

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D  
Minutes of Business Meeting – April 13, 2015  
Held at 1100 4<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Washington DC 20024  
Roger Moffatt, Chair**

*\*Minutes to be reviewed prior to and approved at May meeting*

*The Commission convened at 7:08 p.m. The following Commissioners were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting: Roger Moffatt (chairing) Stacy Cloyd, Meredith Fascett, Marjorie Lightman, and Andy Litsky.*

### **Approval of Agenda**

CM Moffatt moved to approve the agenda. CM Litsky seconded. With the correction of “March “ to “May” in the announcement of next meeting; addition of announcements by Gordon Fraley & Office of the Attorney General, and Wharf quarterly update; and omission of 10a and 10b (raze at 125 O St and rooftop penthouse regulations), the agenda was approved 5-0-0.

### **Introduction of Commissioners**

#### **Meeting Announcements**

- Next meeting: Monday, May 11, 7pm, 1100 4<sup>th</sup> St. SW.
- Walter Adams, for DC’s Office of Attorney General. Karl Racine is the District’s first elected Attorney General. There will be a hearing about a bill to improve the OAG on April 21. Fiscal Year 2016 budget request is \$55 million and the hope is to recover more money in penalties and settlements than the budget spends. Contact for questions about OAG: [RobertC.White@dc.gov](mailto:RobertC.White@dc.gov) 202-724-5487
- Gordon Fraley, from Waterfront Station. There are some improvements to “Square SW at Waterfront Station” (the open space just north of M St. along 4<sup>th</sup> St. SW). Scavenger hunt 4/25 and Thursday kickball league. Aya food market starts 5/2. First Wednesday food trucks May-November, last Friday art/food/flea market May-October. CM Litsky asked about promotion plan: fliers circulated at meeting, website at waterfrontstation.com, advertising in Southwester.
- Felicia Coutts: SW Playground cleanup and flower planting Saturday 4/18, 9:30am. Thanks to sponsors Subway and Frager’s.
- CM Cloyd: Charles Allen’s Community Office Hours are Friday morning at the Starbucks in the Waterfront Safeway, 8-9:30am. Naomi Mitchell noted it will be at Jenny’s starting in May.

#### **Public Safety Report**

Sgt. Architzel, Acting Lt. for PSA 105 while Lt. Beslow is having hip surgery.

- No homicides in past 2 months. Sex assaults down, ADWs up month over month. No homicides last year at this time either. Robberies down, ADWs up compared to this time last year.
- Graffiti in underpass: not gang-related. It’s on DPW’s list to remove.
- Mass shoplifting at CVS twice last week: got warrants and arresting folks right now.
- Traffic: trying to change the signage on South Capitol and M St. service roads so people know what the various lanes are for. Assigned an officer when available during morning rush hour (7:30-9:30am) to deal with illegal turns at 4<sup>th</sup> and M. and illegal parking on 14<sup>th</sup> St. during rush hour.
- Cherry blossom fireworks were really crowded, especially with the construction at the wharf. No real problems but MPD patrolled to keep people safe. Will work with the Cherry Blossom Festival to make it safer next year.

- 14 year old female shot in the leg on unit block of P St. SW. She was not the target. They know who the target was but not yet who the suspect is. Greenleaf and James Creek are fighting so they're using light tower and extra officers to address the situation.
- CM Lightman: constituents concerned with parking in the middle of 4<sup>th</sup> Street near Safeway. Also concerned with bike lane at S. Capitol and I St. SW.
- CM Litsky: When were the crowded parts of the Cherry Blossom festival? Lt. Architzel said that it was especially busy at the time of the fireworks—no crime, just a lot of people. Encouraged enforcement at 4<sup>th</sup> & M even earlier.
- CM Cloyd: shootings in 200 block of I St. SW last Tuesday? 2 houses, one car, and one man hit in a non-fatal injuries. No suspects but believe it's related to fight between James Creek and Greenleaf—not organized enough to call them gangs.
- Felicia Coutts: can MPD also request removal of graffiti in pedestrian underpass at 2<sup>nd</sup> st.? MPD said yes.

### **Approval of Prior Month's Minutes**

CM Cloyd moved, CM Lightman seconded. No changes. Approved 5-0-0.

### **Wharf Quarterly Update**

Shawn Seaman with Hoffman-Madison Waterfront: Development is on-schedule for late 2017 delivery of Phase 1 from 7<sup>th</sup> St. to fish market. Continuing design for space near fish market, pursuing landmarking of shucking shed and eating platform and they'll be rehabilitated. Will announce in next 60 days which hotels will operate on Parcel 5. Hoping to pursue Phase 2 PUD for Parcel 1 around June. Jenny's planning to open on Friday. Serving breakfast and dinner. Events calendar has been circulated.

Bob Rubenkonig: Cherry blossom festival and fireworks went well. Plenty of MPD and paid security. Only problems were one lost kid (returned to parents) and one bruised knee.

Risa Abraham: trying to fix the road quickly and well. Also starting crosswalks near Arena Stage. There will be bike sharrows on the road. Should be all fixed up in May. About 50% excavated inside the site and foundation piles are being driven—about 500 done and should be done in about 8 months. District Pier is almost finished—pouring concrete. Working on Transit and Market Pier. Seven tower cranes will rise up in late April. Working on light timing for new signals. CM Litsky asked what time construction can start (6:30am is what's been approved—but no loud noises or pile driving, it's excavation and moving trucks; the noisy parts start at 7. Trucks should not be backing up and sounding alarms) and asked them to enforce it. 6:30 may just be for excavation permit, not construction. He asked when night construction of road will end—told late May. CM Litsky asked that CM Lightman be added to community engagement email lists. CM Moffatt asked about installation of laterals—why couldn't it have been dealt with before to make cutting the road unnecessary? No real answer—it's what the permits say and it predates Risa. CM Cloyd asked about streetlights on Maine Ave. Awaiting final approval from DDOT on that.

Elinor Bacon: Meeting with CBEs in Wards 5, 6, 7, and 8. Doing special outreach to small CBEs. Working to coordinate hiring for the site—a plan has been made, and DOES is workforce intermediary. Employers have to tell Clayton Whitt, DOES liaison, if they're hiring and he tells them about people who are qualified. On Wednesdays from 8-10, trailer open for people looking for jobs. Also working with Paul Taylor from DPR, Ruth at CBCC, Bruce at SWNA, DCHA, and Naomi from Charles Allen's office. There will be special preapprentice slots for SW/Ward 7 & 8, and public housing residents. Wharf Community Benefits Committee will reconvene in early May. Community Heritage Group will launch its process next

month, too. CM Lightman encouraged Elinor to recruit women as well as men. Elinor noted that the number of DC residents, # of Ward 8 residents, and east of the river are the benchmarks they have to follow.

- Bill Schickler: Why isn't there an Environmental Impact Study? Told that US Army Corps of Engineers did environmental assessment.
- Capitol Park Towers Tenant Association (301 G) asked the best way to find jobs: call Elinor or go to the trailer.
- Amy from GPSA board: They weren't notified of the early start and Risa is glad to meet with them.

### **ABC Committee Report, Coralie Farlee, chair**

Votes for all 3 issues on the agenda: 4-0-1, with the chair abstaining.

*Cap Liquors:* ABC committee voted 4-0-1 to recommend renewal of license (Farlee abstaining). CM Fascett moved to support renewal, CM Lightman seconded. Coralie noted she is still following up on one violation, and they've had a couple of others. Motion passed 4-0-0 (Litsky absent)

*Shulman Liquors:* ABC committee voted 4-0-1 to recommend renewal of license (Farlee abstaining). Had a violation for go-cups and one for sale of license. CM Lightman moved to support renewal of the class A license. CM Litsky seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

*Pub Crawls:* ABC committee voted 4-0-1 to recommend comments on proposed regulations. However, new proposed regulations may be released soon and no deadline for comments announced, so no vote taken. Will address it next month.

### **Other Presentations and Motions**

*Community Foundation Engagement Letter:* CM Cloyd moved to engage the Community Foundation of National Capital Region to establish a "field of interest fund" for \$50,000 currently in escrow to benefit 6D—both SW and SE. CM Fascett seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

*Water Fountain at Lansburgh Park:* CM Cloyd moved to send a letter to Department of Parks and Recreation to build a human drinking fountain and fix the dog fountain at Lansburgh Park. CM Lightman seconded. Passed 5-0-0.

*Cleanup at Buzzard Point:* CM Litsky explained lack of information provided on cleanup of several parcels. 4,000 pages of information finally released. Some concerns about the information provided—comment period ends May 1. He moved to send a letter responding to plan to clean up the area and expressing community concerns because the extent of the contamination has not been determined and the application is missing critical documents. CM Lightman seconded. Gene Solon noted there were similar problems with cleanups elsewhere in 6D and expressed support for CM Litsky's motion. He asked how to get a copy of the report? CM Litsky said it's not online so it requires a trip to DDOE. Eric Gilloand of Capital Bikeshare said that his concerns about the soccer stadium are that they will displace the work area and the health of the workers on his site during the cleanup. Asked how he can submit his own comments, and CM Litsky said to follow the information on the email that was sent out, and write to DDOE and Council. Bill Schickler asked if Mr. Shapiro, the Mayor's Ward 6 community outreach person in the audience can address the topic—he's only been at his job a few months, this isn't his area of expertise, and he'll pass along our concerns. Passed 5-0-0.

*Bus Parking on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SW for Nationals Games:* CM Litsky moved to send a letter to DDOT in support of parking buses on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SW next to Ft. McNair on baseball game dates. DDOT says it will be too expensive compared to parking cars there, and don't want it despite not bringing that up at the TOPP meeting. Nationals want to use 2<sup>nd</sup> Street south of P St. SW, and are happy to have DDOT charge buses whatever is necessary. CM Cloyd seconded. Nancy Masterson asked if bus idling can be enforced and encourage people to report violations. Motion passed 5-0-0.

*Co-sponsoring CHPSPO Event:* There will be a meeting with the Deputy Mayor for Education and the Capitol Hill Public School Parents Organization. CM Fascett moved to co-host along with other ANCs. CM Cloyd seconded. Passed 4-0-0 (Litsky absent).

### **Temporary Traffic Interruptions**

*Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Light the Way 5k:* Jocelyn Hunter. Event will go through SE portion of ANC, starting and ending at Nats Park. On September 12, 2015. Approved by Mayor's task force last month. No streets will be closed—just a fun walk/run. MPD officers will control street crossings and there will be route marshals. No alcohol served. Walk will be on streets from 9am-10:30, with events at ballpark from 8am-noon. CMs Cloyd and Fascett encouraged organizers to work with DDOT and developers because there is a lot of construction and closed sidewalks along the route, and things may change by September. CM Cloyd moved to send a letter in support the event, CM Fascett seconded. Passed 5-0-0.

*Walk to Cure Arthritis:* Jody Haltenhof. Walk will happen May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Not a run. 250-500 people. Starts and ends in Nationals Park, with a walk along the riverwalk trail to about 4<sup>th</sup> Street, up 4<sup>th</sup> Street, around on Tingey and Water. Adjusted route from last year to minimize traffic disruption. No road closures needed. CM Cloyd moved to send a letter in support of the event, CM Fascett seconded. Passed 4-0-0 (Moffatt absent).

### **Development, Planning, and Transportation**

*SO 13-14605 Buzzard Point L'Enfant Plan Proposed Street Closings:* DDOT is proposing to close several streets near the proposed site. CM Moffatt moved to send a letter to DDOT saying that the street closures were premature, since no cleanup plan has been finalized and no final stadium plans have been made. CM Litsky seconded. Passed 5-0-0.

*Public Space Permit DDOT Tracking #10610, 222 M St.SW:* Paving, bike racks, fixtures, and landscaping. CM Moffatt noted that Trammel Crow, the developers of St. Matthew's site, have asked for a postponement of consideration of the public space permit to meet with the ANC. Trammell Crow representative attended and expressed willingness to meet with ANC and others. CM Moffatt moved that in the event that the hearing is not postponed, he be allowed to write a letter reiterating proffers made in ZC 11-13 about preserving trees and other topics. CM Litsky seconded. CM Litsky expressed desire for improved community engagement for this project. Passed 5-0-0.

*Public Space Permit DDOT Tracking #106654, 800 Maine Ave SW, and crosswalk and layby near Arena Stage on M St. SW:* CM Lightman noted that ANC 6D supported this crosswalk in fall 2014. She moved to support reiterate our support for the crosswalk and our support of the new application to install a commuter bus stop sign and pole. CM Litsky seconded. Passed 5-0-0.

*Public Space Permit DDOT Tracking #104088, fixtures and pavement at 300 14<sup>th</sup> St. SW:* CM Lightman moved to support this application, which involves landscaping, paving, and bike racks near the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. CM Litsky seconded. Nancy Masterson asked if it's a Capital Bikeshare or regular bike rack, told it is regular. Passed 5-0-0.

**Commission Updates and Administrative Matters**

- Chair's report: none
- Treasurer's report: none

**Community Concerns**

- Bill Schickler: the cherry blossoms are very beautiful. The Wharf will cause air pollution that will hurt the trees in the future. There is a rally about affordable housing preservation April 20 at the Wilson Building, run by Empower DC. It is the day of the DCHA budget hearing, and people who want to testify at the hearing can sign up. The waitlist for public housing is very long and no one can put their names on it anymore. There is no money for public housing maintenance and not enough housing for very low income DC residents. The ANC should go on record as desiring more affordable housing, even though District may not force them to do it.
- Gene Solon: Glad that SWNA established a task force on waterway use. Urges ANC and SWNA to fight piers that will extend far into the water and restrict the possibility of water evaluation. He also supports the latest design for the proposed new Pepco substation and burial of transmission lines 6 feet deep. He wants the ANC to oppose the Excelon-Pepco takeover. Invites people to attend symposium 4/18 at UDC law school about affordable utilities. Call DC Office of people's council 727-3071 to register.
- Naomi Mitchell encouraged community members to be involved in DC's budget process and she would be glad to share the hearing schedule.

*The commission adjourned at approximately 9:06 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Stacy Cloyd*

*Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_*