

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Mia's Coffeehouse, 1500 A Street NE
July 9, 2015**

Present: Commissioners Phil Toomajian (Chair), Matt Levy, Omar Mahmud, Patrick Malone, Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, Calvin Ward, and Stephanie Zimny

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

The minutes for the ANC June 2015 meeting and the agenda for the July 2015 meeting were approved without changes or objection.

Community Presentations

The Monument Academy

Ms. Marlene Magrino, Principal, and Mr. Kenneth Walker, Director of Operations, gave a briefing on the status of the opening of the Monument Academy. The Monument Academy should be operational the first week of August 2015. Ms. Connie Spinner, Executive Director, Community College Preparatory Academy (CC Prep), an adult only charter school, was also present to speak in support of the Monument Academy. CC Prep will have a satellite campus located at the Monument Academy.

Ms. Naomi Mitchell, Community Liaison for Councilmember Charles Allen, announced a back-to-school event will take place on Saturday, August 15, 2015 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm, on the DC General grounds.

Representatives from Mayor Bowser's Office

Mr. Seth Shapiro and Mr. Frank Maduro, Ward 6 Outreach Service Specialists, were present. Mr. Shapiro gave an update on the status of alley repair projects throughout the city. A number of the repair projects are scheduled to take place in ANC6A. Any pending repair projects will be undertaken in conjunction with the DC Water and Sewer Authority.

Mr. Darrell Powe and Ms. Sheila Bracy of the DC Department of Behavioral Health, Recovery Support Services Division were present and provided material on the services offered.

Officer Reports

Chairman Toomajian spoke in tribute to the recently deceased Ms. Roberta Weiner who faithfully chronicled the minutes for the ANC 6A for over a decade. Mr. Toomajian also announced that ANC 6A would focus its September meeting on our community schools. Councilmember Charles Allen and Representative Joe Weedon of the State Board of Education will be present. Mr. Toomajian encouraged Commissioners to request that all community school leaders and parent advocates in the community schools be informed of the meeting to maximize participation in this discussion.

Treasurer's Report Ms. Zimny presented the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$14,695.52, with a forwarding balance of \$4,481.70. The savings account balance was \$13,720.56. There were disbursements of \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1707) \$250 for agenda/web master services and \$200.00 for June 2015 agenda package; \$200.00 to Gail John (Check 1708) for June 2015 minutes; \$210.30 to FedEx office (June 2015 statement) (Check 1709); leaving a balance of \$18,316.92 in the checking account

and \$13,720.77, with a \$.021 interest deduction in the savings account. The report was accepted and without objection.

Motion: Commissioner Zimny requested that the Commission authorize an additional payment of \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski to cover her most recent month of services. The amendment was accepted without objection.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

The COC report was accepted without objection.

COC will not meet in July 2015. The next committee meeting will take place at 7:00 pm on August 17, 2015 (3rd Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

The ABL report was accepted without objection.

Motion: The ABL moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC take no action concerning the patio expansion plans of the Lattice Partners LLC t/a Copycat Co. The motion passed (7-0).

Motion: Mr. Mahmud moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC authorize a protest of the request for a change from a CR to CT license by Da Luft at 1242 H Street NE, if the ABL Committee recommends such a protest at its July 21, 2015, meeting, and authorize the Co-Chairs of the ABL Committee and the Chair of the ANC to represent the ANC in such a matter. The motion passed (6-0).

Motion: Ms. Zimny moved and Mr. Levy seconded a motion that the ANC approve the settlement agreement with IMM on H at 1360 H Street NE and support a stipulated license provided that the placard for IMM on H's license shows that it is not requesting a summer garden endorsement. The motion passed (7-0).

Next meeting: 7:00 pm, July 21, 2015 (3rd Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space Committee (T&PS)

The T&PS report was accepted without objection.

Motion: The T&PS Committee moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC 6A send a letter of support to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) for the Ben's Chili bowl public space application related to installation of panda statue in front of the store at the corner of Tenth (10th) and H Street NE, with the condition that the owners consider moving the statue if the ANC receives complaints about it blocking pedestrian traffic/right-of-way. The motion passed (7-0).

Motion: The T&PS Committee moved and Mr. Calvin Ward seconded a motion that the ANC 6A send a letter of support to DDOT for Mia's Coffeehouse public space application for a sidewalk café at 1500 A Street NE with the condition that the owners agree to reasonable use and maintenance requirements from the ANC, which will be presented to DDOT for attachment to the public space permit.

Motion: Mr. Mahmud moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion to discuss a curb cut application for 746 Nineteenth (19th) Street NE. The motion passed (7-0). Discussion ensued.

Motion: Mr. Mahmud moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion to send a letter to DDOT opposing the proposed curb cut due to concerns about pedestrian and traffic safety. The motion passed (7-0).

Next meeting: 7:00 pm, July 13, 2015 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning Committee (ED&Z)

The ED&Z report was accepted without objection.

Motion: The ED&Z Committee moved and Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion that the ANC write a letter to the Bureau of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) in support of a variance from the off-street parking requirements under section 2101 in connection with the operation of a medical office at 702 Fifteenth (15th) Street NE (BZA19021) on the following conditions:

- 1) Operating hours are restricted to 9:00 am to 5:30 pm on weekdays. After 6:00 pm, the parking lot gate will be closed and locked and the parking lot accessible only to those entities permitted by the applicant to access the lockbox for the gate. Any cars parked after hours on the lot with the permission of the applicant must be removed prior to 9:00 am on the following weekday morning;
- 2) No more than thirty-six (36) patients may be present on the premises at any given time. No more than twelve (12) staff members may be present on the premises at any given time. The applicant will use best efforts to evenly allocate the presence of patients over the course of the day;
- 3) The applicant will provide fourteen (14) onsite parking spaces for the use of patients to use public, to carpool, and/or to be dropped off by another driver;
- 4) The applicant will provide incentives for staff and patients to use public transit, to carpool and/or to be dropped off by another driver. These incentives will include the applicant making available Metro tokens and/or fare cards;
- 5) The applicant will provide a bicycle rack for the use of patients and staff that can hold from fifteen (15) to twenty (20) bicycles;
- 6) Loitering, gathering, and smoking in front of the building will be actively monitored and will not be tolerated;
- 7) Double parking and idling on the streets outside the building will be actively monitored and will not be tolerated;
- 8) All children on the premises are required to be accompanied by an adult;
- 9) If there is an issue involving compliance with any of the foregoing conditions, the applicant will contact ANC 6A to discuss the issue; and
- 10) The applicant will provide the ANC and neighbors with a point of telephone contact.

In addition, applicant is to use best efforts to obtain as many letters of support as possible for neighboring property owners as possible to the July 9, 2015 ANC meeting.

The motion passed (7-0).

Motion: The ED&Z Committee moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC write a letter to the Bureau of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) in support of variances from the lot occupancy requirements under section 403.2, the rear yard requirements under section 404.1, and the addition to a non-conforming structure requirements under section 2001.3 to allow the construction of a rear deck to the existing two-story, one-family dwelling at 1007 F Street

NE (BZA19064), on the condition that the applicant use best efforts to obtain letters of support from the owners of the properties at 1008 and 1010 Maryland Avenue NE prior to the July 9, 2015 ANC meeting. The motion passed (7-0).

The ED&Z Committee will not meet in July 2015. Next meeting: 7:00 pm, August 19, 2015 (3rd Wednesday).

New Business

Motion: The Commission accepted without objection a motion to amend the agenda to delay the proposed language immersion curriculum at the Miner Elementary School.

Motion: Mr. Toomajian moved and Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting immediate action on a sidewalk pending repair request on the 900 block of G Street NE of two (2) years duration. The motion passed (7-0).

Motion: Mr. Toomajian moved and Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion that ANC 6A send a letter to the DC Department of General Services (DGS) requesting improved security cameras at the Sherwood Recreation Center at 640 Tenth (10th) Street NE, and the Madison building at Tenth (10th) and G Streets NE, and to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) requesting additional resources at the those locations. The motion passed (7-0).

Commissioner Mahmud departed the meeting after this vote took place.

Motion: Ms. Zimny moved and Ms. Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion that the ANC send a letter to DC Public Schools in support of the language immersion curriculum at the Miner Elementary School. The motion passed (6-0).

Motion: Mr. Malone moved and Mr. Levy seconded a motion that the Commission renew its website and authorize funding in the amount of \$15.00 to do so. The motion passed (6-0).

Community Comments

Members of the community outlined concern about neighborhood schools and support for having a language immersion curriculum at Miner Elementary. Others expressed their opposition to the proposed curb cut for 746 Nineteenth (19th) Street NE.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.