

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D**  
**Minutes of Business Meeting – March 9, 2015**  
**Held at 200 I St. SE, Washington DC 20003**  
**Roger Moffatt, Chair**

*\*Minutes to be reviewed prior to and approved at April meeting*

*The Commission convened at 7:08 p.m. The following Commissioners were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting: Roger Moffatt (chairing) Stacy Cloyd, Meredith Fascett, Marjorie Lightman, Rachel Carroll, and Andy Litsky.*

### **Approval of Agenda**

CM Hamilton moved to approve the agenda. CM Litsky seconded. With the addition of a discussion of Due South to the ABC section and a correction to the address and presenter of 10a, and a second motion for 10e on Pepco's substation, the agenda was approved 7-0-0.

### **Introduction of Commissioners**

#### **Meeting Announcements**

- Coralie Farlee: Tuesday 3/17 is Friends of Southwest annual meeting with reports from grantees, 4pm at Westminster
- CM Carroll: DC Statehood meeting will be rescheduled after snow, date TBD. Fundraiser for the Southwester is at the Big Stick tomorrow 3/10 from 4-10pm.
- CM Fascett: DC Summer Youth Employment Program enrollment deadline moved to tomorrow
- CM Cloyd: tomorrow night Nando's is hosting a fundraiser for Jefferson Academy
- Dr. Cohen: March 28 meeting for parents about Wilson High School, venue TBD.
- Perry Klein: SWNA elections are 3/21 outside Safeway from 10-3pm and Monday 3/23 is SWNA annual meeting at 7:00 at Arena Stage.
- Krishna Goodwalla and Tamara from Collective Action for Safe Spaces (CASS). The organization works against street harassment. They take reports of such harassment on their website, train bars and other establishments. Tamara discussed Right Rides—free safe rides home for women and LGBT people quarterly, next one is 3/27. Happy to get volunteers. [Collectiveactiondc.com](http://Collectiveactiondc.com)
- CM Moffatt: Next ANC meeting is Monday April 13, 2015 at 7pm at 1100 4<sup>th</sup> St. SW, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
- Georgine Wallace, Friends of SW Library. This weekend is book sale at library 10-3 Saturday, 1:30-4 on Sunday—proceeds for youth programs at library.
- Elissa Staley from National Cherry Blossom Festival—brought events calendar. Fireworks Saturday 4/4. Love to have volunteers.
- Naomi Mitchell, CM Allen's office. SW office hours will be 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday every month—this month 3/20 at Safeway 8am-9:30am.

#### **Public Safety Report**

Sgt. Architzel ([Michael.architzel@dc.gov](mailto:Michael.architzel@dc.gov)) of PSA 105: In the past 30 days in 2015 versus 2014: 1 homicide this year, 0 last. Homicide was closed with an arrest. 1 sex assault each year. ADWs: 0 last year, 1 this year. 2 burglaries each year. Thefts and thefts from autos down; stolen autos are the same. Stolen autos are sometimes people forgetting where they parked. Skyhouse was struck with gunfire—5 units hit. Came from direction of Greenleaf. Arrested a man with a gun, but it wasn't him who did the shooting. Don't have any more information or shell casings. Need more information—but have put 4 officers from Technical Units to patrol the area. Had some issues with the Wharf—Water Street is now private street, so

people can't park there. The signage has been replaced and meters removed, so people won't get confused and have the owners tow them. Also traffic issues at 14<sup>th</sup> and C and 4<sup>th</sup> and M, plus along south Cap. Deploying more traffic units for pedestrian safety, and working with DDOT to improve the signage.

CM Carroll: was person arrested with gun a Greenleaf resident/SW resident? Sgt. says he was a former Greenleaf resident who had been barred from property in the past.

What happened to man who got shot in the foot? He didn't want to cooperate—they know who the suspects are but can't solve it without victim's cooperation.

Graffiti on 4<sup>th</sup> St. underpass—there's more every day? They haven't gotten on that and they're working with DPW.

CM Litsky: 4<sup>th</sup> & m traffic—the problem is illegal left turns. MPD is ticketing but it's constant. May deploy an officer and ticketing. Also, ongoing concern with construction vehicles idling near Jefferson. MPD will stop by. They can't enforce zone parking but they can address idling. CM Lightman noted that vehicles are idling on 6<sup>th</sup> St. too.

CM Cloyd: Who can neighbors contact to make community impact statements? Douglas Klein is US Attorney for MPD's 1<sup>st</sup> District. Who should be contacted about abandoned cars? Depends whether they are on private or public property and whether they have tags. In general, MPD or DPW.

CM Fascett: who do we talk to about more traffic support on Nats game days? Special operations division.

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

CM Cloyd moved, CM Lightman seconded. No changes. Approved 7-0-0.

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

*Report on ABC board roundtable on Pub Crawls:* There is a proposed rulemaking about pub crawls. If the current law were to be changed, there would be a time for public comment. Some ANCs have suggested that ANCs be notified of proposed pub crawls in their neighborhood. MPD suggested one RDO (off-duty cops) per 200 attendees. Other suggestions: define the size of drink to distinguish from tastings, end at 9pm. She'll discuss with ABC committee at next meeting.

*Festivals:* Dr. Farlee showed fliers for a Livingsocial festival at 1299 Half Street (Fairgrounds) on 3/28, and a Cherry Blossom Brewfest in Yards Parking lot in April. We don't know who the promoter of either are. She has asked ABRA about it.

*Cherry Blossom Festival:* requesting letter of support for 1 day license. ABC committee supported it 5-0-1 (Coralie abstained as is her practice except to make or break a tie). CM Litsky moved to send a letter in support of the license, CM Carroll seconded. Elissa Staley noted that the festival will shift slightly because of construction at Wharf, with floating barge stage. Beer garden is in lot south of Channel Inn. They will make parking rules very clear and heavily promoting public transportation. Gene Schickler asked where the stage would be and how close it would be to Harbor Square. CM Litsky noted it's closer to Tiber Island. Music will end at 8 and fireworks at 8:30. CM Moffatt asked about ingress and egress—will it be pedestrian-only on Water Street? They'll work closely with MPD and will look into it. Passed 7-0-0.

*Harry's:* Class A license renewal. They have very few incident reports—2 in the past 4 or 5 years. They are allowed to have single sales and that hasn't caused a problem. They have tastings. The CA from 2010

will remain in effect. ABC voted 5-0-1 in favor of support. CM Litsky moved to send letter of support, CM Fascett 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed 7-0-0.

*DC Harbor Cruises:* Location change of Patriot II w/ updated CA and stipulated license. They have no incident reports or violations the whole time they've been in SW waterfront. They are moving due to construction, down to 1300 Maine Ave. near the Mandarin hotel. Updates to CA include new address option for other boat. CM Litsky moved to support location change, CM Hamilton seconded. CM Lightman asked where patrons would park. Steve O'Brien says there's actually more parking at Washington Marina and it's further from residences. Passed 7-0-0.

CM Litsky moved to support new CA, CM Lightman seconded. Only changes were address and a second boat if they want to add one—if a 3<sup>rd</sup> boat would happen, they'd have to go back to ABC. Kevin Moran has already signed. Passed 7-0-0.

CM Litsky moved to support stipulated, CM Lightman seconded. Steve O'Brien noted they didn't have much notification they'd have to move, and they want to sail right away. Passed 7-0-0.

*Due South:* CM Cloyd moved to send letter to ABRA board asking them to issue a CR license as a replacement for the CT license they issued, since the settlement agreement indicated that the ANC and Due South agreed to a CR; the letter would say that if the CT license was not replaced by a CR, 6D would ask for the settlement agreement to be withdrawn and the ANC to be reinstated as a protestant to the license. CM Carroll seconded. Dr. Farlee said this was not necessary because she was told via email from ABRA's assistant general counsel that the applicant changed the license class they were requesting on March 4, and were willing to accept a CR license. CM Moffatt expressed a desire to rely on the ABC committee members for this type of matter. CM Carroll noted that if the email from ABRA's assistant general counsel is mistaken, 6D would not have another opportunity to appeal. Gene Solon noted that the motion could have been shortened, but ANC should support this motion because it won't hurt anything. Passed 4-2-1.

### **Other Presentations and Motions**

*Unity Clinic:* CM Hamilton talked to staff at Unity and a Greenleaf resident who was concerned that Unity clinic were closing. She moved to send a letter in support of Unity. CM Cloyd seconded. CM Cloyd suggested as an amendment that it be sent to deputy mayor for health and human services and Yvette Alexander, and Unity VP, in the email she sent. CM Hamilton agreed. CM Cloyd suggested omitting the whereas clause stating "there is a strong and almost definite possibility that Unity's SW Clinic may close its doors this year because of the lack of support from the Department of Health and other entities" since we don't know if it will close, or whose fault it would be. Not seconded. CM Carroll asked if we should add something about seeing if that site could be used for a build-first renovation of Greenleaf but the consensus was to deal with Unity and DOH first. CM Lightman suggested an amendment of replacing the clause CM Cloyd wanted to omit to with something saying that because of a lack of support from DOH, there is a strong possibility that Unity may close. CM Hamilton agreed. Naomi Mitchell reported that Unity wants to stay in SW, and Charles Allen supports that. They just don't know how long they'll be able to stay in the city-owned building. There are discussions between Unity, DCHA, and Charles Allen, but those are very preliminary, and there are other possibilities with other DC-owned sites. No one wants Unity to leave SW. Passed 7-0-0.

*Randall Rec:* CM Cloyd moved to send a letter to the Mayor and Council in favor of capital and programmatic funding for Randall Recreation Center, CM Hamilton seconded. Perry Klein suggested changing to Randall community center and CM Cloyd agreed. Passed 6-0-0 (Moffatt absent).

## **Temporary Traffic Interruptions**

Race to End Women's Cancer will appear next month.

*Capitol Hill Little League*—Carson Klapthur available to answer questions. CM Lightman moved to support the placement of a Port-a-John on Amidon field during the CHLL season. CM Hamilton seconded. CM Carroll asked what Amidon thought and was told they're fine with it. CM Hamilton asked Mr. Klapthur if the Port-a-John will be locked after use—yes, with a combination lock. They have a servicing agreement to keep it clean. It will be secured to a fence so it can't be tipped. They've never had any problems with it—the servicing company is very good and there will be a phone number on it if there are any problems. CM Carroll suggested adding a whereas saying that Amidon approves, and CM Lightman agreed. CHLL also wanted a storage supply cabinet. It wasn't there last year. ANC approval isn't required for that. CM Carroll suggests we add it to the motion. Barbara Erlich asked about location - it will be inside the fence, in the outfield. It would not be near the benches near G Street. Passed 6-0-0.

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

*Monument Realty*: Amy Phillips. South Capitol and M St. SE. They've split the site into office and residential buildings. This is just a presentation; they haven't filed with Zoning Commission yet but expect to do so in a few weeks. They have a build-to-suit office tenant but can't say who yet. Hoping to start building late 2015. Curved building. Steps back on S. Capitol side. Curve starts about 20 feet up. Residential building could include 3brs and units with fewer bedrooms, and possibly townhouses. Could be retail at ground floor on South Capitol as well. 3 levels of underground parking for each building. CM Carroll asked if they'd consider doing additional parking to lease to Nats—they said not in residential but maybe office could lease theirs. CM Fascett asked if townhomes would have green space and they said they'd work on it—could have a stoop to raise things up, or recessed entry. Not sure if rental or condo yet. About 5,000 square feet of retail.

*ZC 02-38 NE Parcel, 1002 4<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Extension of PUD*: Marc Bleyer, DMPED. Prepared to release the RFP as soon as PUD extension happens. They won't be able to fully know about financing until developers apply, but it will be subject to new District affordable housing rules for DC-owned sites, so 30% of units will be affordable. If it is rental, 25% of the affordable units will be targeted at households earning 30% of AMI with the rest of the affordable units for those earning 50% AMI. If it is condo, half of the affordable units will be for those earning 50% of AMI and the other half of affordable units will be for those earning 80% of AMI. Either way there will be 400,000 square feet total, with with ground-floor retail and underground parking. About 300 total units. CM Litsky moves for a 2-yr extension of PUD, CM Cloyd seconds. CM Lightman suggested an amendment: "during the period before there is construction on the land, the community would like to see some landscaping and some benches on the site." CM Litsky agreed to add this. Mark Bleyer said there are no plans for future activation of the site. CM Carroll asked who paid for brick path and was told DMPED and the Council transferred funds to DC Commission on Arts and Humanities, which installed it during their 5x5 project. Nina Dodge from DC Climate Action noted that UDC has a community gardens outreach program—could there be a community garden? CM Litsky noted that Valerie Santos, the former DMPED, had approved a plan for gardens on the site, and he'd support that. Perry Klein asked if trash cans and lighting could be added but sense was that those already exist on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Passed 7-0-0.

*1319 South Capitol St SW:* Presentation by Charlie Kehler and Kim Hoover. 140-200 units. Alley closure will be required. Goal of activating the streetscape and respecting grand boulevard. 2-level parking garage with about 75 spaces, entry from alley off of N St SW. Extensive discussion of auto ingress and egress. Request of shade studies and photos. Rooftop will be used for roof deck and a small pool. Will Rich suggested there could be a small amount of retail on the South Capitol Street side. Gene Solon asked if the alley attract vagrancy, smokers, drinkers, etc. and was told this can be addressed with lighting. Bill Schickler asked how many units will be affordable to people on DCHA waitlist? There will be about 16k gross square feet of affordable housing at the inclusionary zoning level, which is 80% AMI. They'll come back before ZC submission. No vote taken.

*ZC 06-46B, Capital Gateway overlay design change:* Kevin Roberts, Jair Lynch. Modification to previously-approved design. CM Carroll asked about the possibility of distinction between rental and condos and they're open to that. Asked if they're talking with retailers—yes, both national and local, with no particular preference for one or the other. Also asked how committed they are to improving streetscape—catenary lights are in the plans and they hope DDOT will approve them. Benches, lights, and special paving. CM Lightman notes that it's a western exposure and the sunset gets really hot. Jacqueline Dupree noted the 11-story building across the street will help shade it. CM Lightman also asked about rubberized sidewalks. CM Fascett asked about public art, wayfinding, or something that makes the building iconic. They have thought about art and want it to look special. CM Litsky asked about the design alternative for an 80-room hotel. CM Cloyd moved to send motion to ZC, CM Lightman seconded. CM Litsky suggested we need a report for the ZC and someone to give it. CM Cloyd agreed to write report if CM Moffatt delivers it as chair. CM Cloyd agreed to add to the letter a recommendation that the developers consider a rubberized or other soft sidewalk material and differentiation between condo and rental sections. Bill Schickler asked about traffic, Gene Solon asked about LEED, Jacqueline Dupree asked about stadium views. Passed 4-0-2 (Moffatt and Litsky abstained, Lightman absent).

*BZA Case No. 18911 Sq. 603 Lots 19 & 809 Special Exception and variance relief—Pepco.* Hamilton moved to ask BZA to reconsider how big the substation needs to be and how it is designed, and to allow a working group to meet regularly about the substation. CM Moffatt seconded. Bill Schickler asked if the working group would study that the substation is being built in a 100-yr flood zone. Passed 6-0-0 (Carroll absent).

CM Hamilton then moved to respond to Pepco's objections to having a working group. These objections were sent to the Public Service Commission. The Office of the People's Counsel supports a working group. Nina Dodge from DC Climate Action says she hasn't filed anything yet but might do it with ANC if motion passes. CM Lightman seconded. Gene Solon asked about the composition of working group, number of members, and when and where sessions will take place. CM Hamilton said the PSC would take the lead if a group were convened.

*MRP Realty activating Florida Rock site:* Bill and Andrew Stewart, who operate Bardo in Trinidad. Goal is to be family and dog friendly, tie in to Yards Park. They want to make their own beer on site but not serve liquor. They were open to just about anything—community gardens, farmers markets, outdoor movies, on a two acre site. This would happen after the bridge is demolished. They have permits to put lights and water on this site, as soon as May or June depending on DCRA. There were many questions from the commissioners. The proposed operators haven't talked with DDOT yet. They don't have a plan with DDOE regarding soil contamination on site. CM Litsky asked if they've met with the BID—they said "not so much." CM Lightman suggested they talk to the Anacostia Community Museum about art, and CM Cloyd suggested talking to MPD. No vote taken.

**Commission Updates and Administrative Matters**

- Chair’s report: none
- Treasurer’s report: none

**Community Concerns**

- Gene Solon waived his time
- Bill Schickler: there is a shortage of affordable housing, social services, and mental health care in DC. We need IZ requirements for 0-30% of AMI, which is where the vast majority of people on DCHA waitlists are too. In addition, when we plan we must be aware of air pollution and corruption.

*The commission adjourned at approximately 10:57 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Stacy Cloyd*

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