

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Regular Business Meeting
Miner Elementary School
July 10, 2014**

Present: Commissioners Nick Alberti, Andrew Hysell, J. Omar Mahmud, Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, Calvin Ward, Chris Ward, Jay Williams

Absent: Commissioner Gloria Nauden

The meeting was convened at 6:50 pm.

1. Agenda

Mr. Williams asked to have the discussion of the license renewal for Rock & Roll Hotel and the H Street Country Club postponed until September 2014 because they are not yet ripe for discussion. The agenda, as amended, was agreed to without objection.

2. Minutes

The May 2014 minutes were inadvertently left out of last month's agenda packet, and were accepted without objection. The June 2014 minutes were also accepted without objection.

3. Community Presentation

National Guard Race

Lt. Daniel Banasik gave a presentation on the annual Land Component Commander's Race, which will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014 from 7:00 am to 9:00 am (the actual run time will be shorter) on East Capitol Street from the National Guard Armory around Lincoln Park and back up East Capitol Street. Guards will patrol the cross streets and control the traffic. Lt. Banasik ended his presentation by saying "We try to make it as low impact as possible. The General just likes to show/remind the community that the military is here as a good neighbor in times of community need in the District."

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion to send a letter of support for the Land Component Commander's Race on September 13, 2014 to the Emergency Management Task Force. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

4. Officers' Reports

Chair

Mr. Alberti reported that there will be an election for ANC Commissioners in November 2014. For those interested in running, petitions are due the first week in August 2014.

He also announced that after a long period of dormancy, work was beginning on the C Street NE renewal project from Twenty-third (23rd) Street to Sixteenth (16th) Street NE.

Finally, he reported he had met with Jeffrey deWitt, the new Chief Financial Officer (CFO), who pointed out where there is a need for improvement, such as a more stable District Department of Transportation (DDOT) budget, so alley repair can be accomplished.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Alberti presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported that the opening balance in the checking account was \$20,557.27 and the savings account balance was \$13,718.72. There was a deposit of \$0.23 to the savings account. There were disbursements of \$121.00 to FedEx Office for May expenses (Check #1653); \$252.00 to the DC Treasurer for security for June and July ANC meetings (Check #16540; \$200.00 to Irene Dworakowski for the June 2014 agenda package (Check #1655); \$180.00 to Roberta Weiner for transcription of the June 2014 ANC minutes (Check #1656);

\$191.43 to the Maury School PTA for a grant (Check #167); \$248.00 to FedEx Office for June expenses (Check #1658); \$157.16 to Jay Williams for reimbursement of travel expenses (Check #1659); and \$920.64 to Eliot Hine Middle School for a grant (Check #1659), leaving a balance of \$18,286.80 in the checking account, and \$13,718.95 in the savings account.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion to accept the disbursements. The motion passed 5-0-1, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert abstaining.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Williams seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion passed 5-0-1, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert abstaining.

Quarterly Report

Mr. Alberti presented the Quarterly Report for the Third (3rd) Quarter of FY 14 saying he had circulated the supporting documents prior to the meeting and asking if there were any questions.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Chris Ward seconded a motion to accept the Quarterly Report for the Third (3rd) Quarter of FY 14. The motion passed 5-0-1, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert abstaining.

5. Committee Reports

Economic Development and Zoning

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

1425 North Carolina Avenue NE

A request for support was submitted for a Bureau of Zoning Authority (BZA) application for special exceptions from the lot occupancy and rear yard setback requirements, as well as for additions to the buildings that exceed permitted lot occupancy in connection with the construction of a rear deck; and in support of a variance from the definition of "yard" which prohibits any structure occupying more than 50% of a yard, in the event the Zoning Administrator and BZA deem that requirement applicable to a structure below four (4) feet in height. The applicant, Janet Katowitz, and her attorney, Marty Sullivan, were present at the meeting.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Hysell seconded a motion to support the BZA application for variances and a possible special exception for 1425 North Carolina Avenue NE. The motion passed, 5-1-1, with Mr. Alberti opposed and Mr. Calvin Ward abstaining.

R.L. Christian Library Site

Mr. Hysell reported on the status of construction plans for the site of the R.L. Christian Library. He said that the developer for the site, Arise Development, had been selected, but that they are unable to follow through on one proposed element of the plans. Due to groundwater problems they will be unable to build below ground parking. Otherwise, the design will be the same.

Community Outreach

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

Ms. Nelson asked for a postponement of discussion of a proposed motion to approve a grant to Miner Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) because a representative of the organization was not present.

Alcohol Beverage Licensing

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

Smith Commons - 1245 H Street NE

The owner of Smith Commons and his attorney were present at the meeting. They said they were unaware that, when they acquired their license from the previous owners, the license did not have

a summer garden endorsement. The owner stated that they were willing to abide by the ANC's limitations because they were anxious to be good neighbors. Because of that, they willingly agreed to the elimination of §3(d) of the Settlement Agreement, which allows for later hours beyond 11:00 pm on weekdays and 12:00 am on weekends after a three-month period with no complaints, and keep the listed hours.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Chris Ward seconded a motion that the ANC amend its Settlement Agreement with Smith Commons, 1245 H Street NE, striking §3(d). The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

The Pursuit - 1421 H Street NE

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Williams seconded a motion to formally protest the CR license for The Pursuit, 1421 H Street NE, unless The Pursuit agrees to amend its Settlement Agreement to strike §3(d). Jay Williams is authorized to represent ANC 6A in this matter. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

6. Single Member District (SMD) Reports

Mr. Calvin Ward (ANC6A08) thanked people for helping to make his block party a success. He also announced his intention to run for Commissioner of his district again.

Ms. Phillips-Gilbert (ANC6A07) announced that Pilgrim AME Church, 612 Rosedale Street and Seventeenth (17th) Street NE has a summer program that runs through August 6, 2014. The registration fee is \$25.00. The church is also a site for children to have free breakfast and lunch. She also reported that she provided free tickets to the Rosedale community to attend the DC Capital Fair at RFK Stadium from June 27 through July 6, 2014. Finally, she is working on noises surrounding the community, rat abatement and illegal dumping at Gibbs Elementary School grounds, a public space.

Mr. Williams (ANC6A05) announced that he is not running for re-election, but he hopes to remain as Chair of the ABL Committee.

Mr. Alberti (ANC6A04) acknowledged the importance of the work of the ANC's committees and thanked all of the ANC's Committee Chairs for their commitment to the ANC.

Mr. Chris Ward (ANC6A03) reported that he is working on two abandoned houses in his SMD.

Mr. Hysell (ANC6A06) said he is working on the Rock and Roll Hotel Settlement Agreement negotiations. He thanked his colleagues, especially Mr. Williams, for their efforts to reach an agreement.

7. New Business

Naomi Mitchell, a representative of Councilmember Tommy Wells' staff, addressed the DC Water (WASA) project that is about to begin along Seventeenth (17th) and Nineteenth (19th) Streets NE. The concern is that the project will delay DDOT's plans to implement traffic calming measures along these two streets. Ms. Mitchell noted that ANC 6B has sent a letter to DC Water expressing their concerns about the delay the project has caused in the implementation of traffic calming measures.

Motion: Mr. Mahmud moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion to write to WASA asking 1) why the ANC was not informed of the work; and 2) that WASA consider the urgency of safety concerns and accelerate the schedule of work along Seventeenth (17th) and Nineteenth (19th) Streets. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

8. Community Comments II

Naomi Mitchell of Councilmember Wells' office announced that legislation is being reviewed by the DC Council that would allow the creation of Conservation Districts, to address community concerns, including "pop-ups".

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.