

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
November 14, 2019**

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove (Chairwoman), Mike Soderman, Ruth Ann Hudson, Brian Alcorn, Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, Phil Toomajian and Marie-Claire Brown. Commissioner Stephanie Zimny was absent.

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

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

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

Anacostia River Pool

Gretchen Mikeska of the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) and Erin Garaas-Holmes from Clean Water Action presented on the current status of the Anacostia River Sediment Project and possible near-future construction of the Anacostia River Pool. The latter project aims to construct a permanent facility for swimming in the Anacostia River through collaboration with the Anacostia Watershed Urban Waters Project with direction from the DOEE. Nine (9) sites along the river have been identified for potential installation of some version of the river pool. The water quality of the Anacostia River is regularly tested by the Anacostia Riverkeepers and is often deemed safe for swimmers. In fact, the Anacostia River received its first passing grade from the Anacostia Watershed Society in 2018. The Sediment Project is an ongoing sampling of contamination levels in the sediment at the bottom on the river with the end goal of informing eventual remediation tactics. Ultimately the objective of these projects is to reopen the Anacostia River to greater public use through fishing and swimming. More information about this project can be found by visiting Anacostiariverpool.com and doee.dc.gov/publication/cleaner-anacostia-river-anacostia-river-sediment-project.

Guerrilla Gardeners on Capitol Hill

Jim Guckert introduced ANC 6A to the Guerrilla Gardeners, his organization of civic-minded individuals taking over the care of small, ignored public green spaces. For years, Jim and his cohort have been cleaning up small parks and “slivers of land” in their neighborhoods that have become overgrown without express permission from any government agency, hence the “guerrilla” of Guerrilla Gardeners. Despite the group’s unsanctioned acts of gardening, Mr. Guckert claims he has never been asked to cease his work and does not plan to stop anytime soon. In fact, he and his group are inviting others across all wards of the District of Columbia to contact the Guerrilla Gardeners for information on rehabilitating spaces in their respective neighborhoods. He explained that once a space is cleaned and prepared for new plantings, the continued maintenance can be minimal but the rewards for improving one’s local landscape are massive. More information can be found at guerrillagardenersdc.org.

Officer Reports

1. Commissioner Brian Alcorn presented the Treasurer’s Report covering October 2019. ANC6A received District Government Allotments of \$4,607.82 and \$13,823.46. Disbursements totaled \$4,614.70: \$465.89 to Irene Dworakowski (check 1886) for

agenda/webmaster services; \$200.00 (check 1887) for the October 2019 Minutes; \$5.50 (check 1888) for USPS/stamps; \$261.29 (check 1889) for FedEx; \$196.02 (check 1890) for Hosting IP services and \$3,486.00 (check 1891) to Capital Community News. There is a balance of \$16,464.98 in the checking account. There is a balance of \$13,733.54 after an interest payment of \$.23 in the savings account. The report was approved by unanimous consent.

2. Commissioner Phil Toomajian moved and Commissioner Alcorn seconded the motion to amend the September Treasurer's Report to show a corrected disbursement of \$465.89 to Irene Dworakowski for agenda/webmaster services. The motion passed 7-0.

Community Outreach

1. The October 2019 Committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Commissioner Toomajian moved and Commissioner Mike Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve a grant for \$1,000.00 to the Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School (LTES) Parent Teachers Organization (PTO) to support the FreshFarm FoodPrints program at LTES Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year. The motion passed 7-0.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 28, 2019 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

1. The October 2019 Committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Soderman seconded the recommendation that ANC 6A take no action regarding the license renewal request of Hoost, LLC at 1200 H Street NE (ABRA #087558). The recommendation passed 7-0.
3. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Soderman seconded the recommendation that ANC take no action on the license renewal request for Queen Vic, LLC, t/a The Queen Vic at 1206 H Street NE (ABRA-#083930). The recommendation passed 7-0.
4. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Soderman seconded the recommendation that ANC take no action on the license renewal request for Par Bar, LLC, t/a H Street Country Club at 1335 H Street NE (ABRA-#076649). The recommendation passed 7-0.
5. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Soderman seconded the recommendation that ANC take no action on the license renewal request for Mythology, LLC, t/a Mythology, Lore & Dirty Water/Beetle House DC at 816 H Street NE (ABRA #095033), Ella Grace, LLC, t/a Ella Grace at 1421 H Street NE (ABRA #114637), Langston Bar & Grille, LLC, t/a Langston Bar & Grille at 1831 Benning Road NE (ABRA #076260), Dio, LLC, t/a Dio Wine Bar at 904 H Street NE (ABRA #105482), Modern Dining Concepts, LLC, t/a The Haymaker at 1015 H Street NE (ABRA #084689), Rose's Dream, Inc., t/a Roses Dejavu at 1378 H Street NE ABRA #089342), Rosato, LLC, t/a Sospeso at 1344 H Street NE (ABRA #100766), Colorado & Cohen, LLC, t/a Bar Bullfrog/Bullfrog Bagels at 1341 H Street NE (ABRA #112890), The New Elroy Bar, LLC, t/a The Elroy at 1423 H Street NE (ABRA #112289), Lattice Partners, LLC, t/a Copycat Co. at 1110 H Street NE (ABRA #096474), Callister Technology and Entertainment, LLC, t/a Duffy's Irish Pub at 1016 H Street NE (ABRA #111076), and LMW, LLC, t/a Little Miss Whiskey's Golden Dollar at 1104 H Street NE (ABRA #079090).

Commissioner Toomajian moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion to amend the recommendation to remove the Biergarten Haus, Inc., t/a Biergarten Haus at 1355 H Street NE (ABRA #083695) from the list of establishments. The amended recommendation passed 7-0.

6. Commissioner Soderman moved the ANC protest the license renewal for Biergarten Haus, Inc., t/a Biergarten Haus at 1355 H Street NE (ABRA #083695) until a settlement agreement with the ANC is signed. The Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC and the Co-Chairs of the ABL Committee can represent the ANC in matters related to this motion. The motion passed 7-0.
7. ANC 6A take no action on the request by Daruwalla, LLC, t/a Daru at 1451 Maryland Avenue NE (ABRA #113870) to change hours of service inside the premises.
8. ANC 6A take no action on anticipated license renewal requests as no renewal placard notices had been received for any other establishments.
9. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 19, 2019 (3rd Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

1. The October 2019 Committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Ruth Ann Hudson seconded the recommendation that ANC 6A send a letter to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) in support of a public space application for window projections onto Wylie Street NE (808-812 13th St. NE, permit #335468). The recommendation passed 6-0-1 with Commissioner Marie-Claire Brown abstaining.
3. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Brown seconded the recommendation that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT 1) requesting that DDOT present a full inventory, mapping and disposition of each of the Federal Reservations located in 6A, with special attention to those Federal Reservations that are adjacent to or abut private properties, to eliminate confusion regarding responsibility for their ownership, maintenance, and the right to public access. Once we have an informed mapping, we can proceed with requesting signage and developing a process for engaging with adjacent homeowners to come to agreement regarding any plantings/modifications that may be hindering public access and 2) requesting release (or reissuance) of a DDOT legal opinion dated May 12, 2015 pertaining to Federal Reservations (this may require a FOIA request). Chairwoman Amber Gove will amend the letter to include an invitation for DDOT to present on this issue at a future ANC meeting. The amended recommendation passed 6-0-1 with Commissioner Toomajian abstaining.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 21, 2019 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

1. The October 2019 Committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Soderman seconded the recommendation that ANC 6A send a letter of support to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for the construction of a two-story rear addition, a new two-story garage, and a new basement entrance at 1355 A Street NE (HPA 19-608) in the Capitol Hill Historic District with the caveats that the applicant provide best efforts for letters of support from both adjacent neighbors and from the neighbor directly behind at the alley, and that the design not include a pedestrian door at the alley side of the garage. The recommendation passed 7-0.
3. Commissioner Toomajian moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the appointment of Mike Cushman as a member of the Economic Development and Zoning Committee. The motion passed 7-0.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 16, 2019 (3rd Wednesday)

Single Member District Reports

Commissioner Soderman (6A03) thanked the MPD, Mayor Bowser and DDOT for their efforts in securing part of East Capitol Street for trick or treating on Halloween.

Commissioner Alcorn (6A08) reported he had attended A DCRA training to become a citizen inspector related to after-hours construction. He also attended training from the DC Office of Planning that is updating DC's comprehensive plan and is anticipating significant changes. More information is available at plandc.dc.gov.

Commissioners Toomajian (6A02) and Brown (6A01) held a call with various agencies regarding the use of Sherwood Recreation Center as a shelter this winter. Commissioner Brown echoed Commissioner Toomajian's comments that she will also be monitoring the use of Sherwood Recreation Center to make sure the city reverts to the original cold weather plan once King Greenleaf Recreation Center reopens. She also reminded residents about the camera rebate program through the city government. Information can be found by visiting ovsjg.dc.gov/service/private-security-camera-system-incentive-program.

Commissioner Hudson (6A05) reported she is continuing to follow-up on parking enforcement issues in her SMD. She also shared that Councilmember Allen has expressed support for the renaming of the 300 block of 14th Place NE and will be introducing legislation to that effect.

Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) provided an update on the urban farm project at the Rosedale Community Center. The new Urban Farming Land Lease Program Amended Act of 2019 now includes specific language on soil sampling and hydroponic farming.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) thanked Frager's Hardware for delivering a shed to Eliot-Hine Middle School for the storage of sports equipment.

Community Comments

Mikaela Ferrill, a Ward 6 liaison from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services encouraged residents to call 311 or the shelter hotline, 202-399-7093, if they know of or see someone in need during the upcoming cold weather months.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.