



Minutes of ANC Regular Meeting  
for  
May 14, 2019

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

1. Introductions and Overview

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Jayaraman at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Jayaraman provided an overview of the proceedings and Commissioners were introduced.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was modified to provide for inclusion of a motion to be offered by Commissioner Krepp for consideration as an item under the heading of “other concerns of the ANC.” Additionally, Commissioner Jayaraman noted that he would add consideration of a letter to trash haulers about adherence to pick-up time requirements to the agenda, also as part of “other concerns.” A motion to adopt the agenda as modified was provided by Commissioner Oldenburg, second by Commissioner Clark and was approved 10-0.

3. Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the consent agenda was offered by Commissioner Sroufe and seconded by Commissioner Holtzman. The motion, encompassing the following items, was approved 9-0.

- a. Approval of April Minutes
- b. Recommendations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Committee. Twenty-six restaurants, presented at the end of the minutes (Appendix A).
- c. Recommendation of the P&Z Committee

HPA 19-322: 915 East Capitol Street SE; Permit: demo and reconstruct rear addition, no change in footprint; Applicant: Justin Sullivan, jsullivan@impactbuilt.com; [6B05]

d. Transportation Committee

- Letter to DDOT on NOI 19-001 (Circulator Route Change)
- Letter to DDOT to Request Changes to 1300 Block of E Street SE

#### 4. Presentations

##### Mayor Bowser's 2020 Proposed Budget.

Linda Babers, Deputy Mayor, Operations and Infrastructure, presented highlights of Mayor Bowser's proposed 2020 budget impacting directly on Capitol Hill. Included were appropriations of \$18.6 to "complete the renovation of the Southeast Library (not yet begun); \$4.1 million to complete the renovation of Eliot-Hine Middle School, and \$4.7 million in support of the park planned for Eastern Market Metro Plaza. Babers distributed materials that presented the comprehensive budget plan, including additional funds city-wide for police recruitment, modest increases in education spending, and housing low income housing initiatives. The proposed budget, available online, reveals many approaches to District problems, such as the \$4.6M investment to provide a laptop or IT device for every student in grades 3, 6, and 9. Babers noted that the Council has thus far opposed the Mayor's plan to continue free bus transportation on the Circulator.

Commissioners questioned the Deputy Mayor about recent traffic fatalities and the promise of Vision Zero. It was noted that there have been 122 fatalities since the inauguration of the plan. Babers acknowledge the continuing problems for pedestrians and bicyclists and pointed to a proposed appropriation of \$4.7 million for additional parking enforcement with regard to bicycle lanes.

##### Frederick Douglas Memorial Bridge Update

The ANC had requested in March that spokespersons for the bridge project return to specifically address questions about the opportunity for DC residents to be involved in its construction. Regrettably, the DDOT representative seemed not to have received this message and began to focus his comments on general aspects about the more inspirational aspirations of the bridge. Challenged by the Commission to address employment opportunities he mentioned a number of on the job training programs that have been put in place and the number of agencies involved in the effort. Regrettably, the number of DC youth engaged in the training programs mentioned is less than 100 combined. ?? was invited to return to the Council at its next meeting prepared to address this issue. Commissioner Ready suggested one question to be addressed: "What is the strategic plan to meet the targets established for employment of DC residents and firms in the project?"

##### Insight Property Group up date on Bucannan Project.

Sarah Davidson, of Insight Property Group, announced that as part of the Planned Unit Development at 1339 E Street SE, the developer and Capitol Hill Village have executed an MOU to provide a new headquarters rent-free for the next 20 years, as required by the Zoning order and negotiated by the ANC in 2016. Ms. Davidson also updated the community on the process to create a plan for Peterbug Park and indicated there will be a forthcoming meeting to discuss options with the community.

#### Replacement of Water Service lines

John Deigan, Water Communications Coordinator, reported on benefits provided consumers through recent legislation: the Lead Water Service Line Replacement and Disclosure Amendment Act of 2018. DC will now provide home owners with free testing of water and also free replacement of lead service lines. Unfortunately, the city will only provide 100 percent of replacement costs in areas undergoing capital improvement (i.e., replacing water mains). Several such projects are planned for areas of ANC6B beginning in this winter and concluding in summer of 2020. Details about water testing and pipe replacement can be found at [dcwater.com/leadbillFAQ](http://dcwater.com/leadbillFAQ).

#### 5. Community and Commission Announcements

Nima Farshchi, Director of Operations at Digital Pioneer Academy, announced that the charter school has applied to the DC School Board to open a computer oriented middle school in the space formerly occupied by the Caesar Chavez Charter School (709 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SE).

#### 6. ABC Committee Actions

Chandar Jayaraman, chair of the ANC6B ABC Committee, provided an update on the progress of negotiations with District Soul Foods. Their status will be reviewed at the June meeting as they are working still on issues of a more satisfactory trash collection schedule, noise abatement, and emission controls. The ABC Committee had also held doubts that the restaurant had obtained appropriate health licenses for operation of a cigar bar.

Several restaurant applications were reviewed and recommended for approval without change in the Settlement Agreements following discussion. These applicants had not appeared before the ABC Commission, so they were reviewed by the entire ANC.

Applications in 6B01 were recommended by Jennifer Samolyk: Three licenses held by the Mendelshon Hospitality Group were approved with a 6-4 vote: Santa Rosa Taqueria, We, the Pizza, and GoodStuff Eatery. Others recommended for approval were the Talay Thai Restaurant (9-0-1), and the Hunan Dynasty (10-0).

The ANC voted to protest applications of the following restaurants because they did not participate in the ABC Committee meeting and were not in attendance at the May ANC meeting, despite notifications (all votes were unanimous): Radici, La Plaza, La Lomita, Medium Rare Barracks Row, Matchbox Capitol Hill. Hearings will be rescheduled for these applicants.

## 7. Planning and Zoning Committee

Three issues put forward by the Planning and Zoning Committee for consideration by the full ANC were approved.

BZA #20033: 302 South Carolina SE; Special Exception to construct a two-story rear addition to an existing, attached principal dwelling; Owner: Owner: Matthew and Claire Portolese; Applicant: Bill Putnam, Dynerman Architects, wputnam@dwarchitects.com; Hearing Date: 06/12/2019 [6B03]. Motion to approve by Brian Ready, second by Commissioner Krepp, approved 9-0.

HPA 19-315: 717 6th Street SE; Concept: 3 story addition; Owner: Nadia Zarinkia, nadiazarinkia@gmail.com; Applicant: Jennifer Fowler, jennifer@fowler-architects.com; [6B03]. Motion to approve by Commissioner Ready, second Commissioner Holman, approved 8-0.

HPA 19-326: 203 rear 3rd Street SE; Concept: one story addition at rear; Owner/Applicant: Mateusz Dzierzanowski, mateusz@DZ-architecture.com; james.silk@gmail.com; [6B01] Motion to approve by Commissioner Sroufe, second Commissioner Ready, approved 8-0-1.

## 8. Transportation Committee

The Commission dispensed with reading the report included in materials packet.

## 9. Livable Community Task Force

Chairman Steve Holtzman reported on a recent meeting of the LCTF devoted to consideration of Parcel #1 of the Metro Plaza Park plan. He noted that the DGS project manager, Cassidy Mullen, had participated in the local community meeting held on May 13 and received many substantive reactions to plans developed thus far for the children's park portion of the design. Commissioner Holtzman called attention to the importance of the forthcoming DGS meeting before the Commission on Fine Arts to report on modifications made in the plan. He announced that the next meeting of the LCTF would focus on the traffic plan for the park and surrounding area, a matter that has been delayed because a long-awaited traffic study has not been released.

## 10. Barracks Row Working Group

Chairman Brian Ready announced that the group's next meeting would be held on May 21.

## 11. Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee

The Commission dispensed with reading the report provided in Commissioner's background documents.

## 12. Treasurers Report

ANC6B Treasurer, Corey Holman, reported satisfaction with preparing financial reports using One Drive from the drop box, noting that there have been no sharing problems or limitations on data size.

### 13. Other Concerns

#### Letter to DC Council Chairman Mendelson

Commissioner Denise Krepp presented a letter intended for Chairman Mendelson expressing the ANC opposition to a Council FOIA related amendment that would restrict its application to “information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of public officials and employees.” The letter called attention to specific instances of abuses of public office that would not have been reported under such a narrow application, and urged that the amendment be deleted. Commissioner Krepp moved that the letter be sent, Commissioner Jayaraman second. The ANC approved the letter with a vote of 8-1.

### 14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 pm

#### Appendix A: ABRA Applications Recommended Without Modification of Settlement Agreements In Place

1. ABRA-060422: ABRA La Goulu, Inc., Montmartre/7th Hill; 327 7th ST SE; Applicant: Christopher Raynal, montmartredc@hotmail.com; Protest Deadline: 04/22/2019 [6B02]
2. ABRA-086529: Good Food, LLC, Lavagna; 539 8th St SE; Applicant: Stephen Cheung, stjopey@gmail.com; Protest Deadline: 04/29/2019 [6B03]
3. ABRA-100267: Las Placitas, Las Placitas Inc., 1100 8TH ST SE; Class “C” Renewal; Applicant: Isidoro Amaya, iamaya\_eia@yahoo.com; Protest Deadline: 5/20/2019 [6B04]
4. ABRA-111960: Taco City DC, Cocineros, LLC., 1102 8TH ST SE; Class “CR” Renewal; Applicant: Juan Jimenez, tacocitydc@gmail.com; Protest Deadline: 5/28/2019 [6B04]
5. ABRA-077797: Cafe 8, Cafe Bistro MED, LLC, 424 8TH ST SE; Class “C” Renewal; Applicant: Turan Tombul, turantombul@gmail.com; Protest Deadline: 5/20/2019 [6B04]; Defer petition date by 30 days
6. ABRA-001792: Folger Shakespeare Library, Trustees of Amherst College, 201 EAST CAPITOL ST SE; Class “C Multipurpose” Renewal; Applicant: Michael Witmore, mwitmore@folger.edu; Protest Deadline: 5/28/2019 [6B01]
7. ABRA-085922: Tortilla Coast, Clover Capitol Hill, LLC, 400 1ST ST SE; Class “C” Renewal; Applicant: Rachel Dick, rdick@cafedeluxe.com; Protest Deadline: 5/20/2019 [6B01]
8. ABRA-000626: Capitol Hill Club, National Republican Club of Capitol Hill Inc., 300 1ST ST SE; Class “C Club” Renewal; Applicant: Stan Lawson, stan@capitolhillclub.org; Protest Deadline: 6/03/2019 [6B01]
9. ABRA-000643: Kenneth H Nash Post 8 American Legion, Kenneth H Nash Post 8, 224 D ST SE; Class “C Club” Renewal; Applicant: Preston Herald, dcpost88@gmail.com; Protest Deadline: 5/20/2019 [6B01]
10. ABRA-072017: Sonoma, Dunmore, LLC, 223 Pennsylvania Ave SE; Class “CR” Renewal; Applicant: Jared Rager, jared@sonomadc.com; Stephen O’Brien, sobrien@malliosobrien.com; Michael Fonseca, mfonseca@malliosobrien.com; Protest Deadline: 5/28/2019 [6B01]
11. ABRA-098813: Boxcar Tavern, Boxcar Partners, LLC, 224 7TH ST SE; Class “C” Renewal; Applicant: Andrea Gentile, andi.gentile@gmail.com; Protest Deadline: 5/20/2019 [6B02]
12. ABRA-060383: Tunnicliffs Tavern, Harlou Inc., 222 7TH ST SE; Class “CR” Renewal; Applicant: Med Lahlou, tunnicliffs@gmail.com; Protest Deadline: 6/03/2019 [6B02]

13. ABRA- 113050: Eat Brgz 1, LLC, Eat Brgz, 250 7TH ST SE; New Class “CR” Restaurant Application; Applicant: Matt Minora, mminora@malliosobrien.com; bgaynor@eatbrgz.com; Protest Deadline: 5/20/2019 [6B02]
14. ABRA-080056: Acqua al 2/Suna/Harold Black Bar, Acqua 2, LP,212 7TH ST SE; Class “CR” Renewal; Applicant: Ari Gejdenson, ari@acquaal2dc.com; Protest Deadline: 5/28/2019 [6B02]
15. ABRA-089718: Hanks Oyster Bar, Hanks on the Hill, LLC, 633 Pennsylvania Ave SE; Class “CR” Renewal; Applicant: Jamie Leeds, jleeds@hanksdc.com; Shane Mayson smason@hanksdc.com; Andrew Kline, akline@theveritaslawfirm.com; Protest Deadline: 5/28/2019 [6B02]
16. ABRA-086926: Hill Center, The Old Naval Hospital Foundation, 921 Pennsylvania Ave SE; Class “C Multipurpose” Renewal; Applicant: Diana Ingraham, diana@hillcenterdc.org; Protest Deadline: 5/20/2019 [6B04]
17. ABRA-111597: Emilie’s, Emilie’s LLC., 1101 Pennsylvania Ave SE; Class “C” Substantial Change to license; Request to add a sidewalk café with 35 seats; Applicant: Sean Morris, ; Kevin Tien, kxt1731@gmail.com; Protest Deadline: 5/20/2019 [6B04]
18. ABRA-105743: Sushi Hachi, Sushi Hachi, Inc, 735 8TH ST SE; Class “C” Renewal; Applicant: Michael Fonseca, mfonseca@malliosobrien.com; Petition Date: 5/20/2019 [6B03]
19. ABRA-108986: Torai Grill & Sushi, Torai Grill & Sushi, Inc., 751 8th ST SE; Class “D” Renewal; Applicant: Chrissie Chang, chrissiechang@yahoo.com; Petition Date: 5/28/2019 [6B03]
20. ABRA-106496: Chiko, CHIKO Capitol Hill, LLC, 423 8TH ST SE; Class “CR” Renewal; Applicant: Andrew Kim, andrew@thefriedricecollective.com; Petition Date: 5/28/2019 [6B03]
21. ABRA-107131: Tio Javier, 514 Partners, LLC., 514 8TH ST SE; Class “CR” Renewal; Applicant: Tom Johnson, tom@hillrestaurantgroup.com; Protest Deadline: 6/03/2019 [6B04]
22. ABRA-107668: Ophelia’s Fish House, 501 Partners, LLC., 501 8th ST SE; Class “CR” Renewal; Applicant: Tom Johnson, tom@hillrestaurantgroup.com; Petition Date: 6/03/2019 [6B03]
23. ABRA-107078: Finn McCools, 713 Partners, LLC., 713 8TH ST SE; Class “CR” Renewal; Applicant: Tom Johnson, tom@hillrestaurantgroup.com; Petition Date: 6/03/2019 [6B03]
24. ABRA-000259: Mr. Henry’s, Mr. Henry’s Inc., 601 Pennsylvania Ave SE; Class “CR” Renewal; Applicant: Alvin Ross, mrhenrysd@gmail.com, Mary Quillian Helms, mquillian@gmail.com; cpandar@aol.com; Protest Deadline: 5/28/2019 [6B02]