

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A  
Minutes  
Sherwood Recreation Center  
July 14, 2016**

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

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

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

**Officer Reports**

Chairman Toomajian advised that petitions for the next ANC elections would be available through August 10, 2016. The Chair asked that the current Commissioners advise him on if they wish to seek another term on the ANC 6A Commission, and indicated that he would be pleased to speak with any other individuals interested in serving on the Commission.

Chairman Toomajian gave an update on the progress of the Maryland Avenue Pedestrian Safety Project and advised that a meeting on the matter had been planned for July 20, 2016, at the Northeast Branch Library. Mayor Bowser, Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen, and representatives of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) were scheduled to be present at the meeting. Another meeting on this issue has been scheduled for August 10, 2016, and will be co-hosted by ANC 6A and ANC 6C's Transportation Committees.

Chairman Toomajian relayed that the full Commission does not meet in August, but should be back at Miner Elementary School for the September 8, 2016 ANC 6A meeting. The Chair further indicated that Mr. Robert White, the Democratic candidate for Councilmember at Large, is slated to appear at the September 8, 2016 ANC 6A meeting.

Finally, Chairman Toomajian spoke about ANC 6A holding another Education Forum. Last year's Forum included appearances by the principals or representatives of each neighborhood school located in the ANC 6A district, as well as Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen, and Ward 6, State Board of Education Member Joe Weedon. The Chair suggested that it might be more beneficial to schedule the forum as a separate occasion from the usual ANC 6A meeting.

Vice Chairman Mahmud mentioned ongoing problems with follow through by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) and advised that efforts would be made to schedule a meeting with the DCRA Director in an attempt to address the concerns regarding this issue.

**Treasurer's Report.** Commissioner Zimny presented the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Quarter Report. The third Quarter Report was accepted without objection. Commissioner Zimny then delivered the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$16,713.44, with a forwarding balance of \$6,507.40. There were disbursements of \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1751) for agenda/web master services; \$200.00 for May 2016 minutes (Check 1752); \$185.00 (Check 1753) to FedEx; \$15.00 Web Services (Check 1754) to Patrick Malone; leaving a balance of \$15,863.44, in the checking account and \$13,722.19, 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 June 2016.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, August 22, 2016 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday).

**Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)**

The June 2016 ABL Committee Report was accepted without objection.

**Recommendation:** The ANC take no action with regard to the H Street Country Club's request to change its hours of live entertainment to allow entertainment through 1:00 am Sunday through Thursday.

**Motion:** Chairman Toomajian moved that the recommendation be tabled. The motion passed (8-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 19, 2016 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)

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

The June 2016 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 District Department of Transportation (DDOT) requesting that they evaluate the 400 block of Seventeenth (17<sup>th</sup>) Street NE to see if it would be safe to have additional parking on the street. The motion passed (8-0).

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting that they conduct a traffic calming assessment for the 200 block of Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Street NE. The motion passed (8-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 18, 2016 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

**Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)**

The June 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 1111 H Street NE on condition of the removal of the rear yard relief request provided that it is acceptable to the neighbors at 1115 H Street, that the developer contribute \$20,000 to pay for mural designed by the condo association, and that a security camera is provided by the owners of 1111 H Street to the condo association at 1115 H Street. No vote was taken in lieu of a proposed amendment to this motion.

**Motion:** Chairman Toomajian offered an amendment to the above referenced motion requesting an increase from the developer from \$20,000 to \$25,000 and that the funds be dedicated for the expansion of a bikeshare station, and that the security camera be installed

at a location to be determined on the block. The motion was accepted as friendly and passed (5-2).

**Motion:** The Committee moved and Commissioner Zimny seconded the motion that ANC 6A write a letter of support for a special exception to allow Halal Guys to operate at 824 H Street NE provided the applicant makes best efforts to reach out and provide letters of support to be submitted before the ANC meeting and subject to the following conditions: 1. the back yard will not be usable by customers; 2. the applicant will not use any public space; 3. the applicant will provide a trash receptacle in front of the building; 4. the applicant will make all deliveries via numbered side streets; 5. trash and grease will be kept in a covered enclosed container in the backyard; 6. the applicant will provide re-usable utensils; and 7. the applicant will vent exhaust through a roof mounted grease hood toward the H Street side as opposed to the residential alley side. The motion passed (8-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 20, 2016 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday).

#### **New Business:**

**Motion:** Commissioner Zimny moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded a motion that ANC 6A send a letter of opposition to the U.S. Bureau of Prisons regarding RFP-200-1270-ES Submission by CGC (810 Fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) Street NE). The motion passed (4-1), with three (3) Commissioners abstaining. Discussion of the motion was conducted by Vice Chairman Mahmud, as the Chairman recused himself as a Federal employee.

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Mahmud moved and Chairman Toomajian seconded a motion that ANC 6A send a letter to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) in support of a neighborhood petition requesting the removal of benches at the corner of Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) and H Streets NE, be removed. The motion passed (7-0).

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

Commissioner Levy advised the traffic calming study for the 1200 and 1300 blocks of Constitution Avenue NE had been completed and that a traffic light will be installed at Thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) and Constitution Avenue NE.

Commissioner Mahmud indicated that additional signage will be placed on the 1000 block of Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Street NE, and that the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) will conduct a further study of this vicinity for to determine if additional mitigation is warranted.

Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert advised of the Rosedale Olympics event last month, and that Congressman Eleanor Holmes Norton is may tour of the Rosedale Community Center.

#### **Community Comments**

Ms. Andrea Mial, the new principal of the Miner Elementary School introduced herself to the ANC 6A, and community residents.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.