

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A  
Minutes  
Miner Elementary School  
May 12, 2016**

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

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

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

**Community Presentations**

Ms. Courtney Snowden, Deputy Mayor for Greater Economic Opportunity

Ms. Snowden gave a brief overview of the Mayor's budget proposal. Ms. Snowden also gave information on enhancements to the city's workforce development programs including increased outreach and access to city services to individuals seeking employment, and/or employment training and related services. Ms. Snowden spoke of the Mayor's goal to promote economic opportunity and growth to the more economically distressed sectors of the city. Programs of note to advance the Mayor's initiatives through the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Greater Economic Opportunity (DMGEO) are: Project 500, Summer Youth Employment Program, and the Aspire to Entrepreneurship Pilot Project. Detailed information about above-referenced can be obtained through the DMGEO website at: [dmgeo.dc.gov](http://dmgeo.dc.gov).

Ms. Rebecca Snyder, Mr. Trent Smith, and Mr. Richard Hausler, CEO, Insight Property Group

The above-named representatives of the Insight Property Group discussed with the Commissioners their proposal to submit a request to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) allowing permission for a change in designation for twenty-nine (29) of thirty-three (33) units planned for the site at 1300 H Street NE from high-end residential to affordable housing. Insight Property Group asked that ANC 6A send a letter to the BZA in support of this proposal.

**Motion:** Chairman Phil Toomajian moved and Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to the DCHD in behalf of the Insight Property Group's application to support affordable housing to be developed at the 1300 H Street NE site pending further community discussion of and support for the concept at the May 18, 2016 Economic Development and Zoning Committee meeting. The motion passed (8-0).

**Officer Reports**

Mr. Toomajian mentioned the Sherwood Neighborhood Volunteers Spring Cleanup to take place on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at the Sherwood Recreation Center, 640 Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Street NE. Mention was also made of the upcoming Benning Road and Georgetown Streetcar Extension and Environmental Assessment (EA) public hearings. Public comment on this on this project will be accepted through June 2, 2016, at: [info@benningproject.com](mailto:info@benningproject.com).

Vice Chairman Mahmud indicated general maintenance work has begun on the C Street NE project but that major construction on this project is not scheduled to begin until 2018.

**Treasurer's Report.** Commissioner Stephanie Zimny presented the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Quarter Report. The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Quarter Report was accepted without objection. Commissioner

Zimny then delivered the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$13,600.38, with a forwarding balance of \$7,327.45. There were disbursements of \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1744) for agenda/web master services; \$200.00 for April 2016 minutes; (Check 1745); \$159.50 to FedEx; (Check 1746) \$10.56 Travel for Jay Williams (ABL Committee); (Check 1748), \$45.00 for domain name renewal (Check 1749), leaving a balance of \$12,735.32, in the checking account and \$13,721.71, including a \$.024 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)**

No report. The COC Committee did not meet in April 2016.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 23, 2016 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday).

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

The April 2016 ABL Committee Report was accepted without objection.

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Commissioner Mahmud seconded a motion that the ANC protest the license renewal of Ben's Chili Bowl (1001 H Street NE) unless a Settlement Agreement is approved prior to the protest hearing date, and authorize Jay Williams, Christopher Seagle, and Phil Toomajian to represent the ANC in this matter. The motion passed (8-0).

**Motion:** Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Mahmud seconded a motion that the ANC protest the request for a substantial change in the license of Sol Mexican Grill (1251 H Street NE) for an increase in occupancy from 60 to 155, increase weeknight closing time from 11:00 am to 2:00 am, increase weekend closing time from 2:00 am to 3:00 am, add entertainment weeknights from 6:00 pm to 1:00 am (previously none), and extend entertainment hours on weekends from 1:00 am to 2:00 am, unless an agreement with the ANC is reached regarding trash management prior to the protest date, and authorize Jay Williams, Christopher Seagle, and Phil Toomajian to represent the ANC in this matter. The motion passed (8-0).

**Motion:** Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Levy seconded a motion that the ANC authorize a protest of the license renewal of the following establishments if the ABL Committee recommends a protest at its May 17, 2016 meeting, and authorize Jay Williams, Christopher Seagle, and Phil Toomajian to represent the ANC in these matters:

- Atlas Performing Arts Center at 1333 H Street NE
- Granville Moore's at 1238 H Street NE?
- Imm on H at 1360 H Street NE
- Maketto at 1351 H Street NE
- Redrocks at 1348 H Street NE
- Sally's Middle Name at 1320 H Street NE
- H & Pizza at 1118 H Street NE
- Smith Commons at 1245 H Street NE

The motion passed (8-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 17, 2016 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)

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

The TPS Committee Report was accepted without objection.

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Chairman Toomajian seconded a motion that ANC 6A send a letter to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Public Space Committee expressing conditional support for BAB Korean Fusion's (1387 H Street NE) application for a sidewalk café permit. Conditions agreed to with the owner are as follows:

- a. Owner agrees to follow hours and terms of sidewalk café operation stipulated in ANC 6A's Standard Voluntary Agreement (SA), including closing at 11:00 pm Sunday through Thursday and 12:00 am Friday and Saturday. This agreement includes no music on the sidewalk café; and only food and drink service;
- b. Food will be plated; it will not be light-weight paper or plastic that is prone to litter the area;
- c. Attractive fencing consistent with DDOT requirements and other sidewalk cafes on H Street, with a preference for fencing that contains trash in the sidewalk café area by having bars that go down to the ground;
- d. Owners agree to move chairs and tables to the side and lock them up when not in use;
- e. Regularly maintain any adjacent tree boxes and keep all areas in the front of the business and sidewalk café area clean, including the adjacent sidewalk and street gutter; and
- f. Ensure the sidewalk café allows for an adjacent sidewalk that maintains a consistent width with the sidewalk on the rest of the block.

The motion passed (7-0).

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded a motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT in support of the petition for residential permit parking by residents of the 1000 block of Tenth (10th) Street. The motion passed (8-0).

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting an assessment of pedestrian safety issues and traffic flow at the intersection of Eighteenth (18th) Street NE and Benning Road NE, and possible remedies. The motion passed (8-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 16, 2016 (3rd Monday)

### **Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)**

The April 2016 EDZ Committee report was accepted without objection.

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Commissioner Malone seconded a motion that the ANC write a letter to the BZA in support of the requested special exceptions at 920-922 H Street NE (BZA 19250) based on the revised design with the following restrictions: a. continuation of exterior façade materials along the side of the building; b. residential parking restrictions; c. complete shadow study prior to ANC meeting to prove that there is no adverse effect on neighboring sites; d. the developer provide a transit subsidy; e. seek alternative parking options for residents; and f. reach out to neighbors. The motion passed (8-0).

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded a motion that the ANC write a letter to the BZA in support of the relief requested at 1234 Duncan Place, NE (BZA 19276) on the conditions that the design be changed to extend brick to the sides of the

addition for all areas visible from the street, and that a site-line report be given to the Committee before it goes to the full ANC. The motion passed (8-0).

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Commissioner Mahmud seconded a motion that the ANC write a letter to the BZA in support of the requested relief at 1018 Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) Street NE (BZA 19265) on the condition that the design use stucco or stucco paneling on all visible side to match the design of the existing structure. The motion passed (8-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 18, 2016 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday).

#### **New Business:**

Chairman Toomajian advised of Councilmember Charles Allen's legislation proposing that a sign language interpreter be present at ANC Commission meetings and/or ANC Commission subcommittee meetings, upon request.

**Motion:** Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Levy seconded a motion that ANC 6A send a letter to the DC Council in support of Councilmember Allen's legislation. The motion passed (8-0).

#### **Single Member District Reports**

Commissioner Patrick Malone (ANC6A05) spoke about alley cleaning efforts.

Commissioner Matt Levy (ANC6A04) gave a brief overview of the status of the Maury Elementary modernization status.

Commissioner Phillips Gilbert (ANC6A07) noted efforts to work with the Safer Stronger DC Community Partnership; that Congresswoman Norton recently held a community forum in Rosedale; that DDOT would host a meeting later this month regarding the Seventeenth (17<sup>th</sup>) Street, NE Redesign Project; and that the Rosedale Summer Olympics event would be held on June 25, 2016.

Vice Chairman Mahmud (ANC6A01) mentioned that community residents should be vigilant in reporting suspicious activity with regard to community complaints about the pilfering of delivered packages from neighborhood residences.

Commissioner Zimny (ANC6A06) indicated that three (3) alleys were cleared in her district. There has been historic preservation interest in the old Miner Elementary School. There will be a meeting of concerned parents with DC Department of Health later this month to discuss whether lead abatement action is indicated for the Miner Elementary School. Miner Elementary School is losing the current principal.

Commissioner Soderman (ANC6A03) spoke about the responsiveness of Rachel Mariman, one of two Ward 6 Outreach Specialists appointed by the mayor's office.

Commissioner Ward (ANC608) indicated that community residents continue to express concern about street activity at Eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) and D Streets NE.

**Community Comments**

The proprietor of Masters Liquors advised that he was aware of community concerns regarding activity near his place of business, and indicated that he would be following-up with Commissioner Calvin Ward and MPD in an effort to address the stated concerns.

Rachel Mariman, Ward 6 Outreach Specialist, mentioned the Mayor's efforts for DC Statehood. Detailed information can be found at: [DC@statehood.dc.gov](mailto:DC@statehood.dc.gov).

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.