

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
June 8, 2017**

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

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

The minutes for the ANC May 2017 meeting and the agenda for the June 2017 meeting were accepted without changes or objection.

Community Presentations

Jamie Henson, Manager, Systems Planning, DC Department of Transportation (DDOT)

Mr. Henson gave an update on the DC Streetcar operations. Mr. Henson indicated that ridership was approximately 5700 per mile and that an extension of the line east by 1.7 miles was pending the completion of an environmental study. Additional information on the status of DC Streetcar operations including the Union Station to Georgetown Streetcar Transportation Improvements Project and (USGT), and the Benning Road Extension Project can be found on the website at www.dcstreetcar.com. Mr. Henson can be contacted at: [jamie.henson \[at\] dc.gov](mailto:jamie.henson@dc.gov).

Matthew Marcou, Associate Director of the Public Space Regulations Division (PSRD) DC Department of Transportation (DDOT)

Mr. Marcou spoke at length about DDOT's efforts to address the concerns of neighborhood residents regarding the traffic patterns around the recently opened Chick-Fil-A restaurant. Mr. Marcou indicated that DDOT was monitoring the traffic flow on a daily basis in an effort to improve the flow of traffic around the restaurant, and that DDOT was working with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and the proprietor of the Chick-Fil-A restaurant in order to address traffic control problems on a real-time basis. Mr. Marcou further indicated that DDOT would keep ANC 6A current on the progress of the traffic flow monitoring operations. Mr. Marcou can be contacted at: [matthew.marcou \[at\] dc.gov](mailto:matthew.marcou@dc.gov).

Officer Reports

Chairman Phil Toomajian advised that the July 13, 2017 ANC 6A meeting will be held at 7:00 pm, the regularly scheduled time, at the Capitol Hill Towers, 900 G Street NE in the Community Room. Mr. Toomajian also advised that the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) approved the Emerald Street application for a preservation designation, and that funding has been approved in the recent DC budget for the modernization of ANC6A DC Public Schools Maury Elementary School, Eliot-Hine Middle School, and School Within School at Goding. Mr. Toomajian relayed that the Maryland Avenue NE safety project design plans are now available at the ninety percent (90%) design level at <http://marylandavesafety.org/design-phase/>. Questions relating to the design plan can be forwarded to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) at [marylandave \[at\] jmt.com](mailto:marylandave@jmt.com), or to Mr. Mohamed Dahir at [Mohamed.dahir \[at\] dc.gov](mailto:Mohamed.dahir@dc.gov). Finally, Mr. Toomajian spoke of the pending departure of Commissioner Matt Levy, who will be relocating from DC to Atlanta, Georgia. Chairman Toomajian spoke of Commissioner Levy's untiring dedication to the constituents in his Single Member District (SMD), and of his exemplary service to ANC 6A.

Treasurer's Report

Vice-Chair Mike Soderman delivered the Treasurer's Report as Commissioner Stephanie Zimny was unable to attend the June 8, 2017 meeting. The opening balance in the checking account was \$11,310.86, with a forwarding balance of \$10,179.16. There were disbursements of \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1791) for agenda/web master services; \$200.00 to Gail John (Check 1792) for May 2017 minutes; and \$150.00 to Stephen Kukoy (Check 1793) for web maintenance, leaving a balance of \$10,510.86 in the checking account and \$13,748.27, 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 2017.
Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 26, 2017 (4th Monday).

Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee (ABL)

No report. The ABL Committee did not meet in May 2017.

Motion: Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A authorize a protest of the substantial change request by the Elroy (1423 H Street NE; adding cover charge and dancing) if the ABL Committee votes to recommend a protest at its June 20th meeting. The motion passed (7-0).

Motion: Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Levy seconded the motion that ANC 6A authorize a protest of the request for a new license by Dynamix Lounge (1220 H Street NE), if the ABL committee votes to recommend a protest at its June 20th meeting. The motion passed (7-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 20, 2017 (3rd Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space Committee (TPS)

The May 2017 TPS Committee report was accepted without objection.

Motion: The Committee moved and Commissioner Levy seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to the office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) supporting exploration of the feasibility of installation of 3000 Kelvin LED lights noting concern about higher intensity Kelvin lights and recommending the use of full shielding. The motion passed (7-0).

Motion: The Committee moved and Commissioner Patrick Malone seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) requesting a traffic calming study for the 1200 through the 1500 blocks of C Street NE. The motion passed (7-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 19, 2017 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

The May 2017 EDZ Committee report was accepted without objection.

Motion: The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) seeking

guidance on marijuana businesses operating in residential areas, and appealing DCRA's issuance of a business license and Home Use Permit for Puff, Pass & Paint.

ANC 6A Commissioners received comment from the proprietor of the aforementioned business and invited comment from neighborhood residents.

The motion passed (7-0).

Motion: The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for variances from the nonconforming structure requirements of subtitle C section 202.2 and the lot occupancy requirements of subtitle E section 204.1, to construct a rear addition on the first floor of a one-family dwelling RF-1 Zone at 520 Twelfth (12th) Street NE (BZA #19513) on the condition that the homeowners make their best efforts to obtain letters of support from the owners of 1127 Maryland Avenue NE. The motion passed (6-0).

Motion: The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for an interior renovation and two (2) story rear addition with a cellar at 1362 East Capitol Street NE (HP # 17-403) on the condition that the homeowners use best efforts to obtain a letter of support from 1360 and 1364 East Capitol Street NE. The motion passed (5-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm June 21, 2017 (3rd Wednesday).

New Business

Motion: Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Marie-Claire Brown seconded a motion that ANC 6A send a letter to the DC Council expressing support for completion of the full streetcar line. The motion passed (7-0).

Motion: Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert moved and Commissioner Toomajian seconded a motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DC Department of Small Local Business Development to request funding for Clean Team services along Benning Road NE. The motion passed (7-0).

Single Member District Reports

Commissioner Malone (6A05) indicated that community residents should be urged to participate in the DC Private Security Camera Rebate Program.

Commissioner Brown (6A01) mentioned ongoing contact with the developers of the H Street Connection (Avec). Commissioner Brown also presented the Commissioner Levy with a card and parting gift on behalf of the ANC 6A Commissioners.

Commissioner Phillips Gilbert (6A07) advised of a scheduled Rosedale Community Town Hall Meeting on Public Safety on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 6:30 pm, at the Pilgrim AME Church, 612 17th Street NE, Washington DC 20002. Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert indicated that Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Chief of Police Peter Newsham, Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen, and other law enforcement officials are scheduled to be present at the meeting. Commissioner Philips-Gilbert also mentioned that there was an uptick in drug activity in certain areas of her district and that there was a need for funding for cleanup efforts along Benning Road NE.

Chairman Toomajian (6A02) indicated that the resurfacing of the field at the Sherwood Recreation Center grounds is ongoing and that renovation of the Madison Building at 651 Tenth (10th) Street NE is complete.

Commissioner Soderman (6A03) suggested that neighborhood residents not currently participating in the DC Private Security Rebate Program should be urged to consider doing so; Commissioner Soderman also indicated that ANC 6A contact the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) about the status of pending traffic calming requests. Commissioner Soderman also had words of support for the soon departing Commissioner Levy.

Commissioner Calvin Ward (6A08) advised that the last month's scheduled PSA meeting was well attended; that MPD patrols have improved; and that requested pet waste signs have been posted. Commissioner Ward relayed words of support for Commissioner Levy.

Commissioner Levy (6A04) indicated that traffic calming requests continue to be received and the need for better responsiveness from the DDOT; Commissioner Levy also mentioned that a new business, Capitol Candy Jar, is scheduled to open on Fifteenth (15th) Street and Constitution Avenue NE, at a date to be determined.

Community Comments

Some community residents spoke about concerns regarding drug activity around the 700 block of Fifteenth (15) Street NE.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm