

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
November 9, 2017**

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

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

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

Community Presentations

Dr. Jennifer Smith, Director, DC Department of Forensic Sciences (DFS)

Dr. Smith spoke about mission of the DFS, and the three divisions of the DFS, Forensic Science Laboratory, Public Health Laboratory, and Crime Scene Sciences, which is responsible for evidence collection and preservation. Dr. Smith also mentioned that the DFS is an independent agency and not under the jurisdiction of any law enforcement agency, but that it worked in conjunction with law enforcement agencies as the circumstances dictate. Dr. Smith took questions from Commissioners and the public, and advised that there are unpaid internships with the DFS for interested students and/or trainees in career related professions. Dr. Smith also indicated that the DFS has an ongoing need for scientists as participants on the DFS Science Advisory Board. More detailed information can be obtained through the DFS website at DFS.dc.gov

Micah Feigelson, Community Solar Associate, IP Sun Power

Mr. Feigelson gave a brief overview of IP Sun Power's goal to assist DC in reaching its goal of fifty-percent (50%) green energy by 2032. He spoke of a Solar Renewable Credit Program through the City and of a thirty percent (30%) percent federal tax credit for solar use that will end by 2019. In response to questions from the Commissioners, Mr. Feigelson indicated that there are financing programs available for low-income city residents who wish to convert to solar energy.

Mr. Sean Moore, DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) Streetcar team

Mr. Moore relayed information about upcoming public hearings regarding the Benning Road and Bridges Transportation Improvements Project and the Frederick Douglas Memorial Bridge Project. Material regarding the dates, times, and location of the hearings were provided to the public at the ANC 6A meeting. Mr. Moore also mentioned the DCReach public safety campaign, to help drivers remember to look over their shoulders before opening their car doors to the traffic side of the street. Further information can be retrieved from the DDDOT website at <https://ddot.dc.gov/release/ddot-launches-dc-reach>.

Officer Reports

Chairman Phil Toomajian spoke of the recent death of Ms. Dana Wyckoff, the ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee Chairman, and overall volunteer community stalwart. The Chairman mentioned specifically Ms. Wyckoff's affiliation with the Rosedale Citizens Alliance and the Rosedale Library and Recreation Center. Ms. Wyckoff was also a board member for the Federation of Friends of the DC Public Library among many other community

organizations. The Chairman requested a moment of silence in recognition of Ms. Wyckoff, and her efforts in behalf of the community.

Chairman Toomajian also stated that there would be a Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Sector 2 meeting at the J.O. Wilson school, on November 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., and that the Sector Two meetings would be held on the third Thursday of every month. The Chairman mentioned that the Office of Planning was holding a meeting at the Mount Moriah Baptist Church, 1636 East Capitol Street NE on November 18, 2017, at 10:00 am, regarding the proposed Kingman Historic District. He advised that the requested all-way stop sign for Tenth (10th) and Massachusetts Avenue NE should be up soon. Finally, the Chair noted that Councilmember Charles Allen's annual Ward 6 Brickie Awards will be held on December 6, 2017.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Stephanie Zimny delivered the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$10,921.44, with a forwarding balance of \$5,364.47. There were disbursements of \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1806) for agenda/web master services; \$143.50 to FedEx (Check 1807); \$200.00 to Gail John (Check 1808) for October 2017 minutes; \$899.47 to Miner Elementary School PTO (Check 1809) for picnic tables; and \$3,864.00 to the Hill Rag for renewal (Check 1810); leaving a balance of \$5,556.97, in the checking account and \$13,770.92, including a \$.023 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.

Committee Reports:

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

The October 2017 COC report was accepted without objection.

Motion: Chairman Toomajian moved and Commissioner Zimny seconded a motion that ANC 6A approve the Eastern Senior High School (ESHS) PTO grant application for \$1,000 for supplies for the school marching band. Commissioners wanted to ensure that the grant was funded and felt that \$1,000.00 was the maximum it could provide at this time due to budgetary constraints. The motion passed (7-1).

Motion: Commissioner Zimny moved and Chairman Toomajian seconded a motion that ANC 6A send a letter to Mayor Bowser seeking funding for the renovation of the Miner Elementary School Playground. The motion passed (8-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 27, 2017 (4th Monday).

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

The October 2017 ABL Committee report was approved without objection.

Motion: The Committee moved and Commissioner Mike Soderman seconded a motion that ANC 6A take no action on a request by On The Rocks (1242 H Street NE) for changes to its settlement agreement. The motion passed (8-0).

Motion: The Committee moved and Chairman Toomajian seconded a motion that ANC 6A take no action on the renewal of the following establishments:

- 1101 Convenience Mart's License (1101 H Street NE)
- China House (1621 Benning Road NE)
- DC Supermarket (539 Eighth (8th) Street NE)
- J & K Market (234 Fifteenth (15th) Street NE)
- The Cupboard (1504 East Capitol Street NE)
- The Economy Market (1804 D Street NE)

The motion passed (8-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 21, 2017 (3rd Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space Committee (TPS)

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

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 20, 2017 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

The October 2017 EDZ Committee report was accepted without objection.

Motion: The Committee and Commissioner Patrick Malone seconded a motion that ANC support the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) request for 1015 D Street NE subject to the following conditions: 1) The developers make best efforts to obtain letters of support from the neighbors at 1011 D Street NE, 1009 D Street NE, 338 Eleventh (11th) Street NE, 336 Eleventh (11th) Street NE, and 334 Eleventh (11th) Street NE; 2) Submit plans showing the rear parking area and how it will address concerns about access to the alley; 3) Consider changes to the exterior treatment; and 4) Submit a sun study to show the impact to the neighbor's light and air. The motion passed (8-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm November 15, 2017 (3rd Wednesday).

Single Member District Reports

Commissioner Malone (6A05) advised there has been a decrease of crime activity in his district, and discussed briefly the Ward 6 leaf collection schedule.

Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) advised that the third annual Safe Halloween event for children at the Rosedale Community Center was successful; and said that there were problems with security and trash/littering issues at Monument Academy.

Chairman Toomajian (6A02) mentioned a circulating petition requesting speed bumps for the 400 and 500 blocks of Tenth (10th) Street NE, leading to H Street NE, and other traffic issues, as well as ongoing maintenance issues at the Sherwood Recreation Center.

Commissioner Marie-Claire Brown (6A01) spoke about a shooting that occurred on the 1200 block of H Street NE; the traffic problems around the AVEC construction site at Tenth (10th) and H Streets NE; resident concerns about activity around K Street NE; and community concerns regarding the residential parking permit issue.

Commissioner Amber Gove (6A04) gave an update on the Maury Elementary School Redevelopment Project; spoke about DDOT approval for the installation of two (2) raised crosswalks at Constitution Avenue and Twelfth (12th) Streets NE and Constitution Avenue and

Warren Streets NE; as well as DDOT approval for the installation of curb extensions at Fifteenth (15th) Street and North Carolina Avenue NE and Fourteenth (14th) Street and C Streets NE.

Commissioner Zimny (6A06) spoke about appropriate follow up regarding intermittent problems with missed trash pickup in her district, and urged community members to participate in the Private Security Camera Rebate Program.

Commissioner Calvin Ward (6A08) extended an expression of condolence on the passing of the Community Outreach Chairman and neighborhood supporter Ms. Dana Wyckoff.

Community Comments

A community representative indicated that there would be an Open House would be held at Eastern Senior High School, 1700 East Capitol Street, NE, on November 20, 2017, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Mr. S. Robert Morgan, Founder/Artistic Director of the Essential Theatre spoke of an upcoming children's Christmas play to be performed at the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop at 545 Seventh (7th) Street SE on Saturday, December 2, 2017; at 2:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm