

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
October 10, 2019

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove (Chairwoman), Mike Soderman, Ruth Ann Hudson, Brian Alcorn and Sondra Phillips-Gilbert.

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

Chairwoman Amber Gove called the roll and announced the presence of a quorum.

The minutes for the ANC September 2019 meeting were accepted, and the agenda for the October 2019 meeting was accepted without changes or objection.

Community Presentations

Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) First District (1D) Lieutenant Dyn and Fifth District (5D) Lieutenant Brescia

Lieutenant Brescia updated the ANC on a recent double homicide on the 1600 block of Rosedale Street NE. Two (2) adult males were shot and killed; as of the ANC meeting, the case is still open and active therefore the lieutenant was not able to provide many specific details. He recommended residents sign up for the MPD listserv for more details about this and other police activity in their communities.

Chairwoman Gove asked what protocol exists when shootings occur near school grounds. Lt. Brescia explained that no standard protocol exists; each situation is assessed individually and, if needed, school officials would be contacted and a plan based on the circumstances enacted.

Lt. Brescia continued with crime statistics for 5D over the past 30 days. He reported that assaults with a deadly weapon were down 56% but robberies were up 50%. Compared to October 2018, assaults with a deadly weapon are up 19% but violent crime overall is down 3% and property crime is also down 6%. Robberies, however, are up 44%. When asked about visible police presence in certain high-risk areas, Lt. Brescia explained that while uniformed officers are stationed on rotating schedules, based on need, the city also employs specialty task forces such as the gun recovery unit to provide additional support in areas of need.

Lieutenant Dyn of 1D reported that robberies doubled in the past 30 days; thefts from autos are down 27%. Overall reported crimes are down 8% in 1D. Commissioner Zimny asked if Lt. Dyn had any theories as to why robberies have increased. He explained that many of the recently reported thefts are perpetrated by juveniles grabbing bags, purses and cell phones from pedestrians, sometimes brandishing a weapon or threatening violence, then taking off running. He reminded the ANC that DC offers a rebate for the installation of street-facing security cameras on private residences and businesses. More information about this incentive program can be found by visiting <https://ovsjg.dc.gov/service/private-security-camera-system-incentive-program>.

District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Ward 6 Liaison Andrew DeFrank

Andrew DeFrank introduced himself as the new DDOT Ward 6 Community Engagement Liaison, replacing Naomi Kline. Mr. DeFrank reminded the ANC that 311 requests can be submitted by calling 311, online at 311.dc.gov or through the 311 smartphone app. He can be reached via e-mail at andrew.defrank@dc.gov. The Commissioners and members of the public shared some of the ANC's on-going frustrations and concerns with the DDOT: the struggle to have speed-humps installed, enforcement of reported public safety violations, lax maintenance of streetlights and other streetscaping, and 311 tickets that seem to be ignored or are marked as completed without any action. Mr. DeFrank explained that since he is new to this position, he did not have many specific answers; he is willing to work with the community to resolve these issues as he learns DDOT's processes.

Officer Reports

1. Commissioner Alcorn presented the Treasurer's Report for September 2019. Disbursements totaled \$936.28: \$731.78 to Irene Dworakowski (check 1883) for agenda/webmaster services; \$200.00 (check 1884) for the September 2019 minutes, and a fax charge of \$4.50 (check 1884). There is a balance of \$2,771.61 in the checking account and a balance of \$13,733.31 after an interest payment of \$.23 in the savings account. The report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Commissioner Alcorn presented the fourth Quarter (Q3) financial report for fiscal year 2019. Total disbursements from the checking account totaled \$2,101.20. The report was approved by unanimous consent.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

1. The September 2019 report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Chairwoman Gove moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve a grant for \$1,000 to the Miner Elementary School Parent Teachers Organization (PTO) to bring the FoodCorps program to Miner Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year.

Julie Muir, President of the Miner Elementary School PTO explained that this grant would help continue an ongoing program with FoodCorps currently active in the school. Once the site for Miner Elementary School community garden is accessible, the plan is to have the FoodCorps member share her expertise to help the students tend to their own garden of edible plants. This program already includes collaborations with local businesses and farms and will eventually include working with students from Eastern High School. The motion passed 6-0.

3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 28, 2019 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing

1. The September 2019 report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Commissioner Mike Soderman moved and Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert seconded the motion to table the submission of a letter to DC Lottery indicating the community's preference that establishments that offer sports wagering not

require significant cash on hand until DC has finalized its regulations. The motion passed 6-0.

3. ANC 6A will take no action regarding the CT license application of the Gold Room Bar Lounge, LLC t/a The Gold Room Bar/Lounge at 1370 H Street NE (ABRA #114757).
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 15, 2019 (3rd Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space

1. The September 2019 Committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee moved and Chairwoman Gove seconded the motion for ANC 6A to propose the following locations as potential micro mobility corral locations: the 1400 block of H Street NE, at the intersection of H Street, Maryland Avenue, and Fifteenth (15th) Street in the existing no-parking striped zone; Tenth (10th) and H Streets NE (on Tenth (10th) Street north or south of H Street); and Eighth (8th) and H Streets NE (on Tenth (10th) Street north or south of H Street) in the no parking zones near the intersections. Commissioner Stephanie Zimny offered and Commissioner Ruth Ann Hudson seconded a friendly amendment to authorize Elizabeth Nelson, Co-Chair of the Transportation and Public Space Committee (T&PS) to represent ANC6A by submitting the proposed locations electronically. The amended motion passed 6-0.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 21, 2019 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning

1. The September 2019 Committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Commissioner Soderman moved and Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion to request a delay of the BZA hearing and to table the recommendation to send a letter of support to BZA for special exceptions under the penthouse requirements of Subtitle C § 1500.4, and under Subtitle C § 1504 from the penthouse setback requirements of Subtitle C § 1502.1(c)(1)(a), to construct a new three-story flat with a cellar level, roof deck and a rooftop access penthouse at 802 Tenth (10th) Street, NE (BZA 20062) in the RF-1 Zone on the condition the applicant provide a shadow study and making best efforts to get letters of support from the Ninth (9th) Street NE neighbors.

Because no representative was present at the ANC meeting nor was anyone present aware of any attempts by the applicant to get letters of support from neighbors, the Commissioners chose to table the motion until the applicant complies with the ANC's requests. The motion passed 6-0.

3. The Committee moved and Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for relief to add a brick second story with studio and roof deck to a one-story brick garage at 803 Maryland Avenue, NE (HPA 19-539) in the Capitol Hill Historic District. The motion passed 6-0.

4. The Committee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to HPRB for relief to construct two new two (2)-story garages at 1363/1365 A Street, NE (HPA 19-535, 19-536) in the Capitol Hill Historic District on the condition that the rear windows be horizontal casement windows placed at a height of at least 5 feet 8 inches above the interior second story floor. The recommendation passed 6-0.
5. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 16, 2019 (3rd Wednesday)

New Business

1. Commissioner Hudson moved and Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert seconded the motion for ANC 6A to send a letter to Council Member Charles Allen and in support of renaming the 300 block of 14th Place NE in honor of Gail Cobb. The motion passed 6-0.

Single Member District Report

Commissioner Soderman (6A03) reported he is continuing to work with DDOT to repair sidewalk damage throughout his SMD. In relation to an increase in package thefts and petty crimes in general, Commissioner Soderman reiterated the usefulness of the private security camera incentive rebate program run through the DC government.

Commissioner Zimny (6A06) continues to participate in alley cleanups within her SMD. She encouraged residents to call 911 if they see or experience near-misses on DC streets.

Chairwoman Gove (6A04) again encouraged residents to download and use the How's My Driving App citing one driver with an excess of \$39,000 in outstanding tickets. She also announced the upcoming Community Day at the newly renovated Maury Elementary School as well as Fall Fest on October 19, 2019 and the book sale at East City Books to benefit Eliot-Hine Middle School.

Commissioner Hudson (6A05) continues to hear complaints from constituents about trash left behind after collection. She shared her recent positive experience speaking with Chairwoman Gove to second graders at Maury Elementary about the ANC and local government.

Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) continues to work on the urban farm project in her community. The project was delayed due to wording in the legislation regarding soil testing. She met with the Director of DGS to discuss the delay and learned that the city is creating a new office related to agriculture that may be shared between DOEE and DGS. In light of this, Ms. Phillips-Gilbert has been reaching out to her community to collect input for framing the objectives and purpose of this new office.

Commissioner Alcorn (6A08) continues to hear concerns from his constituents regarding traffic safety in his SMD. He has been speaking with residents about requesting traffic calming studies and/or the installation of flexi-posts. He plans to reach out to DDOT over this matter. Mr. Alcorn also reported that he recently represented ANC6A at a public oversight hearing raising issues like the ANC's access to technical experts on topics such as zoning, the problematic HVAC system at Rosedale Library, and the upkeep of Sherwood Recreation Center.

Community Comments

Elizabeth Nelson announced the Capitol Hill Restoration Society will be hosting the House Expo on October 26, 2019 in the North Hall in Eastern Market.

Tyler Williams, the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services Ward 6 Liaison, provided some specific proposed expenditures listed in the Mayor's budget including \$35 million for new ambulances and emergency staff, an additional \$2 million for violence prevention, \$1.7 billion for additional trauma care sites across DC, \$91 million for emergency shelters for the homeless, \$4.7 million for additional bike lane enforcement teams, \$241 million for improved streetscaping across the city and \$200,000 for the Aspire to Entrepreneurship Program.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.