

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D
Minutes of Business Meeting – September 21, 2015
Held at 1100 4th St. SW, Washington DC 20024
Roger Moffatt, Chair

**As approved, 7-0-0 at the October 19, 2015 ANC 6D Business Meeting*

The Commission convened at 7:06 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: removing 7f (Amidon Park), 7g (survey of old SW) and 9d (signage by of street near Jefferson); moving St. James Mutual homes from 9g to 9a and moving the others in 9 down accordingly. CM Litsky asked to add a motion in support of an extension of time to build for Hyatt Place hotel. With those changes, the agenda was approved 7-0-0 (CMs Hamilton and Carroll arrived).

Introduction of Commissioners

Kathy Haines, the new ANC 6D administrative assistant, also introduced herself.

Meeting Announcements

- The next ANC meeting will be Monday, October 19 (3rd Monday to avoid Columbus Day), at 7pm, 1100 4th St. SW, 2nd floor.
- CM Fascett: Next Monday at 6:30 at 200 I St, meeting about Virginia Avenue reconstruction
- CM Litsky: Drug take-back day October 10 from 10am to 2pm at the MPD 1D police station.
- CM Litsky: Boat Home Tour 10/10.
- CM Litsky: This Friday is the Night Market south of Station 4.
- CM Moffatt: Friends of SW Library Book Sale 10/17 10-3 and 10/18 1:30-4pm
- CM Lightman: Sunday cupcakes at duck pond park
- CM Hamilton: Greenleaf community meeting 10/24 at Westminster Church 1pm.
- Eve Brooks: Randall Rec Center needs a friends group. This group could raise money and advocate for programming. Meeting 9/30 at 5:30 at Randall with DPR folks.
- Georgine Wallace: 9/24 and 10/1 meditation class at SW library. Also, DC's representative for Home Movie Day is the Southwest Library. People can bring their 8mm and 16mm recordings to show and Smithsonian technicians will be there to discuss best practices to store and repair film. Also, there will be a Halloween party at the library.
- Naomi Mitchell: This Thursday at Bayou Bakery at the Hill Center 5:30-8 happy hour with Charles Allen. Arts Fest in SW and Barracks Row Festival are both this weekend.
- David Meadows: the Pope is coming to DC this week! Check pope.dc.gov for road closures and other important information.

Public Safety Report

No MPD officers present. PSA 105 and 106 meet monthly, and Citizens Advisory Committee meets quarterly.

Approval of Prior Month's Minutes

CM Cloyd moved, CM Litsky seconded. The minutes were approved 6-0-1 (CM Hamilton abstained).

Other Presentations and Resolutions

Wharf—Report (no vote taken) by Bob Rubenkoenig

- They have had several meetings with MPD regarding traffic disruptions near fish market and have retained off-duty police officers to manage parking and help MPD ticket. This will begin on October 1. Last weekend, over 50 cars were towed. One of the challenges is that a business owner is illegally parking trucks on Maine Avenue, and the Wharf developers have started to take legal action.
- Status of copper beech tree: the tree was moved at significant expense. It suffered from a lack of rain in August. Three teams of arborists are working on it and agree that while the tree is stressed, it is not dying and in fact has set buds for next year. They have a watering plan and have taken preventative measures to avoid insect infestation. Risa Abraham is the Wharf's point person on the tree.
- Saturday 9/26: the wharf is sponsoring a "Creatures of the Deep" event as part of the SW ArtsFest from noon-5. Blues Alley Youth Orchestra and the DC Academy of Music will provide music.
- Saturday 10/10: Boat Home Tour
- Saturday 12/5: Parade of Lighted Boats
- CM Hamilton asked about the crosswalk—can it be striped and can the signal timing be extended? Bob agreed to walk the area with CM Hamilton.

Letter to DCRA regarding rental properties on O St

Robyn Snyder of the 400 block of O St. SW explained that two homes near her are rented on a daily or weekly basis. The vacationers make a lot of noise, break glass, etc. and the owners live far away and are not available. DCRA is investigating the situation because transient use is not allowed under several provisions of the DC Code and DC Municipal Regulations, but has done nothing.

CM Litsky moved to send a letter to DCRA urging them to finish their investigation. CM Hamilton seconded. CM Carroll and CM Lightman asked if we also want to ask DCRA to resolve similar issues more quickly, but CM Litsky said he would like to keep this as a standalone letter. Motion passed 7-0-0.

11th St. Bridge presentation (no vote taken) Shahara Anderson-Davis

There is a coalition of Ward 8-based nonprofits working to build a bridge park across the river to open in 2019. This may raise property values, but there is an equitable development plan to reduce displacement that it could cause.

Blind Whino presentation (no vote taken) Ian Callender

Blind Whino has been operating at the painted church at 700 Delaware Ave. SW for two years. It has been 3 years since the church was painted. Their plans moving forward are to partner with other organizations in the area and use art as a community development tool. They participate in Market SW and partnered with Greenleaf for a summer in Lansburgh Park. Ian lives at the Lex in SW and is glad to be part of the community. They also work with Dreaming Out Loud and planted a garden on the site.

Letter to DPR regarding operating funds for Randall Recreation Center

CM Cloyd moved, Litsky seconded.

Bill Schickler asked if money in soccer stadium community benefits agreement could be used for this purpose, but was told that is capital not operating money.

Passed 7-0-0.

Mayor's Office of Community Relations, Ward 6 Liaison Frank Maduro presentation (no vote taken)

He can be reached at Frank.Maduro@dc.gov or 202-538-0313 and wants to hear about neighborhood concerns.

The Mayor issued a 6-month progress report and is working on plans to eliminate homelessness by 2020 and reduce gun violence.

CM Carroll asked if there is any data collection or publicity about the Safer Stronger Community grants. Mr. Maduro said they are working with MPD on a program that would provide refunds to businesses and residents who install cameras. They are also working on neighborhood watch trainings. Anyone from the community can contact the Mayor's office with ideas for crime reduction and to request grant application information. There is a Deputy Mayor of Public Safety: Mr. Donohue.

CM Hamilton: Can Randall programming funding come out of Safer Stronger Communities funds? Also, we need more roving leaders at DPR. Mr. Maduro said he will take that back to DPR.

DC Water presentation by Vickey Wilcher and Bethel (no vote taken)

Division I is part of the DC Clean Rivers Project, a 13-mile tunnel project with the goal of reducing flooding and combined sewer overflows, to improve water quality in the Potomac and Anacostia. Part of the tunnel is on NJ and Tingey St. SE at the existing main pumping station and construction should end in 2017. There won't be any major hauling or traffic disruptions. So far they've begun excavation. CM Fascett asked that if any after-hours work is required, please contact her. They are planning to begin working from 7am-10pm in October, so Bethel and CM Fascett will meet about this. Vickey noted that they have engaged with Forest City and will continue to meet with the community—but night-time work so far hasn't been them.

ABC Committee Report, Coralie Farlee, chair

Appointment of Dr. Coralie Farlee to represent ANC at hearings and meetings

CM Moffatt stated that Dr. Farlee can tell people at meetings she attends that she is the chair of the ANC 6D Alcoholic Beverage Committee and speak in that capacity.

Dr. Farlee reported on a markup she attended about proposed legislation about noise in alcoholic establishments. Another hearing is scheduled for October 26. Dr. Farlee plans to ask for arenas under ABRA's control to be subject to noise laws, in case the soccer stadium ends up under ABRA control.

Also, Dr. Farlee announced that Bardo has withdrawn its application for a liquor license. They may reapply next year. The ANC did protest it, but that is likely moot now.

Buffalo Wild Wings Cooperative Agreement: Will be located at 1220 Half St. SE. Planning to open in late November—they will be hiring through snagajob.com and buffalowildwings.com in a couple weeks and are visiting high schools. The ANC voted in July to protest the application on the ground of peace, order, quiet; and pedestrian/vehicular safety in case the issue came up before our September meeting. But there was no need to use it, since the placarding occurred with time for the ANC to vote on the community agreement the ABC committee reached. If they want to have a sidewalk café, that will take more time with DDOT, but the community agreement lays out rules for a café in case they want one.

Passed 7-0-0.

Buffalo Wild Wings Stipulated License:

CM Cloyd moved to support a stipulated license and CM Litsky seconded. Passed 7-0-0.

Development, Planning, and Transportation

St. James Mutual Homes—Motion to support landmark designation

President, VP, and Historian of St. James Mutual Homes presented. The Homes are at 200-220 and 215-229 O St. SW, 201-217 P St. and 1411 and 1413 James Creek Parkway and 1410-1414 3rd St. SW. It is a co-op with 114 units with moderate and low-income residents. 36 slots of Section 8. They are currently fully occupied but always interested in new members. It was built in 1937 and 1939 and one of the few communities that survived urban renewal. It is one of the first buildings in DC to be purchased by its residents (in the 1960s). The HPRB hearing is October 21. Of the 107 members of their association, 100 voted in favor of landmarking the complex.

CM Lightman moved that the ANC support St. James Mutual Homes application to be listed on the DC Inventory of Historic Sites, and encouraged the State Historic Preservation Officer to forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. CM Moffatt seconded. Passed 7-0-0.

Case No. VCP 2015-031: Voluntary Cleanup Plan, 100 Potomac Ave. SW update (no vote taken)

CM Hamilton and CM Litsky attended a meeting this afternoon with the Department of Energy and the Environment about cleanup plans for the site at Buzzard Point that would become the soccer stadium. Anacostia Watershed Society and other groups also attended. There was only a 30-day comment period and it was during the ANC's August recess, though several commissioners sent individual comments. There were no public meetings. CM Hamilton said she thought the meeting today went well and will lead to more meetings between community stakeholders, the District, and the consultant group that will do the cleanup. CM Litsky said there will be an executive summary of the 4000-page cleanup plan and more regular meetings.

Resolution to WMATA re: proposed changes to bus routes

CM Cloyd moved to send a letter to WMATA and its DC board members urging them not to cut bus service in the 6D area. CM Litsky seconded. Passed 7-0-0.

DDOT Public Space Use: Portals Curb cut and presentation

Chris Collins, Holland & Knight and Holly Hull, Republic Properties

They are building a 368-unit by-right residential building north of the freeway on Maryland Ave, across from the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, but are asking for a curb cut on the west side of the building across public space and a projection of the building into public space above ground level, above the CSX tracks.

CM Lightman asked what happens if CSX changes its route and needs more space? Answer: even if they started running taller trains, the building would not be affected.

CMs Moffatt and Litsky asked Gottlieb Simon if there were community benefits promised by the Portals development; he didn't have the full list but thought there were things were promised but not delivered—he will give a report. Holly Hull said she believed all obligations were fulfilled. CM Litsky wanted a full accounting of all obligations. CM Carroll requested information about liability about the "canopy" projection into public space—what happens if someone gets hurt underneath it? CM Lightman asked if there was a traffic study and there is not one. CMs Lightman and Moffatt expressed concern that the access road and surrounding streets will become a choke point. Mr. Collins said that DDOT

hasn't expressed concern, and in the morning residents will not be heading the same direction as most traffic.

Their DDOT meeting is scheduled for October after the ANC meeting so a vote will occur next month.

DC Water PUD

CM Fascett explained that DC Water is planning to move its headquarters to the Capitol Riverfront, building on top of its non-historic (O Street) pumping station.

Maureen Holman of DC Water presented update since they presented after the June meeting. They are building 125 parking spaces on its site, and promise that is sufficient for 300 employees—currently about 100 work in the area, so net increase of 200 people. They will not allow any parking on public space. Should Forest City build a movie theater on the parking space, they will negotiate 125 spaces in that garage. The only changes are that the building will now be 6 stories instead of 7 and they added covered bike parking near the security hut. The glass will not be highly reflective, will use multiple flat pieces of glass instead of single large and/or curved areas of glass, and will have a green tint on the outside scrim, to protect birds and reduce glare. Construction staging will occur only on their own property. The reason for the move of HQ from Blue Plains is that they need more room at Blue Plains for water treatment, and the move has the added benefit of being more attractive to HQ staff by locating in a more central area. They will also be able to vacate some leased space to ultimately save money. The \$20 million they will need to build the building will come from not just DC ratepayers but wholesale ratepayers in MD and VA.

CM Fascett moved to send a resolution to the Zoning Commission in support of the flexibility in roof structure and other design flexibility. CM Litsky seconded, and suggested we incorporate the letter from DC Water about parking as an attachment.

Bill Schickler asked why couldn't the headquarters be built on the RFK stadium site or somewhere else with lower levels of development. Robert Sockwell asked what will happen to the site at 810 1st Street and was told it will close.

Motion passed 7-0-0.

Square 700 Residential, 10 Van St. SE presentation (no vote)

Dennis Hughes, Holland and Knight. Jordan and Steve: architects. This is a 13-story residential building with 163 units. 92 parking spaces and 60 bike spaces. There are an array of unit types, including 6 3brs, 36 2br, and the rest are 1brs and studios. There will be 14 townhouses facing out onto s. Capitol to the west and Van st. to the east. In the CG overlay. Also asking for relief for 2 things: replacing the 55-foot berth for loading with a 30-foot berth, and a higher-than-usual lot occupancy—88% when the max is 80%. Loading and parking will be in the core, pushing elevators out a little bit. Targeting LEED silver. All traffic comes out on Van St.

CM Lightman asked about landscaping, CM Carroll talked about parking for Nats—NAB may do it but this residential building won't. CM Lightman asked about affordable housing, and CMs Fascett and Hamilton asked about where people will get dropped off and encouraged moving as much traffic as possible to Van Street.

Letter to DDOT re: Circulator Bus Stop Consolidation

CM Fascett moved to send a letter to DDOT in support of maintaining an existing bus stop near many homes, a school, and the grocery store.
Passed 6-0-0 (Cloyd absent)

Hyatt Place Extension

CM Litsky moved to submit written testimony to allow time extension for the developer to build, given construction delays for the firehouse that is part of the project. CM Lightman seconded . *Passed 7-0-0.*

Friendship Baptist Church event in Lansburgh Park

CM Cloyd moved to send a letter to DPR in support of a 9/27 picnic organized by Friendship Baptist Church in Lansburgh Park. CM Hamilton seconded. Passed 7-0-0

Commission Updates and Administrative Matters

- Chair’s report: none
- Treasurer’s report: Proposed FY 16 budget is based on us receiving the full allotment and we would use all but \$20 of it. CM Fascett moved the budget and CM Litsky seconded. Passed 7-0-0.

Community Concerns

- Bill Schickler: There will be a lot of traffic from the planned soccer stadium. It is unfortunate that Charles Allen only realized this after voting for the stadium, since plenty of people brought it to his attention. The District and 6D are lax in approving overdevelopment. ANC 6D should demand more affordable housing. Metro is insufficient to handle the growth in traffic. There should be no cars allowed on Maine Ave. or require cars to only drive on certain days based on license plate number.
- Gene Solon: the Wharf’s planned piers protrude too far into the Washington Channel. This prevents a water evacuation in the event of a 9/11-type act. In terms of the Waterfront Station, consider traffic issues, green building, and retail space. Also, ANC law did not require the ANC to vote on 301 G Street, and could have suggested alternatives like separate townhouses. Finally, the law allows ANCs to get information about utility rates, and it would be helpful for the ANC to provide that information to constituents.

The commission adjourned at approximately 10:01 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Stacy Cloyd

Attested by: _____