

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
Minutes  
Eliot Hine Middle School  
October 10, 2013**

Present: Commissioners Alberti, Holmes, Phillips-Gilbert, Ward, Williams  
Absent: Commissioners Hysell, Mahmud, Nauden

The meeting was convened at 7pm.

**Agenda**

Mr. Holmes proposed three additions to New Business:

1. Discussion of a request for an investigation by DCRA of the non-residential uses of the upper floors of 1242 H Street NE and other new construction for possible zoning violations. The builder requested a variance, the ANC opposed it at the BZA and the builder withdrew the request before BZA consideration. They never obtained the variances required for a bar on the upper floors.
2. On behalf of Mr. Hysell and himself, he wants to move that the ANC express its support for the transfer of Options School's charter to a new operator, that the school not be closed because of the adverse impact on the students, but that a new, larger and more easily controlled site be sought by the new operator and the Public Charter School Board. Commissioners Hysell, Williams and Holmes are authorized to represent the ANC in this matter.
3. A vote on nominating Gottlieb Simon for the Cafritz Award. ("The 13th...Cafritz Foundation Awards for Distinguished District of Columbia Employees. The awards program recognizes the extraordinary service and commitment of DC public servants who—often working behind the scenes—provide outstanding service to the residents of Washington DC. Each year five winners receive a \$7500 cash prize and get recognition at the Cafritz Awards gala in May. The candidate must have been employed by government for five years.).

The additions to the agenda were accepted by unanimous consent.

Mr. Holmes announced that the ANC must be completely out of the building no later than 9pm.

**Motion:** Mr. Holmes moved that the Commission stand adjourned at 8:45 pm as determined by the Chair's cell phone clock. The motion was accepted by unanimous consent.

**Community Presentations**

Commander Andy Solberg Police Report

Mr. Holmes introduced 5D Police Commander Andy Solberg who spoke, with two of his officers, on crime in PSA 507, east of 15th Street between Benning Road and C Street NE. He reported that since June there has been a "fairly substantial" increase in crime in the area. He said residents should see a lot of officers on the street.

**Officers' Reports**

Chair

Mr. Holmes announced that there will be a special ANC meeting on Thursday, October 24 at Maury Elementary School, 13th Street and Constitution Avenue.

He mentioned that the Rosedale Citizen's Alliance (RCA) and the Capitol Hill Restoration Society (CHRS) are sponsoring a historic walking tour on Saturday, October 26, starting at the Rosedale Library.

He reported that Metro is considering consolidating bus stops in and adjacent to 6A, according to a letter he received on Wednesday. The stops include: East Capitol St. and 19th Street, westbound. Stop #10000808 Route 97; East Capitol St. and 15th Street NE, westbound Stop #1000806 Route 97; east Capitol St. and 15th St. Stop #1000793 Route 97; Mass. Ave and 16th Street, eastbound #1000701 Route 96; Mass. Ave. and 16th Street westbound Stop #1000707 Route 96.

He asked whether there were any objections if the Commissioners most closely affected and the Chair, acting together be authorized to send a letter of opposition to the consolidation if a Commissioner and the Chair determine that opposition is appropriate? No objection was raised, and the resolution was approved by unanimous consent.

#### Treasurer's Report

Mr. Alberti presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported that the opening balance in the checking account was \$19,780.83, and the savings account balance was \$13,716.67. There was an interest payment of \$.23 to the savings account, There were disbursements of \$180 to Roberta Weiner for transcription of the June '13 ANC minutes (Check #1609); \$243.50 to FedEx Office for the August '13 statement (Check #1610); \$200 to Heather Schoell for the September '13 agenda package (Check #1611); and \$258 to FedEx Office for the September '13 statement (Check #1612), leaving a balance of \$18,888.52 in the checking account, and \$13,716.90 in the savings account.

**Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved to accept the disbursements. The motion passed 4-1

**Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 4-1.

**Motion:** Mr. Alberti moved to approve the Quarterly Report for the third quarter of FY 13. He noted that the complete report had been circulated to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. The motion passed 4-1.

Mr. Alberti noted that he had heard from the Auditor and a quarterly disbursement will be forthcoming from the District in late December. He also noted that a draft budget for FY 14 was included in the agenda packet for review by the Commissioners, prior to a vote at the next meeting.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### Economic Development and Zoning

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection. Mr. Holmes introduced committee chair Dan Golden, who presented the following actions:

##### *800 11th Street NE*

This is a request for support for a variance from the off street parking requirements to allow Toddlers on the Hill, LLC to use a portion of the premises as a Child Development Center. The variance is from two required parking spaces. **Motion:** The committee moved a recommendation that the ANC support the request for a variance at 800 11th Street NE on the condition that the applicant agrees to notify the ANC of any future changes to its child pick-up and drop-off plan. The motion failed on a tie vote, 2-2-1, Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert abstaining.

##### *1301 North Carolina Avenue NE - AT&T Antennas*

**Motion:** The committee moved to oppose the application of AT&T to install cellular antennae, a generator and screens atop the church at 1301 North Carolina Ave. NE, absent the applicant showing

the ANC of necessity for the installation to occur at that location and a demonstration that other sites were considered but were not feasible. Mr. Holmes said he wanted to withdraw the application before HPRB until the next meeting but was unable to reach Historic Preservation to request a delay. The motion passed 5-0.

#### *1316 Corbin Place NE*

**Motion:** The committee moved to adopt the Committee's recommendation to send a letter to the Zoning Administrator advising him of what appears to be a zoning violation (expansion of the structure beyond the permitted lot occupancy) at 1316 Corbin Place NE. The motion passed 4-0-1, Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert abstaining.

#### Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee

The Committee report was accepted without objection.

On the recommendation of the Committee, the ANC took no action on the CT license renewal for Atlas Arcade/Church and State, 1236 H Street NE, and on the CT license renewal for the Queen Vic, 1206 H Street NE.

#### *Ben's Chili Bowl/Ben's Upstairs - 1001 H Street NE*

**Motion:** The Committee moved to protest the CR license of Ben's Chili Bowl and Ben's Upstairs, 1001 H Street NE unless a signed Settlement Agreement is submitted to the ANC prior to the protest date. The motion passed, 4-0, with Mr. Alberti abstaining.

#### *XII Restaurant and Lounge - 1123-1125 H Street NE*

**Motion:** The Committee moved that the ANC formally protest the CT license of Twelve (XII) Restaurant and Lounge, 1123-1125 H Street NE. The motion passed 3-1-1, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert opposed and Mr. Alberti abstaining.

#### Transportation and Public Space Committee

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

#### *Quiet Work on Trolley*

**Motion:** The Committee moved to accept the Committee recommendation to send a letter to DDOT head Terry Bellamy re the H Street/Benning Road streetcar line indicating support for quiet work during the night hours as proposed by the DDOT team, provided they take all measures to mitigate noise and light pollution and address neighborhood concerns. The motion passed 4-0-1, Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert abstaining

#### *Residential Permit Parking on Wylie Street*

**Motion:** The Committee moved that the ANC accept the Committee recommendation to send a letter of support for the petition of residents in the 1200 block of Wylie Street NE to extend hours and days for residential permit parking enforcement. The motion passed 5-0.

## Community Outreach Committee

The Committee report was agreed to.

### *Committee Meetings*

**Motion:** The Committee moved to accept the Committee's recommendation - that the ANC move the COC meetings to another location, such as the Sherwood Recreation Center or Rosedale Recreation Center/Library, and that the meetings begin at 7pm. The motion passed 5-0.

### *Options School Fence*

**Motion:** The Committee moved that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation that the ANC send a letter of thanks to Options School for removing the fence, if completed, and advising them to include the ANC in advance of future projects; and 2/ of thanks to DPR for their assistance in helping get the fence removed, noting our opposition to any restriction on access to this basketball court; OR, if the fence is not removed, by the October ANC meeting, send a letter to Options requesting its immediate removal from public space and advising them to include the ANC in advance of future projects, and 4/ requesting the assistance of DPR and the Council in meeting the removal of the fence and noting the ANC's opposition to any restriction on access to this basketball court. The motion passed 5-0.

## **New Business**

### *Options School*

**Motion:** On behalf of Mr. Hysell and himself, Mr. Holmes moved that the ANC express its support for the transfer of Options School's charter to a new operator, that the school not be closed because of the adverse impact on the students, but that a new, larger and more easily controlled site be sought by the new operator and the Public Charter School Board. Commissioners Hysell, Williams and Holmes are authorized to represent the ANC in this matter.

The motion passed 3-1-1, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert opposed, Mr. Ward abstaining.

### *Cafritz Award Nomination for Gottlieb Simon*

**Motion:** Mr. Holmes moved to nominate Gottlieb Simon for the 2013 Cafritz Award. The Cafritz Foundation, in partnership with the George Washington University Center for Excellence in Public Leadership has asked for nominations for the Foundation's Awards for Distinguished District of Columbia Employees. The awards program recognizes the extraordinary service and commitment of DC public servants who—often working behind the scenes—provide outstanding service to the residents of Washington DC. The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.