

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D  
Minutes of Business Meeting – June 8, 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 7:00 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, with the following changes: omitting the second instance of the Spy Museum presentation, adding announcement of ad hoc committee members for disbursement of JBG funds, changing the license type of Bardo to DT from CT, omitting the Nation's Triathlon, and adding the SOME Trot for Hunger footrace. The agenda was approved 6-0-0 (CM Hamilton arrived).

### **Introduction of Commissioners**

#### **Meeting Announcements**

- The next ANC meeting will be Monday, July 13, at 7pm, 1100 4<sup>th</sup> St. SW, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
- Gene Solon: on June 13, Mayor Bowser will decide whether to renew the term of the People's Counsel and encouraged the ANC to support the reappointment
- CM Fascett: June 22—meeting from 2-5 at 200 I St. SE about 11<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge Park.
- CM Litsky: AYA Farmers' Market every Saturday from 10-2 outside Safeway, and Night Market at 4<sup>th</sup> and M SW the last Friday of every month.
- CM Hamilton: 6/20 Westminster is hosting health fair 10-noon.
- Naomi Mitchell: Councilmember Allen's office hours will be 6/19 at Jenny's Asian Fusion.
- Tim Sicosi of the Mayor's Office of Film and TV Development: the purpose of his office is to assist and permit filming. Website is film.dc.gov. You can list your home or business as a potential set.
- Georgine Wallace of Friends of SW Library: On 6/16 at 7pm the son of Eugene Allen (inspiration for the book and movie The Butler) will give a lecture.
- All CMs announced appointments to committee that will disburse \$50,000 in funds placed in escrow by JBG in consideration for ANC 6D's lack of opposition to an alley closure required for construction at 1244 S. Capitol Street SE:
  - ANC 6D01 (Lightman): Wilma Goldstein
  - ANC 6D02 (Cloyd): Jordan Wallerstein
  - ANC 6D03 (Carroll):
  - ANC 6D04 (Litsky):
  - ANC 6D05 (Moffatt): Sarah Young
  - ANC 6D06 (Hamilton):
  - ANC 6D07 (Fascett): Angela Zimmermann

### **Public Safety Report**

Presented by Sgt. Architzel, Acting Lt. for PSA 105 while Lt. Beslow is on limited duty after hip surgery. Officer Rose also attended.

PSA 105, comparing this month in 2014 and 2015:

- No homicides or sex assaults this year or last.
- 5 robberies, up from 3 last year (mostly robbery snatches near metro, Safeway, CVS, etc.—urged pedestrians to use caution while talking on phone because it’s easy to be distracted.)
- 9 ADWs last year, 7 this year.
- Motor vehicle theft from 4 last year to 11 this year (but some of these are cars that were towed or misplaced and police reports haven’t yet been updated)
- Theft from vehicle and other thefts are also down

PSA 106:

- No homicides or sex assaults this year or last.
- Theft from vehicle and other thefts are also down or the same.

Other announcements:

- PSA 105 meeting 6/17 at SW library at 7pm. MPD is glad to host meetings around the community.
- Red light camera will be installed at S. Cap and N st., pointed at S. Capitol’s southbound lanes.
- There have been a lot of gunshots in PSA 105 this spring and summer. Some reports turn out to be fireworks but the report still has to be made.
- Almost every MPD patrol officer will be wearing cameras soon—now there are a few trying them out.
- MPD is working on enforcement of trucks on Maine Ave—call MPD if you do have problems.
- Tomorrow there should be an announcement about final agreement between District and United soccer stadium.

Questions and comments:

- CM Litsky: concerned about tour buses parking on M St. between 6<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Sgt. Architzel has ticketed a few of them.
- CM Cloyd: what will you do to enforce fireworks rules? 2 officers on evening tour will be dedicated to this—will also look at fireworks stands to make sure they’re only selling legal items.
- CM Lightman: still concerned about parking in middle of 4<sup>th</sup> St. and cement trucks/closure of sidewalk near construction site between Masala Art and Westminster—she’s encouraged David Smith from Forest City to contact the Sgt.
- CM Fascett: could someone from PSA 106 come to meetings in the future? The Sgt. said he’ll ask. The CM also asked for enforcement of idling vehicles.
- Gene Solon: did glass at Greenleaf Rec center get replaced after it was shot out? Sgt. says yes, and MPD has arrested a 17 year old who had a gun in a separate incident at the rec center. MPD has been patrolling frequently there.
- Coralie Farlee: Please address the parking of MPD/FEMS on neighborhood streets.

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

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

### **Other Presentations and Resolutions**

*Randall Park Field Upgrade Presentation (no vote taken)*

Under Armour, Washington Nationals, and Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation are teaming up with Department of Parks and Recreation to renovate playing fields to the north of the Randall Community Center. Chuck Brady of Ripken Foundation said there will be a new synthetic turf baseball field with the fence line at 215' for youth games. There will also be a turf soccer field overlapping the baseball field and an existing grass baseball field will also remain. The turf baseball field will have adjustable basepaths and removable pitcher's mound. There will be dugouts and spectator seating, and a backstop with 24' ball-control netting. The turf can handle up to 8" of rain per hour so there will be fewer rainouts. Field lighting will remain intact. Short construction timeframe—goal is to have it done by November. Still a lot of permitting to obtain, but hope is to allow one grass field to be played on this summer. Gregory McCarthy from Nationals says players will be available for special events.

Questions and comments:

- Marty Welles: Q. Will there be a fence around the outfield? A. No, because of DPR's request. Portable fencing could be used if DPR wants. Q. What will the infield material be? A. Crumb rubber and sand. Q. Can Jefferson Middle School play there? A. That's DPR's decision.
- Bill Schickler: Q. Is artificial turf safe? A: there is no proven relationship between turf and child health, but they continue to monitor that and would not use it if they didn't think it was safe.
- Ms. Brown: Q. Will this affect adult ball being played? A. No, there will still be a grass field where adults can play, and DPR will prioritize youth baseball and softball, but give permits to various groups of different ages to play different sports. Also she supports youth softball in addition to baseball, and was told that the new field will accommodate that.
- Felicia Coutts: Happy that there will be better fencing and field orientation to protect CPV from fly balls. Concerned about injuries when sliding on turf and if crumb rubber flies up and hits kids in the face. Chuck says new artificial turf plays more like grass than old AstroTurf. They follow g-factor regulations for the amount of give the ground will have. A lot of college and some high school baseball teams now use synthetic turf.

*Street/Alley Closings on Buzzard Point: Ketan Gada, DMPED Director of Hill East District Redevelopment (No vote taken)*

Mr. Gada will be DMPED's liaison to ANC on stadium. The District proposes closing 1<sup>st</sup> St. SW between R and T Sts, as well as portions of R Street, S Street and Potomac Ave. SW between Half and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sts.

Predevelopment studies for stadium have been made. District has a deal they'll announce tomorrow at 11am with DC United at Wilson building room D9. Tomorrow at 1:30 the council will be meeting to discuss proposed street and alley closure.

Discussion:

CM Moffatt: why do the streets need to be closed now?

Gada: utility relocation. Goal is to close streets by September 30 so they can get permits and then start construction. If the District closes the streets, it can combine them with other parcels (privately owned but soon to be transferred to District) and permits will be granted sooner.

CM Litsky: will streets really be closed (ie, blocked off)?

Gada: yes; if stadium deal falls through it can be reopened.

Litsky: DMPED needs to arrange for an ANC-wide construction management plan since there is so much development in 6D, and community must be involved.

Gada: DMPED is updating design and site plan, and will involve community in developing unified 3-5 yr plan for Buzzard Point.

Litsky: will street closures trigger Community Benefits Agreement?

Gada: [did not address question specifically, but said] demolition and construction will not start for 6-9 months.

Litsky: The District budget for this year includes money to extend Circulator to SW, but it hasn't happened yet. When will that happen?

Gada: He'll bring that back to DDOT and DMPED

Hamilton: how will you deal with soccer, Douglass bridge, and pepco substation construction at the same time?

Gada: they will be done at separate times

Hamilton: they will overlap. And there will be rats and exhaust. How will DMPED do this stadium construction better than the construction of Nats Park?

Gada: there will be corridors set aside for truck traffic. They're working with DDOT on this.

Lightman: DDOT doesn't coordinate with police, schools, etc. DDOT's plans are not an effective foil to truck traffic. Need for input from people who have lived through construction.

Cloyd: When will CBA be triggered?

Gada: When council approves the whole package. Should be ~30 days from tomorrow.

Fascett: We need a designated person who can modify plans as situations change

Gada: That can be provided. And there can be a meeting with ANC, MPD, DMPED, and DDOT to develop a plan that can be modified as needed.

### *Spy Museum*

Tamara Christian, COO of Spy Museum. They are moving to L'Enfant Plaza for more space, and they need a public space permit to extend the upper floors' façade into public space. That will allow a covered entrance to the museum. CM Lightman moved to send a letter to DDOT in support of the Spy Museum's requested permit # 109061. CM Litsky seconded. Bill Schickler asked if there's been a study of how this will affect traffic in the area and how it will affect the businesses that already locate there. Answer was that there are 1800 parking spaces below the site and there is a lot of empty space on evenings and weekends, when museum gets more visitors. JBG believes the museum will help bring more business to the area, which may attract other shops and restaurants. There will be more natural light underground when the museum is built. JBG says they will still have plenty of parking even after building more office space on site. Barbara Erlich asked the impact of the museum on the hotel. Ms. Christian says the hotel is very excited to have a museum on site. The hotel is under renovation and should open in about two yrs. Perry Klein asked about attendance projections and was told the museum currently gets 600,000 visitors a year and is hoping for an increase to 700k. Will Rich: when will construction start? This fall. The Motion passed 5-0-0 (Hamilton absent).

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

*DC Winery*: to be built on a site in Yards Park—385 Water Street SE. Bkwinery.com is website for the applicant's existing operation. No architectural plans will be drawn up until license has been granted. Committee was 4-0-1 in favor of the license with the Community Agreement they developed. CM Fascett moved to support the CT license with the CA negotiated by the applicant and the ABC committee. CM Lightman seconded. Passed 6-0-0.

*Potomac Riverboat Co.* Three boats are docked in Alexandria but will ferry passengers to Diamond Teague Park, mostly during the baseball season or other special events nearby. They are applying for a DX license for beer and wine only. Committee was 4-0-1 in favor of the license with the Community Agreement they developed. CM Cloyd moved to support DX application with CA as negotiated by committee. CM Fascett seconded. Bill Schickler asked ANC if we'll put a red line against

overdevelopment. Passed 5-0-0 (Litsky absent). CM Cloyd moved to support stipulated license, CM Fascett seconded, and passed 5-0-0 (Litsky absent).

*Hill Country DC:* Application for CT, primarily serving beer and wine but may serve spirits on some occasions. No cooking on site—food brought in. Expect to be open 2 hrs before and 2 hours after baseball games. May also do occasional special events, but not often. This is a temporary use on what will be 1244 S. Capitol St. SE development. The ABC Committee was 4-0-1 in favor of the license with the Community Agreement they developed. CM Cloyd moved to support CT application with CA approved. CM Lightman seconded. CM Hamilton urged the applicant to consider pedestrian safety and perhaps hire someone to direct traffic at intersection near entrance. Motion passed 6-0-0. CM Cloyd moved to support stipulated license, CM Fascett seconded, and it passed 6-0-0.

*Bardo Riverfront:* 25 Potomac Ave. SE. The ABC committee negotiated a CA that includes substantial changes from the initial application, including change from CT to DT license, so no spirits served. CM Fascett moved to support DT license with the community agreement negotiated by the committee. CM Litsky seconded. Bill Schickler asked if MPD supports application, and was told that the 1D commander did not like the initial application but negotiations are ongoing. The motion passed 4-1-1 (Hamilton opposed, Cloyd abstained).

### **Temporary Traffic Interruptions**

*2015 Prevent Cancer 5K:* Jessie Eddington. October 4 at Nationals Park. Not a timed race—participants go out in waves. Last year there were no street closures; participants just walked on sidewalks. Walk starts at 9 and people should be back in ballpark by 10am. All streets outside of the park are south of M and mostly in Yards Park. Will not conflict with any Nats regular season or post season games. CM Litsky moved to send letter to Mayor’s Task Force in support of the walk. CM Cloyd seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

*SOME Trot for Hunger:* On Thanksgiving Day. Usual 5k route that starts and ends at Freedom Plaza. Starts at 9am with kids fun run at 8:30. CM Cloyd suggested race organizers take note of construction at Museum of the Bible. CM Cloyd moved to send letter to Mayor’s Task Force in support of the walk. CM Litsky seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

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

*Public Space Use—DDOT 109063, 300 E St. SW*

Bollards, fence, furniture, and wall in front of NASA headquarters. CM Litsky moved to contact the public space commission in support of NASA’s plans. CM Fascett seconded. Perry Klein asked if this would affect the historic call box on the site. CM Litsky said Nancy Masterson has contacted DDOT and will get the SW BID to take over protection of call boxes. CM Moffatt agreed to amend letter saying that the call box needs to be preserved in coordination with the SW BID. Motion passed 5-0-1 (Hamilton abstained).

*ZC 15-11: S. Capitol and M St. SE, Capitol Gateway Overlay with Exceptions, Sq. 700 Trust LLC*

Dennis Hughes, Holland & Knight. This is the first of two buildings to be built on the site—they’ll come back in a few months for the residential one, but this is an office building for the National Association of Broadcasters. The ZC hearing for the office building is on June 25. The developers are asking for 2 exceptions to the overlay: a change to the setback for a small portion of the penthouse, and a projection of third and higher floors across the setback line (not into public space) to allow a wave-shaped glass curtain wall on the north side of the building. There will be ground floor retail space but no tenants yet. CM Cloyd moved to send letter to ZC in support of the building, but expressing preference for glass

façade versus masonry, and for building to be LEED Gold or Platinum and not the minimum Silver that developers have suggested (they have enough “maybe” points in their plans to go platinum). CM Litsky seconded. CM Litsky asked for an addition to the letter to say that antennae should not be visible from the street. CM Lightman suggested adding a recommendation for permeable and pliant paving materials. CM Cloyd added both. Bill Shickler asked if there was a study of the increased air pollution from traffic to the site. He was told by Dennis Hughes that there was an environmental study of site, and a traffic study. Passed 5-0-0 (Litsky absent).

#### *DC Water Update (no vote taken)*

Maureen Holman from DC Water. They are building new headquarters at 1<sup>st</sup> and O St. SE. It will be next to historic pumping station, on top of and around the 1950s-era pumping station. The pumping station will continue to operate during and after construction. There will be 300-350 employees working in offices on site. They just submitted PUD application to OP this morning and will come back to September meeting to seek support for project, but this is a preliminary presentation. There will be 22 parking spots to the northeast of the site. It will exceed requirements for LEED platinum certification. Topics commissioners suggested for further discussion: sufficient amount of parking on site, glass materials and the glare it creates, linkage to Diamond Teague Park (limited by Homeland Security rules for water facilities), pedestrian flow to Yards Park and planned movie theater. DC Water is interested in hosting more public events and tours on site—there will be educational exhibits in the new building.

#### *Building Raze Update—Shakespeare Theater Company (no vote taken)*

Bill Denton, Erkleti Development Co. They have received all approvals to raze Southeastern University. Planned hours for demolition are 7am-5pm on weekdays. Demolition will take 5 weeks to be taken to grade level. Firehoses will be used to minimize dust. Trucks will exit site onto I St and head east to S. Capitol. Demolition will start after Amidon-Bowen ends classes. Paul Kokosinski will be contact for any problems on the site. Site will remain fenced off until new building is constructed. Email Paul Kokosinski if you want a plant from the site. Neighbor requested mesh on chain-link fences around the site be removed after raze to keep nefarious activities visible. April Anderson asked about rodent control and was told there is a rodent control plan involving traps, poison, and other methods. Exterminators come every two weeks. CM Lightman suggested that once demolition and construction start, exterminator may need to come more frequently. Other neighbor asked why trucks can't use alley to get to I instead of using 6<sup>th</sup> St. Response was that the curb cut into the alley, and the alley itself, is too narrow.

#### **Commission Updates and Administrative Matters**

- Chair's report: Yielded time for CM Lightman to discuss sending a letter to Charles Allen asking him to address her concern about cement truck traffic on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Will create difficulty for those exiting Safeway, and MPD hasn't been notified so there are no police directing traffic. Forest City is willing to work with MPD and use flaggers. CM Cloyd noted that DDOT has TCOs and they are better suited to traffic control than MPD. CM Litsky noted that the ANC needs a holistic transportation plan. Naomi Mitchell said Councilmember Allen just met with DMPED and is happy to provide support, no vote or letter from ANC needed.
- Treasurer's report: no report.

#### **Community Concerns**

Bill Schickler: Thank you for fighting against street closures on the proposed stadium sites. Suggested adding an agenda item where the ANC talks with the mayor's representative who attends meetings. 82% of the housing units constructed last year around the country are luxury units. The Wharf violates DC and federal law. 90% of the people on the waitlist for affordable housing earn less than \$20,000 a year

and there should be housing for them. The ANC should reject overdevelopment and require affordable housing and environmental protection.

Gene Solon: ANC 6D should support the reappointment of the People's Counsel.

CM Fascett moved to spend up to \$500 to advertise ANC position, at the discretion of the chair. CM Lightman seconded. Passed 4-0-0 (Hamilton and Litsky absent).

*The commission adjourned at approximately 10:27 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Stacy Cloyd*

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