

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
October 12, 2017**

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

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

Community Presentations

Ms. Jessie K. Liu, U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia

Ms. Liu gave a brief overview of the jurisdiction and divisions of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, and introduced representatives of the U.S. Attorney's Office. Ms. Liu advised that her office will be focusing on increasing the effectiveness of the Violent Crimes and Repeat Offenders Unit while maintaining the currently high standards for this U.S. Attorney's Office. Ms. Liu also addressed questions and comments from the Commissioners and members of the public. Factsheets were provided informing the public on how to contact the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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

Captain Knutsen indicated that the MPD has made an administrative change that will group individual Police Service Areas (PSAs) into sectors, in an effort to improve operations. Captain Knutsen advised that although robberies are currently up thirty-one percent (31%), all other crimes are down twenty-four percent (24%) over the last sixty (60) days and thirty-three percent (33%) down from last year. He further advised that most of the reported robberies concerned juveniles. Captain Knutsen took questions and comments from the Commissioners and community residents and indicated that there is, or would be, increased police presence in the referred to problem areas. Flyers with appropriate contact information were made available from the MPD to the public providing specific information about reporting crime activity.

Cameron Windham, Community Engagement Coordinator, Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

Mr. Windham provided an overview of the services provided by the Office of Community Engagement and advised the DC Office of the Attorney General would be focusing on consumer protection, human trafficking and juvenile justice reform. Mr. Windham also provided material on how to go about contacting the DC Office of the Attorney General and about the DC branch of the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) network. The PSN network includes DC and Federal law enforcement agencies and officials affiliated in crime fighting efforts in our communities. Mr. Windham received comments from the Commissioners and community members.

Ms. Emily Conrad, Anacostia Watershed Society

Ms. Conrad addressed the Commissioners regarding the Anacostia Watershed Society's Storm Drain Murals Project, in addition to providing material explaining the scope of the project--the painting of murals on manhole covers. Material with contact information was provided for interested parties.

Officer Reports

Chairman Phil Toomajian congratulated Commissioner Stephanie Zimny and her spouse James on the recent birth of their son and thanked her for efforts on behalf of ANC6A while on leave. The Chairman also mentioned a pending hearing before the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) regarding the proposed Kingman Park Historic District, and made note of opposition by ANC 6A to the proposed historic preservation designation. The Chairman extended his thanks to Commissioner Calvin Ward and neighborhood residents Mr. Brian Alcorn and Mr. Nick Alberti, concerning their efforts regarding the affirmation by the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) of the request by ANC 6A for the revocation of a permit for the property on 1511 A Street NE.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Zimny delivered the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$11,740.44, with a forwarding balance of \$10,921.44. There were disbursements of \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1802) for agenda/web master services; \$169.00 to FedEx (Check 1804); and \$200.00 to Gail John (Check 1806) for September 2017 minutes, leaving a balance of \$10,921.44 in the checking account and \$13,770.68, 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. Commissioner Zimny presented the ANC 6A 2018 Budget for review. The ANC 6A 2018 Budget was accepted without objection.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

The September 2017 COC report was accepted without objection.

Motion: Commissioner Zimny moved and Commissioner Marie-Claire Brown seconded a motion that ANC 6A approve the Miner Elementary School grant application for \$899.47, to Miner Elementary School PTO, for the purchase of two (2) universally accessible picnic tables to be affixed to the school playground. The motion passed (6-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 23, 2017 (4th Monday).

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

The September 2017 ABL Committee report was approved without objection.

Motion: The Committee moved and Commissioner Brown seconded the motion that the ANC protest the request for extended sidewalk café hours by Nomad Hookah Bar (1200 H Street NE) due to impact to peace, order, and quiet unless it is satisfied that Nomad has sufficiently enclosed its sidewalk café pursuant to the terms of its April 2017 Settlement Agreement. The motion passed (6-0).

Motion: Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Mike Soderman seconded the motion the ANC protest the license renewal of Mochi, Inc. T/A/ DC Supermarket (539 8th Street NE) if the ABL committee votes to recommend a protest at its October 17, 2017, meeting. The motion passed (6-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 17, 2017 (3rd Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space Committee (TPS)

No report. The TPS Committee did not meet in September 2017.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 16, 2017 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

The September 2017 EDZ Committee report was accepted without objection.

Motion: The Committee moved and Commissioner Brown seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for the proposed project at 133 Thirteenth (13th) Street NE (HPA-17-580). The motion passed (6-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm October 18, 2017 (3rd Wednesday).

New Business

Motion: Commissioner Ward moved and Chairman Toomajian seconded a motion that ANC 6A send a letter to the D.C. Office of Administrative Hearings regarding the revoked permit and zoning determination for the property on 1511 A Street NE. The motion passed (6-0).

Motion: Commissioner Soderman moved and Chairman Toomajian seconded a motion that ANC 6A send a letter to D.C. Council supporting renaming Al Arrighi Way alley to Mary & Al Arrighi Way. The motion passed (6-0).

Single Member District Reports

Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) advised that a Safe Halloween event for children would be held at the Rosedale Community Center on Saturday, October 28, 2017, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Chairman Toomajian (6A02) spoke words of acknowledgement regarding the tragic death of Ms. Jewell Louise Hall, who was killed in a hit and run accident on Saturday, October 9, 2017, at Tenth (10th) and H Streets NE. At the behest of Commissioner Gove, Chairman Toomajian also mentioned the Maury Elementary School Modernization meeting would be held on Thursday October 26, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Commissioner Brown (6A01) mentioned community concerns about the need for modification of the traffic patterns on Tenth (10th) Street NE, and that this matter would be further pursued with the Chairman.

Commissioner Zimny (6A06) advised that traffic management around the Chick-Fil-A restaurant is much improved; that the 1300 H Street Project recently held a ground-breaking ceremony; and that concerns regarding a vacant property on her street were being addressed with the assistance of Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen.

Commissioner Ward (6A08) indicated that there would be an alley cleanup gathering on Saturday, October 16, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

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.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm