

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
November 13, 2014**

Present: Commissioners Nick Alberti, Andrew Hysell, J. Omar Mahmud, Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, Calvin Ward, Chris Ward and Jay Williams.

Absent: Commissioner Gloria Nauden

The meeting was convened at 7:00 pm.

1. Minutes

The October 2014 minutes were accepted without objection.

2. Agenda

The agenda for the November 2014 was accepted without additions or changes, and with no objections

3. Community Presentations

Demolition of the Benning Road Pepco Power Plant

Former ANC Commissioner David Holmes gave a brief review of the current major demolition of the Pepco power plant on Benning Road NE and the planned demolition of remaining buildings by implosion in mid-December 2014. The implosion, which will occur in the early morning to minimize traffic disruption, will be a one-time event followed by traditional demolition of the buildings that will be completed in late March 2015.

Anacostia River Sediment Project Update

Sharon Cooke and Richard Jackson of the DC Department of the Environment presented an update on the ongoing long-term project to sample the sediment levels and fish in the Anacostia River as the preliminary phase in identifying and then removing sediment and contaminants and clean the river. More information can be accessed at richard.jackson2@dc.gov.

4. Officers Reports

Chair

Mr. Alberti reported that last April, the Commission had voted to request the rezoning of Square 1070. He has submitted an application for a proposed map amendment to the Zoning Commission (ZC). The Economic Development and Zoning Committee will be discussed the application and take public comments at the next Committee meeting. He pointed out that the Square is in Calvin Ward's Single Member District (SMD) and he would be working with him on the issue.

Vice Chair

Mr. Mahmud pointed out that the ANC had a lot of work to do, and that a lot of the slack being left by Mr. Alberti and Ms. Nelson will have to be picked up

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Alberti presented the Treasurer's Report at the request of Mr. Mahmud. He reported that the opening balance in the checking account was \$19,766.00 and the savings account balance was \$13,719.64. There was a Quarterly District allotment of \$4,584.40, a remainder of a second quarterly allotment of \$378.36, and an interest deposit of \$0.23 to the savings account. There were disbursements of \$229.00 to FedEx Office for August 2014 expenses (Check #1667); \$180.00 to Roberta Weiner for transcription of the October 2014 minutes (Check #1671); \$200.00 to Irene Dworakowski for the October 2014 agenda package (Check #1672); \$14.25 to Jay Williams for ANC-approved transportation (Check #1673); and \$274.89 to FedEx Office for October expenses (Check #1674), leaving a balance of \$22,315.77 in the checking account, and \$13,719.67 in the savings account.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion to accept the disbursements. The motion passed 6-1-0, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert in opposition.

Motion: Mr. Alberti moved/Mr. Williams seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion passed 6-1-0, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert in opposition.

5. Committee Reports

Community Outreach

The report of the committee was accepted without objection.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation to send thank you notes to organizations providing meeting space for ANC 6A. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Chris Ward seconded a motion that the full ANC approve the Committee's recommendation that it move www.anc6a.com to a content management system and commit funds to do so. Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert suggested that the discussion be postponed until the new ANC was seated, but several Commissioners felt that the process should start now, that it would not be completed until the new Commission was sworn in, and that it was a time-consuming process that will require a great deal of work from Ms. Nelson who will be phasing out her involvement after January 1, 2015. Mr. Alberti said there was \$7500.00 in the budget for website development/maintenance work. The motion passed 6-1-0, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert in opposition.

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

There were a number of license renewals and license changes on which the Committee took no action and recommended that the Commission do the same: Class B renewals for 1101 Convenience Mart (1101 H Street NE; The Cupboard (1304 East Capitol Street NE); Economy Market (1804 D Street NE); and Me & My Super Market (1111 H Street NE). The Committee asked that the ANC not protest requested changes in entertainment hours and the addition of Sunday hours for RedRocks (1348 H Street NE).

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Williams seconded a motion that the ANC take no action on the addition of an entertainment endorsement to the license of Impala Cantina and Taqueria (1358 H Street NE) and the ANC send a letter of support to Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) in support of a stipulated endorsement. The motion passed 6-0-1, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert abstaining and Mr. Alberti recused.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Hysell seconded a motion to protest the license application of Pizza Parts and Service (1320 H Street NE) unless there is a signed settlement agreement between the two parties prior to the ABRA protest deadline, and authorize the Chair and Co-Chair of the ABL Committee to represent the ANC in this matter. The motion passed 5-0-1, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert abstaining and Mr. Alberti recused.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Williams seconded a motion to consider and approve the nomination of Christopher Seagle as co-chair of the ABL Committee. The motion passed 6-0-1, with Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert abstaining.

Transportation and Public Space

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation to send a letter of support to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) asking that they evaluate traffic and safety at the intersections of Fourteenth (14th) Street and Tennessee Avenue NE, Tennessee Avenue and F Street NE, Tennessee Avenue and E Street NE, and Tennessee Avenue and Fifteenth (15th) Street NE and that the ANC would support stop signs for those directions that do not already have them, and additional signage such as "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop." The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Mahmud seconded a motion that the ANC accept the Committee's recommendation to send a letter to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) in support of a resident petition requesting traffic-calming analysis and improvements in the 800 block of Seventh (7th) Street NE. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Economic Development and Zoning

The report of the Committee was accepted without objection.

1802 D Street NE

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion requesting that the full ANC adopt the Committee's recommendation to send a letter of support to the Bureau of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for a variance for 1802 D Street NE from off-street parking, provided that the applicant, who will be operating a daycare business at the location, agree to ensure that cars will not idle or double park outside; that on-street parking will occur in legal spaces only; that the alley will not be blocked by cars; that children's hands be held when crossing the street; and that the applicant approach the ANC to discuss additional restrictions should more than eight (8) children or employees regularly arrive or depart by car. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Motion: The Committee moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion to accept the detailed H Street signage guidelines developed by the Committee. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Motion: Mr. Mahmud moved/Mr. Alberti seconded a motion that the ANC write a letter of support to the Zoning Commission in support of Gallaudet University's planned construction of a replacement dormitory at the north end of their campus. This motion, through an oversight, was not considered by the Committee. In view of the support expressed by the Committee in response to Gallaudet's presentation, the motion was passed unanimously, 7-0.

Committee Chair Dan Golden announced that longtime Committee member Charmaine Josiah was leaving the Committee because she is moving. Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert made a motion to send a letter thanking Ms. Josiah for her diligent work on the Committee and valuable contributions to the ANC. The motion passed 7-0.

6. New Business

Advertising in Hill Rag and Fagon Community Guide

Motion: Mr., Alberti moved/Mr. Williams seconded a motion to authorize advertisements for meetings in the Hill Rag and the annual Fagon Community Guide, as in years past. Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert raised the issue of expanding the advertising reach of the ANC. Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert expressed concern that a discussion of how best to advertise ANC meetings was not held prior to this motion. It was pointed out that the Community Outreach Committee had previously had extensive discussions about different publications and concluded that the Hill Rag was most cost-effective. The motion passed 6-1, with Mrs. Philips-Gilbert in opposition.

7. Single Member District Reports

Mr. Calvin Ward first thanked Mr. Alberti and Ms. Nelson for their contributions to the community and the ANC. He also reported that he has crime issues on Sixteenth (16th), Seventeenth (17th), E and F Streets NE, and there has been an increase in police presence in the neighborhood. He said he is having a community meeting with the police.

Mr. Hysell congratulated the winner of the race for his seat, from which he is retiring.

Mrs. Phillips-Gilbert reported that there was a meeting with the two Public Charter Schools vying for the use of Gibbs Elementary School. Friendship Charter School proposes to establish an Adult Education and Vocational Education Program while the other charter school proposes to establish a boarding school at that location.

She announced that a coat drive is being conducted at the Rosedale Library. She also mentioned that she took 25 members of her community to the Kennedy Center to enjoy a Halloween program.

Mr. Williams congratulated Patrick Malone, who was elected to the SMD which he currently represents.

Mr. Mahmud enthused about the fact that Capitol Towers, now renovated, had welcomed him back to the building for the Transportation and Public Space Committee and his SMD meetings.

Mr. Chris Ward reported that he is working with Scott Price, whose SMD adjoins his in ANC 6C, regarding homeless people camping at the 7-11 Convenience Store at Eighth (8th) and D Streets NE and other issues in that immediate neighborhood.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.