

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
September 14, 2017**

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

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

The minutes for the ANC July 2017 meeting and the agenda for the September 2017 meeting were accepted without changes or objection.

Community Presentations

Brendan Whitsitt, Development Manager, Insight Property Group

Mr. Whitsitt gave an update on the progress of the 1300 H Street Project. The project will include thirty-three (33) affordable units built above ground floor retail space. Space will be made for the H Street Farmers Market during construction and after the project is completed. The project is expected to be completed approximately fourteen (14) months after excavation begins. Mr. Whitsitt took questions from the Commissioners and the public, and described in detail the steps that would be taken to deal with the toxic waste removal. A factsheet which included a whiteprint concerning the project was made available to the public. Further information about this project can be found at: <http://1300hstreet.com/the-project>. Mr. Whitsitt can be reached at: [bwhitsitt \[at\] insightproppertygrouppllc.com](mailto:bwhitsitt@insightproppertygrouppllc.com).

Mr. Pete Kirschner, Director, Communications and Marketing, Events DC

Mr. Kirschner gave information the short term development plans for the RFK Campus Redevelopment Project. Three (3) multi-purpose sports fields are planned and that work should be completed within twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) months. Plans are underway to seek an extension of the federal lease from twenty (20) to fifty (50) years to allow for further development of the site. Additional information can be found at: www.rfkcampus.com/contact. Mr. Kirschner can be contacted at [pkirschner \[at\] eventsdc.com](mailto:pkirschner@eventsdc.com); telephone 202-608-1199.

Douglas Klein, Community Prosecutor, First District, U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia

Mr. Klein gave an update on the case involving the shooting of the toddler injured in shooting that took place on the 1300 block of I Street NE in July. All of the three (3) of the individuals involved have been apprehended and currently detained pending trial. Currently each is charged with assault with a deadly weapon, although what the final charges will be has not yet been decided pending presentation to the grand jury. Mr. Klein can be reached at: [Douglas.Klein \[at\] USDOJ.gov](mailto:Douglas.Klein@USDOJ.gov), telephone: 202-660-2150.

Officer Reports

Chairman Phil Toomajian congratulated Commissioner Stephanie Zimny and her husband James on the recent birth of their baby boy and congratulated Commissioner-Elect Amber Gove on her winning a seat to the ANC 6A Commission for single member district 6A04. The Chairman advised that the annual H Street Festival would take place on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 12:00-7:00 pm, with the usual parking and traffic restrictions in effect between G and I Streets NE. He also shared that the Kingman Park Historic District application will be

heard by the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) on October 26, 2017 and that the Avec Project at 901 H Street NE is on schedule for completion for the summer of 2019.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Toomajian summarized the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Commissioner Zimny, who was unable to attend the September 14, 2017 meeting. The opening balance in the checking account was \$11,314.28, with a forwarding balance of \$10,179.16. There were disbursements of \$700.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1797) for agenda/web master services; \$1,056.60 to DC Department of General Services for the use of Miner Elementary School (Check 1798); \$418.09 (Check 1799) to Fed Ex; \$1,806.97 (Check 1800) grant to Eliot-Hine Middle School; and \$200.00 to Gail John (Check 1801) for July 2017 minutes, leaving a balance of \$7,132.62 in the checking account and \$13,770.24, 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.

The amended FY 2017 Second (2nd) Quarter Financial Report was accepted without objection.

The FY 2017 Third (3rd) Quarter Financial Report was accepted without objection.

Committee Reports:

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

No report. The COC committee did not meet in July and August 2017.

Motion: Commissioner Calvin Ward moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion to appoint Ms. Veronica Hollmon as Co-Chair of the ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 25, 2017 (4th Monday).

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

No report. The ABL Committee did not meet in July and August 2017.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 19, 2017 (3rd Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space Committee (TPS)

The July and August 2017 TPS Committee reports were accepted without objection.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 16, 2017 (3rd Monday). The TPS September 2017 meeting has been postponed to the aforementioned date.

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

The July 2017 EDZ Committee report was accepted without objection.

Motion: The Committee moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for a special exception from the rear yard requirements to construct a two-story rear addition to an existing one-family dwelling at 1362 East Capitol Street (BZA #19562). The motion passed (6-0).

Motion: The Committee moved and Commissioner Mike Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for a special

exception from the lot occupancy requirements to construct a two-story rear addition at 1203 D Street NE (BZA#19563) on the condition that best efforts be made to get letters of support from the tenants at 1201 D Street NE and 1205 D Street NE and providing there is no light or air impact on the house behind the property at 321 Twelfth (12th) Street NE. The motion passed (6-0).

Motion: The Committee moved and Commissioner Marie-Claire Brown seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for a special exception from the rear yard requirement and the upper floor addition requirements to construct a rear and third-story addition at 237 Warren Street NE (BZA #19565) on the condition the applicants make best efforts to get letters of support from neighbors at 239, 232, 230, 234, 236 and 238 Warren Street NE and 228 Fourteenth (14th) Street NE. The motion passed (6-0).

Motion: The Committee moved and Mr. Soderman seconded a motion that ANC 6A send a letter to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for a special exception from the rear yard requirements to construct a three-story rear addition at 225 Tennessee Avenue NE (BZA #19566) on the condition that the applicants make best efforts to get a letter of support from the neighbor at 223 Tennessee Avenue NE. The motion passed (6-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm September 20, 2017 (3rd Wednesday).

Single Member District Reports

Commissioner Patrick Malone (6A05) advised that community residents should be urged to participate in the DC Private Security Camera Rebate Program and that there has lately been an increase in car break-ins in this district. Commissioner Malone further indicated that any occurrences of crime in the neighborhood should be promptly reported to the police, and, in the meantime, make sure that vehicles are locked and cleared of any objects of value.

Commissioner Sondra Phillips Gilbert (6A07) indicated that she had some concerns regarding a roundabout at Seventeenth (17th) and E Streets, NE, where car accidents have occurred. She also mentioned that there are plans to sponsor a neighborhood Halloween party on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at the Rosedale Community Center.

Commissioner Brown (6A01) noted that community members have reported prostitution activity on K Street NE between Tenth (10th) and Eleventh (11) Streets and Florida Avenue; that there are some resident concerns about the construction noise at the Avec Development Project; and there are ongoing resident concerns about the noise at the gym.

Commissioner Toomajian (6A02) advised that requests for graffiti removal and sidewalk repair have been relayed to the appropriate DC agencies; that there have been neighborhood resident concerns about trash removal and increased rodent activity, and that the Sherwood Recreation Center may need to add additional custodial staff.

Commissioner Soderman (6A03) mentioned that a resident in his district experienced an unsuccessful attempted robbery on his porch, which was well-captured on security camera video and that there has been an uptick of car break-ins.

Commissioner Ward (6A08) advised of recent dumping of stolen vehicles, and said any such occurrences be reported promptly to the police. He also advised that community residents

should inquire about the Floodproofing Rebate Program through DC Water. Under certain conditions, this program offers city residents information on approved flood prevention measures that may be applicable for reimbursement through DC Water. Information about this program, including arranging a consultation for a resident's property with a representative of DC Water can be obtained through DC Water's Community Outreach Manager at: 202-787-2003.

Commissioner-Elect Amber Gove (6A04) mentioned that a requested sidewalk extension between Seventeenth (17th) Place NE and Eastern High School had been approved and that the work has been recently completed.

Community Comments

Ms. Elizabeth Nelson advised of upcoming events being hosted by the Capitol Hill Restoration Society. Information about scheduled events can be found at the Capitol Hill Restoration Society website: info [at] chrs.org, telephone: 202-543-0425.

Community Outreach Committee (COC) Co-Chair Ms. Veronica Hollmon requested that the ANC 6A Commissioners consider appointing new persons to the COC and that there would be no December 2017 COC meeting since the scheduled monthly meeting date falls on Christmas Day.

The new Principal of the Miner Elementary School, Mr. Bruce Jackson, introduced himself to the Commissioners.

Mr. Toomajian mentioned the upcoming DC State Fair on Sunday, September 24, 2017. The particulars about the DC State Fair can be found at the website: www.dcstatefair.org.

Finally, mention was made of the Taste of DC (Festival), schedule to take place on Saturday October 7, 2017 and Sunday October 8, 2017, on the Festival Grounds at RFK Stadium. Details regarding times and specific location about the Taste of DC can be found at: www.thetasteofdc.org.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm