

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A  
Minutes  
Miner Elementary School  
September 13, 2018**

**Present:** Commissioners Phil Toomajian (Chair), Marie Claire Brown, Mike Soderman, Amber Gove, Stephanie Zimny and Calvin Ward

The meeting convened at 7:05 pm.

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

**Community Presentations**

Captain John Knutsen, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), First District, Sector 2

Captain Knutsen introduced Lieutenant Kevin Harding, who works the evening shift in the sector. He brought informational materials on the MPD listserv and how one can join it and described the listserv as one of the best methods that MPD uses to put alerts out to the community. Over 6,000 households have joined, as well as members of the media. Community safety tips and contact information for the entire management team of the First District were also distributed. He went on to give crime statistics and reported a 60% drop in robberies in comparison with the previous month; assaults with a deadly weapon are down 70%. However, Captain Knutsen reported that thefts from autos continue to be a challenge and emphasized the importance of locking car doors. Package thefts are also up and he stated that cameras are helpful in combating this issue. He reported the outcome of a recent burglary spree and announced that the suspect was arrested on August 31, 2018 and charged with 18 different crimes. The arrest was made through the assistance of camera footage in the neighborhood, underscoring the effectiveness of the camera rebate program. Captain Knutsen answered questions from Commissioners and residents, including a question about liaising with USPS regarding package theft. While MPD does not work directly with Postal Inspectors or USPS, they have put an undercover team together to catch people in the act. He also answered a question on juvenile crime around schools and alleys and that MPD have identified “hot spots” for this type of activity. He clarified that any camera that is public facing (including Ring and Nest cameras) are eligible for the camera rebate program.

Joe Weedon, Ward 6 State Board of Education Member

Mr. Weedon is running for reelection in November 2018. He described the work he has done in the past four years as a member of the State Board of Education. He spoke of his work in building relationships between schools and the community, ensuring that school leaders are held accountable; bringing the graduation crisis to light and supporting an independent investigation to uncover the cause; and addressing the problem of residency and promoting new rules that require clear residency verification. He went on to speak of his work in engaging parent leaders from across the city to look at technology in schools and an Outside of traditional board role: working with parent leaders from across the city to look at technology in schools and ensuring that lead protocols are being adhered to. He thanked Commissioner Amber Gove for her work and dedication to the DC Safe Routes to School Program and spoke of his role in the Eliot-Hine Modernization project. He thanked the community for their continued partnership in the advancement of education and schools in our community. Commissioner Gove asked how the State Board could assist in making the DC

Safe Routes to School Program more comprehensive across all schools instead of the current piecemeal approach. Mr. Weedon expressed while the Board does not have direct oversight, he was happy to connect Commissioner Gove to parent leaders to start addressing that issue. Commissioner Gove also asked about the zoning rules in relation to parking spaces versus green/play spaces. Mr. Weedon stated he would bring it to the attention of the Board.

Naomi Klein, District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Ward 6 Community Engagement  
Ms. Klein introduced herself as the new Community Engagement Specialist for Ward 6 which is a new position. Ms. Klein stated that, in such a large city department, it can be difficult to get in touch with the right person, and that her role is to ensure that all inquiries or issues from the community get to the right person within DDOT. She gave a short personal background: she has been a DC resident for five years and previously worked as an organizer for Local 25, the union that represents hotel workers in the DC metro area. She reported that the speed humps slated to go on the 400 and 600 blocks of Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Street NE have been marked for installation and should be installed within the next few weeks. The traffic calming petition for the 1200 to 1500 blocks of C Street NE has been received; she is in the process of organizing with the safety team to get an update. The Office of Contracting and Procurement is working on paperwork to put the Maryland Avenue NE project for bid; the project should be in the construction phase by Spring 2019 at the latest. She also provided an update on resident-only parking requests. She has received a commitment from colleagues to do a study on resident-only parking, expressing that they prefer a more comprehensive approach instead of fielding requests one block at a time, preferably five (5) or more blocks (not necessarily adjacent) at a time. Ms. Klein clarified that any block that already has resident only parking will not change and also suggested that any petition currently pending be included in a resolution with other blocks, as this is the process currently committed to.

### **Officer Reports**

Chairman Toomajian announced that he will not be present at the October meeting, but that Commissioner Gove has agreed to chair the meeting in his absence.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Commissioner Stephanie Zimny presented the Treasurer's Report for August 2018 and announced one amendment in the form of an additional disbursement. The Department of General Services (DGS) has amended the amount owed for security services at Miner Elementary School, and a check will be disbursed in the amount of \$316.98. Including this amendment, there were disbursements totaling \$1,393.48: \$700.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1843) for agenda/web master services; \$200.00 (Check 1845) for the July 2018 minutes; \$176.50 (Check 1844) for FedEx printing; leaving a balance of \$5,978.88 in the checking account. There is a balance of \$13,477.02, including a \$.022 interest deposit, in the savings account. The August 2018 report including the amendment was approved by unanimous consent.

The FY18 Third (3rd) Quarter Financial Report consists of an opening balance of \$7,926.73, and disbursements totaling \$3,850.50. The ending balance of the checking account was \$4,076.23. The FY18 3rd Quarter Report was approved by unanimous consent.

The adjusted FY17 Third (3rd) Quarter Financial Report consists of an opening balance of \$10,415.57 and an adjusted \$150.00 disbursement (Check #1793 to Stephon Kukoy) bringing the total disbursements to \$3,908.74 and an ending balance of \$6,506.83. The adjusted FY17 3rd Quarter Report was approved by unanimous consent.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Community Outreach Committee (COC)**

The Committee did not meet in August 2018.

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

### **Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)**

The August 2018 report was accepted by unanimous consent.

1. The Committee moved and Commissioner Mike Soderman seconded the motion to accept a new Settlement Agreement for Duffy's Irish Pub and agree to a stipulated endorsement allowing Duffy's to operate under its new agreed-upon hours during the placard period. The motion passed 6-0.
2. The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion to write a letter to ABRA to protest the request for a new CT license by Kitsuen, LLC t/a Kitsuen at 1362 H Street NE (License No. ABRA-110893) unless a signed settlement agreement is submitted before the protest petition date. There is a settlement in place that removes only minor language. The motion passed 6-0.
3. The Committee moved and Commissioner Zimny seconded the motion to write a letter to ABRA to protest the request for a new CT license by DC Culinary Academy, LLC t/a The Outsider at 1357-1359 H Street NE (License No. ABRA-110889) unless a signed settlement agreement is submitted before the protest petition date. DC Culinary Academy, LLC has agreed to a settlement agreement with no changes. The motion passed 6-0.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 18, 2018

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

The August 2018 report was accepted by unanimous consent.

1. The Committee moved and Commissioner Amber Gove seconded the motion to send a letter to DDOT's Public Space Committee asserting that ANCs should have sixty (60) days from the date of notice to provide comment on the small cell guidelines proposal. Commissioner Soderman spoke about the small cell initiative and voiced concerns about the plan to install over 2,700 small cells throughout the city over the next five years without outstanding questions and impact being thoughtfully considered. He voiced a concern over the city not pursuing recurring lease revenue for the use of public space by cell carriers; and aesthetics, considering small cells require direct line-of-sight and small cells are positioned lower to the ground and potentially near homes. There is a public hearing scheduled for October 15, 2018. After more discussion, the motion passed 6-0.
2. The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion to send a letter of support to DDOT endorsing safety improvements at Eighth (8th) Street NE and D Street NE and reiterate the need to convert the intersection to an all-way stop. The motion passed 6-0.
3. Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion to nominate Elizabeth Nelson as the acting chair of the Committee. The motion passed 6-0.

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

### **Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)**

The August 2018 report was accepted by unanimous consent.

Old Business:

1. Chairman Phil Toomajian moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion to send a revised 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 which adds special exception relief on Subtitle Section 1502.1(b) and (c) to the ANC approval letter, 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 6-0.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 19, 2018.

### **Single Member District Reports**

Commissioner Stephanie Zimny (6A06) announced that Chick-Fil-A will participate in the monthly community clean-ups. She is also working on some lighting and traffic signage issues at Linden Court. She is working with Naomi Klein on an issue on Wiley Court where DDOT is not ticketing cars properly.

Commissioner Amber Gove (6A04) announced the installation of four raised crosswalks and a speed table in the 1800, 1300, and 1200 blocks of Constitution Ave NE. She reported a crash that occurred involving an 11-year-old child in the double crosswalk at Lincoln Park; the child was injured but the injuries were not life threatening. Commissioner Gove reminded residents to report near-misses to DDOT. She is also working on an issue involving the intersection at Constitution Avenue NE, 13th Street NE and Tennessee Avenue NE and a proposal for a “no right on red” sign for 24 hours.

Commissioner Marie-Claire Brown (6A01) reported that she has been asked to work with Commissioner Zimny and Chairman Toomajian to talk about the possibility of designating G Street NE as local traffic only. The senior citizens of Capitol Hill Towers has requested that she begin a petition for a speed hump due to the traffic.

Chairman Phil Toomajian (6A02) announced that there is a school crossing guard at Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) and F Streets NE and expressed appreciation for the new speed humps on Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) Street NE. He spoke of vacant properties on the 1100 block of H Street NE, with issues of furniture left outside these properties; he is working with the owner and MPD on this issue.

Commissioner Mike Soderman (6A03) reported successful repairs of sidewalks on Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>), Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) and Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Streets NE. He is also working to install security cameras and working with neighboring families in the area to achieve this.

### **Community Comments**

Shannon Hodge, Executive Director of Kingsman Academy Public Charter School, offered her contact information for any concerns about student behavior before or after school and wants to be responsive to community concerns. She offered the possibility of extending the hours that staff members patrol the area and have a team in place to address concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.