



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B

The Hill Center, 921 Pennsylvania Avenue SE

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
for
February 12, 2019**

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present: Kasie Clark (vice chair); Chander Jayaraman (chair); Corey Holman (treasurer); Steve Holtzman; Denise Krepp, Kirsten Oldenburg, Brian Ready (parliamentarian); Jennifer Samolyk; Jerry Sroufe (secretary), and Kelly Waud.

1. Introductions

All Commissioners being present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Jayaraman at 7:03 p.m. Following introductions of the Commissioners it was announced that DC Councilman Allen was engaged in hearings and was unlikely to appear at the designated spot in the agenda.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was modified to provide for inclusion of the re-approval of Standing Committees and election of chairs for each. Motion to adopt the revised agenda was offered by Commissioner Sroufe, second by Commissioner Holtzman. Motion carried 10-0.

3. Consent Agenda

Consideration of the request to support Landmark Designation for the Southeast Branch Library (SEL) was pulled at the request of Commissioner Clark. A motion to approve the revised consent agenda was offered by Commissioner Waud, second by Commissioner Oldenburg. Approved 10-0.

Items included in the consent agenda included:

- a. Approval of January Minutes
- b. Alcoholic Beverage Control Committee
 - i. ABRA-112356: 700 Wine, LLC. t/a The Eastern; 360 7th Street SE; New Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License operating as a wine bar and serving a limited food menu. Sidewalk Café with 30 seats. Total Occupancy Load is 75 with seating for

55. Hours of Operation and Consumption Inside Premise and On Sidewalk Café:
Sunday through Thursday 9am-2am. Friday and Saturday 9am-3am Alcoholic.
[6B02]

c. Planning & Zoning Committee

~~i. Support of Historic Landmark Nomination: Southeast Branch Library, 403~~

~~7th Street SE; Nominated by Capitol Hill Restoration Society [6B03]~~

ii. HPA 19-150: 411 4th Street SE; Concept/two-story rear addition; Owners:
Theodore Monoson and Anita Sharma; Applicant: Michael Fowler, [6B03]

iii. BZA #19899: 1322 D Street SE; Special exception to construct a two-story,
rear addition to an existing, attached principle dwelling unit; Owners:
Christopher Turner & Elizabeth Repko; Applicant: Jennifer Fowler, Hearing
Date: 3/06/2019 [6B06]

4. Presentation

DC Fire and EMS, Deputy Fire Chief John Donnelly presented materials about a new medical program titled Right Care Right Now. Under this program, which began in April 2018, 911 callers diagnosed with non-emergency injuries or illnesses are transferred to a nurse for further diagnosis of their medical need. Following the diagnosis patients with non-emergency problems will be referred to either a participating clinic or recommended for home care. The problem addressed is that currently almost 70 percent of 911 medical calls are not about life-threatening emergencies and these calls serve to overwhelm available emergency resources.

Chief Donnelly provided materials further describing the program and noted that the informative FAQ and other materials he distributed were available at fems.dc.gov.

5. Community and Commission Announcements and Speak Out

David Kruoff, executive director and founder of “Dougless County, Maryland” advocated achieving home rule through a process of retrocession: *the action of ceding territory back to a country or government*. He believes this can occur by 2030 and provides more information at his website: search for Douglass County, Maryland.

Gene Imhoff of the Consumer Utility Board urged Commissioners and residents to attend the Mayor’s Budget Reform hearings to protest the procedure for paying for the cost of the clear rivers project by raising home owners’ water bills. The hearing will be at Arthur Capper Senior Estates at 6:30 on March 21. Imhoff can be reached at Eugene.imhoff@gmail.com.

Madeleine Odendahl, Executive Director at Eastern Market Main Street, announced the Second Annual Meeting of the EMMS on February 20. Commissioners and residents are invited to the

celebratory event that will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Yard, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE. Odendahl can be reached at Madeleine@easternmarketmainstreet.org.

Charles Perkins, representing PEPCO, called attention to the variety of payment options and payment assistance currently available. Details of the plans, intended primarily for low-income individuals, are available at www.PEPCO.org. In response to a question about power outages, Perkins called attention to the emergency number for reporting outages (1-877-737-2662) and cautioned Commissioners that downed lines were always dangerous and should be reported. The PEPCO website now includes a map showing all outages reported across the metro area at any given time.

“Skip” from southeast urged the ANC not to support the Mayor’s plans to build a new stadium in the area where RFK is situated. Referring to himself as an independent- professional- protester, he is opposed to construction of a DC Stadium.

A staff member from DDOT’s community outreach program provided a brief update on progress being made on the 11th Street Bridge and I-295 projects and urged Commissioners and residents to keep posted via the internet on progress being made at the sites. She did not know if the projects were in compliance with hiring standards required by OCR, but mentioned collaboration with the new Ready Center located near the project. Commissioners expressed the need to “think outside the box” with regard to employment of returning DC citizens. It was determined that the ANC would invite appropriate DDOT staff to the March ANC meeting to talk about their strategy for taking advantage of the tremendous opportunity for training and hiring for this long project. Information about the bridge/park is available at <https://bbardc.org/project/11th-street-bridge-park/>.

Mike L advocated that ANC Commissioners and community residents join and become active in “DC Vote.” The website at www.dcvote.org calls attention to DC Statehood Day on February 27.

Maurice Cook, Executive Director of Serve Your City DC, who had participated in the January discussion of police behavior toward juveniles, challenged the idea that surveillance cameras reduced crime and also resulted in the criminalization of young people.

6. Alcoholic Beverage Control Committee

The committee recommendation to support the application of The Eastern to receive a Class C Tavern License while operating as a wine bar was approved on the Consent Calendar. An additional recommendation from the ABC Committee was procedural. It was proposed to have the ANC central office staff send a letter to all Class CR restaurant licensees to alert them to the pending review of their Settlement Agreements with ANC6B. All 53 must be reviewed by the end of March. The committee motion was approved 10-0.

7. Planning and Zoning Committee

A. Capitol Hill Classic. Because the request of the Capitol Hill Classic 10 and 3 K races for ANC approval was omitted from the Planning and Zoning Committee agenda it was, therefore, before the ANC at its February meeting. Roberta Stewart reminded the Commissioners that the funds from the race, now in its 40th year, support the Capitol Hill Cluster Schools. Stuart presented maps and timelines for the run, now scheduled for May 19, showing that most of the street closings would be in ANC6A and 6C. A motion to approve the request was offered by Commissioner Holman, seconded by Commissioner Ready. The motion passed 10-0.

B. Landmark Nomination for Southeast Library. The Capitol Hill Restoration Society has submitted a nomination to the Historic Preservation Review Board that would designate the SEL as a landmark building. Beth Purcell of CHRS had presented the merits of the building for landmark designation at the Planning and Zoning Committee, which recommended approval of the request 10-0-1, and she was joined at the ANC meeting by Nancy Metzger, also representing the Capitol Hill Restoration Society.

Two concerns were raised by Commissioners and by community members: (1) Would the designation add further burdensome restrictions for planned modifications intended to improve the ability of the library to serve the community? (2) Would the designation preclude plans that might involve building a new library elsewhere? The discussion revealed that DGS and Friends of the SEL had no objection to seeking the landmark designation. The ANC was assured that the designation would have no impact on the interior of the building or any plans to move the library elsewhere. The ANC voted 7-0-3 to support the nomination being put forward by CHRS.

C. Testimony at Performance Oversight Hearing. Two issues surfaced at the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting that were thought to be potentially suitable for ANC testimony before the DC Council Committee of the Whole hearing on February 28. Commissioner's Holman and Sroufe agreed to draft prospective testimony for consideration by the ANC, Holman regarding length of delays between BZA vote and full orders on cases involving parties in opposition; Sroufe on HPRB's treatment of non-contributing buildings in the Historic District. The ANC reviewed the two drafts and determined the Commissioner Holman's draft included considerable pertinent, illustrative data and merited support as testimony supported by the ANC. While the ANC felt there was not a sufficient data base to support a portion of Commissioner Sroufe's draft, it was proposed that he might consider addressing only the "great weight" performance of HPRB for which there was a strong case. Commissioner Sroufe indicated that while he appreciated the added impact of testifying on behalf of the ANC, he preferred to testify as an individual Commissioner in order to be able to include his strong concerns about treatment of non-contributing structures.

8. Transportation Committee.

Dispensed with reading of the committee's report.

9. Hill East Task Force

Commissioner Krepp, chair of HETF, called attention to highlights of the Committee report. Meeting on January 28th, the committee discussed the future of the DC Jail and reviewed the events of December raising issues of police engagement.

The Council for Court Excellence has received a grant to establish a commission to conduct community outreach regarding the future of the DC Jail: What should its characteristics? Will it have capacity to serve those now incarcerated outside of DC? Commissioners Krepp and Clark will each nominate an individual to participate on the commission, which is to report to the Office of Victims Services and Justice Grants by September 30

The Task Force meeting engaged Captain Pulliam and Captain Knutsen speaking about the stop and frisk of three young boys in December. As a result of the discussion a comprehensive set of questions about police policy for engaging juveniles was forwarded to MPD. Questions about actual policy regarding surveillance videos remain ambiguous: it was suggested that even Councilman Allen was prevented from viewing the MPD video of the December incident.

10. Outreach and Constituent Services [No meeting in January, no report]

11. Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee

Commissioner Jayaraman, ANC6B representative to EMCAC, provided an oral report of recent events involving the market. One event of great importance was that Carol Wright did not renew her contract to provide flea market vendors for the southern portion of 7th Street. A new RFP has been developed that will cost the manager \$3300 per month for 6 months. A bidders' conference was held and there seem to be several persons interested in bidding on the contract.

A second event is that the nomination period for the "community representative" on the EMCAC was extended for a month to permit more adequate outreach about the opportunity. Commissioner Jayaraman reported that there would be at least two candidates for the position this year, in contrast to having only one candidate for the past several years.

12. Financial Report

Only one item on the financial report prepared by Treasurer Holman required ANC approval: the increased hours for the Administrative Assistant. Commission Jayaraman moved that the financial report be accepted with the provision for increased hours; Commissioner Holman provided a second. The motion was approved 10-0.

13. ANCB Administrative Matters

A. Restablishment of Task Forces and Charges

Due to time constraints at the December meeting the committee chairs and task forces were extended one month. The ANC went through a series of motions, each resulting in a 10-0 vote. In summary:

- Planning and Zoning was re-established with Commissioner Holman as chair.

- Transportation and Parking was re-established with Commissioner Oldenburg as chair.
- Alcohol and Beverage Control Committee was re-established with Commissioner Jayaraman as chair.
- Hill East Task Force was re-established with Denise Krepp as chair.

B. There was considerable discussion about the charge and title of the Outreach and Constituent Services Committee, which was ultimately renamed as the Livable Community Task Force (LCTF). The charge to the LCTF is “anything else” that is not in the jurisdiction of the standing committees or task forces. Immediately, however, LCTF is charged with providing oversight of the Eastern Market Metro Plaza/Park with regard to engagement of residents living near the park and of the community in general. Commissioner Steve Holzman was appointed chair of the new committee.

C. The ANC also created a new subcommittee to work to re-energize 8th Street’s Barracks Row. Commissioner Brian Ready was appointed chair of the subcommittee with the expectation that there will be a co-chair appointed from the community. Following commentary from Tom Johnson, a member of the 8th Street restaurant group about problems being encountered and the intended charge to the working group, the ANC voted 10-0 to approve its creation.

The Working Group for Barracks Row received four directives from the ANC: (1)Develop strategies to market Barracks Row across the city as a “go to” destination; (2)Think creatively and generate ideas for events and promotions to attract customers to Barracks Row; (3)Organize and facilitate a meeting with property owners about ways to ensure the long-term sustainability of Barracks Row through fair lease agreements; (4)Generate ideas for attracting more businesses to Barracks Row to fill empty storefronts.

D. Election of ANC6b Representative to Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee. Commissioner Sroufe and Commissioner Holtzman both received nominations for the position so an election was held among members of the ANC. Commissioner Sroufe was elected the ANC representative to EMCAC.

E. Election of Resident Members (and committee assignments) Approved unanimously.

- i. Floyd Brown – TC [6B01]
- ii. Norman Metzger – TC [6B03]
- iii. Clare Palace – ABC [6B04]
- iv. John Manley – TC [6B04]
- v. Kenan Jarboe – P&Z [6B05]
- vi. Ellen Opper-Weiner – ABC [6B05]
- vii. Ryan Danks – P&Z [6B06]
- viii. Sharon Ryan – P&Z [6B07]
- ix. Jiaming Shang – TC [6B07]

- x. Amanda Thomas – P&Z [6B08]
- xi. Raman Santra – ABC [6B08]
- xii. Carol Grissom – TC [6B08]
- xiii. Robert Chandler – HETF [6B08]
- xiv. Pat Taylor – HETF [6B09]
- xv. Francis Campbell [6b10] P&Z

14. Adjournment.

By unanimous consent, Commissioner Oldenburg adjourned the meeting at 10:06 until the March 12, 2019 ANC Meeting.