

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D
Ron McBee, Chair
December 12, 2011
Business Meeting
1100 Fourth Street, S.W., Second Floor Conference Room**

**Minutes
As Approved by ANC 6D January 9, 2012**

Present: Commissioners Bob Craycraft, David Garber, Rhonda Hamilton, Andy Litsky, Ron McBee, and Roger Moffatt. Commissioner Cara Shockley and Administrative Assistant Bert Randolph were absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McBee at 7:10pm.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Item 16 "Approval of 2012 ANC6D Monthly Business Meeting and Administrative Meetings Schedules" was removed and a new Item 16a was added "Closing of Department of Employment Services (DOES) Office at King-Greenleaf Recreational Center" by Chairman McBee. Commissioner Moffatt seconded the motion to make the agenda changes, which passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

2. Introduction of the Commission

3. Announcement of January meeting

Chairman McBee announced the January meeting date as Monday, January 9, at 7:00pm in the DCRA offices at 1100 Fourth Street, S.W., 2nd Floor.

4. Meeting Announcements

13 Dec - 4:00pm - Amidon-Bowen Elementary School Phase I renovation public meeting
13 Dec - 6:00pm - L'Enfant Plaza Community Open House
15 Dec - 6:30pm - CBCC Annual Meeting - Arena Stage
19 Dec - 7:00pm - Neighbors of SW Duck Pond Planning Team - 1101 Fourth Street, S.W.

5. Public Safety Report

No MPD official was available to make the report.

6. Approval of November Minutes

Commissioner Craycraft in his role as ANC 6D Secretary proposed that the November minutes be accepted as proposed. Commissioner Moffatt seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by a vote of 6-0-0

7. Report on Potential Closing of SW Station Post Office

Chairman McBee and Commissioners Litsky and Moffatt reported on a recent community meeting regarding the closing of the primary Southwest post office on Half Street, S.W. The United States Postal Service (USPS) would like to stay but must vacate this property in December 2012 due to the termination of their lease. The USPS expects to open a new retail facility within the Southwest community. The ANC will pursue options for the new post office with the Fourth Street retail corridor (Waterfront Station) as the first choice.

8. Urban Forestry Administration (UFA) Assessment of Third and I Streets, S.W., Park

Jack Chapman shared his department's goal to prepare the park for a playground. All work will be done by UFA versus contractors. Trees will be pruned, and some of the trees in the berm between the street and sidewalk may need to be removed to preserve the tree canopy in the park. Commissioner Craycraft expressed concern over the ongoing inspecting of the mature trees once the park was operational. It was clarified that the Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for such inspections and would report their concerns to the UFA. Chairman McBee made a proposal that the ANC support the removal of debris stumps and do general pruning. Commissioner Litsky seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

9. SWNA "Friends of Lansburgh Park" designation for DPR Partnership

Commissioner Litsky proposed that the ANC write a letter of support for the Friends of Lansburgh Park to DPR be recognized as the official community representative for the restoration and development of the park in order for their participation in the DPR Park Partner program. Commissioner Craycraft seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

10. Pedestrian Signage for Unmarked Crosswalks at Arena Stage and Maine Avenue, S.W., and O and P Streets, S.W. at Fourth Streets, S.W.

Chairman McBee made a motion that the ANC request the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) provide signage on Maine Avenue, S.W., between Sixth and Seventh Streets, S.W., and Fourth Street between O and P Streets, S.W. Commissioner Moffatt made a friendly amendment that the letter be accompanied by a diagram and/or picture of the intersections. Following debate, Commissioner Garber made a motion the issue be tabled until the January meeting, which was agreed to by Chairman McBee.

11. 74 Bus Route Modification Motion

Commissioner Hamilton introduced a request for modification of the ANC6D resolution on the MetroBus Route 74 bus made at the November business meeting be modified such that Item 6 will have the following text deleted "and remove the shelter on M Street, S.W., near the Sixth Street intersection," and to request a traffic study and implementation by the DDOT to develop modification to the Seventh Street, N.W., corridor between Massachusetts and Indiana Avenues, N.W., to facilitate the movement of vehicular traffic southbound. Chairman McBee seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5-0-1 with Commissioner Craycraft abstaining.

12. CSX-NEPA Study

Stephen Flippin, Director of Federal Affairs for CSX Corporation, and Jason Yazawa with consultants Parsons Brinkerhoff discussed the renovations of the 107-year old Virginia Avenue tunnel from Second to 11th Streets, S.E. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was initiated relevant to the project in November. There may be a temporary closure of the I-295 and Eighth Street, S.E., entrance ramp. Freight traffic must be maintained during construction. The next public meeting will be in February 2012 to discuss various routing alternatives during tunnel construction. A final decision on the construction alternative is planned for Summer 2012. More information is available at www.virginiaavenuetunnel.com. No action was requested from or by the CSX representatives of the ANC.

13. Anacostia Waterfront Initiative - Maine Avenue, S.W., Construction Update

DDOT Project Manager Joseph Dorsey presented an update on the reconstruction of Maine Avenue, S.W., in the area of the Fish Market and the 14th Street Bridge. The project is late due to weather-related issues, but should be completed by the end of 2011 with decorative plantings to be installed in the Spring.

14. SW ArtsFest Update

David Sobelsohn and Carolyn Mitchell presented an update on 2012 plans for the SW ArtsFest. Several different formats are under consideration for 2012, including not having a festival.

15. MRP Realty PUD Presentation for RiverFront on the Anacostia (Florida Rock).

John Begert presented on MRP Realty's landscape and architectural proposal for Riverfront on the Anacostia PUD Stage 1 (entire site) and Stage 2 (residential building). They plan to continue to make revisions and present at our February meeting.

16a. "Closing of Department of Employment Services (DOES) Office at King-Greenleaf Recreational Center"

Chairman McBee proposed that the ANC, in cooperation with the Community Benefits Coordinating Council (CBCC) draft a letter protesting the proposed Southwest DOES office closing, and requesting that staffer Karen Thompson be retained in this location. Commissioner Litsky made a friendly amendment that the letter be solely from the ANC, which Chairman McBee accepted. Commissioner Hamilton seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

17. ABC Committee

Dr. Coralie Farlee presented an update on the Safeway store's selling of individual cups of ice, also known as "go cups," which is a violation of their alcoholic beverage license. Dr. Farlee spoke with the store manager and made him aware of the license provision. The signs were immediately removed and the practice ceased.

An annual reporting requirement by Capitol Yacht Charters was dropped at the recommendation of the ABC Committee and with the agreement of the ANC.

17. ABC Committee, continued

Sun Gallery had a complaint in July 2010 of selling alcohol to a minor. The sale was knowingly conducted by an employee who knew the juvenile, and the employee was fired for the offense. The ABC will take no position on Sun Gallery's license renewal.

Dr. Farlee is representing the ANC on Councilman Graham's task force evaluating possible changes to the District's alcoholic beverage laws. The working group will discuss 29 recommendations made to a comparable group chaired by Councilman Graham in 2010. There will be four to six meetings with the goal of introducing legislation to the Council before its Summer 2012 recess.

18. Treasurers Request

Chairman McBee made two motions on behalf of Commissioner Shockley in her role of ANC 6D Treasurer. The first was a motion to pay an invoice of \$200 for the taking and preparation of the October 2011 meeting minutes. Commissioner Craycraft seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

The second motion was in regards to the Fourth Quarter 2011 Financial Report which had a duplicate accounting entry in the amount of \$683.20 resulted in an ending balance of \$4,432.29 versus the corrected balance of \$5,115.49. Commissioner Garber seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

19. Chairman's report

Tiffany Klaff and Erlyn Fitzgerald were thanked by Chairman McBee for their dedication to *The Southwester* newspaper in the roles as coeditors.

20. Community Concerns

Gene Solon and Loraine Riley spoke to the Commissioners on various items of community concern.

21. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman McBee moved the meeting be adjourned at 10:27. Commissioner Moffatt seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Craycraft
ANC6D Secretary