with a forwarding balance of \$117,584.96. There were disbursements of \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1729) for agenda/web master services; \$200.00 for January 2016 minutes; (Check 1730); \$167.50 (Check 1731) to FedEx; \$565.46 Payment for Sign Language Services at EDZ/ANC meetings; leaving a balance of \$17,584.96, 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)

The COC did not meet in January 2016.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 29, 2016 (4th Monday).

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

The ABL did not meet in January 2016.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 16, 2016 (3rd Tuesday).

Transportation and Public Space Committee (TPS)

The TPS Committee did not meet in January 2016.

Motion: Commissioner Toomajian moved and Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion that the ANC 6A send a letter of support to the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) for the 2016 Capitol Hill Classic which will take place on May 15, 2016. Mr. Jason Levine, and Ms. Roberta Stewart, representatives from the Capitol Hill Classic, advised that there would be no major changes in the implementation of traffic operations for ANC 6A from the previous year's event, and that the reopening of the affected portion of East Capitol Street would take place at 9:30 am. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) with Mr. Mahmud not participating.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 22, 2016. (4th Monday - delayed due to President's Day holiday).

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

The December January 2016 EDZ Committee report was accepted without objection.

Motion: The Committee moved and Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion that the ANC write a letter of support to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for the technical modifications that the developer is submitting for 1300 H Street NE, pending the receipt of the formal change request and plans. The motion passed (8-0).

Motion: The Committee moved and Commissioner Mike Soderman seconded a motion that the ANC write a letter of support to the BZA for a special exception under § 233, not meeting the lot occupancy requirements under § 403.2, the open court requirements under § 406, and the nonconforming structure requirements under § 2001.3, to construct a two-story rear addition to an existing one-family home at 230 Twelfth (12th) Street NE. The Motion passed (8-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 17, 2016 (3rd Wednesday).

Single Member District Reports

Commissioner Calvin Ward (6A08) expressed concerns regarding the implementation of the Mayor's proposed relocation plan for both the temporary and long-term placement of the City's homeless individuals.

Commissioner Zimny (6A06) advised that interested parents will be sending a letter to DC Public Schools Chancellor Kaya Henderson concerning the initiation of a language immersion program at the Miner Elementary School. She stated that there was prompt action after last month's snow storm regarding snow plowing and trash pickup in her district as a result of contacts of the Mayor's office by the ANC 6A Chairman Toomajian.

Commissioner Mahmud (6A01) mentioned that the H Street Connection area is vacant and has been fenced in. He indicated that the 7-11 Store has been moved from Tenth (10th) Street NE to Eighth (8th) Street NE.

Commissioner Toomajian (6A02) reported that work will begin on the Madison Building at Tenth (10th) and G Streets NE in the coming weeks; and that the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) had assisted with resolving issue related to the razing of a property on the 1200 block of F Street NE pending development.

Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) mentioned the timely response of snow plowing in her district. She advised that DDOT is scheduled to be present at the TPS meeting on February 20, 2016, to address the Seventeenth (17th) and Nineteenth (19th) Streets NE redesign work. She also indicated that there would be a meeting on March 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm, at the Rosedale Recreation Center with Valor Development, the developer for the Trinidad Baptist Church property on Benning Road NE.

Commissioner Matt Levy (6A04) mentioned that there is action to secure signatures for the purpose of submitting a traffic calming request to DDOT for the area of Twelfth (12th) and Fifteenth (15th) and C Streets NE; that the sidewalk work on the 200 block of Twelfth (12th) street NE is nearing completion; that community members are working with the MPD to reduce drug activity in the area around Fifteenth (15th) and C Streets NE.

Commissioner Patrick Malone (6A05) advised that the City's volunteer DC Citizen Snow team program, which sends teams of volunteers to clear snow from the walkways of elderly or disabled city residents, might benefit from better coordination; and that requested sidewalk repairs in his district are being done in a more timely manner. He also indicated interest in the implementation of the "Books from Birth" program.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.