

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
November 12, 2015**

Present: Commissioners Phil Toomajian (Chair), Matt Levy, J. Omar Mahmud, Calvin Ward, Patrick Malone, and Stephanie Zimny

The meeting convened at 7:04 pm.

The minutes for the ANC October 2015 meeting and the agenda for the November 2015 meeting were accepted without changes or objection.

Community Presentations

Representatives from Mayor Bowser's Office

Mr. Seth Shapiro, Ward 6 Outreach Service Specialist was present. Mr. Shapiro gave a brief overview of the Mayor's Safer, Stronger DC proposals specifically, the plan to increase police presence on the ground throughout the city and to insure that funding is allocated to hire more officers to the Metropolitan Police Department. Fact Sheets on the Safer, Stronger DC initiative can be reviewed at: mayor.dc.gov. Mr. Shapiro made available pamphlets on the DC Department of Public Works (DPW) Leaf Collection Program. Information about specific neighborhood collection schedules can be obtained at: <http://leaf.dcgis.dc.gov>. Mr. Shapiro also brought a flier seeking volunteers for the DC Resident Snow Team, whose purpose is to clear the sidewalks and front walkways of elderly or disabled city residents when inclement weather occurs during the winter months. Volunteers can register for the Snow Team at: snowteam.dc.gov, or by calling Serve DC at 202-727-7925.

DC Department of Public Works (DPW)

Mr. Christopher Shorter, Acting Director, DPW outlined areas of DPW jurisdiction and brought along representatives from DPW's Solid Waste Management Administration, and the Parking Enforcement Management Administration. Mr. Shorter mentioned changes in the city's leaf collection program, indicating that "door knockers" from DPW will be sent throughout the neighborhoods a week before the second scheduled pickup date. Mr. Shorter also advised that the DPW had purchased smaller trucks to treat the alleys during the winter months in order to improve trash collection efforts, and that if a regularly scheduled collection day was missed due to inclement weather, trash will be collected on the next day instead of the following week as was done previously. Mr. Shorter explained that the DPW has jurisdiction over enforcing sidewalk and curb cut shoveling. In response to questions from Commissioners regarding parking enforcement, Mr. Shorter and the Parking Enforcement Supervisor advised that increased attention would be given to the already comprehensive efforts in effect to address this matter. In response to concerns about illegal dumping efforts Mr. Shorter and the Supervisor from the Solid Waste Management Administration advised that these concerns should be relayed to the appropriate division DPW for appropriate action. More detailed information about DPW can be obtained through the DPW website at: www.dpw.dc.gov, or by calling the DC 311 Call Center.

Officer Reports

Chairman Toomajian advised that the recently installed traffic light at 10th and Maryland Streets, NE, which includes a pedestrian crosswalk signal button is now operational. A new Bikeshare station has been placed at this location as well. The Chairman mentioned that the overwhelming majority of robberies that have occurred in the neighborhood have been the misappropriation of cellphones, and asked residents to keep cellphones in their pockets when pedestrians are in transit. Additionally, individuals should be give detailed description of the offender when reporting potential crimes to law enforcement. Finally, Mr. Toomajian noted that he walkd the length of the H Street Corridor with DCRA Director Melinda Bolling who catalogued the vacant buildings there.

Treasurer's Report. Ms. Zimny presented The Quarterly Report (3rd Quarter). The Quarterly Report was accepted without objection. Ms. Zimny then delivered the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$9,875.55, with a forwarding balance of \$18,011.95, (including Q1 and Q2 District Allotments of \$4,481.70 each). There were disbursements of \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1714) for agenda/web master services and \$200.00 for September 2015 minutes; (Check 1715); \$177.00 (Check 1716) to FedEx; leaving a balance of \$18,011.95, in the checking account and \$13,720.98, with a \$.021 interest deduction in the savings account. The report was accepted without objection.

Committee Reports:

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

The October 2015 COC Committee report was accepted without objection.
Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 23, 2015 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

The October 2015 ABL Committee report was accepted without objection.

Motion: Mr. Toomajian moved, and Ms. Zimny seconded a motion that the ANC take no action in response to the request by the Pursuit Wine Bar (1421 H Street, NE) for a change from a Restaurant to a Tavern license. The motion passed (4-0).

Motion: Mr. Toomajian moved, and Mr. Levy seconded a motion that the ANC protest the request by Ocopa (1324 H Street, NE) for an Entertainment Endorsement until Ocopa is able to present its plans to the ABL committee and the Committee has no objections to or concerns with those plans. The motion passed (6-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 23, 2015 (3rd Tuesday).

Transportation and Public Space Committee (TPS)

The October 2015 TPS Committee report was accepted without objection.

Motion: The committee moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC send a letter of support for the following elements of the Rappaport Company's application to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Public Space Committee, with the condition that the Rappaport Company present a security plan for the perimeter of the property:

- a. Close the curb cut at Ninth (9th) Street NE and replace it with residential drop off and pick up zone;

- b. Widen the curb cuts for the alley behind the property to conform with alley's increased width;
- c. Use special pavers at the corner of Eighth (8th) Street NE and H Street NE;
- d. Place cantilevered awnings at the two (2) residential entrances that will not obstruct pedestrian traffic;
- e. Include a café zone on the Eighth (8th) Street NE side of the property that will provide six (6) feet of space between neighboring property to the south on Eighth (8th) Street NE; and
- f. Create a valet parking zone on the H Street NE side of the property.

A community member communicated concerns about vehicle access on Tenth (10th) Street NE. Concerns were relayed about the possible damage to, or destruction of, trees by construction vehicles, as well as construction noise. Ms. Emily Strunk, Senior Development Manager, the Rappaport Companies, along with Mr. Nick Finelli of the WC Smith Company, took questions from members of the public earlier in the meeting after addressing board members regarding security matters on and around the designated construction site and agreed with work with Commissioners Toomajian and Mahmud to minimize the community impact.

The motion passed (6-0).

Motion: The Committee moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded a motion that the ANC send a letter of support to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) for the proposal to move three parking spaces on the east side of Tenth (10th) Street NE to the west side of the street (in place of current curb cuts) in order to accommodate truck turning, and that the Commission strongly recommend the spaces should remain as currently designated; two (2) for residents and one (1) for metered. The motion passed (6-0).

Motion: The Committee moved and Mr. Levy seconded a motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) for a request for a traffic calming study on the 1200 and 1300 (13th) Street NE, Tennessee Avenue NE and Constitution Avenue NE. The motion passed (6-0).

Motion: The Committee moved and Mr. Levy seconded a motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) for the Lincoln Park bike lane plans with the exception of the contraflow lane on the 100 block of Eleventh (11th) Street NE and request that the DDOT examine which would be safer, a dedicated southbound lane or the originally proposed contraflow bike lane along that block. The motion passed (6-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 16, 2015 (3rd Monday).

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

The October 2015 EDZ Committee report was accepted without objection.

Motion: The Committee moved and Mr. Toomajian Ms. Phillips-Gilbert seconded a motion that the ANC accept the resignation of Mr. Dan Golden as co-chair of the EDZ Committee. The motion passed (6-0).

Motion: The Committee moved and Ms. Zimny seconded a motion that the ANC accept the nomination of Mr. Brad Greenfield as a member of the EDZ Committee. The motion passed (6-0).

Motion: The Committee moved and Ms. Zimny seconded a motion that the ANC accept the nomination of Mr. Brad Greenfield as chair of the EDZ Committee. The motion passed (6-0).

Motion: The Committee moved and Mr. Malone seconded the motion that the ANC write a letter to the Board of Zoning Authority (BZA) in support of the request for a special exception from the lot occupancy requirements under section 403 to construct a garage with a rooftop deck at 134 eleventh (11th) Street. NE (BZA 19108), on the condition that the parapet wall height be raised to fifteen (15) feet and that a green roof be included in the design that sets the roof deck back at least seven (7) feet from the alley and is impassable. The motion passed (3-2). (Commissioner Calvin Ward abstained).

Motion: The Committee moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded the motion that the ANC write a letter to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) in support of the proposed garage and roof deck at 134 Eleventh (11th) Street NE (HPA 15-633), on the condition that additional detail be added to the brick façade above the garage door. The motion passed (5-0).

Motion: The Committee moved and Mr. Toomajian seconded the motion that the ANC write a letter to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) in support of historic landmark status for the Lexington apartments building at 1114 F Street, NE (HLA 15-19). The motion passed (6-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 18, 2015 (3rd Wednesday).

Single Member District Reports

Ms. Zimny mentioned a productive neighborhood cleanup, and a successful block party.

Mr. Calvin Ward advised of a recent uptick in crime specifically in the locations around the Potomac Avenue and Stadium Armory metro stations.

Mr. Levy indicated that he recently attended a neighborhood watch seminar and suggested that ANC 6A might want to consider holding a forum on this matter.

Mr. Malone advised of a recent homicide in the area, and mentioned a recent home invasion where access was gained by kicking in the door of the residence.

Community Comments

Ms. Naomi Mitchell, Community Liaison, Office of Councilmember Charles Allen Ward 6, advised that nominations for the 2015 Ward 6 Brickie Awards would be accepted through Wednesday, November 25, 2015. The Brickie Awards ceremony will take place on Monday, December 7, 2015, at the Eastern Market North Hall from 6:00-8:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm