

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D
Minutes of Business Meeting – July 14, 2014
Held at DCRA Conference Room, 1100 4th St. SW, Washington DC 20024
Roger Moffatt, Chair

The Commission convened at approximately 7:00 p.m. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Roger Moffatt (chairing) Sam Marrero, Stacy Cloyd, David Garber, and Andy Litsky. ANC staff position is vacant.

**Minutes to be reviewed prior to and approved at September meeting*

Approval of Agenda

CM Marrero moved to approve the agenda and CM Litsky seconded.
With no changes, the agenda was approved 4-0-0 (Garber temporarily absent).

Meeting Announcements

- The next ANC meeting will be September 8 at 7pm in the DCRA conference room (1100 4th St. SW, 2nd floor).
- Coralie Farlee: The next ANC 6D Alcoholic Beverage Committee meeting will be July 24 and she has provided a signup sheet for anyone who'd like to be on the ABC email list.
- Bill Schlicker: Next Saturday (7/19) at River Park North, there will be a meeting about how to lobby ANC 6D to meet twice a month instead of monthly.
- Amanda O'Neill: DC Sail is having a fundraiser party on August 9, details at dcsail.org
- CM Litsky: July 16 there will be a meeting at the Southwest library about whether the library's location should change. Also, Thursday July 31 is Neighborhood Night at Nationals Park.
- CM Hamilton: The Near SE/SW Community Benefits Coordinating Council is having a meeting on July 17 at 6:30 PM at 325 P St. about community benefits agreements and what might be included in one for the proposed soccer stadium at Buzzard Point.

Fundraising walks/races

- Kaia Greene: The National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Fund Run to Remember 5k is scheduled for Saturday 10/11 at 8am. There will 400 runners on a proposed course that is all north of the freeway. 7th Street will remain open the whole time and all roads will re-open by 8:45. CM Litsky moved for the ANC to send a letter in support of the run. CM Marrero seconded and it was approved 6-0-0 (CM Hamilton arrived).
- Julie Hansen: The Best Buddies Challenge bike ride is scheduled for 10/18 at 7am. Best Buddies is a sister organization to Special Olympics. This is their 5th year of the bike ride, and they are doing the same route as in all years past, which goes along 9th St., Ohio Ave., and around Hains Point—no residential roads. All cyclists will have started riding by 7:45am and roads will start reopening by 8:15. They will advertise their route in the Southwester and Washingtonian. CM Litsky moved for the ANC to send a letter in support of the run. CM Garber seconded and it was approved 6-0-0.
- Tony Cancelosi: 4th annual Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind Light the Way 5k is scheduled for 9/20 at 9am. The walk/run will start in Nats Park, then go around stadium, South Capitol, Potomac Avenue, 1st St., New Jersey Ave., and the riverwalk trail. The runners and walkers will all be on sidewalks and return to the stadium by 10:30am. CM Garber asked if pedestrians would be able to access the boat rental on the riverwalk trail during the 5k and was told they

would be. CM Garber suggested race organizers check with Forest City Washington to make sure that building demolition nearby would not cause any problems. . CM Litsky moved for the ANC to send a letter in support of the run. CM Hamilton seconded and it was approved 6-0-0.

Development, Planning, and Transportation

Craig Stouffer, Director of Communications, and Victor Melara, Director of Community Relations, for DC United.

- They hope the Council will vote on stadium package this fall. If it passes, the District would assemble the land, and that would probably take 12-18 months. Then stadium construction would take another 18 months. The hope would be for United to play there in 2017.
- DC United wants to be good community partners—they are serving about 200 kids per year in soccer program at Amidon-Bowen Elementary, have signed up to volunteer at DCPS Beautification Day, and have plans with Sasha Bruce Youthworks (at Randall Recreation Center) and the Southwest Community Garden.
- They have also met with Felicia Coutts from the CBCC and have had discussions about a community benefits agreement. CM Garber asked if any CBA would be filtered through the ANC? Felicia Coutts said yes, CBCC would facilitate that. Next Thursday's meeting is by invitation only, and then there will be a public meeting. CM Garber stated he would like there to be representation of Southeast residents in discussions about any CBA. Felicia Coutts said she was open to that, and it also reaching out to Ft. McNair to get their involvement. Rev. Ruth Hamilton added that Deborah Frazier from Navy Yard Neighborhood Association has been involved in the CBA process.
- No contract signed with architect, but they know how people will move through site. CM Litsky asked if this should be enough for DDOT, DGS, DMPED, and others to start figuring out traffic and transport issues, and asked if United is working with them. The United representatives said they're pushing the city as much as they can to get a transportation management plan finalized and they expect that over 50% of visitors would come via metro, primarily Navy Yard, since 50% come on metro to their current site at RFK.
- They have not scheduled any community meetings but hope to organize one at some point, perhaps co-hosted with CBCC or ANC. They're willing to come themselves but a lot of folks' questions really can only be answered by the District, so it would be idea to have the District participate.
- Bill Schickler asked if United thought that they'd get a traffic study from the District and the United representatives said they hoped so.
- Gene Solon asked capacity of stadium: United said approximately 20,000.
- Coralie Farlee asked who would manage alcohol sales at the site. The United said it might be ABRA, since it's Events DC now but the new stadium is not going to be a public facility like RFK.

Alcoholic Beverage Committee: Coralie Farlee, chair.

The next meeting is July 24 and the renewal of Cornercopia's license will be discussed. There was no quorum at the June ABC meeting. With regard to other establishments:

- 1000 Montaditos: The ANC missed its opportunity to protest. The restaurant is asking for a DR license (wine & beer). They've been invited to future ABC meetings for a meet and greet, but there will not be a Settlement Agreement. All of their documents are in compliance as of July 9.
- Blind Whino: A Settlement Agreement was developed, but Blind Whino never went through the process with ABRA to get a license and does not have one.

- First Street Fields: The ANC approved a Settlement Agreement and did not protest. ABRA did get one letter of opposition, from Vincent Carlos Gray, who had been involved in the original proposal for an establishment on the site. There was a long hearing but no decision yet from the ABC board. MPD didn't protest.
- Justin's Café: It was sent an order to show cause but we don't know why. The hearing is next Wednesday.
- Safeway: They have had no ABRA violations since 2011. There are a few MPD reports, but they are occurring on the sidewalk outside, and the police are writing the Safeway address on the report. The ABC didn't have a quorum, but voted 3-0-1 to make an informal recommendation in favor of renewing their license. CM Garber moved to support the renewal of Safeway's license and CM Hamilton seconded. CM Garber asked why the ANC must be notified of tastings, and CM Litsky explained why he had supported that in the original Voluntary Agreement. Coralie Farlee noted Safeway is satisfied with the Voluntary Agreement currently in existence and is willing to notify CM Moffatt when they have wine tastings. Passed 5-0-0 (Marrero absent).
- Friendly's: There was one ABRA violation in 2011, and one in 2012. In 2012, they got a warning letter for selling to a minor. There were also 2 pages of MPD history, but all incidents occurred on the sidewalk and none were violent. Coralie Farlee noted that the owner does have single sale authorization but tries to stop public drinking and keeps a log of incidents, cleans sidewalks, and renovated adjacent apartment. The ABC didn't have a quorum, but voted 3-0-1 to make an informal recommendation in favor of renewing their license. CM Hamilton moved to support the renewal of Friendly's license and CM Litsky seconded. Passed 5-0-0 (Marrero absent).
- L'Enfant Plaza Hotel: Needs a renewal of the safekeeping of their license. The ABC voted 4-0 to make an informal recommendation in favor of renewing the safekeeping and the settlement agreement. No motion was made but several ANC Commissioners stated they felt it would be good for all hotels to have settlement agreements for consistency's sake.
- Capitol Skyline and the Bullpen: Nearby residents have complained about noise at both establishments. ABRA's ABC board had requested some modifications to Capitol Skyline's Settlement Agreement that would prohibit noise traveling outside the property. CM Moffatt and Coralie Farlee made an "administrative decision" to approve this change. According to Coralie Farlee, ABRA sent Capitol Skyline a notice in March informing them of the formation of noise task force. She has invited representatives from ABRA, MPD, Bullpen, and Capitol Skyline to attend an ABC meeting and discuss noise issues.
- Harris Teeter: Their attorney Paul Pascal provided a draft SA to the ABC. Coralie Farlee said she would like the SA to be consistent with Safeway in that beverages should be located in a single area. CM Garber noted he doesn't want the store to need ANC approval for wine tastings and does not feel there needs to be a ban on single sales. Several commissioners expressed support for the idea of requiring the self-checkout stands to be monitored to prevent underage people from buying alcohol. The ABC will discuss the SA with Harris Teeter at a later date.
- Big Stick: ABRA's ABC board had requested some modifications to the SA so surveillance footage would be provided to MPD or ABRA within 48 hours. The 6D ABC was split 2-2 on supporting these changes. There was no vote on whether the ANC supports or opposes the changes, but some discussion as to who on the ANC and ABC should be notified when ABRA's ABC board requests modifications to an SA.

Other Presentations and Motions

- SW Small Area Plan: Kael Anderson of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly drafted a letter asking for the process to be delayed for six months to gather more public feedback. CM Litsky moved for the ANC to sign the letter as a resolution to the Office of Planning, and CM Hamilton seconded. The motion passed 4-2-0 (Litsky, Hamilton, Garber, and Hamilton in favor; Cloyd and Marrero opposed).
- School Redistricting: Stephanie Maltz from Ward 2 Education Network asked for support for her resolution regarding quality neighborhood schools, which ANCs in each ward have agreed to. CM Garber moved for the ANC to sign on to the resolution, and CM Marrero seconded. The motion passed 6-0-0. CM Cloyd then introduced a resolution to the Deputy Mayor of Education expressing support for the school boundary and assignment proposals regarding Amidon-Bowen and Van Ness Elementary Schools but asking that ANC 6D stay in the Wilson boundary. CM Moffatt seconded. CM Hamilton moved to amend the resolution to strike all discussion of the elementary schools and just send a resolution about Wilson and Eastern high schools. Without a second, the motion failed. CM Garber moved to table the motion, and CM Marrero seconds. The motion was tabled by a vote of 3-1-2 (CM Cloyd opposed, CMs Hamilton and Moffatt abstaining).
- South Capitol Streetscape: Samantha May, Washington Project for the Arts, would like the ANC's approval to place a banner on the South Capitol side of the Capitol Skyline hotel. CM Litsky moves to send a letter in support, CM Cloyd seconds. The motion was passed 6-0-0.
- Let's Move DC Family Expo: Christophe Beard from the Office of the State Superintendent of Education would like the ANC's support for the event, to be held Saturday October 4 at Greenleaf. The event will be free and require no registration. CM Hamilton moved to send a letter in support, and CM Cloyd seconded. CM Marrero suggested publicizing the event in the Southwester. The motion passed 5-0-0 (CM Litsky left).
- Southwest Comm-Unity Forum "Summer in Lansburgh Park": Paul Taylor would like a letter of support for the 8th annual event, to be held August 30. CM Hamilton moved to send a letter in support of the event, and CM Marrero seconded. The motion passed 5-0-0.
- Gender Neutral Restrooms: CM Cloyd moved to send a letter to the General Counsel of DC Public Libraries, the head of the SW library, and the DC Office of Human Rights requesting that single-occupancy bathrooms at the SW library be re-signed to be gender neutral. CM Garber seconded and the motion passed 5-0-0.
- CSX Virginia Ave Final Environmental Impact Statement: CM Garber moved to send a letter expressing the ANC's concerns and suggestions about CSX's plans for the neighborhood. CM Cloyd seconded. The motion passed 4-1-0 (Moffatt opposed).
- Bylaws Amendment about "virtual attendance" at committee meetings: CM Cloyd moved to amend the ANC bylaws to strike the passage allowing members of ANC committees like the ABC to attend via email and insert a provision allowing them to participate virtually in a way that allowed them, other committee members, and attendees at committee meetings to hear and/or read each other's comments. CM Marrero seconded. However, CM Cloyd withdrew the motion so that the proposed bylaws amendment could be posted in keeping with ANC 6D's bylaws.
- Pepco: CM Hamilton moved to send a letter to Pepco and the mayor's office expressing concern about not receiving any response to the ANC's feedback for Pepco's proposed new substation or information about safety on the site. CM Garber seconded and the motion passed 5-0-0.

Commission Updates and Administrative Matters

- CM Moffatt moved to ratify a contract with Joshua Habursky to pay him \$16.50 an hour for a maximum of 48 hours a month of administrative services. CM Garber seconded and the motion passed 5-0-0.
- Chair's report: We hired Joshua Habursky as our administrative assistant.
- Treasurer's report: CM Carroll is absent. The quarterly report is due next month.

Community Concerns

- Bill Schickler: He would like 2 meetings per month so we could have shorter meetings. He wants to know why CM Marrero didn't sign on to the letter opposing the Small Area Planning process. Also, he went to District Board of Ethics back in January asking them for an investigation as to why a traffic study hasn't been done for the Wharf and wants to inform the ANC that several leads are being pursued.
- Gene Solon: At a meeting with neighbors on July 9th, he distributed a letter opposing density increases in Southwest. He also supports electric buses instead of streetcars. He says Harbor Square owners are sending DDOT and DC HSEMA a letter inquiring about the development of a waterway evacuation plan and he would like the ANC to send a similar letter.
- Naomi Mitchell: She notes the DC council is in recess until September 13 except to finalize the FY 2015 budget. She says Tommy Wells will be spending some time in a cabin in Minnesota this summer to figure out his next steps, then will be working hard to fix things for the remainder of his term. She reported that SWNA was recognized by the Council on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

The commission adjourned at approximately 10:23 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Stacy Cloyd

Attested by: _____