

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A  
Minutes  
Miner Elementary School  
June 9, 2016**

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

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

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

**Community Presentations**

Ms. Karima Holmes, Director Office of Unified Communications (OUC)

Ms. Holmes spoke about the recently implemented initiatives and improvements in the city's 911 Emergency and 311 Call Center operations. The OUC coordinates the processing of all 911 calls to the Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services, as well as to calls to the DC 311 Call Center. Ms. Holmes advised that seventy-five percent (75%) of 911 calls are now received via cell phone, and for this reason, more location specific information is needed from the caller before appropriate personnel can be dispatched. Ms. Holmes further advised that efforts are being made to improve the 911 call tracking system for cell phone callers, but that the required technological improvements have yet to be fully implemented. Ms. Holmes stated that in 2015, there were approximately 1.4 million 911 calls placed by city residents, and nearly 1.9 million 311 Call Center contacts by the public. 911 recordings are retained for three (3) years and 311 calls are retained for ninety (90) days. Ms. Holmes further indicated that the OUC has established an Office of Professional Standards, and that a "Call Flow Task Force" has been deployed to streamline the dispatcher response process. Finally, Ms. Holmes mentioned the Smart911.com program. Smart 911 is a nation-wide free service offered to members of the public who wish to initiate a "Safety Profile." The registered Safety Profile will provide case specific information to the 911 dispatcher from the registrant's telephone number of record that will assist in more expediently dispatching emergency personnel to the correct location. Detailed information about Smart 911 can be found on OUC's website: <http://ouc.dc.gov/page/what-smart911>

**Officer Reports**

Chairman Toomajian advised that petitions for the next ANC elections will be available starting July 11, 2016 through August 10, 2016. The petitions must be obtained in person at the DC Board of Elections, 441 Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Street NW, Suite 250 North, Washington, DC, 20001; telephone: 202-727-2525. Further information can be obtained at [www.dcboee.org](http://www.dcboee.org) Chairman Toomajian stated that an alternate site would need to be found for the ANC 6A July 14, 2016, meeting since the Miner Elementary School--the regular meeting site, would be closed. Mr. Toomajian suggested the Sherwood Recreation Center and stated that the Commission was investigating its availability. The Chairman also mentioned that the protest filed against the Touché Club was largely successful, and commended the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee Co-Chairs Jay Williams and Chris Seagle for their work. He also thanked the concerned neighborhood residents for their efforts to bring a positive resolution to this matter.

**Treasurer's Report.** Commissioner Stephanie Zimny delivered the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$12,735.33, with a forwarding balance of \$6,507.40 There were disbursements of \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1744) for agenda/web master services; \$200.00 for May 2016 minutes; leaving a balance of \$12,085.33, in the checking account and \$13,721.95, 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 May 2016.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 27, 2016 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday).

**Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)**

The May 2016 ABL Committee Report was accepted without objection.

**Motion:** Commissioner Mike Soderman moved and Commissioner Zimny seconded a motion that ANC 6A support a stipulated endorsement for a request by Dangerously Delicious Pies (1339 H Street NE) to increase its seating capacity from 18 to 36. The motion passed (7-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 21, 2016 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)

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

The May 2016 TPS Committee Report was accepted without objection.

**Recommendation:** The Committee moved that ANC 6A write a letter asking the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to complete the Stadium-Armory segment of the scheduled SafeTrack surge work plan before the beginning of the next school year. Chairman Toomajian moved that the motion be tabled as the projected work is scheduled to be completed before the time period specified. The motion passed (7-0).

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion that ANC 6A write a letter to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) requesting a study at the intersection of Nineteenth (19<sup>th</sup>) and Benning Road NE to be combined with the study of Eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) and Benning Road NE and also requesting a pedestrian crosswalk on the west side of Nineteenth (19<sup>th</sup>) Street crossing Benning Road NE. The motion passed (7-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 20, 2016 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

**Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)**

The April 2016 EDZ Committee report was accepted without objection.

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Chairman Toomajian seconded a motion that ANC 6A write a letter to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) in support of the application for a special exception from the use requirements under § 336, and for additional lot occupancy, to convert a two-story, one-family dwelling into a three-unit apartment house in the R-4 district at 1121 G Street NE (BZA 19300) with the following restrictions: 1. Provide language within the condominium by-laws that requires private trash management at the rear of the property;

2. Make best efforts to replicate the porch cover at existing structure; and 3. Extend the porch to match at new structure. The motion passed (7-0).

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Commissioner Calvin Ward seconded a motion that ANC 6A write a letter to the BZA in support of the application for a variance from the off-street parking requirements under § 2101.1 to renovate and expand an existing apartment house at 11 Fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) Street, NE (BZA-19307) in the C-2-A District with the following restrictions: 1. There will be Residential Permit Parking (RPP) restrictions placed on two (2) of the units to be determined by the developer; 2. Traffic mitigation efforts are included within the building; 3. A shadow study will be completed showing no impact on the lighting on neighboring properties; and 4. Best attempts will be made to get letters of support from neighbors. The motion passed (6-0-1).

**Recommendation:** The Committee made a recommendation that ANC 6A write a letter to the BZA in support of the application for variances from the rear yard requirements under § 774, the court requirements under § 776, the off-street parking requirements under § 2101.1, and the HS overlay design requirements under § 1324.4, and a special exception from the single-enclosure penthouse requirements under § 411.6, to renovate an existing structure into an apartment building containing up to eight dwelling units with ground-floor retail at 1111 H Street, NE (BZA19308) in the HS-R/C-2-C District with the following restrictions: 1. The developer include RPP restrictions into sale documents or condominium by-laws, 2. The developer investigate reducing the courtyard to allow reduction of the impact of the building on neighbors with southern-facing balconies; 3. The developer conduct a shadow study to determine the lighting impact on other neighbors; and 4. The developer make best efforts to get letters of support from neighbors. Or, in the alternative or in addition, the ANC 6A authorize a letter of opposition and protest be filed if the adequate efforts at finding accommodation to justify supporting the relief requested at 1111 H Street, NE (BZA 19308) have not been made by the June 2016 EDZ meeting.

**Motion:** Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Matt Levy seconded the motion that the above referenced recommendation be tabled pending further discussion and review by the Commission's Economic Development and Zoning Committee.

**Motions:** Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert moved and Commissioner Zimny seconded motions that ANC 6A accept the resignation of Laura Gentile from the EDZ Committee and approve the nomination of Jake Joyce as a member of the EDZ Committee. The motions passed (7-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 15, 2016 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday).

#### **New Business:**

Chairman Toomajian provided an update regarding the pending issuance of regulations to allow for petitions for additional resident only parking signs to be installed. He also stated that the regulations had finally cleared the City Administrator's office and were now pending with the Attorney General to approve them as legally sufficient.

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

Chairman Toomajian (6A02) advised that the Sherwood Neighborhood Volunteers Spring cleanup went well; that the recent Ludlow-Taylor PTO Auction raised over \$40,000.00 and that there continue to be concerns expressed about neighborhood crime and rodent abatement issues.

Commissioner Ward (A608) spoke about hosting a neighborhood crime summit at his residence and that the proprietors of the establishments of concern as well as a representative officer from the MPD were present. He also mentioned his ongoing efforts to meet and work with city officials and community residents to address neighborhood crime concerns.

Commissioner Soderman (A603) indicated that there has been an uptick of crime, mainly vandalism, and phone snatching. Commissioner Soderman also mentioned that a building that was formerly a dialysis center has been sold and that a developer proposes to convert the building to a residential site containing forty-two (42) condominium units. He advised that neighborhood residents are concerned about potential parking issues should the proposed development move forward.

Commissioner Zimny (A606) stated that a search for the replacement of the retiring principal of the Miner Elementary School was actively ongoing and should soon be concluded. She also advised that there has been an increase in crime in her district as well as signs of increased rodent activity in this district.

Commissioner Levy (A604) spoke about resident concerns regarding suspicious activity in the vicinity of Fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) and C streets, NE. He also gave a brief overview on the Maury Elementary School Improvement budget. Finally he mentioned the upcoming DC Constitutional Convention meeting regarding DC Statehood.

Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert (A607) advised that Nineteenth (19<sup>th</sup>) and H Streets NE and the Seventeenth (17<sup>th</sup>) and E Streets NE sidewalks have been repaired.

Commissioner Patrick Malone (A605) advised of positive communication with MPD Chief Kathy Lanier regarding neighborhood crime and spoke about ongoing alley cleaning efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.