

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
June 13, 2019**

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove (Chairwoman), Phil Toomajian, Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, Stephanie Zimny, Ruth Ann Hudson, Marie Claire Brown and Brian Alcorn.

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

Chairwoman Amber Gove called the roll and announced the presence of a quorum.

The minutes for the ANC May 2019 meeting were accepted, and the agenda for the May 2019 meeting was accepted without changes or objection.

Community Presentations

NoMa/H Street Civic Association President Tiffany Aziz

Tiffany Aziz, President of the newly formed NoMa/H Street Civic Association announced the organization holds meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month, excluding August, at the Walker-Jones Education Campus. Additional information about the NoMa/ H Street Civic Association can be found by visiting nomacivic.wixsite.com/website, on Twitter as @NoMaCivic or on Facebook. Ms. Aziz can be contacted via e-mail at tiffany.aziz@hotmail.com.

Maryland Avenue NE Construction Update, Mohamed Dahir, District Department of Transportation (DDOT)

The Maryland Avenue NE project began in June 2019 and is scheduled for completion by 2021. During the construction, Maryland Avenue NE will be subject to traffic modifications and lane closures. DDOT will install signage in advance to alert drivers of the coming shifts in traffic patterns. The public is able to visit the project field office at 1405 H Street NE to have specific questions answered as well as attend a weekly progress meeting Monday's at 1:00 p.m. More information is also available at marylandavenuesafety.org.

Commissioner Phil Toomajian confirmed that while DDOT will be working on Maryland Avenue NE starting at Fourteenth (14th) Street NE towards Second (2nd) Street NE, the Washington Gas pipe replacement project, also on Maryland Avenue NE, will be headed in the opposite direction. Mr. Dahir said DDOT's intention is to work on one block at a time in an effort to limit their impact on parking and traffic flow. For similar reasons, the construction crews may not work through rush hour, though Mr. Dahir said they will be reassessing traffic management for each block based on need.

Commissioner Stephanie Zimny asked if entrances and exits off of Maryland Avenue NE will be blocked due to construction. Mr. Dahir responded that resident access will not be blocked and implied that this is addressed in the project's traffic management plan.

Commissioner Marie-Claire Brown expressed her displeasure that, for past projects, information flyers have been left littering streets. She requested that Mr. Dahir pass along her concerns.

Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) First District (1D) Captain Mike Pulliam

Captain Pulliam shared that 1D has established a traffic unit comprised of a small number of units stationed during both morning and evening rush hours at historically troublesome locations. Traffic concerns can be emailed to Captain Pulliam at Michael.Pulliam@dc.gov or Timothy.Holmes@dc.gov.

MPD has received an increase in reports of burglaries and unlawful entries. Though the suspect has been caught in the act and has been captured on residential security cameras, MPD does not feel they have enough information to release a full description to the public. Captain Pulliam strongly encouraged residents to lock doors and windows even when they are home. He also reminded the ANC that the DC government offers a rebate to defer the cost of installing street facing security cameras on homes and private businesses. In response, MPD has installed a light tower at Fifteenth (15th) and A Street NE and has increased patrols through alleyways.

Chairwoman Gove asked which blocks have been targeted. She offered that the ANC can list these blocks on the ANC listserv in an effort to reach out to residents that may have security cameras covering areas the suspect has traveled. Captain Pulliam said he would provide this information and that he has teams knocking on doors asking residents directly. Due to the suspect's ability to evade police on a couple of occasions, they believe he is familiar with the area and may be a resident.

Commissioner Toomajian asked for a general description of the suspect. Captain Pulliam described the suspect as appearing to be 20-30 years of age, having medium to dark skin and seen wearing a black backpack. Commissioner Toomajian also mentioned the coming construction on Maryland Avenue NE and expressed his concerns that this disruption in traffic may encourage incoming commuters to use other, typically lower volume streets. As major construction projects such as this one employ their own traffic management systems, according to Captain Pulliam, he was unable to commit additional attention of patrols but asked that residents report unsafe driving on these or any streets to the police.

Commissioner Brown asked if while investigating the recent string of break-ins, the MPD had looked into recently released offenders as she felt the reports reminded her of a past suspect's modus operandi. Captain Pulliam asked that Commissioner Brown e-mail him details so he may look for any connection between the past offender and current suspect.

Commissioner Zimny exited the meeting at 7:50 p.m. leaving 6 Commissioners present, maintaining the presence of a quorum.

Metropolitan Police Department Fifth District (5D) Sergeant Rosa

Sergeant Rosa reported that the area of ANC6A east of Fifteenth (15th) Street NE that is within the Fifth District is part of the Summer Crimes Initiative, specifically the 1700-2100 blocks of Benning Road NE, the 1700-2100 blocks of Maryland Avenue NE and Seventeenth (17th) Street and Gales Street NE. Stationary officers will be stationed across this area around the clock. Though these officers are to remain within their assigned areas, they are encouraged to be out of their cars engaging with citizens.

Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert requested that additional officers be positioned at the corner of Seventeenth (17th) and Benning Road NE. She suggested that between a growing homeless population spending time at that intersection and increased suspicious activity, senior citizens are struggling to enter the nearby medical facility and residents are less able to enter local businesses. Sergeant Rosa responded that members of the patrol support team are scheduled to be in that area every day except Sundays and Mondays and that he will reach out to the owners of affected businesses.

Commissioner Gove asked where residents can find information about the Summer Crimes Initiative. Details are available at mpd.dc.gov.

Project District Manager Apera Nwora, Washington Gas Project Update

The Project Pipes Program is a 40-year program that is finishing up the first five (5) year phase. Phase 2 will begin in late 2019. Because DDOT had work planned on Maryland Avenue NE, Washington Gas adjusted their construction schedule to be working on that road simultaneously. Work on Maryland Avenue NE began in July 2018 and, to date, Washington Gas has completed the installation of six new runs of pipes and service mains. Crews are currently working between Eleventh (11th) and Maryland Avenue NE with construction completed by mid-July 2019. There is work scheduled on Sixth (6th) Street between Massachusetts and Maryland Avenues NE as well as on the 600 block and the 1000 and 1100 blocks of Maryland Avenue NE; all expected to be started by late July 2019. Washington Gas's work on Maryland Avenue NE should be finished by December of 2020. Ms. Nwora can be reached via e-mail at anwora@washgas.com.

Commissioner Brown shared confusion on behalf of a constituent who noticed No Parking signs hung by Washington Gas on a block not scheduled for construction that were then removed before any work commenced. Ms. Nwora explained that, though Washington Gas obtains No Parking signs that span an entire month, they do not want to limit parking access to residents until work is actually scheduled for that section of each block.

Officer Reports

Commissioner Alcorn presented the Treasurer's Report for May 2019. Disbursements totaled \$796.00: \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (check 1873) for agenda/webmaster services; \$121.00 (check 1874) for FedEx; \$200.00 (check 1875) for the April 2019 Minutes and \$25.00 (check 1876) for the Security Fund which was reissued to replace the lost check 1860. There is a balance of \$5,744.10. There is a balance of \$13,732.39 after an interest payment of \$.23 in the savings account. The May 2019 report was approved by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Alcorn presented quarterly financial reports for Fiscal Year 2019 Q1 and Q2. The Q1 report was presented to amend two items: the District Allotment totaling \$9,215.64 and the disbursement of \$3,864.00 for meeting advertisements to Capital Community News. Both Q1 and Q2 reports were approved by unanimous consent.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

1. The May 2019 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.

2. Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Gilbert seconded the motion to approve a grant for \$800.00 to Eastern High School for the repair of the grand piano and the upright piano. The motion passed 6-0.

Heather Schoell, Treasurer of Eastern High School's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) shared that a number of community groups utilize Eastern High School as a venue for local events therefore access to a properly tuned and functioning piano would be beneficial to many.

Commissioners Brown and Toomajian clarified that in fact the grant would go towards a repair of the piano for which the PTO has received an estimate.

Commissioner Toomajian asked Gottlieb Simon, the Executive Director of the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, who was in attendance, how his office defines "public benefit" as it pertains to the disbursement of grant funding through his office. Mr. Simon explained that grants must be used to benefit those who live within a given ANC, cannot duplicate any service already provided by a government organization and must provide benefit the community on the whole, not just a select group. He implied that past grant proposals may have been rejected because their potential impact was deemed to have been too small.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 11, 2019 (2nd Monday; usually 4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing

1. The May 2019 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee moved and Commissioner Toomajian seconded the motion to take no action on the license renewals for Quara Ethiopian Fusion Restaurant, LLC t/a Quara Ethiopian Fusion Restaurant (818 H Street NE), DC Conscious Café LLC t/a DC Conscious Cafe (1413 H Street NE), Gallery O, LLC t/a Gallery O on H (1354 H Street NE), or Maketto LLC, t/a Maketto (1351 H Street NE). The recommendation passed 6-0.
3. The Committee moved and Commissioner Ruth Ann Hudson seconded the motion to protest the RR4, LLC t/a RedRocks (1348 H Street NE) request for an extension of entertainment hours unless RedRocks makes satisfactory efforts to comply with the terms of its existing settlement agreement, including terms regarding noise reduction and control. The recommendation passed 6-0.
4. The Committee moved and Commissioner Toomajian seconded the motion to protest Red & Black LLC t/a 12 Twelve DC/Kyss Kyss (1210-1212 H Street) request for a sidewalk cafe endorsement unless the chair or chairs of the ABL indicate that they have had a satisfactory discussion with representatives from Kyss Kyss. The recommendation passed 6-0.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 18, 2019 (3rd Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space

1. The May 2019 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee moved and Commissioner Toomajian seconded the motion to send a letter of support to DDOT for a proposed 4-way stop at the intersection of Tenth (10th) and East Capitol Streets. The motion passed 6-0.

3. The Committee moved and Commissioner Brown seconded the motion to send a letter to DDOT requesting that all local/local intersections that are not already all-way stops should become all-way stops, except in cases where DDOT determines that it is infeasible. Commissioner Gove offered a friendly amendment to add two non-local to local intersections at Fourteenth (14th) and A Streets NE and Thirteenth (13th) and I Streets to the list of consideration for 4-way stops. The motion passed 6-0.
4. The Committee moved and Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion to send a letter to DDOT in opposition to the request for a curb-cut onto Wylie Street (associated with Kadida Development at 808 Thirteenth (13th) Street NE) on the grounds that it converts a public benefit (2 publicly available parking spaces) into a private amenity (single, privately owned parking space). The motion passed 6-0.
5. Chairwoman Gove moved and Commissioner Toomajian seconded the motion to send a letter of support to DDOT for the proposed K Street NE “road diet” which includes the following modifications to traffic and/or parking requirements:
 - Remove the existing morning peak hour parking restrictions (NO STANDING OR PARKING, 7:00 am to 9:30 am, Monday - Friday) on the north side of K Street NE between Second (2nd) Street and Sixth (6th) Street NE;
 - Remove the existing afternoon peak hour parking restrictions (NO STANDING OR PARKING, 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm, Monday - Friday) on the south side of K Street NE between Second (2nd) Street and Twelfth (12th) Street NE;
 - Remove approximately 32 parking spaces from the south side of K Street NE between Second (2nd) Street and Sixth (6th) Street NE for installation of east and westbound bike lanes;
 - Remove approximately four (4) parking spaces from the north side of the 500 block of K Street NE to provide an eastbound left-turn lane;
 - Remove approximately eight (8) parking spaces from the south side of the 700 block of K Street NE and one (1) parking spaces from the south side of K Street NE to provide an eastbound left-turn lane at Eighth (8th) Street NE;
 - Designate the parking on the north side of the 200, 300, 400, and 500 blocks of K Street NE to be restricted to two-hour parking between the hours of 7:00 am and 12:00 am from Monday through Sunday, with Zone 6 permit holders excepted;
 - Designate the parking on the east and west sides of the 900 and 1000 blocks of Third (3rd) Street, Fourth (4th) Street, Fifth (5th) Street, and Sixth (6th) Street NE to be restricted to two-hour parking between the hours of 7:00 am and 12:00 am from Monday through Sunday, with Zone 6 permit holders excepted.

The motion passed 6-0.

6. Chairwoman Gove moved and Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion to send a letter of support to DDOT in response to NOI 19- 146-TOA for improving safety conditions at Thirteenth (13th) Street, Tennessee Avenue and Constitution Avenue NE in response to ANC 6A’s request for traffic calming made in November 2015. The motion passed 6-0.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 17, 2019 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning

No report. Committee did not meet in May 2019.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 19, 2019 (3rd Wednesday)

New Business

Commissioner Hudson moved and Commissioner Toomajian seconded a motion to send a letter to DDOT requesting the north side of 1000 block of E Street NE be converted to residential parking. The motion passed 6-0.

Single Member District (SMD) Report

Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) reported that Monument Academy Public Charter School will be closing at the end of the 2018-19 school year due to a number of sexual assault allegations and safety citations. She hopes the space will be replaced with an institution aligned with the wants and needs of the community, such as a vocational school. She met with the director of the Department of General Services (DGS) regarding a delay in progress of the urban farm due to language in the legislation dealing with soil samples. Lastly, she thanked Tyler Williams, the Ward 6 Liaison for the Office of the Mayor, for her time spent in the community.

Commissioner Hudson (6A05) spoke of the success of a recent alley clean-up behind Tennessee and Thirteenth (13th) Streets NE and Corbin Place NE. She also attended an interactive training with the DC Office of Planning where they discussed building an inclusive city, affordable housing and parking concerns.

Commissioner Brown (6A01) reminded residents not to leave anything visible in their cars and to lock car doors as a precaution against unlawful entries. She mentioned that the Mayor's Housing program is held at the DC Convention Center and that DC has programs for both first and second-time home buyers. Commissioner Brown also thanked Tyler Williams for her efforts.

Commissioner Toomajian (6A02) thanked Tyler Williams for her work with the ANC and announced that he is scheduling a walk of his SMD with her.

Commissioner Alcorn (6A08) thanked Tyler Williams for her quick responses particularly after severe weather events. He expressed his constituents' growing concerns about public safety, specifically at Sixteenth (16th) Street and North Carolina Avenue NE and at Eighteenth (18th) and C Streets NE. He also reminded the ANC of the upcoming Truck Touch at RFK Stadium.

Chairwoman Gove (6A04) thanked the MPD for their responsiveness related to recent burglaries. She also reminded residents to look into the security camera rebate program through the DC government.

Community Comments

Tyler Williams, the Ward 6 Liaison for the Office of the Mayor, announced the launch of a pilot program that will allow Eastern High School Students to shadow offices within the Executive Office of the Mayor. She asked that residents identify vacant properties to their ANC commissioners so they may pass this information along to her office for investigation. Ms. Williams also has participated in a core walk (a walk through a neighborhood with liaisons from different government agencies) in the Rosedale community. A Department of Behavioral Health pre-arrest diversion team

has frequented that area a few times a week and will continue to offer access to services.

Fayette Vaughn-Lee, the 1D Community Outreach Coordinator, suggested residents install substantial locks on their homes and to make sure their cars are locked. She also encouraged residents to join the MPD 1D Listserv. She also shared that the National Night Out is planned for Tuesday August 6, 2019 and may be held in Lincoln Park.

Heather Schoell shared that Eastern High School is having a greenhouse clean up on June 21, 2019, which can count towards service hours for students.

Naomi Mitchell from Councilmember Allen's office reminded the ANC that the office goes on recess between July 15 and September 15, 2019.

Alyce Murrell, Community Outreach Planner for Ward 6 from Seabury Resources for Aging, reminded residents that Seabury offers activities suitable for all adults over age 60 regardless of income and activity level. Most of their funding comes from the DC Office of Aging.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.