

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
March 10, 2016**

Present: Commissioners Phil Toomajian (Chair), Matt Levy, Patrick Malone, Sondra-Phillips-Gilbert, Mike Soderman, Calvin Ward, and Stephanie Zimny

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

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

Community Presentations

Charles Allen DC Councilmember for Ward 6

Councilmember Allen spoke about his “Books from Birth” initiative, which is being implemented by DC Public Libraries. Approximately 7,000 children have been enrolled in the program so far and over fifty percent (50%) are from the targeted outreach areas of the city. He remarked on the Private Security Camera Incentive Program Emergency Act of 2015. Councilmember Allen emphasized his commitment to enhancing public safety for city residents. He has communicated with the appropriate city officials regarding improving the city’s 911 emergency response operations, and is committed to working with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to increase the number of officers assigned to the community.

Mr. Allen also spoke of the recent commencement of the DC Streetcar operations and indicated that he is interested in having the streetcars run on a seven (7) day schedule soon. The expansion of streetcar operations is still in the planning and proposed infrastructure redesign stages.

Mr. Allen advised that the FY 2016-17 Budget will be released at the end of March and will be voted on in May 2016. Mr. Allen noted that the DC Council has scheduled a public hearing regarding the Mayor’s Homeward DC Plan, which includes the proposal to build a fifty (50) unit shelter in southwest (SW) DC to serve as temporary housing, on Thursday, March 17, 2016. Finally, Mr. Allen indicated that he will meet with members of the community to discuss the proposed budget on Thursday, April 21, 2016, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Department of Human Services (DHS) Service Center located at 645 H Street NE.

Mr. Allen took questions from members of the Commission and the public. Of great concern to many was the implementation of the Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results (NEAR) Amendment Act of 2016. The NEAR Act proposes to provide services such as job training and mentorship, to individuals at high risk for re-offending. In particular, there were concerns about a provision that would allow for a stipend to be paid to these individuals in addition to the other services offered. Mr. Allen stated that at present, there has been no funding allocated for this program. Mr. Allen then discussed briefly some provisions of note included in the Public Safety and Criminal Code Revisions Amendment Act of 2015. One provision of note pertained to the issuance of warrants for the apprehension of individuals fitted with electronic monitoring devices which have been disabled. Once apprehended, these individuals can be detained for up to seventy-two (72) hours. Additionally, the above-referenced legislation contained provisions allowing funding for the re-hiring of retired Metropolitan

Police Department (MPD) officers and for the retention of current MPD officers nearing retirement.

Commissioner Patrick Malone asked about a provision that would allow police officers discretionary powers to conduct warrantless searches in the homes of individuals on parole probation, or supervised release. Mr. Allen indicated that there was no testimony in support of this proposal when hearings were held on the matter.

Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert and Chairman Phil Toomajian relayed concerns that receiving responses from agency heads, including the Zoning Administrator, in response to communications from the ANC Commissioners is an ongoing problem. Mr. Allen indicated that he would follow up on this matter.

Commissioner Stephanie Zimny spoke about her efforts to have a language immersion program initiated at the Miner Elementary School.

Commissioner Matt Levy expressed his concerns about the lack of clarity in the Mayor's proposed Homeward DC Plan, and his reservations about how this plan would be implemented. Mr. Allen indicated that he had he had put forth suggestions on how the plan could be improved including putting more emphasis on prevention efforts.

A community member requested information on the Residential Parking Permit (RPP) issue. Mr. Allen indicated that the new guidelines had yet to be issued but were expected to be released in the near future.

A community member requested information on the status of the paid family leave bill for DC residents. Mr. Allen advised that there had been three hearings on the matter but no final action has yet been taken. He further indicated that that chances for passage look promising.

Officer Reports

Chairman Toomajian advised that five (5) of six (6) streetcars are running and have been well-used thus far, that Metropolitan Police Department Fifth (5th) District Commander William Fitzgerald will attend the ANC's April 14, 2016 meeting when the ANC will also hear an update on the H Street Connection Redevelopment Project. Chairman Toomajian also announced an RFK Campus Redevelopment Project Community Meeting will take place on Monday, April 4, 2016, from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place NW. Chairman Toomajian mentioned that the new Ward 6 Outreach Service Specialists from Mayor Bowser's office are Rachel Mariman, and Edward Doxen. Mr. Seth Shapiro and Mr. Frank Maduro, the former Ward 6 Outreach Service Specialists from Mayor Bowser's office, have been appointed to new posts at the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the Department of General Services (DGS), respectively.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Stephanie Zimny presented the first (1st) Quarter Report. The First (1st) Quarter Report was accepted without objection. Ms. Zimny then delivered the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$11,357.03, with a forwarding balance of \$17,584.96. There were disbursements of \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1733) for agenda/web master services; \$200.00 for February 2016 minutes; (Check 1734); \$120.00 (Check 1735) to FedEx; \$348.00 for payment for PO Box Fee; (Check 1736); \$27.42 taxi face receipts for ABL co-chair Jay Williams (ABL Committee) (Check 1737), leaving a balance of

\$16,453.63, 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 February 2016 Committee Report was approved without objection.

Motion: The Committee moved and Chairman Toomajian seconded a motion that ANC 6A approve the grant application from the Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School PTO. The motion passed (6-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, April 25, 2016 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

The ABL did not meet in February 2016.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, March 21, 2016 (3rd Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space Committee (TPS)

The February 2016 TPS Committee Report was approved without objection

Motion: The Committee moved and Chairman Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC send a letter to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) requesting the installation of a new Capital Bikeshare station at Eighth (8th) and H Streets NE. The Motion passed (7-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, April 18, 2016 (4th Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

The February 2016 EDZ Committee report was accepted without objection.

Motion: The Committee moved and Commissioner Mike Soderman seconded a motion that the ANC write a letter of support to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for the proposed design at 1120 Park Street NE. The motion passed (7-0).

Motion: The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded a motion that the ANC write a letter of support to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for the request for a minor modification pursuant to 11 DCMR Section 3104.1 and 3103.2, for a special exception under section 223, not meeting the lot occupancy requirements (section 403), a variance from the parking space dimensions requirement under section 2115.1, and a variance from the garage setback requirement under section 2300.2 (b), to allow a detached garage addition serving a one (1) family dwelling at 1120 Park Street NE. The motion passed (7-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, March 16, 2016 (3rd Wednesday).

Single Member District Reports

Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) advised of a meeting with Valor Development on March 15, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the Trinidad Baptist Church, 1611 Benning Road, NE, regarding the proposed development of the church site.

Commissioner Soderman (6A03) mentioned a meeting with a representative from Councilmember Allen's office regarding an abandoned property in his district. Mr. Soderman also spoke of a respected and valued member of his community, Mr. William Outlaw, who recently celebrated his 89th birthday.

Commissioner Levy (6A04) reported on efforts for a traffic calming request regarding the area between Twelfth (12th) and Fifteenth (15th) blocks of C Street NE.

Commissioner Zimny (6A06) spoke of assisting community members in installing security cameras, scheduling a proposed alley clean up in her district, and scheduling a community meeting sometime in April 2016.

Commissioner Ward (6A08) advised that the request for the installation of speed bumps on the 400 block of Nineteenth (19th) Street NE between D and E Streets NE, has been approved. He also mentioned an ongoing issue with loitering near Eighteenth (18th) and D Streets NE.

Community Comments

Mr. Franklin Garcia, U.S. Representative, District of Columbia (Shadow) provided information about ongoing efforts for DC Statehood. Further information can be obtained at [franklin.garcia\(at\)dc.gov](mailto:franklin.garcia(at)dc.gov).

Mr. Thomas Gore, Recruitment/Retention Coordinator, Community College Preparatory Academy (CCPA), spoke briefly about the CCPA Satellite Campus at the Gibbs School, 500 Nineteenth (19th) Street NE. Classes are free for adult DC residents, and offers assistance with GED Preparation, College Readiness, Workforce Readiness, and Information Technology Certification, among other offerings. Interested members of the community can call the CCPA at 202-759-1910.

A resident shared about the DC Public School's (DCPS) opening of the Empowering Males High School (EMHS) School which will open August 2016 at the former Ron Brown Middle School, 4800 Meade Street NE. This school will offer a city-wide college preparatory program. Further information can be obtained by calling 202-719-6613 or at [EMHS\(at\)dc.gov](mailto:EMHS(at)dc.gov)

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm