

Minutes
**ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Regular Meeting - May 23, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Quorum present

COC members present: Roni Hollmon (Chair), Marc Friend, Sarah Bell, Adina Wadsworth, Stefany Thangavelu and Gladys Mack

COC members absent: Jason Gresh

Commissioners present: Amber Gove

Panelists: Arijua McCarter, 8th grade student, Eliot Hine Middle School, Sasha Silverman, PTO Eliot Hine Middle School, Dena Smith, Treasure, Eliot Hine PTO; Erin Johnston, Ludlow Taylor Elementary School PTO Grants Committee Co-Chair, Angeline Spain, Ludlow Taylor Elementary School PTO Grants Committee Co-Chair

Community members present: none

A round of introductions were made.

Ms. Erin Johnston and Ms. Angeline Spain, Co-Chairs of the Ludlow Taylor Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization, gave an overview of the Food Prints program at Ludlow Taylor Elementary School. Students learn about nutrition and grow fresh vegetables. The garden is available to the community during the summer.

Committee Member Marc Friend was unfamiliar with the Food Prints Program and the co-chairs gave him a history and overview of the program.

Committee Member Stefany Thangavelu inquired how the school will continue to meet the price tag of the program going forward.

The Co-Chairs answered that through a variety of grants and the PTO committed a total of \$30,000 for this period.

Chair Veronica Hollmon informed everyone that Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen had included Food Prints in the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) FY 23 budget for all FoodPrints schools; it is not known if the item will remain in the budget.

Mr. Friend made a motion that ANC 6A approve the Ludlow Taylor Food Print grant for \$2,500. Committee Member Wadsworth seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Mr. Arijua McCarter presented the grant on behalf of the Eliot Hine Middle School Band and how he conceived the idea for his International Baccalaureate (IB) project. Ms. Dena Smith explained that fundraising has been hard under pandemic conditions, but the school and the principal remain committed to best efforts. She shared that recently they had a successful

basketball tournament with their feeder schools and a good time was had by all. Mr. McCarter also shared that Band Leader Perry at Eastern High School had donated some instruments to the Eliot Hine Band which are older but in working order.

Ms. Hollmon reminded Mr. McCarter to provide the list of instruments and materials. The Chair also inquired about the grant before the Capitol Hill Foundation for Mr. Birks studio equipment but no decision had been made yet.

Committee Member Adina Wadsworth made a motion that ANC 6A approve the grant for the Eliot Hine Middle School Band for \$2,000. Committee Member Thangavelu seconded. Motion carried 7-0-0.

All panelists were informed to be at the June 9, 2022 ANC 6A meeting.

Ms. Hollmon did follow up regarding the Eastern High School Grant for exercise equipment and the Christ City Church grant for food vouchers. Ms. Adina Wadsworth and Committee Member Sarah Bell are taking care of those matters respectively.

Ms. Hollmon informed the committee that, per the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC), ANCs have to fall in line with the DC government grant guidelines.

Mr. Friend made a motion that ANC 6A approve 501(c)3 and non 501(c)3 organizations that demonstrate a public benefit to the ANC6A community be eligible for grants. Ms. Wadsworth seconded. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Ms. Hollmon discussed the need to update weblinks on the ANC 6A web page. Starting with the organizational links, everyone will check the page and send any information to Mr. Friend for consolidation. It will be discussed at the COC June 2022 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm