

**Minutes**  
**ANC 6A**  
**Miner Elementary School**  
**October 11, 2012**

**Present:** Commissioners Alberti, Healy, Holmes, Hysell, Ronneberg Veenendaal-Selck  
**Absent:** Commissioners Lawler, Mack

The meeting was convened at 7pm.

**1. Minutes**

The minutes for September 2012 were approved by unanimous consent.

**2. Agenda**

Mr. Hysell requested that Options Charter School be added to Unfinished Business. Mr. Alberti asked to have an appropriation for minutes transcription and agenda packet preparation added to New Business. A request for a letter to DCRA for a permit for an underground tank was requested for New Business. The agenda as amended was approved by unanimous consent.

**3. Community Presentations**

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Tamika McThorn of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council gave a brief presentation on the agency, which is an independent agency in the Mayor's Office and serves as a liaison among federal and local law enforcement agencies in areas such as truancy prevention, and re-entry programs for parolees. She called attention to their web site ([cjcc.dc.gov](http://cjcc.dc.gov)) and said they have issued new annual report which is available from the agency (202/442-9283). She announced an informational meeting on October 25 at the Thurgood Marshall Building from 6:30 pm. Mr. Alberti pointed out the irony of the agency working both on prevention and post-prison programs.

DeLoran Foundation

Lloyd Cornish, founder of the DeLoran Foundation, gave a brief presentation on his program, which works with 16-23 year old youth, providing basketball leagues as a way to address education, employment and the economic hardship facing the District's inner city communities. The group has also started the Green District, which is working to empower youth to beautify their communities. They also have the Alternative Education League (AEL) that enables night school, GED and adult education students to participate in basketball leagues. Cornish can be reached at 202/271-7993.

Rosedale Homecoming Day

Necothia Bowen invited the audience to Rosedale Homecoming Day on October 13 at the Rosedale Recreation Center.

#### 4. Officers' Reports

##### Chair

Mr. Holmes reported that he was pleased to be at the opening of the Rosedale Library on October 18, with the Mayor and other officials. He also reported that people who wished to be poll watchers for the November 6 election had until October 23 to apply to the Board of Elections. He also reported that the recycling pick-up date for 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Street between E and D Streets NE, and 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> between E and F Streets NE will be changed to Thursdays.

##### Treasurer's Report

Mr. Alberti presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported that the opening balance in the checking account was \$12,869.49 and the savings account balance was \$9,044.37. There was an allotment from the District of Columbia for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY 12 of \$4,836.27, and an interest payment to the savings account of \$.15. There were disbursements of \$180 to Roberta Weiner for transcription of July 2012 ANC minutes (Check #1572); and \$200 to Heather Schoell for the September 2012 agenda package (Check #1573) leaving a balance of \$17,325.76 in the checking account, and \$9,044.52 in the savings account.

**Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved/Dr. Ronneberg seconded a motion to accept the disbursements. The motion passed without objection.

**Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved/Dr. Ronneberg seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed without objection.

**Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Hysell seconded a motion to approve the Quarterly Report for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY 2012. Mr. Alberti said the report had been distributed a week prior to the meeting for comments. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Holmes reported that the ANC had received its annual report card from the DC Auditor and had passed with flying colors.

#### 5. Single Member District Reports

**Dr. Ronneberg** said that noise at XII is a continuing problem. He also reported that RPP parking has been removed around Sherwood to the dismay of people living there.

**Ms. Veenendaal-Selck** said she is thrilled that the Rosedale library is opening.

**Mr. Alberti** reported that there will be an informational session on the International Baccalaureate Program at the Atlas Center to provide information for local parents.

**Mr. Hysell** thanked Fox 5 and Sherry Lee who responded to his outreach to all the TV networks about a constituent with a home on Florida Avenue adversely impacted by a developer and it aired on September 29. He also reported that neighbors are concerned about the expansion of the Options school; he and constituent Tom Kotorac met with Option's school attorney Paul Dalton, and the school has purchased Segways and committed in writing to take additional steps, which the ANC will see in 40 minutes.

#### 6. Community Outreach Committee

The report of the committee was accepted without objection.

### Eastern SHS PTSA Grant

This is a request for a grant for \$533 for the band program to provide storage carts and pole bags. The committee approved the grant in June; however a representative of the organization, as required by ANC regulations, did not appear at the full ANC meeting, so the grant was set aside. Mark Roy, of the Eastern Senior HSPTA did attend the September meeting to ask that the grant be approved. The conditions have not changed, the need for the funds still exist, so the Committee voted unanimously again approve the grant.

**Motion:** The Committee moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion to accept the Committee's recommendation that the ANC provide \$533 toward the cost of storage carts and pole bags as requested in the grant application from the Eastern HS PTSA. The motion passed without objection.

### Revised Grant Guidelines

Ms. Nelson introduced the revised grant guidelines, which has been under discussion for several months, by saying the ANC used to have more money than grant applicants, but now the situation is reversed, and the budget overall is reduced. She said the provisions are to give guidance to the ANC and to potential applicants:

1. Grant budgets will be divided in half for "winter" (apply in October-February) and "Summer" (apply in March-July) cycles.
2. The "seasons" grant budget will be further divided in half for larger (>\$300) and smaller (<\$300) grants.
3. Small grants will be reviewed on a monthly cycle with deadlines as they currently are. (Applications due the second Monday of the month for consideration at the COC meeting on the third Monday of the month and approved at the next month's ANC meeting.) This would allow for organizations, especially small ones, to respond to unanticipated funding needs.
4. Larger grants for the winter cycle will be considered at the February COC meeting from the pool of applications received in the period beginning October 1 and ending the second Monday in February. Larger grants for the summer cycle will be considered at the July/Aug COC meeting from the pool of applications received the period beginning March 1 and ending the second Monday in July. The COC will consider the relative merits of applicants' proposals in making funding recommendations. Those recommendations will be forwarded to the ANC for consideration at the March and September ANC meetings.
5. Any funds not expended from the small grants funding pool for a given season-cycle will be available for larger grants at the end of that cycle.
6. Any funds not expended in the winter cycle will be available in the summer cycle. Unexpended large grants funds from the winter cycle will be available in the small grants pool in the summer cycle.
7. Past grant history will be considered in making funding recommendations.
8. Preference will be given to locally-based organizations.

**Motion:** The Committee moved/Ms. Veenendaal-Selck seconded a motion to adopt the Committee's recommendation for revised guidelines for grants procedures by the COC and the ANC. Mr. Alberti said that the guidelines will be tough to implement and provides no panacea. There's a chance the larger grants will eat up the funds. Ms. Nelson said that is why the

recommendation is to divide available funding in half between large and small grants so that some funding remains for small grants. When they can see what the budget "pie" looks like, the threshold for large/small grants may have to be revisited and made smaller. The motion passed without objection.

Ms. Nelson announced that there might not be an October Committee meeting.

## 7. Alcohol Beverage and Licensing Committee

The report of the committee was accepted without objection.

### Maketto - 1351 H Street NE

**Motion:** The committee moved/Mr. Healy seconded a motion to accept the committee's recommendation and protest the license for Maketto at 1351 H Street NE unless there is a signed, approved VA prior to the petition date. It is expected that it will happen within the next few days. The motion passed 5-0-1, with Mr. Alberti not voting.

## 8. Transportation and Public Space Committee

In the absence of Chair Omar Mahmud, Mr. Holmes handled the committee's business.

### Brick Sidewalk Extension on 12<sup>th</sup> Street NE

This is a request for support, at the request of Ms. Lawler, of a petition to DDOT by residents of the 1200 block of D Street NE to extend the brick sidewalk to the curb. **Motion:** Mr. Holmes moved/Mr. Healy seconded a motion to accept the Committee's motion. Mr. Holmes said he had written a letter on his own. Ms. Nelson said that if people are concerned about mud, they should be replacing tree boxes. Mr. Alberti said that he wanted to see what addresses are affected and how many houses. Mr. Healy added that the ANC should just ask the City to explore what needs to be done. Mr. Holmes said that the neighbors want it done. The motion passed 5-1, with Mr. Alberti in opposition.

### Letter to DDOT requesting Reduction in Meter Times

**Motion:** Mr. Holmes moved/Mr. Healy seconded a motion to accept the Committee's recommendation that the ANC send a letter to DDOT requesting that 4-hour parking meters in the 800 block of 12<sup>th</sup> Street NE be converted to 15-minute parking.

The residents of that block want the limit because of business pickup. Mr. Alberti said the committee minutes implied it was a solution for Horace and Dickies, but maybe it's short-sighted and it's also appropriate for other areas as well. Mr. Alberti offered an amendment to the letter to DDOT that requests a study of where 15-minute parking is appropriate on H Street and streets feeding into it. Mr. Healy added that it is particularly appropriate for 8<sup>th</sup> Street, but, he said, he might not vote for it because the residents have one-side only parking, and it cuts down on the number of spaces available. Mr. Alberti said he had a different impression from reading the minutes, and he would withdraw his amendment, the motion passed 6-0.

### Bench at Capitol Towers

The ANC received a public space application for the installation of a bench outside Capitol Hill Towers residence at 900 G Street NE. The location is outside the entrance near the sidewalk. A great deal of concern was expressed because this block is already prey to loitering and other public safety concerns. Mr. Mahmud and Mr. Holmes agreed that it would be best for the building to locate the bench inside the fence surrounding the building and underneath the walkway canopy to protect residents from the elements, and that the bench be divided to discourage sleepers. **Motion:** Mr. Holmes moved/Dr. Ronneberg seconded a motion to accept the Committee's recommendation that the ANC support changes to the public space application for placement of a bench in front of Capitol Hill Towers. The changes include dividing the bench's seats, moving the bench off public space to behind the fence. Mr. Alberti allowed that it is a better solution for Capitol Hill Towers. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

### Rock & Roll National Marathon

Mr. Holmes began by stating that a great deal of hard work had gone into making changes to the route and processes of the Rock & Roll National Marathon, and introduced Diane Thomas of the Marathon who discussed many of the changes including the expanded use of web sites, mailers, door hangers, and street signs. The web site will contain customized web sites for each Capitol Hill neighborhood. There will be bump cross routes for automobiles, coordinated by MPD. There is a new clean-up plan, there will be no watering stations in ANC 6A, and the sound will be reduced on H Street and unamplified at Lincoln Park. The start is at 14<sup>th</sup> and Constitution.

Mr. Holmes said that "in a startling change," because of the responsiveness of the marathon staff, he was prepared to support the race. Mr. Alberti added that after four years of stinging criticism, he would like to commend Ms. Thomas for putting together a plan that responds to the community. Mr. Holmes also thanked Paul Quander and Tanya Mitchell.

Selected street closings: H Street, closed from 8:24 am till 11:51 am; C Street, end of the half marathon, will reopen at 12:29 pm; East Capitol Street will be closed from 8:39 am to 10:43 am; and East Cap Bridge westbound will reopen at 1:27 pm.

**Motion:** Mr. Holmes moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion to approve the route of Rock & Roll National Marathon with the proviso that there be a change that permits easier entrance and exit from the encircled areas of the Hill. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

## 9. Unfinished Business

### Options School

Mr. Hysell introduced Paul Dalton, general counsel of Options School, who, in turn went into the hall and returned with Mr. Perry Malone (202/657-1218) and Mr. Malik Carson (202/657-1039), two black-clad security officers on Segways, who are now the visible face of Options' neighborhood security force. Dalton distributed a letter to the community and said that the school spent over \$10,000 on equipment and training (they used the Arlington Police Training

program), and the two officers will be out in the community from 8am till 4pm and have an assigned route that includes alleys, as well as response to incidents. Their phone numbers are listed on the ANC 6A website, and they are available to respond to members of the community. He said that 15 other staff members will be on daily outside patrol in the mornings and at dismissal, and will patrol different routes each day.

Mr. Alberti asked what their strategy is and was told they plan to change their route every day going to E Street, over to 12<sup>th</sup> Street, from H to 18<sup>th</sup> and C. The idea is to keep people moving. There is room for comments on the web site and they welcome comments from the neighborhood.

Principal Bunch of Miner Elementary School commented on the students walking down F Street, and they have been smoking pot. She is particularly concerned about the morning— 7:30 - 8:30am—and hoped she could get help.

Mr. Holmes said that the charter school board had been following through with material they had promised the ANC. Mr. Hysell said that Options had already done three things they had committed to do, so progress was being made. He is hopeful that the commitment from Options won't wane in the future.

## 10. Economic Development and Zoning Committee

The committee report was accepted without objection.

### Design Changes at 601-645 H Street NE

In 2007, the BZA approved a redevelopment plan for the 601-645 block of H Street NE. The developer, Jair Lynch, proposes to increase the number of entries on H Street to increase the amount of retail in the project. The current scheme maintains the massing of the 2007 plans, but has improved materials and textures. It will be a rental residence with about 300 units and will have heavy landscaping at the G Street side of the building. There will be a rooftop pool and an interior courtyard. **Motion:** The Committee moved/Dr. Ronneberg seconded a motion to adopt the Committee's recommendation that the ANC send a letter to the Zoning Administrator in support of the design changes to 601-645 H Street NE. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

### Murry's/H Street Storage PUD

Trent Smith of Insight Property Group presented information on the project he is developing on the north side of H Street between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets NE. The lot is currently home to Murry's, property Insight owns, and H Street Self Storage, which is currently under contract to be purchased by Insight. The project will be built in two phases, the first encompassing Murry's, the second, the storage facility. The site is in the H Street overlay and proposes eight stories, and will pull back at the rear to relate to the R-4 zoning. The building's relationship to the building across the street will be to create three distinct simple elements that read as three separate buildings. A more complete description of the project can be found in the Economic Development and Zoning Committee minutes. **Motion:** The Committee moved/Dr. Ronneberg seconded a motion to adopt the Committee's recommendation to write

a letter of support to the Zoning Administrator for the set-down of the PUD for Murry's/H Street Self Storage. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

#### 712 I Street NE

This is a request for support for a BZA application by Pilgrim Baptist Church at 712 I Street NE for a variance ion to use a house at the property for administrative offices. **Motion:** The Committee moved/Mr. Healy seconded a motion that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation to send a letter to the BZA supporting the use variance for administrative offices for 712 I Street NE. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

### **11. New Business**

#### Living Social Glow Run

Mr. Holmes reported that information on the Living Social Glow Run, for which ANC support has been requested, but has not been given to the Commission because no-one involved in the race provided any materials or contacted any Commissioner, leaving many unanswered questions: What is a "rave run", what is their cleanup plan (particularly around watering stations), what are the noise levels affecting residential areas, and precisely when will the streets leading to and from 22nd Street open and close? Ms. Nelson added that if they can't bother to come, a letter of disapproval should be sent. The motion to oppose passed 5-0-1.

#### Support for DCRA Permit for Tank Burial

**Motion:** Dr. Ronneberg moved/Mr. Hysell seconded a motion that the ANC send a letter to DCRA enquiring about the absence of a permit for the installation of an underground tank at 1400 Maryland Avenue NE. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

#### FY 2013 Budget

**Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved/Dr. Ronneberg seconded a motion to approve the FY 2013 Budget for ANC 6A. The members of the Commission had an opportunity to review the budget and comment on it. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

#### Allocation of Funds for Minutes Transcription and Packet Production

**Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved/Dr. Ronneberg seconded a motion to allocate up to \$250 each per month for the transcription of the ANC minutes, and the editing and assembly of the ANC agenda package. The motion passed without objection.

### **12. Community Comment**

Mr. Healy commended Mr. Alberti for his testimony on the Chair of ABRA. He said that significant issues were raised, and that working with ABRA on a weekly basis, it's clear there's a basis for what he said.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.