

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
February 9, 2017**

Present: Commissioners Phil Toomajian (Chair), Marie Claire Brown, Matt Levy, Patrick Malone, Calvin Ward and Stephanie Zimny

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

The minutes for the ANC January 2017 meeting and the agenda for the February meeting were accepted without changes or objection.

Community Presentations

Mr. David Grosso, Councilmember-at Large, Chairman, DC Council Committee on Education
Councilmember Grosso spoke about upcoming performance oversight hearings; the recently appointed DC Chancellor of Education; communications with the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), and about ensuring adequate funding levels for the operation of the DC Public Schools (DCPS). Councilmember Grosso then took questions and comments from the Commissioners and members of the public.

Regarding ongoing problems with school maintenance and funding for school modernization projects, Councilmember Grosso advised that he meets bi-monthly with representatives of the DCPS and the DC Department of General Services (DGS) to address ongoing concerns regarding school repair requests and the progress of school modernization projects.

Regarding members of the public, generally Local School Advisory Teams (LSATs) and Parent Teacher Organizations (PTOs) accessing and/or retrieving data from OSSE, Councilmember Grosso indicated that, keeping privacy concerns in mind, he was working the appropriate officials of OSSE to improve the collection and dissemination of data for public review. Councilmember Grosso also provided status updates on the plans for a new playground at Ludlow-Taylor and the installation of sprinklers and a new HVAC system at School-within-School (SWS) at Goding. He further advised that anyone experiencing problems with these matters can contact representatives in his office at: dgrosso [at] dccouncil.us, telephone: 202-724-8105.

Councilmember Grosso also mentioned sponsoring legislation that would ensure the assignment of nurses to each public and public charter school on a full-time basis, and emphasized his commitment to continued funding for early literacy and early childhood education programs.

Douglas Klein, Community Prosecutor, First District, US Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia

Mr. Klein gave a brief overview of the purview of the US Attorney's Office of the District of Columbia. He indicated that approximately eighty percent (80%) of the cases handled in this office are processed through the DC Superior Court. Mr. Klein advised that reports of notable upcoming sentencing hearings are sent monthly, and that ANC Commissioners can get the status of individual cases upon request to him. Mr. Klein further advised that the report issued will have sensitive information or information deemed inappropriate redacted. Mr. Klein indicated that a "Community Impact Statement" can be submitted to the US Attorney's

office for review two (2) weeks before an individual's sentencing date. Community Impact Statements are usually accepted from community leaders, such as ANC Commissioners, but can also be submitted by recognized neighborhood representatives or community leaders. A prototype of the Community Impact Statement was provided by Mr. Klein to each ANC 6A Commissioner present. Mr. Klein can be reached at: Douglas.Klein [at] USDOJ.gov, telephone: 202-660-2150.

Mr. Nathaniel Curry, Supporting and Mentoring Youth Advocates and Leaders (SMYAL)
Mr. Curry spoke about the transitional housing program, which was initiated by SMYAL and recently opened on Benning Road, is designed to assist formerly homeless LGBTQ young people ages eighteen (18) to twenty-four (24), in obtaining life-skills and acquiring independent living skills. The facility consists of four (4) units, houses eight (8) young people, and the average stay is six (6) to eight (8) months. Most clients are referred through the DC Department of Human Services (DHS) or through non-profit organizations. Prospective clients are subject to background checks before admission. The facility is currently on a two (2) year lease. SMYAL representatives have been communicating with Chairman Toomajian and Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert and appreciate the warm welcome from both.

Mr. Mohamed Dahir, Project Manager, DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) and Mr. Mike Gales, Construction Manager, RK&K

Mr. Dahir and Mr. Gales provided an update on the progress of the Seventeenth (17th) Street Project. A fact sheet outlining the scope of the project was provided to the public and copies of the DDOT whiteprints were given to the ANC 6A Commissioners present. The date given for the completion of the project is July 24, 2018.

Officer Reports

Chairman Phil Toomajian advised that Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen will be meeting with ANC 6A Commissioners at their March 9, 2017 Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Stephanie Zimny delivered the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$11,981.46, with a forwarding balance of \$4,621.20. There were disbursements of \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1775) for agenda/web master services; \$587.77 grant to Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School PTA; (Check 1776) \$200.00 for January 2017 minutes; (Check 1777); 24.50 travel reimbursement to Mr. Jay Williams for the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee work (Check 1778); 119.50 to FedEx (Check 1779); leaving a balance of \$10,599.69, in the checking account and \$13,747.37, including a \$.024 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)

No report. The COC committee did not meet in January 2017.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 27, 2017 (4th Monday).

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

No report. The ABL committee did not meet in January 2017.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 21, 2017 (3rd Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space Committee (TPS)

No report. The TPS Committee did not meet in January 2017.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 27, 2017 (delayed due to President's Day holiday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

The January 2017 EDZ Committee report was accepted without objection.

Motion: The Committee moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that ANC 6A support the application of the owners of 600 Ninth (9th) Street, NE for variances from non-conforming structure requirements of Subtitle C section 202.2, lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E section 304.1, and rear yard requirements of Subtitle E section 306.1, to permit the location of decks over rear-attached garage. No vote was taken in lieu of a proposed amendment to this motion.

Motion: Mr. Toomajian offered an amendment to the above-referenced motion contingent upon the following conditions: 1. Use of the lower deck (which is level to the second (2nd) floor windows of 812 F Street NE) shall cease by 10:00 pm. Use of the upper deck (which is above the roof line of 812 F Street NE) shall cease by 11:00 pm. Should exceptions be needed or desired, the 600 Ninth (9th) Street NE owners will discuss with the 812 F Street NE owner to seek permission, which may be reasonably accommodated. Should property owners of 600 Ninth (9th) Street NE and 812 F Street NE (current or future) discuss and mutually agree that these accommodations are no longer necessary, these voluntary restrictions will be made null and void. 2. Assuming the owners of 600 Ninth (9th) Street NE are granted a variance by the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA), they will apply for permits within thirty (30) days of BZA approval to move the five (5) ton HVAC unit currently housed on the second floor to the roof. This unit will be moved as soon as feasible upon receipt of any necessary permits. As the 1.5-ton unit on this deck is currently too old to move without replacing, the owners of 600 Ninth (9th) Street NE will move this unit to the roof when it is replaced at the end of its useful life, or at the end of ten (10) years, whichever is sooner. The amendment was accepted as friendly and the motion passed as amended (6-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm February 15, 2017 (3rd Wednesday).

New Business

Motion: Commissioner Patrick Malone moved and Commissioner Marie-Claire Brown seconded a motion that ANC 6A send a letter to Mayor Bowser and the DC City Council in support of immigrants and refugees in the community.

Commissioner Matt Levy requested slight modification in the wording of the letter and Chairman Toomajian agreed to review language with him. The motion passed (6-0).

Motion: Ms. Zimny moved and Commissioner Calvin Ward seconded that ANC 6A send a letter to the office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) requesting data regarding teacher turnover rates in the DC Public Schools. The motion passed (6-0).

Single Member District Reports

Commissioner Malone (6A05) indicated that brick repair crews have begun sidewalk repairs in his district.

Commissioner Brown (6A01) advised that representatives from WC Smith wish to speak with ANC 6A Commissioners regarding retail proposals for the H Street Connection; and that there

appear to continue to be ongoing concerns about activities around the Sherwood Recreation Center.

Commissioner Levy (6A04) spoke about continued communication with representatives of the DDOT regarding improving traffic safety in his district.

Chairman Toomajian (6A02) mentioned that he has been working with community members and law enforcement to address drug activity around H Street.

Commissioner Zimny (6A06) stated that there had been an arrest of the individual involved in a shooting in her district; that there had been/would be a review of the budget for the Miner Elementary School; that community residents will need to request a traffic calming study through the DDOT regarding the area around the Chick-Fil-A restaurant; and that pothole repair requests brought to the Commissioner's attention by community residents should have a 311 Call Center Ticket included with their request for assistance.

Commissioner Ward (6A08) indicated that a community cleanup day for Eighteenth (18th) and Nineteenth (19th) and E Streets NE will be organized when the weather improves.

Commissioner Toomajian also shared that Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) has scheduled a safety walk in Rosedale for Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.