

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
July 12, 2018**

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

The meeting convened at 7:05 pm.

Chairman Phil Toomajian called the roll and announced the presence of a quorum. The minutes for the ANC June 2018 meeting were accepted, and the agenda for the July 2018 meeting was accepted without changes or objection.

Community Presentations

Captain Duncan Bedlion, Metropolitan Police Department, Fifth District

Captain Bedlion provided information regarding a shooting outside the Rosedale Community Center. It is believed to be an isolated incident. He went on to speak about the Summer Crime Initiative, a program that uses crime data in previous years to strategically place officers in historically high-crime areas to mitigate instances of violent crime, seize illegal firearms, and punish repeat offenders. He announced that under this initiative, 299 arrests have been made and there has been a 150% increase in guns seized, in comparison with last year. Captain Bedlion stated that citizens may anonymously text crime tips to MPD to 50411, or individuals may call the Command Information Center at 202-727-9099.

Oni Hinton and Meg Davis, Facility Planning and Design, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) - Eliot-Hine Middle School Modernization

Ms. Hinton and Ms. Davis provided updates on the Eliot-Hine Middle School Modernization. Ms. Hinton announced changes to the site design, notably on the C Street NE side, and distributed renderings of the changes. Ms. Davis announced that their goal is to complete abatement and demolition by the end of summer to mitigate noise and the level of hazardous materials as the school year begins. As such, they have received approval for additional work hours for the contractor, who will be on site seven (7) days a week, with extended hours on Mondays through Fridays. During demolition activities, access to the Maury Street Village on C Street NE will be closed, but will reopen as school begins. In response to concerns about lead seepage, Ms. Davis stated that an industrial hygienist will be on site, and lead testing will be complete before students return to school. The results will be shared with the public. The modernization is slated to be complete by August 2020.

Sarah Fashbaugh, Community Resource Officer, Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) - 2019 License Renewal Process

Ms. Fashbaugh stated that ABRA's main purpose is to issue licenses that allow business to sell alcohol, and went into greater detail about the complaint process, and the upcoming 2019 license renewal season for on-premise establishments (any business that sells alcohol on-site, e.g., bars, restaurants, hotel, etc). Any enforcement issues or complaints involving licensees, such as noise, operating outside of board-approved hours, trash, etc., can be reported to ABRA's hotline at 202-329-6437, which is open until 4:00 am. ABRA has three (3) teams of investigators. A few thousand establishments will go through the license renewal process in 2019, many of which are located within ANC 6A. Ms. Fashbaugh emphasized the importance of contacting the ANC with any concerns or to protest the renewal of any establishment. Any

resident may request the investigative history of any of its licensees, without filing a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Ms. Fashbaugh confirmed that she had received complaints about the roof deck of Dirty Water at 816 H Street NE. She described, in general, what steps her office takes after a complaint is received. She stated that she periodically holds free information sessions about ABRA on the fourth (4th) floor of the Reeves Center. The next session is Thursday, September 20, from 6:30- 8:30 pm.

Jessica Sutter, Candidate for State Board of Education

Ms. Sutter introduced herself as a candidate for the Ward 6 seat of the State Board of Education. She is a former middle school teacher who has most recently worked as a consultant in education policy. She is focused on the quality and equity of funding for schools and that residents have meaningful choices in education.

Officer Reports

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Stephanie Zimny presented the Treasurer's Report for June 2018. There were disbursements of \$753.50, \$450.00 (check #1840) for webmaster services, \$103.50 (check #1841) for FedEx printing, and \$200.00 (check #1842) for notetaking services, leaving a balance of \$7,055.38. There is a balance of \$13,793.79 in the savings account. The June 2018 report was approved by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Zimny also presented the FY 2018 second (2nd) Quarterly Report. The total funds available during the quarter amounted to \$11,843.73, the total disbursements amounted to \$2,367.00, and the ending balance was \$9,476.73. The FY18 Second Quarter Report was accepted by unanimous consent.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

The June 2018 report was accepted by unanimous consent.

The COC will not meet in July or August 2018.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 24, 2018

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

The June 2018 report was accepted by unanimous consent.

Motion: The Committee moved and Commissioner Mike Soderman seconded the motion to send a letter to ABRA to protest the license transfer of Touché (1123 H Street NE) to Smokin' Pig (1208 H Street NE) unless a settlement agreement amendment is agreed to that states that the kitchen may cease serving food no earlier than one (1) hour before closing time. The motion passed 7-0.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 17, 2018

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

The June 2018 report was accepted by unanimous consent.

1. The Committee moved and Commissioner Calvin Ward seconded the motion to send a letter to DDOT Public Space Committee for the public space application by Eliot-Hine

Middle School (1800 Constitution Avenue NE) for installation of a staircase and ADA ramp on the C Street side of the school. The motion passed 7-0.

2. The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion to send a letter of support to DDOT Public Space Committee for the sidewalk café application by DC Diner (802 13th Street NE), conditioned on the applicant's agreement to the following:
 - a. The applicant only operated the sidewalk café space from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm;
 - b. The applicant will take reasonable efforts to contain noise within the sidewalk café space including, but not limited to, using any sidewalk café removable structures it may now or in the future install (e.g., a sidewalk café canopy, roll down plastic windows, etc.) and any other reasonable means to contain noise, but only to the extent allowable by applicable District laws and regulations;
 - c. The applicant will only use the sidewalk café space for food and drink service, and not for any playing of music, amplified or otherwise, or for any other use, including live performances;
 - d. If the applicant installs fencing around the the sidewalk café area, it shall be consistent with DDOT specifications and the fencing enclosing other sidewalk cafés within ANC6A, which shall include fencing or bars designed to keep trash contained within the sidewalk café area (preferably by minimizing any gaps at the bottom of the fencing);
 - e. The applicant will use easily moveable chairs and tables that shall be moved to the side and locked up when not in use;
 - f. The applicant will ensure no trash container of any sort will be stored anywhere on public space, including on the sidewalk café itself; and
 - g. The applicant will regularly maintain the adjacent tree boxes and keep all areas in front of the business and within the sidewalk café area clean, including the adjacent sidewalk and street gutter.

The motion passed 7-0.

The Committee will not meet in July 2018.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, August 21, 2018

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

The June 2018 report was accepted by unanimous consent.

1. The Committee moved and Chairman Toomajian seconded the motion to send a letter of support to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for a special exception under Subtitle C § 305.1 from the subdivision regulations of Subtitle C § 302.2, to permit two existing primary buildings on a single record lot in the R-F Zone at 518 9th Street NE and 816 E Street NE (BZA Case #19799). The motion passed 7-0.
2. The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion to send a letter of support to BZA and HPRB for special exceptions under Subtitle E § 5201 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, and from the nonconforming structure requirements of Subtitle C § 202.2, to construct a third-story rear addition to an existing principal dwelling unit at 1016 Massachusetts Avenue NE (BZA Case #19786 & HPA #18-436) on the condition that the applicant makes their best effort to get letters of support from the neighbors. The motion passed 7-0.

3. The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion to send a letter of support to BZA for a special exception under Subtitle E §§ 205.5 and 5201 from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4, to construct a rear roof deck and access stairwell at 1318 Constitution Avenue NE (BZA Case #19802) in the RF-1 Zone. The motion passed 7-0.
4. The Committee moved and Chairman Toomajian seconded the motion to send letters of support to BZA and HPRB to for a special exception to the alley setback requirements of Subtitle E § 5000.3 to expand the garage by adding an additional level at 325 10th Street NE (HPA 18-509) on condition that the applicant makes their best effort to get letters of support from the neighbors. The motion passed 7-0.
5. The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion to send a letter of support to HPRB for a request to construct a rear addition to an existing nonconforming structure at 121 Tennessee Avenue in the Capitol Hill Historic District on the condition that the owners continue to make their best efforts to meet with the neighbors and get their support.

The applicant and owner of the property, Patrick McGeehan, was in attendance, along with the architect for the project, and a neighbor who opposed the project. All had been before the ANC previously. After some discussion, the motion passed 4-1 with 2 Commissioners abstaining from the vote.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 18, 2018.

New Business

A letter of support from ANC6A had been requested for extended hours for the Eliot-Hine Middle School Modernization. This request is now moot because the permit has already been granted.

Single Member District Reports

Commissioner Calvin Ward (6A08) stated that there have been issues with fireworks late at night and early in the morning and asked that community members call 911. He will also be working on a traffic calming petition for the 300 block of Nineteenth (19th) Street NE.

Commissioner Stephanie Zimny (6A06) announced that a notice of intent was issued to put a stop sign on the northbound part of Tennessee Avenue and F Street NE and that comments can be made on the DDOT website until August 24. She also announced that DDOT has submitted a work order for the median at Florida Avenue NE and Fourteenth (14th) Street NE due to a number of near misses reported at that intersection. Ms. Zimny stated that she will have an update on the outcome of the walkthrough of Linden Court by the next meeting, and she suspects that additional stop signs or greater police presence when trucks are making deliveries in the area are possibilities.

Commissioner Marie-Claire Brown (6A01) reported that a triple transformer blew out on G Street NE between Eleventh (11th) and Twelfth (12th) Street, resulting in power outages for residents and some businesses, and it was subsequently resolved swiftly within a day and a half. Ms. Brown raised concerns about the intersection of Tenth (10th) and G Street NE, particularly with neither motorists or cyclists stopping, resulting in near misses.

Chairman Phil Toomajian (6A02), in response to Commissioner Brown's concerns regarding the intersection at Tenth (10th) and G Street NE, stated that DDOT is studying the area and considering the possibility of a raised crosswalk, and that he also requested the stop sign be moved from the middle of the crosswalk to be more effective. Mr. Toomajian expressed satisfaction at the progress regarding the hearing for Bruce Robey Way. He also announced that DDOT may have resumed issuing red "Resident Only" parking signs and that he is working to confirm and assist residents in obtaining them.

Commissioner Sondra Philips-Gilbert (6A07) announced that she is currently working on a community forum to address issues occurring in Rosedale and how to bring together the community to find solutions and support the Rosedale Community Center and create programs to support children.

Commissioner Patrick Malone (6A05) announced that additional lifeguards have been added at community pools district-wide, including at Rosedale. This has resulted in a lot of crowding and wait times, so he suggested being cognizant of this as community members plan their visits.

Commissioner Mike Soderman (6A03) reported an uptick in bike thefts. He also has noticed an increase in rat sightings and emphasized the ease of reporting rat sightings to 311 and relatively quick response times.

Community Comments

David Krucoff presented for a non-profit organization of which he is executive director and founder, that advocates for retrocession of Washington, D.C. to Maryland, as "Douglass County," named after Frederick Douglass, as a means for D.C. residents to become enfranchised.

Roni Hollman announced that she is now Secretary of Eastern High School's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). She continues to address the problem of broken musical instruments at the school and is pursuing a grant from the Capitol Hill Foundation that is offered only once a year.

Keri Francis introduced herself as a new member of the community. She teaches art for the DCPS and the Department of Corrections (DOC) and has created a non-profit to reach out to at-risk youth through art.

Two individuals from The Langston Initiative described their goals in revitalizing the public golf courses, at first concentrating on Langston Golf Course, as hubs for community recreation and programming and increasing engagement between the adjacent communities and these golf courses.

A community member expressed concerns about the developments surrounding RFK Stadium and the general changes in neighborhoods and inquired about how the ANCs can work together to bring issues to the forefront, and better ways to advertise/communicate what developments fall under which ANC so concerned residents can have their issues heard.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.