

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
October 13, 2016**

Present: Commissioners Phil Toomajian (Chair), Matt Levy, J. Omar Mahmud, Patrick Malone, Sondra-Phillips-Gilbert, Mike Soderman, Calvin Ward, Stephanie Zimny. Quorum.

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

The minutes for the ANC September 2016 meeting and the agenda for the October 2016 meeting were accepted without changes or objection.

Community Presentations

Melinda Bolling, Director, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA)

Director Bolling informed the ANC that DCRA has upgraded its IT system for home improvement permits. Beginning in November 2016, homeowners will be able to request inspection appointments via a web-based system. The new system also gives the inspectors the ability to enter information from the field. Monies have also been allocated to allow DCRA to provide weekend inspection services to cite individuals for illegal construction. In the second quarter of FY 17, the ability to query the status of vacant properties will be available. The DC Business Portal has been introduced to allow businesses to link business licenses and corporate registration for a company. The system will allow the District to notify businesses when licenses are due for renewal. Some functions of the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA), the Department of Housing (DOH) and the Department of Public Works (DPW) will be gradually added to the portal in the future.

Director Bolling responded to questions which were submitted to her by the Commission regarding zoning rulings and status of properties of concern in ANC 6A and engaged in dialogue with Commissioners and the audience to clarify DCRA activity on a variety of additional issues.

Mayor Bowser's Office on Community Relations and Services

Edward Doxen, Ward 6 Liaison for the Mayor's Office on Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) updated the Commission on activities taking place in ANC 6A. He also highlighted programs available to DC residents including the private security camera program, free CPR classes and DC Career Connections. Contact: 202-341-3659; edward.doxen[at]dc.gov.

Officer Reports

Chairman Toomajian shared that almost all of the CT licenses in ANC 6A are up for renewal and will be considered at the October 2016 ABL meeting. The Ward 6 District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) outreach representative will be a speaker at the November 2016 ANC 6A meeting. He announced two upcoming events: Halloween at Rosedale on October 29, 2016 and Octoberfest at Miner Elementary School on October 26, 2016.

Vice Chair Mahmud advised that the next H St Connection redevelopment community meeting will take place on October 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Capitol Hill Towers, 900 G Street NE. He also informed the Commission that the Apollo Project (600 H Street NE) monthly meeting has been changed from the second (2nd) Thursday to the second (2nd) Tuesday of the month. He will be attending the meeting beginning in November 2016.

Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Stephanie Zimny offered an amendment to the October 2016 Treasurer's Report to add a payment of \$178.20 (Check 1763) to WebHSP for web hosting services for the next three (3) years. The opening balance in the checking account was \$15,848.44, with a forwarding balance of \$5,642.40. There were disbursements of \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1760) for September 2016 agenda/web master services; \$193.00 to FedEx; (Check 1761) \$200.00 for September 2016 minutes; (Check 1762) leaving a balance of \$18,579.24, in the checking account and \$13,722.56, 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 as amended was adopted by unanimous consent (8-0).

Mr. Toomajian referred the Commissioners to the proposed FY 17 ANC 6A budget on page 20 of the agenda package for their review. The budget was adopted by unanimous consent (8-0)

Committee Reports:

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

The September 2016 COC was approved without objection.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 24, 2016 (4th Monday).

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

The September 2016 ABL Committee Report was approved without objection.

Recommendation: The Committee moved and Commissioner Toomajian seconded a motion that ANC6A agree to amend the Little Miss Whiskey's Golden Dollar Settlement Agreement by adding the following language: (1) "Any reference to existing DC laws and/or regulations in this Settlement Agreement is meant for informational purposes only ANC 6A does not intend for a violation of any DC law or regulation to also be considered a violation of this Settlement Agreement."; and (2) Replace Section 4(c)(2) with the following language: "Applicant shall not offer any type of live music on the patio. Applicant may provide pre-recorded music on the patio in the form of portable, non-professional grade speakers used to play music from iPods, iPhones, and the like. Such music must cease no later than 8:00 pm. The motion passed (8-0).

Suggested Motion: Commissioner Mahmud moved and Commissioner Toomajian seconded a motion that ANC6A protest NOMAD Hookah bar's request to terminate their settlement agreement with the ANC and authorize the ANC Chair and the ABL Committee co-chairs to represent the ANC. The motion passed (8-0).

Suggested Motion: Commissioner Mahmud moved and Commissioner Toomajian seconded a motion that ANC6A protest the CT license renewal of Atlas Arcade/Church & State (1236 H Street NE), should the ABL Committee recommend such a protest at its October 2016 meeting, and authorize the ANC Chair and ABL Co-Chairs to represent the ANC in such matter. The motion passed by unanimous consent (8-0).

Suggested Motion: Commissioner Mahmud moved and Commissioner Toomajian seconded a motion that ANC6A protest the CT license renewal of Rock N Roll Hotel (1353 H Street NE), should the ABL Committee recommend such a protest at its October 2016 meeting, and

authorize the ANC Chair and ABL Co-Chairs to represent the ANC in such matter. The motion passed by unanimous consent (8-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 18, 2016 (3rd Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space Committee (TPS)

The September 2016 TPS Committee report was approved without objection.

Recommendation: The Committee moved and Commissioner Mike Soderman seconded a motion that ANC6A write a letter to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) in support for a proposal for a rear curb cut onto Constitution Avenue NE from 808 Massachusetts Avenue NE on the condition that the owner assume any expenses required by DDOT, including moving the light post and installing the curb cut. The motion passed (8-0).

Recommendation: The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded a motion that ANC6A write a letter of support for the retaining wall and fence project at 1400 C Street NE. The motion passed by unanimous consent (8-0).

Recommendation: The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded a motion that ANC6A write a letter to DDOT asking that Eleventh (11th) Street NE (from Maryland Avenue NE to Massachusetts Avenue NE) be designated as a local street and not a collector street, and that DDOT develop a traffic management plan for ANC 6A that routes trucks on all appropriate streets, not including local streets.

Commissioner Soderman commented that Eleventh (11th) Street NE is not wide enough to be a collector street per DDOT regulations.

The motion passed (8-0).

Recommendation: The Committee moved and Commissioner Zimny seconded a motion that ANC6A write a letter of support to DDOT concerning a use of public space at 543 Tennessee Avenue NE as proposed in the plans presented to the Transportation and Public Space Committee provided that the owner continue best efforts to get letters of support from the neighbors next door and across the street, and on the condition that the door adjacent to public space swing inward, and not out onto public space.

Commissioner Zimny informed the Commission that four (4) letters of support have been received.

The motion passed by unanimous consent (8-0).

Recommendation: The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded a motion that ANC6A write a letter to DDOT expressing the desire for DDOT to develop a traffic management plan for the Apollo project on the 600 block of H Street NE that removes fewer residential parking spaces to accommodate the entrance and exit of trucks from the property and that otherwise limits the prohibition on parking to the hours for commercial loading. The motion passed by unanimous consent (8-0).

Recommendation: The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded a motion that ANC6A write a letter to DDOT indicating it would only support a public space permit for a

new fence at 1663 Kramer Street NE if the fence complies with all applicable District regulations.

Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert commented that the new fence was the same height and design as the old fence. Commissioner Soderman commented that the contractor should know DC regulations; the replacement did not fall under the guidelines for height, replacement or construction.

The motion passed (7-1).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 17, 2016 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

The September 2016 EDZ Committee report was accepted without objection.

Recommendation: The Committee moved and Commissioner Calvin Ward seconded a motion that ANC6A sponsor the appeal of permits issued for 1511 A Street NE, as requested by the neighbors of the 1500 block of A Street NE and unit blocks of Fifteenth (15th) and Sixteenth (16th) Streets NE. Mr. Toomajian offered a friendly amendment to add former Commission Chair Nick Alberti, Brian Alcorn and Commissioner Calvin Ward as designated ANC representatives in this case. The motion passed by unanimous consent (8-0).

Recommendation: The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded a motion that ANC6A write a letter to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) in support of the application by the owners of 313 Eleventh (11th) Street NE (BZA Case #19339) for a special exception under Subtitle E § 5201, from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, to construct a two-story garage with accessory apartment in the RF-1 Zone. The motion passed by unanimous consent (8-0).

Recommendation: The Committee moved and Commissioner Mahmud seconded a motion that ANC6A write a letter to BZA in support of the application by the owners of 543 Tennessee Avenue NE (BZA Case #19338) for a special exception from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, to construct a two-story rear addition to an existing one-family dwelling in the RF-1 Zone, on condition that best efforts be made to get support from neighbors of the property. The motion passed by unanimous consent (8-0).

Recommendation: The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded a motion that ANC6A write a letter to BZA in support of the application by the owners of 1341 H Street NE (BZA Case #19358) for a special exception under the enlargement and design requirements of Subtitle H § 910.1 and § 1202.1, to construct a mixed-use building in the NC-14 Zone, on condition that the design to be updated to bring it into conformance with the H Street Overlay, best effort are made to get letters of support from neighbors, restrictions be included in sales documents prohibiting placing anything on the H Street balconies, including hanging or displaying anything, residential permit parking (RPP) restrictions written into the sales documents, and restrictions on amplified music on the roof deck to be included in sales documents. The motion was tabled until the ANC6A November 2016 meeting.

Recommendation: The Committee moved and Commissioner Toomajian seconded a motion that ANC6A write a letter of support for ANC6C's petition for rulemaking to clarify and

strengthen the façade preservation density bonus zoning regulations for H Street NE. The motion passed by unanimous consent (8-0).

Recommendation: The Committee moved and Commissioner Mahmud seconded a motion that ANC6A sponsor an application to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for historic designation of Emerald Street NE.

Comments in support and in opposition from the community about this issue were heard by the Commission.

Commissioner Matt Levy offered an amendment seconded by Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert to table consideration of the recommendation until the ANC6A November 2016 Meeting. The motion failed (3-3).

The motion to sponsor an application to HPRB did not pass by a vote of (3-3).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 19, 2016 (3rd Wednesday)

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.