

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
Minutes  
Regular Business Meeting  
Miner Elementary School  
March 13, 2014**

**Present:** Commissioners Alberti, Holmes, Mahmud, Phillips-Gilbert, Ward, Williams

**Absent:** Commissioners Hysell, Nauden

The meeting was convened at 7:00 pm.

**1. Agenda**

The following additions to the agenda were proposed: under the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee (ABL) Committee: Approve revisions to the standard Settlement Agreement; under Transportation and Public Space Committee (TPS): Approve Todd Sloves as new Committee Co-Chair; approve Committee 2014 Mission and Goals. Under New Business: Sahra public space application. The agenda, as amended, was agreed to without objection.

**2. Minutes**

The minutes were agreed to without objection.

**3. Officers' Reports**

Chair

Mr. Alberti noted that the Rock and Roll Marathon would take place on the following Sunday (March 15, 2014).

He announced that Councilmember Vincent Orange, whose committee has jurisdiction over the Department of Consumer and Regulation Affairs (DCRA), will hold a meeting with DCRA and the Ward 6 ANC's to discuss ANC concerns.

He said that at the May 2014 ANC meeting there will be a discussion of the Anacostia River tunnel storm runoff project.

Finally, he said that the Public Charter School Board (PCSB) had announced approval for eight new schools, but has no information on which ones might be located in ANC 6A. The PCSB did not provide the proposed locations which is their customary practice.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Holmes presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported that the opening balance in the checking account was \$14,763.34 and the savings account balance was \$13,717.82. There was a quarterly allotment from the District of \$4,607.82, and an interest payment of \$.21 to the savings account. There were disbursements of \$200.00 to Irene Dworakowski for the February 2014 agenda package (Check #1632); \$23.42 for travel reimbursement for Jay Williams (Check #1636); \$180.00 to Roberta Weiner for transcription of the February 2014 ANC minutes (Check #1639); \$30.00 for a stop check fee for a lost check to WebHST; \$15.00 for a wire transfer fee; and \$169.47 for FedEx Office for February 2014 statement (Check #1634), leaving a balance of \$19,371.16 in the checking account, and \$13,718.03 in the savings account.

**Motion:** Mr. Holmes moved/Mr. Williams seconded a motion to accept the disbursements. The motion passed unanimously'

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

#### 4. Committee Reports

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

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

The Committee met without a quorum. The resolutions below come from the Committee chair.

##### 1427 H Street NE - Halftime Sports Bar

**Motion:** Mr. Williams moved/Mr. Holmes seconded a motion that ANC 6A formally protest the CT license application for the Halftime Sports Bar, 1427 H Street NE, unless a signed Settlement Agreement is submitted to the ANC prior to the protest date. Mr. Williams is given the authority to sign the agreement in behalf of the ANC. The motion passed 5-0-1, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert abstaining.

##### 914 H Street NE - Andy Lee Liquor

**Motion:** Mr. Williams moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion that ANC 6A formally protest the Class A Retailer license application for Andy Lee Liquors, 914 H Street NE, unless a signed Settlement Agreement is submitted to the ANC prior to the protest date. The motion passed 5-0-1, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert abstaining.

##### Modifications to Settlement Agreement

**Motion:** Mr. Williams moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion to accept certain deletions to the standard Settlement Agreement. The motion passed unanimously 5-0-1 with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert abstaining.

##### Ben's Chili Bowl

Mr. Williams reported that ANC 6A had been notified that day that the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board had issued its decision on the ANC's protest of Ben's Chili Bowl's license. The order states that the outdoor areas (rooftop and Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Street sidewalk café) of this new H Street establishment would be required to close at 11:00 pm during the week and at 12:00 am on Friday and Saturday. He thanked Mr. Holmes and Mr. Mahmud for their exceptional efforts in accomplishing the change.

##### XII

It was reported that someone was stabbed at about 2:00 am at XII on a recent Saturday morning. The victim is okay, but the establishment was closed for 96 hours and the ABC Board will hold a Summary Suspension hearing within the next week.

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

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection

**Motion:** Mr. Mahmud moved/Mr. Holmes seconded a motion to name Todd Sloves as co-chair of the Transportation and Public Space Committee. The motion passed without objection.

**Motion:** The committee moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion to accept the Goals of the Committee for 2014. The motion passed without objection.

##### **Economic Development and Zoning**

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

##### 819 D Street NE

**Motion:** The Committee moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion that the ANC accept its recommendation to write a letter to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) in support of design approval for the conversion of the church and two rowhouses at 819 D Street NE into a 30-

unit residential development (HPA 14-180), provided that the developer incorporates HPRB's pending comments into its design prior to its March 27, 2014 hearing.

Mr. Holmes moved that the motion be amended to list the specific points to be modified: 1) no new window cuts are created on the Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) Street or D Street sides of the building; 2) all stained glass is preserved; 3) HVAC units are not visible from the street; 4) any new third levels added onto the row houses are not visible from the street; 5) any roof deck structure or deck furniture on either the row houses or the church building are not visible from the street; and 6) the interior space of the church tower is not visible from the street if the existing louvers are modified. The amendment passed 6-0-0. The motion as amended passed 6-0-0.

**Motion:** Mr. Holmes moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion to include himself and Mr. Dan Golden as designated representatives of the ANC on this matter. The motion as amended passed 6-0-0.

#### 504 12<sup>th</sup> Street NE

**Motion:** The Committee moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation to send a letter to the BZA in support of special exceptions from the lot occupancy and a variance to the court width requirements for 504 12<sup>th</sup> Street NE, in connection with a rear addition to the existing structure (BZA 18755). The motion passed unanimously, 6-0-0.

### **5. New Business**

#### Anacostia River Sediment Project

Dan Smith, of the Anacostia Watershed Society, reported on a study now being undertaken by the District Department of the Environment (DDOE) to investigate contaminants in the river sediments and determine a clean-up plan. Certain documents – a Work Plan for the project, and a Community Involvement Plan – have been released, and the goal of the coalition supporting the study is now urging that a Community Advisory Group (CAG) be appointed, and that plans be finalized by 2017.

**Motion:** Mr. Ward moved/Mr. Williams seconded a motion to send a letter to DDOE and the Mayor urging the appointment of a Community Advisory Group (CAG), and that the clean-up be expedited and be in process by 2017. The motion passed 6-0-0.

#### Sahra

Sahra has applied for a public space permit. They agreed to come to the Transportation and Public Space Committee on March 16, 2014, which means that the issue will not come before the full ANC until after the DDOT Public Space hearing on March 25, 2014. Mr. Williams stated that there should be a letter from the ANC saying that if the owners do not agree to move the Public Space hearing back a month, the Commission will oppose the application based on concerns that the size and location will have a negative effect on the surrounding community.

**Motion:** Mr. Williams moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion to conditionally oppose Sahra's Public Space application unless it agrees to postpone its hearing, and to recommend that the café operate no later than 11:00 pm on weekdays and 12:00 am on Saturday and Sunday and that the total occupancy be limited to 44 patrons. The motion passed 5-1-0 with Ms. Phillips-Gilbert in opposition.

### **6. SMD Reports**

Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert reported that she attended the Bureau of Zoning Authority (BZA) hearing for 1717 E Street NE in her Single Member District (SMD), and spoke with the BZA Chair about the possibility of conducting training for ANC Commissioners. She attended a meeting of the Business Advisory Council of the Eastern High School Health and Medical Academy, and provided them with an ANC 6A grant application. She made phone calls for a broken sign pole, sidewalk repairs and to

request additional trash receptacles at the Rosedale Recreation Center. Finally, she is organizing a Community Watch meeting in April 2014.

Mr. Holmes reported that the signs he requested for Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Street NE and Massachusetts Avenue NE are being installed. He said that 700 Constitution Avenue NE has a new owner. It will be a 143-unit building, and while it is a by-right project there will be historic preservation issues involved. Finally, he said that the zoning rewrite is in deep trouble and may not be going anywhere.

Mr. Mahmud thanked Mr. Holmes and Mr. Williams again for their work on Ben's Chili Bowl and reported that bike lanes are on tap for G and I Streets NE and they will be striped as soon as it gets warm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.