

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D**  
**Minutes of Business Meeting – July 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 July meeting*

*The Commission convened at 7:03 p.m. The following Commissioners were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting: Roger Moffatt (chairing) Stacy Cloyd, Meredith Fascett, Marjorie Lightman, Rhonda Hamilton, Rachel Reilly Carroll, and Andy Litsky.*

**Moment of Silence in Memory of Roberta Weiner**

**Approval of Agenda**

CM Moffatt moved to approve the agenda, with the following change: the DDOT spokesperson about the Circulator is Steve Strauss, not Sam Zimbabwe. CM Hamilton asked to add a letter to the Mayor about the reappointment of the head of the Office of the People’s Counsel. With those changes, the agenda was approved 7-0-0.

**Introduction of Commissioners**

**Meeting Announcements**

- The next ANC meeting will be Monday, September 21, at 7pm, 1100 4<sup>th</sup> St. SW, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
- CM Litsky: Tomorrow around 11am DC Council is voting on SW Neighborhood Plan. There was a lot of public participation that went into forming this plan.
- CM Cloyd: Randall Pool nighttime splash party 7/25 8:30-11:30pm with DJ.
- Stacy Smith: General Manager of Hyatt Place, which is opening in November in SW. They are starting to hire soon. There will be a restaurant open 24/7, 5 meeting rooms, and a rooftop bar.
- Naomi Mitchell: Councilmember Allen’s office hours this Friday 8-9:30 at the Safeway Starbucks. Ward 6 day at Nats Park Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> day game. Also, on August 15<sup>th</sup> CMs Allen, Alexander, and Silverman are sponsoring a back to school day at DC General and are looking for donors and volunteers.
- David Meadows, Chief of Staff to Councilmember Bonds. Ms. Bonds has oversight over ANCs and is trying to meet as many of the commissioners as possible before crafting an omnibus piece of legislation to improve ANCs. [dmeadows@dccouncil.us](mailto:dmeadows@dccouncil.us) is his contact information for anyone who wants to give ideas.
- Gene Solon: Meeting of the Community Purchasing Alliance will be 7/15/15 at 5pm at Tiber Island Community Room. They will be discussing housing complexes and other landowners teaming up to apply for lower energy and other rates.
- Georgine Wallace, Friends of SW Library. Tomorrow, Chipotle’s DC locations are having a fundraiser for DCPL. Half of all proceeds go to DCPL. Next Wednesday at 6:30, lecture about African-Americans in SW during the Civil War. 7/21 and 7/23: book club and author talk by Ruben Castenda of the Washington Post about his book [S Street Rising](#).

**Public Safety Report**

Presented by Sgt. Architzel, Acting Lt. for PSA 105 while Lt. Beslow is on limited duty after hip surgery. Lt. Weaver was on his way (Taylor Swift concert traffic delayed him).

PSA 105 and 106, comparing this month in 2014 and 2015:

- Last year 1 homicide, none this year
- Robberies up from 4 to 7: Four robbery snatches on or near 4<sup>th</sup> St. SW, 3 of which have been closed.
- 1 sex abuse each year
- 1 arson this year and none last year
- Assaults w/dangerous weapon down from 5 to 3
- Property crimes are down, especially burglary and theft from auto.

Other announcements:

- Next week's PSA 105 meeting is at the SW library.
- MPD is ticketing tour buses when they park or idle illegally. Construction companies have improved their parking.
- DCHA is considering redeveloping Greenleaf—very early stages, but MPD is involved.
- MPD is having trouble with kids throwing rocks at cars along I St. SW. They know who it is. They are not arresting them, but they are getting them into the system and talking to their parents. If anyone witnesses this, call 911 with a description of what the kids are wearing.

Questions and comments:

- CM Lightman commended MPD for some enforcement of parking rules for FEMS vehicles on 4<sup>th</sup> St.
- CM Litsky: are we getting a new commander? Sgt. hadn't heard anything about that.
- CM Cloyd: was child hit by rock near SW library tonight? Sgt. said it was 11 year old in fight with other child. She named the child and the police are talking to him.
- CM Fascett: what is best source of information for situations like the false alarm of shooting at Navy Yard? Sgt. said DC Alerts—text and email.

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

CM Cloyd moved, CM Litsky seconded. The minutes were approved 5-0-1 (CM Fascett absent, CM Carroll abstained).

### **Other Presentations and Resolutions**

*Circulator Presentation (no vote taken):* Steve Strauss, DDOT.

- DDOT reintroduced a mall route that connects to Union Station and it's getting good use.
- They're retiring some of their older buses. They want to make sure that they meet 10-minute headways on current routes; if they have extra buses, they can extend Union Station/ Navy Yard circulator to SW. That will require two extra buses. Decision should come in the fall. Council gave money to buy new buses and they're starting the procurement process. Contract would be awarded in late spring of 2016 and buses would arrive mid-2017.
- Commissioners expressed frustration at delays in returning service to SW, as it was included in soccer stadium community benefits agreement and recent city budgets. DDOT will come back September or October with update.

*Wharf Update (No vote taken):* Elinor Bacon.

- Construction is on schedule. They'll be back in October with a timeline for later phases of construction.

- Parcel 1 south of fish market is being designed. 7<sup>th</sup> Street Pier is being moved from phase 2 to phase 1. It will include kayak launch and rental station. Fish market design has been in newspaper. It's a by-right development, but they'll show designs in October. The fish cleaning building is on the National Register so HPRB will be reviewing it in October.
- Banneker stairs and East Potomac Park dock environmental impact assessments are proceeding, since those are federal lands.
- Wharf wants to have water shuttle to Potomac Park.
- Foundation piles will be 50% complete this week and should be done by October. 2 of 7 tower cranes have been installed.
- Waterside Park is under construction and should be done next summer.
- 40.27% CBE participation at end of Q1 2015, which is over the 35% requirement. They did not meet local hiring target because of the technical nature of work so far, but 41% of new hires are DC residents. 51% is requirement, and the Wharf's numbers should go up as vertical construction starts. 26% are from Ward 8, and 20% is the target. 43% of apprenticeship opportunities have gone to DC residents. They are very open to having SW residents work on the Wharf. Paul Taylor from King-Greenleaf rec center and other service providers are referring people to the hiring trailer, which is open on Wednesdays from 8-10am. CM Lightman would like to see gender breakdown of hiring but Elinor noted that they don't have a target for that and don't want to ask contractors to do that.
- Heritage committee has met and will meet again this week.
- CM Litsky asked about parking for construction workers so they don't park on the street. Elinor will look into it.

*Letter of Support for Southwest Community Forum "Summer in Lansburgh Park"*

CM Hamilton moved to send a letter of support to Paul Taylor and Keith Anderson of DPR for the event, which will be held on August 30. CM Cloyd seconded. Passed 6-0-0 (CM Litsky absent).

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

*Hyatt Place Hotel:* 400 E St. SW. ABC Committee was in favor of the license with the Community Agreement they negotiated. CM Lightman moved to support the CT license with the CA negotiated by the applicant and the ABC committee. CM Fascett seconded. Passed 6-0-0 (CM Litsky absent).

*Hampton Inn & Suites:* 1265 1<sup>st</sup> St. SE. ABC Committee was in favor of the license with the Community Agreement they developed. CM Lightman moved to support the CT license with the CA negotiated by the applicant and the ABC committee. CM Cloyd seconded. Passed 7-0-0.

*Capital Yacht Club:* 600 Water St. SW. Jeff Ginnaro from the Capital Yacht Club stated that weekly and on special occasions, they want to shoot a non-munition cannon. They'd agreed to a noise ordinance as part of their initial CA, and their cannon is too loud to follow its rules. Liveaboards were upset. But the Gangplank Slipholders association talked to the Yacht Club and worked it out—they're ok with it, so long as they are made aware of the dates and times when the cannon will be fired. Amy from the Gangplank Slipholders said she agreed that they have reached an agreement with the club. The cannon will also be oriented towards the 14<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge, away from liveaboards. They will also ring a bell 5 minutes before the cannon firing. As new buildings and residences are opened they will also get notice. ABC committee was in favor of the amendment to the community agreement about firing the cannon. CM Litsky moved to support the amendment to the CA. CM Lightman seconded. Passed 7-0-0.

*Bardo Riverfront*: 25 Potomac Ave. SE. MPD opposes this plan and the applicant therefore is not willing to sign the CA. The applicant wants ABRA to placard the property but that hasn't happened yet. Dr. Farlee suggests that the ANC protest on the ground of peace, order, quiet; and pedestrian/vehicular safety. There was a discussion about the property at the July 8 ABRA meeting but no decision made. CM Litsky asked why it hasn't been placarded yet. Dr. Farlee said they had a factfinding hearing but they won't have a license before there's a regular hearing, and that won't happen before placarding. CM Litsky asked why we need to protest yet—will we have time later? Dr. Farlee said we should do it because the next ANC meeting is not until 9/21. CM Cloyd moved to protest the application on the ground of peace, order, quiet; and pedestrian/vehicular safety. CM Fascett seconded. Passed 6-0-0 (CM Carroll absent).

*Buffalo Wild Wings*: Half St. between M and N SE. Has not been placarded yet, but since we are not meeting until 9/21, Dr. Farlee suggested we protest just to protect ourselves and it can be withdrawn later. CM Cloyd moved to protest the application on the ground of peace, order, quiet; and pedestrian/vehicular safety. CM Lightman seconded. Passed 6-0-0 (Carroll absent).

### **Temporary Traffic Interruptions**

*American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure Cycling Event*: Saturday 9/26/15. Julie Hanson. 13, 33, and 50 mile routes. A ride, not a race. Staging area is at Freedom Plaza. 13-mile route is the only one that requires street closures; longer rides are just on open roads. Starts around 7:30 and roads will reopen less than 2 hours later. Will involve road closures along 9<sup>th</sup> St. CM Lightman moved to send letter to Mayor's Task Force in support of the event. CM Litsky seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

*Events DC Nation's Triathlon*: Sunday 9/13/15. Diane Romo-Thomas. In SW, there will be cycling along Independence Ave and 14<sup>th</sup> Street, including 14<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge (HOV lanes only), and running on East Potomac Park. CM Lightman moved to send letter to Mayor's Task Force in support of the walk. CM Litsky seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

*Race to End Women's Cancer*: Sunday, 11/8/15. It's the usual 5k route that starts and ends at Freedom Plaza. The race last about 1 hour and has about 2300 attendees. CM Carroll moved to send letter to Mayor's Task Force in support of the walk. CM Litsky seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 (Hamilton absent).

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

*HPRB review of 301 G St. SW redevelopment (Capitol Park Tower)*: Adam Peters from Perseus presented about changes to plan. Project will no longer have a building along the east side of the property. Instead, a swimming pool will remain there at ground level. The building along the north side of the property will be slightly larger on its eastern side and will now be more simple and symmetrical. The developers have also agreed not to apply for residential parking for the new address, so residents of the new building cannot apply for permits. The address of the new building hasn't been determined yet, but they expect it to be on 4<sup>th</sup> St. CM Litsky said he supports that because it makes it easier for DDOT to prohibit residential parking permits. The developers are agreeing to keep the ANC up to date on any changes to construction management plan and put a covenant on the property against applying for an RPP. Mike Williams from CPT tenants' organization spoke. Tenants rejected a settlement that would have provided rent abatements in exchange for support of the project. They believe the design of the building does not maintain the historic nature of the building. It will remove mature trees and create a view of the new building instead. It does not provide the high-low design characteristic of the

neighborhood and it goes above what zoning should allow because it's being measured from a ground point of I-395. The design will create a very hot patio between the building. It will also create extra traffic on the streets surrounding the site. They recognize there is a right to build, but they feel the design does not adequately preserve the historic nature of the site and destroy the Kiley/Woodard Smith plan. Ken Siccucchi who lives at 301 G St. noted that when Chloethiel Woodard Smith made parallel buildings, she spaced them far apart and provided shielding so residents couldn't look at their neighbors. Saadia Athias, who moved to CPT in 1986, said that if the building were scaled back she might support it, but it will be very hard to live right near where construction occurs. Robert Graham, CPT resident said his apartment faces the freeway and he really likes the view. He does not support the building, and is concerned about two years of construction. A Harbor Square resident noted that she also lives in a Chloethiel Woodard Smith property and they have discovered that it's hard to get HPRB to approve move of landscape materials. She also said it will be terrible to live with construction so close by.

CM Carroll acknowledged that everyone in the ANC is being negatively impacted by construction. She noted that ANC takes this issue very seriously. The ANC gets great weight but not final authority; HPRB will be meeting July 30<sup>th</sup> and others are allowed to speak at this. Last summer, CM Carroll sponsored historical preservation motion, and it was granted. Over the past 18 months, she and other commissioners have worked with HPRB, developers, ZC, and residents. She moved to send letter to HPRB in support of design with the reservation that the height of parcels in the residential area of SW should be measured not from freeways but from ground-level zoning. Recommendation is that HPRB measure from 4<sup>th</sup> Street and limit the building to 60 feet above 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW. CM Litsky seconded. CM Cloyd noted that CPIV condo board supports this iteration of the design, and CM Lightman noted that townhouse owners west of 4<sup>th</sup> Street also support the redevelopment. Ken Siccucchi asked whether the motion includes support of the breezeway and CM Carroll said it does not have a specific provision, but supports everything but the height of the building. CM Litsky encouraged community to speak at HPRB hearing and testify about the criteria they use to make the decision. CM Carroll said the Historic Preservation Office will release a prehearing report one week before the hearing. CM Hamilton encouraged developer and tenants to work together after this meeting and the HPRB hearing. CM Carroll expressed continued commitment to work with tenants and plans to serve as resource during construction. Motion passed 7-0-0.

*Public Space Use, DDOT #107346, 800 New Jersey Ave. SE:* CM Fascett moved to express support for sidewalks, paving, and lighting improvements on Square 769, with the added sentence that ANC 6D wants DCHA and DDOT to coordinate construction so that there are always sidewalks available. CM Lightman seconded. Passed 5-0-0 (Hamilton and Litsky absent).

*Landmark Designation, USDA Cotton Annex, 300 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Case 15-16 (hearing date 7/23/15):* CM Lightman moved to support the designation, with a note that if there are callboxes on the site they are also preserved. CM Cloyd seconded. Passed 5-0-0 (Hamilton and Litsky absent).

*Van Ness Elementary after-hours permit for Whiting-Turner Construction:* CM Fascett moved to support the grant of an after-hours permit through the end of September. CM Cloyd seconded. The work after hours will all be done inside and will not be noisy or include bright exterior lights. There will be no power tools outside. No trash will be transported and no truck traffic during shifts. There will also be a few shutdowns of water which will be noisy, and they are scheduled by DC Water, probably at night. But that will happen regardless of this permit. Neighbors will be notified of those. CM Moffatt asked for crews to be told be quiet when entering and leaving. Whiting-Turner said there will be a supervisor

there and people could go over and talk about any problems. CM Cloyd asked how construction is progressing? Whiting-Turner said they will be ready by the first day of school, and they plan to do as little night work as possible, but this permit allows them flexibility for the unexpected. This flexibility will largely be used in the last few weeks before school starts and possibly slightly later. The scope of work is such that they only had 12 weeks to do all the work. Commissioners noted that DGS needs to start construction projects like this earlier. Passed 6-0-0 (Hamilton absent).

*Town Hall Meeting about Transportation in ANC 6D:* CM Litsky moved to co-sponsor a town hall meeting on transportation issues with SWNA. CM Cloyd seconded. Bill Schickler asked how it will be publicized and if it will be open to the public. CM Litsky said it will be well publicized and open to the public. Passed 6-0-0 (Moffatt absent).

*Community advisory group for the soccer stadium:* CM Hamilton moved to send a letter to the Mayor requesting that such a group be formed. CM Lightman offered the amendment that the group get the highest level of input possible, higher than the Pepco substation group received and CM Hamilton accepted this. CM Litsky seconded. Passed 7-0-0.

*Office of People's Counsel:* CM Hamilton moved to send a letter to the mayor and Charles Allen in support of the reappointment of the current People's Counsel, Sandra Mattabous-Fry, because she has been helpful to CM Hamilton during the Pepco substation development process. CM Litsky seconded. Passed 7-0-0.

**Commission Updates and Administrative Matters**

- Chair's report: we are working on getting a new administrative assistant. Applicants accepted until 7/15, so please apply via email to moffatt@verizon.net.
- Treasurer's report: quarterly report is ready for approval. The numbers balance. Approved 7-0-0.

**Community Concerns**

Bill Schickler: The ANC should not support so much development, as it leads to traffic and air pollution.

Gene Solon: It is good that ANC 6D supports the reappointment of the head of the Office of People's Counsel. Elinor Bacon gave percentages of local hires, but the ANC should have asked for the raw numbers.

*The commission adjourned at approximately 9:46 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Stacy Cloyd*

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