

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D
Minutes of Business Meeting – November 10, 2014
Held at 1100 4th St. SW, Washington DC 20024
Roger Moffatt, Chair

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

The Commission convened at 7:09 p.m. The following Commissioners were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting: Roger Moffatt (chairing) Stacy Cloyd, Rhonda Hamilton and Andy Litsky.

Approval of Agenda

CM Litsky moved to approve the agenda. CM Cloyd seconded. Added to the agenda were an update from Forest City's Todd Anderson and the National Police Week 5k's Chris Cosgriff. Item 10c was deleted and will be addressed next month. With these changes the agenda was approved 4-0-0.

Introduction of Commissioners

Meeting Announcements

- CM Moffatt: The next ANC meeting will be 7pm on 12/8/14 at 1100 4th St. SW, 2nd floor.
- Bill Schickler: there will be a meeting about the new Pepco substation 11/17 6-8pm at King-Greenleaf.
- Steve Moore: hearing at Wilson Building about starting a SW BID on 12/10 at 3:30.
- CM Cloyd: There will be an informational session about the DCPS lottery and enrollment process at 6pm on Tuesday, 12/2 in the Amidon-Bowen multi-purpose room. Also, Amidon will be offering open houses on the third Monday of every month between now and the end of the enrollment period from 9-11am.
- CM Hamilton: Meetings about Van Ness elementary school 11/18 6-8pm at Van Ness and 11/20 6-8pm at James Creek, 100 N St. SW
- Naomi Mitchell: Tommy Wells' Livable-Walkable Awards 12/3 at Atlas Theater from 7-9pm. Nomination forms available online.

Public Safety Report:

Presented by Lt. Gallucci from the Metropolitan Police Dept.

- PSA 105: ANC and PSA crime is down year over year, but up this month compared to last month.
 - Most of the increase this month was from robberies and stolen autos (1 robbery last month, 4 after that; same 1→4 move in stolen cars). Theft from autos is down compared to last month.
- There was a shooting on the 200 block of L street SW last weekend inside a residential building. An individual was arrested for something else after the shooting but MPD and housing are investigating.
- The Concert for Valor will lead to lots of road closures tomorrow and many officers will be working.
- CM Cloyd asked about a robbery near Canal Park (PSA 106, but in ANC 6D) where the lookout was for 15 people. Lt. Gallucci said there's been one arrest and hoping to find others and tie it to a robbery that occurred just beforehand in SW.
- CM Litsky asked about sounds of gunshots on 4th—Lt. Gallucci said they stopped people but found they were just fleeing. MPD is working at 4th & O with vice & powershift squads and the security guards from private residences.

- Lt. Gallucci also discussed issue of motorbikes and guns near Carrollsburg Place SW. CM Hamilton asked if light towers were coming back, but was told there's only one for 1st district so it's been rotated out, but may return at some point. Did split vice squad so half is working in SW. Also rotating the one curfew van through 1D.
- CM Litsky asked if MPD could put out an alert we can forward about safety tips around the holidays and now that it's getting dark earlier. Lt. said 1D will have many 25-30 recruits to the academy patrolling hotspots. They're unarmed but will be patrolling with others.
- CM Moffatt asked about someone attacked getting into the River Park gate at N St. circle but Lt. Gallucci had to check to see if MPD has more information about that.

Approval of October Minutes

CM Cloyd moved to approve the October minutes and CM Litsky seconded. With the change of the zip code in which the October meeting occurred, the minutes were approved 4-0-0.

Fundraising walks/races

- 3rd annual Children's National Health System Race for Every Child: 5k that starts and ends at Freedom Plaza on Saturday 10/5/14. It will follow the route that many 5ks in DC do, entering ANC 6D along 3rd, 4th, C, D Streets and Independence Ave (all in SW). It will affect streets between 8:30-10am. A traffic control plan has been created. CM Litsky moved to send a letter of support to the mayor's special event task force, and CM Cloyd seconded. The motion was approved 4-0-0.
- 2nd annual Race for Respect 5k and Kids Dash: Gena Mitchell. Benefits eight groups that work with people with Down Syndrome. 5k that starts and ends at Freedom Plaza on Saturday 5/30/14. It will follow the route that many 5ks in DC do, entering ANC 6D along 3rd, 4th, C, D Streets and Independence Ave (all in SW). It will affect streets between 8:50-noon. A traffic control plan has been created. CM Hamilton moved to send a letter of support to the mayor's special event task force, and CM Litsky seconded. The motion was approved 4-0-0.
- 11th annual Jingle All the Way 5k and 27th annual St. Paddy's Day 5k: Lee Granados. Jingle All the Way is for Back on My Feet and St. Paddy's Day benefits Habitat for Humanity. 5ks that start and end at Freedom Plaza on Sunday 12/7/14 and Sunday 3/8/15. They will follow the route that many 5ks in DC do, entering ANC 6D along 3rd, 4th, C, D Streets and Independence Ave (all in SW). The races start at 9am. A traffic control plan has been created and they've been before the Mayor's Task Force and have conditional approval. CM Litsky moved to send a letter of support to the mayor's special event task force for Jingle All the Way, and CM Hamilton seconded. The motion was approved 4-0-0. CM Litsky moved to send a letter of support to the mayor's special event task force for the St. Paddy's race, and CM Hamilton seconded. The motion was approved 4-0-0.
- 8th annual National Police Week 5k: Chris Cosgriff. Scheduled for 5/9/15 and will start and end at Judiciary Square. The race enters 6D at 3rd & Independence, goes to C, then 4th, then Independence. That road closure will be from 8-10am. A traffic control plan has been created and Pacers will manage the race. CM Litsky moved to send a letter of support to the mayor's special event task force, and CM Cloyd seconded. The motion was approved 4-0-0.

Development, Planning, and Transportation

The Wharf

Elinor Bacon & Bob Rubenkönig

- Entrance to new Jenny's at Channel Inn on water St is being constructed; restaurant should open in early December.
- Night Work permit: Clark put in for a night work permit on Maine Ave. DCRA wants a letter of support before approving it. At the last meeting, the ANC took no action because liveboards were not shown on the map of nearby residents. Clark updated their map to show the liveboards and they, like all other residents, are at least 500' away from work, which is what's required for a night work permit. Clark says they will adhere to noise restrictions for night work and would just excavate soil and lay pipes. They will have someone monitoring noise. They have met with Gangplank Slipholders to discuss the issue. CM Litsky asked about plans to cut off construction on Veteran's Day to facilitate traffic to and from the concert on the Mall and was told they would not work on any streets that day. CM Litsky moved to send a letter to DCRA in support of Clark's night work permit. CM Hamilton seconded. Gene Solon asked where the new location for Jenny's is (just outside the old Channel Inn), and where the construction offices are (in the old Channel Inn). Solon also asked for a report on the number of piles that have been driven so far, and was told the developers will post it in the construction committee minutes on wharfdc.com. Motion passed 4-0-0.
- Parade of Lighted Boats: 12/6. 6-8pm. Will feature snow and free activities.

Pepco Buzzard Point Substation

- CM Hamilton moved that CM Litsky be allowed to testify and submit testimony on behalf of ANC 6D at a Public Service Commission hearing about Case 1123, the proposed Waterfront Substation, regarding topics including environmental impact, potential alternate locations, and the neighborhood's need for this amount of power supplied. CM Litsky seconded. Bill Schickler noted he'd like the process slowed down. He also asked Pepco's Chris Taylor, who was in attendance, if there was a DDOE environmental impact study done and the answer was they've done everything required by DDOE. He noted that PEPCO has increased capacity of Buzzard Point substation 9 times and they can't expand it further. They expect energy demand to exceed supply by 2017. Gene Solon asked if Pepco will assure the community the opportunity to explore humane alternatives like modernizing existing substations. Mr. Taylor said PEPCO considered and rejected the idea of expanding the current substation's capacity. He said they will have experts at the meeting on 11/17 and have invited nearby residents to the meeting. Motion passed 4-0-0.
- CM Hamilton then moved to submit a letter to the Zoning Commission asking that no zoning hearing be set until the Public Service Commission completes its investigation. CM Litsky seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Yards West Text Amendment

- CM Moffatt said that in a prior month 6D asked that in exchange for Forest City being allowed to build at a greater floor area ratio, that any residential development include units with more than two bedrooms. The Zoning Commission wanted to hear the developer's opinion about that.
- Forest City wrote a report on the topic, noting that they feel they are already contributing a community amenity by leaving space in their development for a 3rd Navy Yard metro entrance. While they didn't feel like it was a great area for family units because of proximity to stadium and nightlife, they're willing to use 5% of the additional density for 3-br units somewhere in the residential building. CM Litsky noted that there haven't been any 3brs in the Yards, but David Avitable from Goulston & Storrs for Forest City noted the townhomes at Capitol Quarter. CM Litsky asked if they'd rather put 3brs elsewhere in the Yards and Mr. Avitable said no. He noted

that the maximum square footage for 3-bedroom units gained through an increase in FAR would be 13,000 square feet, which is 10-12 units. However, fewer units might be constructed depending on how the development proceeds and what space is devoted to residential units versus other types of construction. CM Moffatt expressed concern that developers would be allowed to ask ZC for relief from the 3-bedroom requirement, but CM Cloyd noted the matter would come back to the ANC if relief is requested, and commissioners could support or oppose relief at that time.

- CM Litsky moved for the ANC to support CM Moffatt in asking the ZC to require some commitment to 3-bedroom units (but not to request a specific percentage of square footage) in exchange for bonus density on the site. CM Hamilton seconded and the motion passed 4-0-0.

Ballpark Square

- Travis Westmoreland said the project, which will include 325 apartment units, a 170-unit hotel, and a small retail building, is shovel-ready.
- They are anticipating a mid-December start, but are awaiting DDOT approval regarding requirement to put walkway/shared bike lane on both sides of 1st street, which the developer does not want to do. The developer thinks having a walk/bike lane on the west side of the street will be a hazard when there are three construction entrances on the west side of the street. Mr. Westmoreland said the Nats support only having walkway on the east side of street, and some DDOT staff agree while others want walkways on both sides. CM Cloyd asked if there would be flaggers at each construction entrance and was told they will have them. CM Cloyd indicated concerns that without a path on the west side of the street, people would walk or bike there anyway and be at even greater risk. Travis said there was a dispute within DDOT on which option would be safer. No vote taken.

Forest City

- Todd Anderson: Property manager for 366-unit, 13-story apartment building on Lot 828, the parcel on the northwest side of the 4th & M St SW intersection, next to Masala Art. There will be 2 levels of underground parking, they are seeking LEED-NC certification, and the apartments will be studio, 1, and 2br, maybe with some 3-bedrooms. The plan is for them to be rental units, not condos.
- Construction will start 1st week of December. There will be fencing from Makemie Pl to 4th St. during 22 months of construction. No plans to close streets or sidewalks. The fence will still allow people to walk on the sidewalk south of Westminster church.
- CM Litsky asked where construction equipment will be stored and Mr. Anderson said on site, not on the street or in city-owned site across the street.
- CM Litsky also asked about how Vornado plans to activate parcels right on M St. at 4th that are still vacant, and was told that they have preliminary approval from Safeway to allow Aya Community Markets to sell produce there, but since Safeway is being sold, the approval may not go through. Mr. Anderson also said they've reached out to Brandlink for popup events and have had interest in displaying cars on the site, which CM Litsky opposed. He requested a meeting with Vornado about past and future plans for the sites. CM Litsky noted poor leaseup of existing retail spaces. Mr. Anderson said Forest City doesn't handle the leasing on the existing retail but those who do are coming towards a letter of intent with a car rental dealership. Across 4th, possible bank, hardware store, or other options, but nothing solid. Marjorie Lightman asked about trees and was told 3 will be removed and be replaced, but others will stay. Gene Solon

noted he'd like to get updates between ANC meetings. Bill Schickler asked about affordability of units but Mr. Anderson didn't know.

Alcoholic Beverage Committee: Coralie Farlee, chair.

Updates

- Patriot II (boat) is moving docks to Diamond Teague Park, but it turns out that the ANC's voluntary agreement with them already includes that location so there's no need to update the VA.
- ABRA approved Bluejacket for 3 one-day substantial changes to run social events at Union Market, which is not in our ANC.
- Cornercopia is being re-placarded because its owner took down signs too soon, but the ANC already voted to support their license renewal.

Capital Yacht Club

- No one from the club came to ANC meeting, but the ABC committee has been negotiating with them and came to an agreement to update the voluntary agreement. The changes are rather minor but incorporate some items that ABRA has requested for other licensees. CM Litsky moved to support the new voluntary agreement and CM Hamilton seconded. Coralie Farlee noted the ABC voted 5-0 in favor of VA. ANC voted 4-0-0 in favor.

Other Presentations and Motions

- CM Cloyd moved to send a letter to GSA and Muriel Bowser supporting the transfer of 49 L St. SE to the District and a community input process for how the District should use it. CM Litsky seconded and it passed 4-0-0.
- Randall Rec: Brent Sisco from DPR was unable to attend because he got into a car accident. Felicia Coutts from CBCC noted that the design has changed—spray park and skate park have been removed and there is more grass. Also there won't be a walking/jogging trail around the playing fields. The reason for these changes is that the cost of the original proposal exceeded the \$1.2 million budgeted for the site so the plans had to be scaled down. The construction may break start in the next few weeks. The CBCC has been working with DPR, DGS, and private corporations to replace the windows and doors at the rec center but they need to figure out the uses of the building so the renovations support the uses. They're hoping District will support funding for use of the rec center.
- CM Cloyd moved to send a letter in support of the SW Community Garden's grant application for funding that will help neighborhood kids to garden next summer. CM Hamilton seconded. The motion passed 4-0-0.
- CM Hamilton moved to send a letter to DDOT asking for an update meeting on the S. Capitol Street bridge project and to be invited to any meeting about the bridge and its replacement. CM Litsky seconded. Passed 4-0-0.
- CM Litsky noted that Council may vote soon on soccer stadium plan. He moved that the ANC send a letter to all the Councilmembers asking them to put off a vote on the stadium until the next council term because of a lack of a transportation plan and Community Benefits Agreement, concerns about preserving housing that is near the proposed stadium, need for environmental investigation of the Super Salvage site, and concerns about District expenditures required to complete the process. CM Cloyd suggested CM Litsky add concern about the trade of the Reeves Center at what may be below-market value, and he agreed. CM Hamilton seconded. Passed 4-0-0.

Commission Updates and Administrative Matters

- Chair’s report: none
- Treasurer was absent.

Community Concerns

- Bill Schickler: Encouraged commissioners to attend meeting about Pepco on 11/17. Discussed need for affordable housing for people with incomes at 0-30% of AMI.
- Gene Solon: Is sending testimony to the PSC about Case 1123, the Buzzard Point substation, regarding his concern that it will be located near low-income housing. The testimony will encourage public input and humane alternatives, like modernizing existing substations. Also, he is concerned that the Wharf will block water evacuation in the event of emergency.
- Felicia Coutts spoke on behalf of Capitol Park IV condo association, against the reopening of 3rd St. SW under the freeway proposed in DDOT’s MoveDC plan.

The commission adjourned at approximately 9:26p.m.

Minutes prepared by Stacy Cloyd

Attested by: _____