

Minutes of ANC Regular Meeting
for
June 11, 2019

All 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. Introduction

Chairman Chander Jayaraman called the meeting to order at 7:02 and noted that Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton would be arriving soon to address the meeting. ANC6B Commissioners were introduced, and the presence of Commissioner Jay Adelstein, of ANC6C, was acknowledged and welcomed.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was modified as follows: (1) Inclusion of nomination for appointment of several resident members was added to agenda item on ANC Business; (2) two late-breaking items were added to the Transportation Agenda: DDOT request for a way-finding kiosk, and an item on additional disability parking; (3) one restaurant (Medium Rare) was added consideration of ABRA licensing item.

Commissioner Holman moved to approve the agenda with modifications, seconded by Commissioner Ready. Vote to approve motion: 10-0-0.

3. Consent Agenda

Items on the consent agenda included the May Minutes, recommendations of the Alcoholic Beverage Committee (ABC), recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Committee, and letters developed by the Transportation Committee. (Specifics regarding these items are included as Appendix A of these minutes.) Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Commissioner Sroufe, seconded by Commissioner Holtzman. Vote to approve the motion: 10-0-0.

4. Presentation

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, a resident of 9th street in 6B05, expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to address “her ANC.” Her remarks were divided into three parts: (1) the role of a non-voting delegate; (2) statehood progress, and (3) legislation to future objectives of the District apart from statehood. She mentioned that since Democrats became the majority in the House that her vote on the Committee of the Whole had been reinstated, and that she served as chair of the Highways and Transportation Committee which is responsible for Metro funding. She noted that HR51 was scheduled for a hearing in the House with the support of the speaker and that the

statehood bill now had 207 co-sponsors in the House, although immediate prospects for passage in the Senate were dim.

In addition to statements of support for her efforts over the course of 15 terms, attendees raised a number of local concerns: back pay for contractors impacted by the government shutdown; struggle to prevent residential housing from being converted into association or business property; parking usurpation by the Architect of the Capitol; and the failure of the US Attorney's Office to prosecute crimes involving guns and other violent crimes as well as failing in transparency.

5. Community & Commission Announcements & Speak-out

Several members of the audience offered announcements:

Tiffany Branum called attention to the forthcoming Third Thursday program sponsored by Eastern Market Main Street. On June 20, from 4 to 8 PM, activities will include a DC will feature a story time with SEL, live art, a scavenger hunt, and a string violin workshop.

Julia Strusinski, Southeast Library announced the start of the annual Summer Challenge Reading Program on June 15. Prizes for children reading 20 minutes a day.

A volunteer representing the Congressional Library called attention to an audio installation at the Congressional Cemetery featuring the Congressional Choir.

Tyler Williams, Mayor Bowser's office, invited parents to bring children to the "Truck Touch" on Saturday, June 30 at RFK (Lot 7).

Amy Leyton issued invitation to a celebration at American Legion Post # 8 on the 8th of July.

6. Alcoholic Beverage Control Committee

Restaurants not on the consent agenda were reviewed by the full ANC. There were no representatives from two restaurants present at the meeting at this point in the agenda and both were deferred for later consideration. However, no representative appeared and applications for both District Soul Food and Le Pain Quotidian were protested.

Regarding District Soul Food Restaurant and Lounge (ABRA-112072) it is anticipated that work underway will be completed prior to a show cause hearing in August and if so the protest will be dropped. The motion to protest the renewal was offered by Commissioner Oldenburg, second by Commissioner Sroufe. Vote 8 in favor of the motion, none opposed, and two abstentions. Regarding Le Pain Quotidian, the motion to protest was offered by Commissioner Sroufe, seconded by Commissioner ????. The motion was approved 9-0-1. Efforts to have a representative appear in advance of the August 21 ABRA meeting will continue.

Three renewal applications were approved with minimal discussion and without modification to existing Settlement Agreements. (1) Medium Rare Barracks Row (ABRA-093525); motion by Commissioner Ready; second by Commissioner Sroufe; approved 9-0-1. (2) The Ugly Mug (ABRA-071793); motion by Commissioner Jayaraman, second by Commissioner Samolyk; vote 7-0-2. (3): La Lomita Dos (ABRA-015387); motion to approve by Commissioner Samolyk; second by Commissioner Sroufe; vote, 8-0-0.

The comments of restaurateurs on Barracks Row prompted considerable discussion. It was of concern that developments in the Wharf area were reported to have reduced business on 8th Street by as much as 25 percent, and caused modifications in the business plans of some (e.g., seeking management contracts to run associations such as the American Legion Hall, offering music programs, and seeking to attract political fundraisers. Problems on 8th that are of immediate concern to the ANC6B Working Group on Barracks Row included the broken sidewalks and generally inhospitable environment on the street.

The final ABC renewal application considered was Bullfrog Bagels (ABRA-1;00249). Because of controversy stemming from complaints from neighbors that have continued unabated since the Settlement Agreement of 3 years ago, Chairman Jayaraman proposed a Good Neighbor Agreement to accompany the Settlement Agreement. Given acknowledgement of both sides that they would work to achieve the objectives and procedures stipulated, Commissioner Sroufe moved approval of the application; second by Commissioner Ready; vote 9-0-1. Included in the discussion was a commitment from the ANC to work with the restaurant to improve the alley access by eliminating a sharp corner turn and repaving to eliminate the noisy gravel.

7.Planning and Zoning Decisions

Three issues were presented to the full ANC in addition to those included for approval on the consent calendar. Each of the three was approved.

(1)HPA 19-329, a building permit for 142 D Street SE; Motion to approve by Commissioner Samolyk, second Commissioner Waud; vote 9-1-0.

(2)HPA 19-046, a concept review for 530 11th Street SE; Motion to approve by Commissioner Oldenburg; second Commissioner Waud 10-0.

(3) a special exception for BZA 20019: 530 11th St SE; Motion to approve by Commissioner Oldenburg; second Commissioner Sroufe; vote 10-0.

8. Transportation Committee

Commissioner Oldenburg, chair of the Transportation Committee, presented two late arriving items requiring decision by the ANC. (1) She moved approval for a way-finding kiosk to be placed at ??? ; motion seconded by Commissioner Holman and approved 9-0-1. (2) She moved that the ANC support the rule making associated with permitting “red top” parking for handicapped in the area around the National’s baseball stadium on a pilot basis. The motion was seconded by Corey Holman and, following discussion of the likely impact on the four SMDs in the pilot area was approved 9-1-0.

9. Hill East Task Force

Commissioner Krepp provided an oral report calling attention to the excessive amount of traffic disruption due to street maintenance and construction projects in the Hill East area. She called attention, also, to an issue of “inappropriate behavior” of an employee of an afterschool program with a student a student in the Logan Montessori school that had just been reported in media.

10. Livable Community Task Force

Commissioner Steve Holtzman, chair of the Task Force, reported that DGS was scheduled to have a third appearance before the Fine Arts Commission board to review modifications in the design proposed for the Eastern Market Park Plaza. He noted also that the traffic study conducted by DDOT has not yet been released and that this failure is a major road block in addressing traffic and street direction issues in the area. He plans to arrange another meeting of the Task Force following the CFA hearing.

11. Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee

Commissioner Sroufe called attention to some of the activities included in the written report: the “Rediscover Easter Market” event commemorating 10 years since the market reopened following the devastating fire; (2) movement in the area of establishing leases between the market vendors and the Department of Governments Service: one meeting has been held, another is planned for July.

12. Working Group on Barracks Row

Commissioner Ready reported on the recent meeting of the working group devoted to the topic of marketing. He said the next meeting on would be on June 18 in room 209 of the Hill Center. The focus for this meeting will be on sidewalk maintenance and will include exploration of the possibility of the BID undertaking repairs.

13. Financial

Commissioner Holman, ANC6b treasurer, indicated that the quarterly report will be due and available at the July meeting of the commission.

14. ANC 6B Administrative Matters

The following individuals were approved, unanimously, as Resident Members:

Roger Tauss, SMD 6B05, on the ABC Committee
Steve Merrill, SMD 6B04, on Livable Community Task Force
Paul Hyder, SMD 6B04, on Transportation Committee

15. Adjournment

Commissioner Oldenburg moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the ANC is July 9.

APPENDIX A

Alcoholic Beverage Control Committee

ABRA-108110: Ted's Bulletin, TB Capitol Hill LLC., 505 8th St SE; Class "CR" License Renewal; Petition Deadline: 6/17/2019 [6B03] – Support

ABRA-093739: Radici, Radici Uno (One Root), LLC, 301 7th St SE; Class "C" Renewal; Applicant: Bridget Sasso, bridget@radici-market.com; Petition Deadline: 5/20/2019 [6B02] – Withdraw Protest and Support Renewal

ABRA-060614: La Plaza Mexican Restaurant, La Plaza Inc., 629 Pennsylvania Ave SE; Class "CR" Renewal; Applicant: Henry Mendoza, hmendoza932@gmail.com; Petition Deadline: 6/03/2019 [6B02] – Withdraw Protest and Support Renewal

ABRA-090240: Ambar, Balkan Concepts LLC, 523 8th St SE; Class "C" Renewal; Applicant: Ivan Iricanini, ivan@eatbalkan.com; Petition Deadline: 06/17/2019 [6B03] – Request for 30 day extension

ABRA-079276: Matchbox Capitol Hill, LLC d/b/a Matchbox, 521 8th St SE; Class "CR" License Renewal; Protest Reconsideration; [6B03] – Withdraw Protest and Support Renewal

ABRA-077797: Café 8, Café Bistro MED, LLC, 424 8th St SE; Class “C” License Renewal; Applicant: Turan Tombul, turantombul@gmail.com; Protest Deadline: 6/17/2019 [6B04] – Withdraw Protest and Support Renewal

Planning & Zoning Committee

HPA 19-332: 201 East Capitol St SE; *Concept*: Exterior modifications to create a new visitor entrance; Applicant: Folger Shakespeare Library, mwitmore@folger.edu ; sarah.vonesh@traceries.com [6B01]

HPA 19-385: 201 East Capitol St SE; *Concept*: Modifications to interior Historic Landmark–Bond Reading Room; Applicant: Folger Shakespeare Library, mwitmore@folger.edu ; sarah.vonesh@traceries.com [6B01]

ANC Support letter for Lockwood Apartments community benefit funds moved to escrow. Presenter: Sarah Davidson, Insight Property Group [6B06]

BZA 20052: 708 4th St SE: *Special exceptions (Rear yard, lot occupancy, nonconforming structures)* to construct a two-story rear addition to an existing, attached principal dwelling unit; Owner/Applicant: Louise Herson; Architect: Jennifer Fowler, Jennifer@fowler-architects.com [6B03]

HPA 19-380: 511 5th Street SE; *Concept*: Rear two-story and dogleg infill addition; Applicant: C. Heilman, cwh.buster@gmail.com ; andy@tensquaredesign.com [6B03]

BZA 20038: 221 10th St SE: *Special exceptions (dwelling unit use, overall lot occupancy, accessory building lot occupancy)* to construct an accessory building with a garage and dwelling unit; Owners: Charles and Kristi Cooper; Applicant: Jennifer Fowler, Jennifer@fowler-architects.com [6B05]

HPA 19-314: 221 10th St SE: *Concept*: two-story carriage house; Owners: Charles and Kristi Cooper; Applicant: Jennifer Fowler, Jennifer@fowler-architects.com [6B05]

HPA 19-388: 233 1/2 9th Street SE; *Concept*: Rooftop addition to existing accessory building/garage; Applicant: Meredith Martin, neilkingjr@gmail.com ; frirjo@comcast.net [6B05]

Transportation Committee

Letter to Councilmember Mary Cheh on the Vision Zero Omnibus Amendment Act of 2019 – (B 23-0288)

Letter to DDOT on Reversing the Direction of the Bike Lane on a portion of 15th Street SE

Letter to DDOT supporting all way stop controls for the 12th & G Streets SE Intersection

Letter to DDOT supporting all way stop controls for the 10th & G Street & South Carolina Ave SE Intersection

Letter to DDOT supporting all way stop controls for the 10th & East Capitol Street NE/SE Intersection