

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
March 12, 2015**

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

The meeting was convened at 7:00 pm.

1. The minutes for the February 2015 meeting of the ANC and the agenda for the March 2015 meeting were approved without objection or changes.

2. Community Presentations

MPD First District Commander Jeff Brown

First District Commander Jeff Brown reported that in PSA 104 there was a seven percent (7%) decrease in crime overall. However, he also reported that there was an increase in robberies, with sixteen (16) robberies reported in the past month. He said that they have made an arrest in the some of those cases, many of which appear to be connected. He stated that there are additional bike patrols in the neighborhood and committed to maintaining them until the rise in robberies decreases.

Monument Academy/Community College Preparatory Academy

Marlene Magrino, Principal, and Emily Bloomfield (emily.bloomfield@monumentacademydc.org, 202/770-6361), CEO, Monument Academy; and Connie Spinner (connie@ccprep-academy.org), Executive Director, Community College Preparatory Academy presented information on the two (2) charter schools that will be taking over the Gibbs School building.

Monument Academy will be a weekday boarding school with forty (40) students at each level from fifth (5th) through eighth (8th) grade. They will begin with fifth (5th) grade in September 2015, and add a grade each of the following three years. Community College (CC) Prep will serve adult learners and provide free education and tech training for DC residents with preparation for today's workplace demands. CC Prep will have one classroom and a computer lab, with a separate entrance. It will be open from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm.

2. Officers Reports

Mr. Toomajian reported on the tentative state of the H Street streetcar in the Mayor's budget for this year, and said that it was important to complete it with "first and goal" left to go. He also mentioned the upcoming Rock and Roll Marathon.

Mr. Mahmud reported that the C Street project seems to be coming back, and he has been contacted by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) about the hotspot identification team.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Zimny presented the February 2015 Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$15,366.54 and the savings account balance was \$13,720.10. There was an interest deposit of \$0.22 to the savings account. There were disbursements of \$200.00 to Irene Dworakowski for the January 2015 agenda package (Check #1691);

\$202.50 to FedEx Office for the February 1, 2015 invoice (Check #1692); \$200.00 to Roberta Weiner for transcription of the February 2015 minutes (Check #1693); \$43.25 to Dana Wycoff for COC materials (Check #1694); and \$25.37 to Phil Toomajian for reimbursement for ANC financial training expenses (Check #1695), leaving a balance of \$14,695.52 in the checking account, and \$13,720.32 in the savings account. The report was accepted without objection.

Motion: Ms. Zimny moved/Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion to accept the First (1st) Quarter Quarterly Report. The motion passed without objection.

3. 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 Committee did not meet in February 2015. Its next meeting is March 17, 2015.

Transportation and Public Space

The Committee did not meet in February 2015. Its next meeting is March 16, 2015.

Economic Development and Zoning

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

1102 Park Street NE

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the full ANC accept the committee's recommendation to send a letter to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) in support of the proposed design for 1102 Park Street NE. The motion was unanimously approved (8-0).

4. New Business

Surplus Buildings

Motion: Mr. Toomajian moved/Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion that the ANC send a letter to Jennifer Niles, Deputy Mayor for Education and Acting Director Jonathan Kane, of the Department of General Services, urging increased transparency and community consultation in the process for deeming city buildings surplus and releasing them or use by charter schools. The motion passed 7-0-1, with Mr. Mahmud not participating in the vote or the discussion.

Completion of H Street Streetcar

Motion: Mr. Mahmud moved/Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion to send a letter to Mayor Bowser urging her continued commitment to completion of the H Street Streetcar and its extension both east and west through the District. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Proposed Zoning Map Amendment

Mr. Calvin Ward shared a letter he sent in support of a zoning map amendment that would rezone the northwestern portion of Square 1070 from C-2-A (commercial) to R-4 (residential).

5. Single Member District (SMD) Reports

Ms. Zimny reported that more than thirty (30) people attended a recent public safety meeting and she complimented the job the police are doing in her neighborhood. She also

said she is opening lines of communication with the people at Options Charter School, and there will be a spring event so that people at the school and in the neighborhood can get to know one another.

Mr. Malone said he is encouraging people to call the police when something happens and also make use of the rodent control line.

Mr. Mahmud said he is concerned about the abandoned properties on Florida Avenue NE and that the issue can get the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) and property owners involved together. He also mentioned his monthly SMD meeting, held at 6:15 pm on the third (3rd) Monday of the month, prior to the Transportation and Public Space Committee meeting at Capitol Hill Towers.

Mr. Toomajian reported that DDOT is installing school zone signs at School-within-School@Goding and Ludlow-Taylor elementary schools. He said he met recently with DDOT regarding Maryland Avenue NE traffic calming and that DDOT would install a traffic light at Tenth (10th) and Maryland Avenue NE this summer.

Mr. Calvin Ward reported that the Zoning Commission would be meeting the week following this ANC meeting to discuss the map amendment discussed earlier in the meeting. He said he had met with Councilmember Charles Allen about the issue. He also expressed concern about speed bumps in his SMD.

Mr. Chris Ward said that daytime robberies of packages left for residents is becoming a problem in his SMD.

Mr. Levy said there were about thirty (30) people at his SMD meeting. Problems they raised included problems with snow and garbage pick-up; sidewalks and alleys are also important. He said they are planning a July 4th party, but mentioned that the fireworks in Lincoln Park scare dogs and children.

Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert said she has been attending many meetings in her community: Kramer Street Redevelopment and the Monument Academy Public Charter School. There has been an increase in crimes in the neighborhood. She said she is organizing a community clean-up, and plans to have quarterly SMD informational meetings with agency representatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.