

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
April 9, 2015**

Present: Commissioners Matt Levy, J. Omar Mahmud, 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 ANC's March 2015 meeting and the agenda for the April 2015 meeting were approved without objection or changes.

2. Community Presentations

Kramer Street Development

Representatives of Comstock, one of the bidding developers for the 1600 block of Kramer Street DCHD project, made a presentation to the Commission. Comstock proposes a mix of townhouses and apartments, with nine apartments of affordable housing six (6) units at eighty percent (80%) of the Metropolitan Area Median Income (AMI) and three (3) at fifty percent (50%) AMI. They promise various community benefits, including parking spaces behind the building, extra landscaping, jobs and apprenticeship programs, a green building, and other amenities.

Mayor Muriel Bowser

Mayor Muriel Bowser presented a report on her priorities for Ward 6 and answered questions from the Commission and residents. Mayor Bowser brought the City Administrator, Deputy Mayor for Education and Director of Transportation with her. The Mayor was thanked for her commitment to complete the H Street-Benning Road streetcar line with passenger service soon and extensions to the east and west before long. She also spoke about affordable housing throughout the ward addressed issues with the schools modernization budgets, including ones that were cut for ANC6A schools Eliot-Hine Middle School and School-within-School (SWS) @ Goding. The Mayor agreed to do a walk through at Eliot-Hine and said some of the conditions there would be addressed promptly regardless of the timing of its overall modernization. She was also encouraged to move forward with the Maryland Avenue Pedestrian Safety project and said she would ask the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to see what it could do to expedite delivery. She was also asked about alley repair and the need to repair the Linden Court alley promptly and she was encouraged to bring the Department of Public Works (DPW) to the table to participate in the ANC's ongoing alley project that Commissioner Mahmud has spearheaded. Finally, she was asked about the use of Sherwood Recreation Center as a shelter and she said that she did not want recreation centers being used that way.

3. Officers Reports

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Zimny presented the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$15,366.54 and the savings account balance was \$14,695.52. There was an interest deposit of \$0.21 to the savings account. There were disbursements of \$342.00 for Post Office box (Check #1696); \$254.95 to FedEx Office for the March 1, 2015 invoice (Check #1697); \$200.00 to Roberta Weiner for transcription of the March 2015 minutes

(Check #1698); \$200.00 to Irene Dworakowski for the February 2015 agenda package (Check #1699); leaving a balance of \$13,720.76 in the checking account, and \$13,720.70 in the savings account. The report was accepted without objection.

4. Committee Reports

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

Motion: The Committee moved/Ms. Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion that the Commission approve the Mission Statement of the Community Outreach Committee: as written: “The Mission of the ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) is to improve communication and engagement between the ANC 6A Commission and residents to help strengthen our community; provide information about government and community resources and events; and administer the Grant Program through which the Commission supports non-profit initiatives that benefit residents in our ANC. The COC will develop an outreach and communications strategy to inform residents about ANC meetings, community events and programs; promote participation in the ANC 6A Grant Program and manage and monitor applications and funded grants; facilitate community engagement and activities; and suggests updates to the ANC web pages listing government and community resources and events.” The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Alcohol Beverage Licensing

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the full ANC protest the license renewal of Touché (1123 H Street NE) unless the establishment agrees to the ANC’s standard settlement agreement, to include the following provisions 1)the rooftop deck will close at 11:00 pm on weeknights and 12:00 am on weekends; 2) the rooftop capacity will be no more than fifty (50) individuals, seated; 3) the settlement agreement include the ANC’s standard language regarding noise mitigation; 4) no music of any kind allowed on the rooftop deck; and 5) the establishment will not turn over its operations to third party promoters. The ANC Chair and ABL Chair are authorized to represent the ANC in this matter. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

The Commission also accepted the resignation of former Commissioner Adam Healy from the ABL Committee and voted unanimously to thank him for his service to the Community.

Transportation and Public Space

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Levy seconded a motion to send a letter to DDOT asking them to review the intersection of Fifteenth (15th) Street and A Street NE for resolution of safety issues, including possible conversion of the current two-way stop to a four way stop, restriping of lanes, realigning of bike lanes, a sign saying that cross-traffic does not stop, and any other methods that DDOT deems appropriate. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Chris Ward seconded a motion that the ANC send a letter of support to DDOT for residents of the 1200 block of Florida Avenue (south side) to receive Residential Parking Permits (RPPs). The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Motion: Mr. Mahmud moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the full ANC adopt the 2015 goals for the Transportation and Public Space Committee. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Economic Development and Zoning

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

Air BnB Rentals

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC send a letter to DCRA to request guidance that can be provided to the community regarding DCRA's policies with respect to Air BnB rentals. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

1600 Block of Kramer Street NE

Motion: The Committee moved/Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion that the ANC write letters to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) expressing support for the Manna, Incorporated and Mi Casa, Incorporated proposals for the redevelopment of the 1600 block of Kramer Street NE and withholding support for the Neighborhood Development Company's proposal for the redevelopment of the 1600 block of Kramer Street NE, but 1) expressing appreciation for its engagement with the community and 2) stating the ANC's preference that, if DHCD picks the Neighborhood Development Company that it adopt the Neighborhood Development Company's proposal for twelve (12) units in lieu of its preferred twenty-two (22) unit proposal. Mrs. Philips Gilbert proposed an amendment that Mr. Toomajian seconded to also send a letter expressing appreciation for Comstock's engagement, but withholding support from its proposal. The motion and amendment passed unanimously, 7-0.

224 9th Street NE

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC send a letter to the Bureau of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) in support of the special exception from the court width requirements in connection with the proposed rear addition to 224 Ninth (9th) Street NE (BZA Case No. 18988) on the condition that the owner of the adjoining property at 226 Ninth (9th) Street NE support the requested relief. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0,

5. **New Business** (Commissioner Mahmud left the meeting and did not participate in the new business items in light of his policy that he does not participate in ANC items that relate to public education)

Zoning Relief for Monument School

Motion: Mr. Toomajian moved/Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion that the ANC send a letter to the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) regarding the necessity for zoning relief in connection with the establishment of a boarding charter school at the former Gibbs Elementary School. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Reinstating School Modernization Funding

Motion: Mr. Toomajian moved/Mr. Calvin Ward seconded a motion for the ANC to send a letter to Councilmember David Grosso, Chair of the DC Council Education Committee, in support of reinstating school modernization funding for Eliot Hine Middle School. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

Motion: Mr. Toomajian moved/Ms. Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion for the ANC to send a letter to Councilmember David Grosso, Chair of the DC Council Education Committee, in support of reinstating school modernization funding for School-Within-School (SWS) @ Goding. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.