

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A  
Minutes  
Miner Elementary School  
May 14, 2015**

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

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

The minutes for the ANC April 2015 meeting and the agenda for the May 2015 meeting were approved without changes or objection.

**Community Presentations**

Capitol Riverside Youth Sports Park (CRYSP)

Bob Coomber and Ziad Demian gave a brief presentation outlining a proposal to develop the parking lot located by the Anacostia River around RFK Stadium, and the Whitney Young Memorial Bridge into a community green space and park for youth sports. More detailed information on the CRYSP project can be obtained through its website: [capitolriverside.org](http://capitolriverside.org). Messrs. Coomber and Demian requested a letter of support from the Commission. After discussion, a motion was made (Levy/Toomajian second) to send a letter from the Commission endorsing this project. The Commission approved the motion (8-0).

DC Office of the Attorney General (OAG)

Argie Weatherington of the DC OAG made remarks regarding OAG budget matters and initiatives. Members of the community can contact representatives of the OAG regarding matters under the purview of the OAG, specifically consumer protection, community outreach nuisance properties and juvenile justice. Ms. Weatherington's office can be reached at: 202-724-5487 or 202-727-6338.

Casey Trees

Maisie Hughes of Casey Trees spoke briefly about the ongoing activities of Casey Trees in the community. Ms. Hughes mentioned that Ward 6 has the lowest tree canopy in DC. Casey Trees works in conjunction with DC agencies, primarily with the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) Urban Forestry Administration, to promote tree plantings and other green space projects. Ms. Hughes invited community members to attend a dinner and panel presentation on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I Street, SW.

DC Streetcar Commission

Malia Salaam of the DC Streetcar team made brief remarks. She emphasized the District's commitment to the completion of this project. There are ongoing studies to obtain a more comprehensive picture of both motorist and pedestrian behaviors in an effort to mitigate outstanding safety issues.

Representatives from Mayor Bowser's Office

Mr. Seth Shapiro and Mr. Frank Maduro, the Mayor's Ward 6 Outreach Service Specialists, updated the Commission on the following items that were discussed with Mayor Bowser last month:

Chairman Toomajian provided an update on the timeline for the Maryland Avenue Pedestrian Safety project and stated that the traffic light on Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) and Maryland Avenue NE should be up and operational before the beginning of the new school year.

**Winter Shelter of the Sherwood Recreation Center:** The Mayor's office will work with the Interagency Council on Homelessness to better manage this program and to solicit more community involvement before the 2015-2016 implementation process takes place. Chairman Toomajian requested information on to whom a written communication should be directed, and Mr. Shapiro advised that he would provide the appropriate contact information.

**Alley Maintenance, including Linden Court and Linden Place NE** A full rebuild is scheduled for Linden Court beginning on May 26, 2015. Commissioner Mahmud asked for Department of Public Works (DPW) presence at Transportation & Public Space Committee meetings and strongly urged that there be coordination between city agencies involved in alley maintenance. Mr. Maduro requested that Commissioner Mahmud follow up with him.

**Eliot-Hine Middle School:** Mr. Maduro advised approximately seventy-five (75) issues were identified after Mayor Bowser's walk through of Eliot-Hine Middle School, and that all but approximately five (5) of the issues have been addressed.

#### **Officers Reports**

Chairman Toomajian announced that a request for proposals have been issued for the old Miner Elementary School to designate it as a charter school. This proposal is a direct contradiction to the recommendations made by the ANC and the community. The ANC will press for a continuing public role in the process.

Chairman Toomajian advised that Councilman Charles Allen would hold community office hours on Wednesday May 20, 2015, at 5:30 pm at Smith Commons, 1245 H Street NE.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Zimny presented the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$14,695.52, and the savings account balance was \$13,720.77. There were disbursements of \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check #1702) -- \$250.00 for agenda/web master services and \$200.00 for April 2015 agenda package; \$196.00 to FedEx office (April 2015 statement) (Check # 1703); leaving a balance of \$13,899.52 in the checking account and \$13,720.77 in the savings account. The report was accepted without objection.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Community Outreach Committee (COC)**

The Community Outreach Report was accepted without objection.

##### **Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee (ABL)**

The ABL report was accepted without objection.

A motion (Toomajian/Levy second) was made that the ANC file a protest of the license renewal for Andy Lee Liquor Inc., t/a New H Wine and Spirits at 914 H St NE and authorize the Chair and ABL Co-Chairs to represent it unless the ABL recommends otherwise at its next meeting. The motion was approved by the Commission (8-0).

A motion (Mahmud/Levy second) was made that the ANC file a protest of the license renewal for Kartik, Inc., t/a New York Liquors at 1447 Maryland Ave NE and authorize the Chair and

ABL Co-Chairs to represent it unless the ABL recommends otherwise at its next meeting. The motion was approved by the Commission (8-0).

Request by Nomad Hookah Lounge at 1200 H Street NE (License Number ABBRA-087558) to extend public space patio hours and/or to remove the provision in its amended settlement agreement setting last call at least one half hour before closing time of the patio. No action was taken by the Commission.

License renewal for 18<sup>th</sup> & D Liquors, Inc., t/a Master Liquors at 1806 D Street NE (Class "A" Retail) License Number ABRA-074594). A motion (Toomajian/Calvin Ward second) was made to permit license renewal. The motion was approved by the Commission (8-0).

License renewal for 7 River, LLC t/a 7River Mart at 250 Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Street NE (Class "A" Retail) (License Number ABRA-089591) No action was taken by the Commission.

License renewal for Jumbo Liquors at 1122 H Street NE (Class "A" Retail) License Number ABRA 000420). Chairman Toomajian relayed concerns heard about activity around Jumbo Liquors. Commissioner Mahmud indicated that a new settlement agreement may be in order for this establishment as there has been no update to the settlement agreement since 1999. A motion was made (Mahmud/Malone second) that the ANC file a protest of the license renewal for Jumbo Liquors and authorize the Chair and ABL Co-Chairs to represent it. The motion was approved by the Commission (8-0).

License renewal for Myongwoo Inc. t/a/ Grand Liquors at 409 Fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) Street NE (Class "A" Retail) (License Number ABRA-089508). No action was taken by the Commission.

A motion was made (Toomajian/Mahmud second) to add Mr. Justin Rzepka as a member to the ABL. The motion was approved by the Commission (8-0).

#### **Transportation and Public Space Committee (TPS)**

The TPS Committee report was accepted without objection.

#### Proposed new sign regulations

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Mr. Chris Ward seconded a motion that the ANC send a letter to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) requesting changes to the proposed new sign regulations. The motion was approved by the Commission (8-0).

#### Linden Court alley rebuilding

The Commission discussed the fact that DDOT has agreed to rebuild the Linden Court alley with bricks in the coming weeks and determined that it was not necessary to send a letter requesting that it be moved to the top of the ANC alley repair list.

#### Wylie Community Garden

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion to send a letter of support for preserving Wylie Garden to Kenneth Brewer, President of H Street Community Development Corporation. The motion was approved by the Commission (8-0).

### Resident Only Parking

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion to send a letter to DDOT requesting clarification and issuance of the rules for resident only parking. The motion was approved by the Commission (8-0).

In the interest of allowing ample time for consideration, the Commission proceeded to complete the matters pending from the Economic Development and Zoning Committee and then returned to DDOT's proposed rulemaking.

### New DDOT rulemaking regarding Pocket Parks

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Mr. Malone seconded a motion to send a letter in support of DDOT's regulations but requesting a modification of the definition of "triangle park" to eliminate ambiguity and asking that DDOT attach a list of triangle parks to the regulations, also to eliminate ambiguity.

**Amendment:** Mr. Levy moved and Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion to submit a substitute letter previously circulated by to the ANC by Commissioner Levy.

Chairman Toomajian allowed time for public comment.  
(Commissioner Malone left the meeting prior to the vote).  
The motion to amend by substituting the Levy letter failed (2-5).

The original motion to send the letter supporting the regulations, but requesting a modification of the definition to eliminate ambiguity was then approved (4-2).

### Economic Development and Zoning

The ED&Z Committee report was accepted without objection.

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Mr. Chris Ward seconded a motion to send a letter to HPRB in support of the proposed design of the two-story rear addition at 224 Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) Street NE. The motion was approved by the Commission (8-0).

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion to send a letter to BZA in support of the special exceptions from the lot occupancy requirements under § 403 and the rear yard requirements under § 404 to allow construction of a two-level deck at 451 Tennessee Avenue NE (BZA Case Number 19012). The motion was approved by the Commission (8-0).

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion to send a letter to BZA in support of the special exception from the rear yard requirements under Section 404 to allow construction of a two-story addition at 242 Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Street NE (BZA Case Number 19001). The motion was approved by the Commission (8-0).

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion to send a letter to the Zoning Administrator seeking clarification regarding the basis upon which he has permitted the by-right use of a portion of Lot 810 at 20 Fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) Street NE for four (4) car-sharing spaces. The motion was approved the Commission (8-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 pm.