

Minutes
ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC)
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Regular Meeting - November 29, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

Quorum present.

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

COC members absent: Jason Gresh

Commissioners present: Amber Gove, Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, Laura Gentile, and Keya Chatterjee

Presenters: Pastor Matthew Watson, Sarah Bell

Community members present: Kris Garrity and Mark Samburg, Members, ANC 6A Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee)

Christ City Church Grant: Pastor Matthew Watson and Sarah Bell presented a grant proposal for \$3,000.00, which will be used to support families in need within ANC6A. The event takes place at the Rosedale Recreation Center on December 18, 2021. Partners expected at the event include DC 127, Just Homes, Mamatoto, DC Water, Eliot Hine Middle School, and local restaurants to name a few.

Pastor Watson gave an overview of the Church's engagement with the Community, including Miner Elementary School; advocating on behalf of Reservation 13 and being a good neighbor to ANC 6A.

Commissioner Keya Chatterjee inquired if Christ City Church was open to additional partners. Sarah Bell said they would love additional partners.

Committee Member Stephanie Thangavelu inquired as to how recipients are identified. Sarah Bell answered that Miner Elementary and Eliot Hine had identified families and sent that information to the Church. Commissioner Phillips Gilbert also said that she has a list of families in her SMD also.

Committee Member Gladys Mack inquired as to how many baskets Christ City Church would be providing this year and if it would be over the 90 given last year. Sarah Bell answered they were planning to provide 150.

Committee Member Thangavelu inquired as to how much funds were available for grants. Chair Hollmon responded that we have \$8,000.00, with \$4,000.00 for the 1st half of the year

and \$4,000.00 for the second half of the year. No other grants have been presented to COC at this time.

Chair Hollmon moved and Committee Member Mack seconded that the grant be approved for \$3,000.00. Motion carried 8-0-1.

Chair Hollmon then turned the meeting over to Commissioner Laura Gentile, Chair of the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee, for a walk through of the Bylaws, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and Code of Conduct. Commissioner Gentile shared how the Committee came to draft the documents after advice from Gottlieb Simon, former head of Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (OANC) and a broad section of Bylaws from ANCs across the district.

The Bylaws document contains items required by DC code. The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) contains things the ANC would like to do and the Code of Conduct lays out how representatives of ANC 6A should conduct themselves and how ANC 6A should engage with constituents in meetings, chats, etc.

Bylaws Committee Member Kris Garrity gave an overview that discussed the historic aspects of the ANC and how the Bylaws Committee came to draft the language in the SOP, specifically the Mission Statement.

Chair Veronica Hollmon gave an overview of the grant requirements and reminded people that ANCs are currently operating under an exception due to the COVID epidemic and that will be expiring sometime in January 2022; grant funding for food or duplication of DC services will go away.

Commissioner Gentile then opened the meeting to questions.

Committee Member Mack inquired as to how removal of committee members would be applied. Commissioner Gentile explained that the removal would be for cause and is targeted at people who just stop coming to committee meetings. Because of Committee Member Mack's inquiry, the section will be edited to reflect 3 absences in a calendar year.

Commissioner Chatterjee thanked everyone who worked on the Bylaws Committee and was hoping that once ANC6A completes the process, that the documents could be submitted to OANC for a uniform template across DC's ANCs. Commissioner Chatterjee would like the names of the Committees to be changed to better reflect ANC 6A's values. It was decided that Committees would take up the issue at their meetings and choose to change or not change names and submit those names to the Commission.

Bylaws Committee Member Mark Samburg re-addressed the issue of unexcused absences and said better language would be in a twelve (12)-month period versus a year. Upon further discussion, it was decided that the Bylaws may recommend with no period stated would be

better language. He also recommended language be added to the SOP that says standing committees may recommend to ANC 6A that the official name of the standing committee be changed.

COC Committee Member Mack inquired as to why the committees needed to be named when they could change. Commission Gentile explained it is a living document and would be edited as needed.

Committee Member Thangalevu recommended and Commission Gentile seconded that the Bylaws documents be referred to ANC 6A for adoption at the December 2021 meeting. Motion carried 9-0-0.

Chair Hollmon reminded that the next meeting will be December 13, 2021 (the 2nd Monday) and will be the Public Safety Symposium. She requested any additional speakers that the Commissioners want to hear from at that meeting be forwarded to her as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned 8:01 pm