

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D
Andy Litsky, Chair
April 9, 2012
Business Meeting
1100 Fourth Street, S.W., Second Floor Conference Room

Minutes
As Approved by ANC 6D May 14, 2012

Chairman Litsky called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Present: Commissioners Bob Craycraft, David Garber, Andy Litsky, Ron McBee, Roger Moffatt, and Administrative Assistant Bert Randolph.

Commissioner Hamilton arrived at 7:08pm

1. Approval of the Agenda

The following additions were proposed for the agenda:

11a. Resolution to Support Petition on Idling Bus Law Enforcement - Commissioner Craycraft

11b. Southwest Retail Task Force Request for Parking Performance Funds - Commissioner Craycraft

11c. PIDS Project - Chairman Litsky

Commissioner Moffatt moved that the agenda be accepted as modified. Commissioner Garber seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

2. Introduction of the Commission

3. Announcement of May Meeting

Chairman Litsky announced the May meeting of the ANC as Monday, May 14, at 1100 Fourth Street, S.W.

4. Meeting Announcements

April 14th - 9am – Gangplank Slipholders Association annual Anacostia River clean-up - Meet at Fish Market

April 14th - 7pm - Titanic 100th Commemoration - Waterfront Park

April 14th - 10am - Friends of Southwest Library book sale

April 16th - 6:30pm - Neighbors of Southwest Duck Pond monthly meeting - 1101 Fourth Street, S.W.

April 10th - 6:00pm - Amidon-Bowen Elementary School community town hall for school renovation plans

April 21st - 9:00am - Anacostia Watershed Society Cleanup - Diamond Teague Park

April 19th - Neighborhood Night at Nationals Ballpark

April 25th - 6:30pm - Mayor's Ward 6 2013 Budget Town Hall - Eastern High School - 1700 E. Capitol Street

4. Meeting Announcements, continued

May 5th – 12:00pm - Running of the Chihuahuas fundraiser for PAWS of Southwest - Cantina Marina

5. Public Safety Report

There being no one present from the First District, there was no Public Safety Report.

6. Approval of March Minutes

Commissioner Craycraft in his role as ANC Secretary offered the March 9 meeting minutes for the ANC's approval. Commissioner McBee moved the minutes be accepted as presented. Commissioner Moffatt seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

7. Anacostia Watershed Society Update

Commissioner Garber introduced Julie Lawson of the Anacostia Watershed Society for an update of the group's work. No action was requested of the ANC.

Addition to the agenda:

At the invitation of Chairman Litsky, Jessica Fulton, Outreach Director of the DC Fiscal Policy Institute spoke to the attendees about her group's monitoring of the District's budget and fiscal policies. For more information see www.dcfpi.org or e-mail Ms. Fulton at fulton@dcfpi.org.

8. Harbour Square Historic Landmark Application

Chairman Litsky discussed the request of Harbour Square Co-Op for a letter of support for their application for Historic Landmark status, which has been approved by the Harbour Square Board by a vote of 8-1. Chairman Litsky moved that the ANC draft a letter of support for the application. Commissioner McBee seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

9. Camden Properties Support Request

Chairman Hamilton introduced Mark Bucci, Vice President of Camden Construction, to give an update on their South Capitol Street development, which will have 276 rental units with a corner retail store. Units should be available for occupancy in mid-2013. No action was requested of the ANC.

10. CSX Virginia Avenue Tunnel Community Input

Commissioner Garber spoke about a task force he serves on with ANC6B as well as various community leaders to express their concern with the redevelopment of the Virginia Avenue Tunnel by CSX Corporation. A letter is being developed to represent the group's concerns with the CSX plans, and requests that CSX leave the tunnel as is and redirect additional traffic from the National Gateway eastern seaboard rail expansion program outside the District.

Commissioner Garber requested input from the ANC and the attendees. Commissioner Craycraft requested on behalf of himself and Commissioner Shockley that the dialogue be expanded to include the poor condition of CSX bridges and overpasses throughout the ANC. Request from the audience included consideration of the impact on residents, observance of the fragile nature of historic buildings in the impacted area, and noting that a trench solution will accentuate the physical divisions of the neighborhood. Requests were made to see if there were

10. CSX Virginia Avenue Tunnel Community Input, continued

other examples of open trenches in urban residential areas and that an economic impact study be undertaken. No action was requested of the ANC.

11. Amidon-Bowen 2013 Budget

Commissioner McBee expressed his concerns with the budget cut of \$580,000 of Amidon-Bowen Elementary School and introduced Amidon-Bowen PTA President Marty Welles to shares the PTA's vision for the school. Commissioner McBee moved the ANC draft a letter supporting the restoration of the budget cut to the Office of the Mayor. Commissioner Craycraft seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

11a. Resolution to Support Petition in Idling Bus Law Enforcement

Commissioner Craycraft moved that the ANC draft a letter of support for the Community Justice Project at Georgetown Law School's petition to encourage the District to enforce idling bus laws in Southwest, noting that the petition was already endorsed by the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA). Chairman McBee seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

11b. Southwest Retail Task Force Request for Parking Performance Funds

Commissioner Craycraft requested the agenda item be deferred to the May meeting.

11c. PIDS Project

Chairman Litsky and Commissioner McBee led a conversation about the Public Information Display System (PIDS) planned for the Safeway window near the store entrance on Metro Plaza. Local Safeway management is reluctant to committing to have the installation move forward as planned and wants to defer the decision to their regional headquarters. Chairman Litsky moved that a letter be requested from Safeway clarifying their intent in allowing access to their window for the PIDS display within the next 14 days. Should such a letter not be received, the ANC would write to Councilman Tommy Wells requesting that he not move forward with tax benefits requested by Safeway due to Southwest being considered one of the District's "food deserts." The motion passed by a vote of 4-2-0 with Commissioners Hamilton and McBee voting no.

Races and Events:

12. 28th Army Ten-Miler

13. 2012 Nation's Triathlon

14. 37 Annual Marine Corps Marathon

Commissioner Craycraft proposed a consent agenda for three races being held in the non-residential area of his Single Member District 6D01 which had already been approved by the adjoining ANC 2F and the Mayor's Task Force: Nation's Triathlon on September 9th, the Army Ten-Miler on October 21st, and the Marine Corps Marathon on October 28th. Chairman Litsky requested the Nation's Triathlon be removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. Commissioner Craycraft then proposed the Army Ten-Miler and the Marine Corps Marathon receive the ANC's approval as presented. Chairman Litsky seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 4-0-2 with Commissioners Hamilton and McBee abstaining. Molly Quinn, President of Nation's Triathlon confirmed that the race date of June 17th on the ANC agenda was incorrect, and that the correct date was September 9th. Ms. Quinn also confirmed the entry point for swimmers in the Potomac River as near the MLK Memorial off Independence Avenue,

Races and Events, continued:

S.W. Commissioner Craycraft proposed the ANC approve the request of the organization. Commissioner Garber seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

15. ABC Committee

Commissioner Hamilton moved that the ANC approve the license renewal for Cap Liquors based upon their support of community activities. Chairman McBee seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6-0-0. The ANC will send a letter to ABRA stating the ANC's support of the application.

16. Chairman's Report

There was no Chairman's Report.

17. Community Concerns

Gene Solon spoke to the ANC and attendees about his concerns related to environmental issues. Sara Fritz spoke of her concern with the St. Matthews redevelopment project. Commissioner Moffatt noted that the Zoning Commission will be making a final decision on the St. Matthews project in a public hearing on April 30 at 6:30p.m.

18. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Litsky proposed the meeting be adjourned at 9:31pm. Commissioner McBee seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Craycraft
ANC 6D Secretary