

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D
Andy Litsky, Chair
March 12, 2012
Business Meeting
1100 Fourth Street, S.W., Second Floor Conference Room

Minutes
As Approved by ANC 6D April 9, 2012

Chairman Litsky called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Present: Commissioners Bob Craycraft, Andy Litsky, Ron McBee, Roger Moffatt, Cara Shockley, and Administrative Assistant Bert Randolph.

Commissioner Garber arrived at 7:09 pm; Commissioner Hamilton at 7:14 pm.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Litsky welcomed attendees and moved that the agenda be approved as agenda. Chairman Litsky proposed to add a new Item 13e as “Approval of Chris Thieman as Chairman of the ABC Committee.” Commissioner Moffatt requested to add an Item 6a “Report on Zoning Case 11-13 St. Matthews.” Commission Shockley moved to approve the change. Commissioner Moffatt seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0-0 with Commissioners Garber and Hamilton absent for the vote.

2. Introduction of the Commission

3. Announcement of April Meeting

Chairman Litsky announced the next ANC 6D meeting as Monday, April 9 at 7:00pm at 1101 Fourth Street, S.W.

4. Meeting Announcements

Barbara Ehrlich spoke about the various activities of the National Cherry Blossom Festival March 20-April 27 and, on behalf of the National Cherry Blossom Festival Board of Directors, thanked the many Southwest residents, businesses, the ANC, and the developers who have contributed to the success of the event.

Jesse Saucedo, Legislative Assistant to Council Chairman Kwame Brown's office spoke to the ANC and attendees about the upcoming 2013 fiscal budget planning process. Mr. Saucedo also invited the public to testify at any of the hearing at the Wilson Building (address not specified) and to contact him at 202-724-9700 for more information. Mr. Saucedo's e-mail is jsaucedo@dccouncil.us.

- March 14 - Air Quality Results Released at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center. Time not specified.
- March 17 - 9:00am - 5x5 Arts Festival at Gangplank Marina, address not specified

4. Meeting Announcements, continued

- March 17 - 9:30am - Rock 'n Roll Marathon music at the waterfront, specific locations not specified
- March 19 - Arena Stage - Emergency Preparedness Task Force, time not specified
- March 19 - 6:30pm-8:00pm - Neighbors of Southwest Duck Pond - 1101 Fourth Street, S.W., ANC/SWNA Conference Room
- March 30 - The Fairgrounds Open House - Half Street, S.E., time unknown
- March 31 – 10:00a.m-2:00 pm Department of Park & Recreation (DPR) Easter Event at Lansburgh Park, address not specified
- April 10 – 6:00pm-7:00pm - Community Meeting on Infrastructure Upgrades – Amidon-Bowen Elementary School, address not specified

5. Public Safety Report

There being no one present from the First District Metropolitan Police Department there was no report.

6. Approval of February Minutes

Chairman Litsky made a move to approve the February 2012 meeting minutes as presented by Secretary Craycraft. Commissioner Moffatt seconded the motion with a modification requested by Commissioner Shockley to note that at the February meeting she had requested all races and marathons impacting the ANC to end no later than 9:30a.m., and earlier if possible. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-0.

6a. Zoning Case 11-13 St. Matthews

Commissioner Moffatt reported on the recent hearing for Zoning Commission Case #11-13, St. Matthews Commissioners Hamilton and McBee also attended. The final hearing has been delayed until March 19 due to the large number of persons testifying. Written testimony will be accepted through March 19. One Zoning Commissioner expressed a concern related to the height; most questions were around issues raised by the parties testifying.

7. Resolution of Commendation for Dr. Coralie Farlee

Chairman Litsky made a motion to acknowledge the six years of service by Dr. Coralie Farlee as the first Chairman of the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Committee of ANC 6D. Commissioner Moffatt made a motion to approve the resolution as proposed. Commissioner Shockley seconded and the resolution passed by a vote of 7-0-0.

8. SW Dog Park

Commissioner Craycraft introduced Bridget Gonzales to request ANC approval for the application by PAWS of Southwest for a dog park at Lansburgh Park. Ms. Gonzales noted that Southwest was the only quadrant in the District of Columbia without a dog park, and explained the nearly year-long process that the community group had undertaken to research the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) application process. The dog park site would be west of the brick wall that runs from I Street, S.W., to the north, to the back of the Department of Motor Vehicles Services Center to the south; and approximately 60 feet wide. PAWS of Southwest would work cooperatively with Friends of Lansburgh Park, a DPR Park Partner applicant. Kael Applicant, President of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA),

spoke of the Friends of Lansburgh Park's support of the application. Commissioner Craycraft noted the Neighbors of Southwest Duck Pond, a DPR Park Partner participant, had voted unanimously to provide a letter of support at February 19 meeting. A minimum of \$100,000 will be need by DPR and community partners to build the park. Commissioner Craycraft moved that the ANC prepare a letter to DPR recognizing PAWS of Southwest as the official group representing the community's interest in developing a dog park. Chairman Litsky seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6-0-1 with Commissioner Hamilton abstaining.

9. Cherry Blossom Festival Update

Chairman Litsky introduced Jay Nickerson of the Washington Waterfront Association and Bob Rubenkoenig of PN Hoffman to discuss the Southwest Waterfront Fireworks Festival on Saturday, April 7th from 1:00pm - 9:00pm. Programming will be from Gangplank Marina to the Kastles Stadium including 7th Street Landing. There will be TIPS training on March 24 for those dealing with alcoholic beverage service. Security officers will be responsible for monitoring that there is not sharing of alcoholic beverages with minors, as a change for 2012 will be minors allowed in the alcohol service area. Volunteers in the beer garden will not be allowed to drink during their shift. Commissioner McBee made a motion that the ANC accept the proposal. Commissioner Craycraft seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0-0 with Commissioner McBee absent for the vote.

10. Public Information Display at Safeway Using Performance Parking Funds

Commissioner McBee introduce Cecille Chen of SWNA to discuss a Public Information Display System (PIDS) for the Metro Plaza at Fourth and M Streets, S.W., to be located in the left-most south-facing window of the Safeway store. The objective of the PIDS is to help with way-finding while promoting community activities and attractions. SWNA is the sponsoring organization; letters of support have been received from Tiber Island Homeowners Association and the Gangplank Slipholders Association. The cost will be approximately \$70,000 for two years, with the possibility of longer-term funding through advertising sales. The content will be managed by Ms. Chen as a SWNA volunteer using the expertise of SWNA in acting as community voice via *The Southwester* newspaper. Commissioner McBee made a motion that the ANC support the application for District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Performance Parking Funds to fund the PIDS project. Chairman Litsky seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0-0.

11. National Police Week 5K Race

Chris Cosgriff of the National Police Week 5K discussed with the ANC and attendees details of their event to raise awareness and funding for Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) and Officer Down Memorial Page (ODMP). No Southwest residential streets are impacted and the events end time was moved from 9:45 to 9:20 at the request of Commissioner Shockley, who moved that the ANC support the race. Commissioner Garber seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7-0-0.

12. ZC#07-13, 07-13A, and 07-13B, Randall School

Commissioner Shockley introduced Marilyn Melkonian of Telesis Corporation representing the Corcoran Art Gallery and their development partner the Rubell Family to discuss their interest in a Public Use Document (PUD) Extension for the redevelopment of Randall School. The community benefits agreement will stay in place. The project no longer contains a hotel component. The hoped-for construction start date is sometime in 2013 with an 18-24 month complete date for the first phase. Additional phases would start in an estimated two years with the total project complete date estimated as 2017. There will be 20% affordable housing at 80% of regional average median income. Bing Thom Architects have been chosen for the project. 400 residential units are planned, starting with all rentals and moving into ownership as the market dictated. The Office of Planning has approved the extension. Retail is planned in the heritage buildings along I Street, S.W., but no minimum commitment has been made. There is currently a security surveillance program in place from the Skyline Motor Inn, which is owned and operated by the Rubell family as a unit of their Rubell Hotels corporation. Commissioner Shockley moved that the ANC rescind the resolution from the February meeting not supporting the PUD Extension. Commissioner Garber seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5-1-1 with Commissioner Litsky abstaining and Commissioner Craycraft voting against the rescision. Commissioner Shockley made a motion that the ANC send a letter of support to the Zoning Commission for a PUD extension not to exceed two years. Commissioner Garber seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0-1 with Commissioner Craycraft opposing the extension.

Administrative Assistant Bert Randolph left the meeting at 9:02pm; Commissioner Moffatt at 9:18pm.

13. ABC Committee Update

13a. Update on Voluntary Agreement for Willie's Brew and Que, and Park Tavern.

Commissioner Garber moved that the ANC approve the Voluntary Agreements which had approved at the February ANC meeting on a tentative basis to support the applications once they are signed and that the ANC had been assured TIPS training and a full security plan was in place. Commissioner Shockley seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-2-0 with Commissioners Hamilton and McBee voting no.

13b. Justin's Cafe Application for Block Party

Commissioner Garber introduced Justin Ross, owner of Justin's Cafe, to discuss a planned April 14th block party on First Street, S.E., between L and K Streets, S.E., from 8:00am to 10:00pm. Only local beers will be served, no liquor or wine. Food vendors are under consideration. Conditional approval has been secured from the Mayor's Office, ABRA, DDOT, and the Fire Department. There will be live amplified music from 11:00am-9:00pm with regular breaks. DC Grays and Zim's Foundation will be the recipients of a share of the day's receipts. Commissioner Garber moved that the ANC draft a letter to support the block party. Commissioner Craycraft seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 5-0-1 with Commissioner Hamilton abstaining.

13c. PN Hoffman's Waterfront Interim Uses Plan (Summer 2012)

Commissioner Craycraft re-introduced Bob Rubenkoenig of PN Hoffman to discuss plans for the 2012 programming at 7th Street Landing and an extension of the alcoholic beverage permit from Thursday evenings to Fridays and Saturdays. New programming additions for 2012 will include family-oriented movies on Saturday nights from June through to September. Free Wifi will be extended to 24/7. A new activity under consideration is a Southwest Apple Festival. Also under consideration is manufactured snow for the December 1st Parade of Boats. There will be no events Memorial Day weekend or Fourth of July so as to not compete with National Parks Service events. Commissioner Craycraft moved that the ANC approve the 2012 interim use plan and the extension of the alcohol beverage permit to Fridays and Saturdays. Chairman Litsky seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

13d. Patriot II Liquor License

Chairman Litsky introduced Kevin Moran, Managing Member of DC Harbor Cruises, to share their interest in a six-month lease on an additional vessel, *The Harbor Belle*, from Capitol Yacht Charters. The plan is to bring it to DC Harbor Cruises' facility at Gangplank Marina from April-October as a backup to *Patriot II* and to offer a venue for smaller groups. DC Harbor Cruises would like to extend the liquor license and the Voluntary Agreement (VA) from the *Patriot II* to include the *Harbor Belle*. Steve O'Brian, attorney for DC Harbor Cruises, spoke on the legal organization of the liquor licenses and the VA's which requires the boats not be used simultaneously. Cruises after 10:00pm will end at Diamond Teague Park near Nationals Ballpark. Liquor sales stop 15 minutes before docking. There is a program for local resident with walk-up discounts up to 50%. Chairman Litsky moved that the ANC approve the extension of the liquor license and the voluntary agreement. Commissioner Shockley seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

13e. Chris Thiemann as new ABC Committee Chairman

Chairman Litsky moved that Chris Thiemann be named as the new Chairman of the ANC 6D ABC Committee. Commissioner Shockley seconded the nomination, which passed by a vote of 5-0-0 with Commissioner Hamilton abstaining.

14. CBCC Briefing to Commissioners

Commissioner McBee presented a report to the ANC on the recent work of the Community Benefits Coordinating Council (CBCC). Complete information is available at www.seswcbcc.org.

15. Chairman's Report

Chairman Litsky shared the concerns of the other Ward 6 ANC's with races and marathons that have the effect of "sealing off" residents. A letter will be drafted to DDOT, the Mayor, and the Chairman of the Council that better attention must be paid to the impact on Ward 6 residents of races, marathons, and protests. The letter will be co-signed by the Chairmen of ANC's 6A, B, C, and D. Chairman Litsky moved that the ANC support his signing of the document. Commission Shockley seconded the motion, which passed by a motion of 5-0-0 with Commissioner McBee absent for the vote.

16. Community Concerns

Gene Solon expressed his concern with environmental issues in Southwest.

Cindy Miller expressed her concern with the St. Matthews redevelopment project.

17. Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Shockley moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:15pm. Chairman Litsky seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Craycraft
Secretary ANC 6D01