

DRAFT Minutes

ANC Full Commission Meeting

September 13, 2022

1. Presentation: Commander Bryant

Chair Holman welcomed Commissioners and guests to the virtual meeting. He announced that in order to accommodate the schedule of Commander Bryant, the meeting schedule would be adjusted. He called for Commissioners to introduce themselves. All Commissioners were present: 6B01, Jennifer Samolyk; 6B02, Jerry Sroufe, Secretary; 6B03 Brian Ready; 6B04, Kirsten Oldenburg; 6B05, Steve Holtzman; 6B06, Corey Holman, Chair; 6B07, Edward Ryder, Treasurer; 6B08, Peter Wright, Parliamentarian; 6B09, Alison Horn, Vice Chair; 6b10 Denise Krepp.

Following Commissioner introductions, Chair Holman introduced Commander Tasha Bryant, District 1, MPD, to address the increased safety concerns of residents due to car-jackings and crimes involving guns.

Commander Bryant provided information on two recent events: (1) a homicide that proved to be the result of a stabbing, rather than a shooting as first reported; and (2) a car-jacking involving an Amazon truck driver. Bryant reported that the stabbing was still under investigation, and that the incident involving the Amazon truck driver was related to the driver having been car-jacked previously. He chased the thief and jumped on his retreating car, injuring himself. (Commander Bryant did not recommend the car-jumping tactic for others being car-jacked!)

Commander Bryant discussed the topic of car-jacking at some length as it was a major concern of residents. She said that the number of incidents was less frequent than last year at this date but recognized that the public did not appreciate the value of a statistical decline in the face of an endemic problem. One Commissioner called attention to a proposal now before the Council to eliminate car-jacking as a specific event and to consider it "robbery" with lesser and less specific penalties. Commander Bryant did not offer an opinion on the specific proposal but did emphasize the importance of distinguishing between youth seeking to take a joy ride and those engaged in violent theft. (The criminal code is undergoing revision after many years and hearings are being held by the Judiciary Committee.)

Commander Bryant explained that there was not a shooting at Eastern High School, as had been feared by the community: however, there were gun shots and students did run from the area.

Commissioner Krepp expressed appreciation to the Commander for taking time to walk through her SMD and for discussing issues with the neighbors.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Following modification, a motion to accept the proposed agenda was adopted by unanimous consent (Oldenburg/Horn). Modifications included: (1) removing a letter in support of the teacher parking plan for Brent School from the Consent Calendar to consider new information and adding it to Transportation Committee report; (2) noting that correspondence from a resident about the Circulator would be discussed during the TC report; (3) noting that an update to the ABC recent Protest Actions

would be provided in the Committee report; removal of consideration at the meeting of a Planning and Zoning Committee item regarding a modification of consequence (BZA 18701F; 1247 E Street, SE) that had been tentatively scheduled for discussion at this meeting.

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Following modification, a motion to accept the Consent Agenda was adopted by unanimous consent (Horn/Ready). Items included on the final Consent Agenda: (1) approval of the Minutes of the July meeting (the ANC did not meet in August); (2) disposition of three ABRA cases seeking renewal of existing Settlement Agreements: Rose's at Home (ABRA 119954); The Roost (ABRA 116333); and the National Democratic Club (ABRA 000793) located at 30 Ivy Place SE.

4. Commissioner and Community Speakout

Regina Arlotto, representing the DDOT Safe Schools initiative, presented a proposed innovation for closing the block immediately in front of the school entrance. This would reduce the amount of scampering among vehicles entering the area to pick up or drop off children. The pilot program is intended to have one school in each Ward engaged by October 12, National Walk to School Day. Commissioners wondered if a "walk to school" day was the time to pilot test a parking problem issue, and whether the congestion currently experienced in front of the building would simply be experienced on the side streets. This was an information item, and no action was taken by the Commission.

Brea Govan, Events DC, called attention to several forthcoming meetings open to the community: 10/24 the Quality of Life event at RFK; 10/31 the annual Costume Party on the campus of St. Elizabeth , and 11/24, at 6:00 PM, the virtual annual meeting of the Board of Events DC.

Anna Jane Tabler, 11th Street Bridge Project, invited Commissioners and residents to attend a session on Thursday (this week) at the Ark in Anacostia to learn about project development.

Commissioner Krepp introduced the potential of using "community impact statements" to assist judges in criminal cases to appreciate how much harm is caused by violent incidents. She has written several and will be pleased to assist others in exploring this procedure.

Kimberly/Sylvia from CM Allen's office, called attention to forthcoming bills facilitating transit (Metro for All) and internet equity. Commissioners noted that neither bill includes a means test. Concerns were forwarded to CM Allen about the seriousness of security issues confronting the residents.

Commissioner Sroufe called attention to a community meeting on the status of the Southeast Library on September 29 at 6:30 (in person at the library). He noted that the Capitol Hill Democrats were sponsoring a symposium featuring the two candidates for Ward 6 Board of Education at the same time. Commissioner Sroufe also called attention to a meeting on procedures for conducting an equity analysis of the Comprehensive Plan to be held on WebEx on 9/22 at 4:00.

Commissioner Ready called attention to the continuing program of Friday evening music events at the Eastern Market Metro Park. He directed commissioners and residents to the Barracks Row Main Street website for details.

5. Committee Reports and Actions

(A) ABC Committee. Chair Ready and Commissioner Oldenburg reviewed their progress in reaching a Settlement Agreement with the Paradiso restaurant. Meetings among the key stakeholders have been held and progress toward a SA has been made. It is anticipated that a Settlement Agreement will be presented to the Commission at the October meeting.

Commission votes were achieved for approval of several SAs and concomitant withdrawing of the protests that had been filed for each: We the Pizza, ABRA 082062; Good Stuff Eatery, ABRA 078827; Santa Rosa (ABRA 089622). Votes were unanimous (Ready/Samolyk) for We the Pizza and Good Stuff Eatery. The vote regarding approval of the SA for Santa Rosa was 9-0-1 (Ready/Samolyk).

(B) Planning and Zoning Committee. Chair Holman turned the item regarding a proposed new development (HPA 22-434, 1107 10th) over to Commissioner Oldenburg for discussion. Commissioner Oldenburg has been working to achieve development of this area for some time and has communicated the plans with neighbors, some of whom were on the call. Mr. Thomas and Mr Hackney indicated that they would welcome an opportunity to have further meetings with the neighbors about the ultimate use of this unusual lot. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended approval of the concept without additional comment. The ANC6B accepted the recommendation of the Committee and adopted it with a vote of 8-1-0, there being nine Commissioners present.

1333 M SE. Chair Holman moved, Commissioner Ryder seconded sending a letter drafted by the Chair that approved the modifications proposed and raised several concerns intended to strengthen the project. The motion passed unanimously (9-0-0). The discussion with the developers of this large project focused primarily on modifications of consequence from the original proposal regarding parking (doubled) and modification in the amount of retail planned (reduced) and available space for housing (increased). Topics of concern incorporated in the letter included planning for electric vehicles and provision for “cargo bikes” and electric bikes, working with the community organizations, providing for a public restroom.

Commissioner Holtzman asked about the plans for tangible support of the agreement with the Capitol Village which was part of the ANC approval for the project. Ms. Battlies stated that the order called for fulfillment in advance of the time the certificate of occupancy was awarded, which still is some time in the future. She indicated that as the time approached, they would be working more closely with the Village representatives. The earliest date for CO would be spring, 2023.

(C) Transportation Committee. Chair Oldenburg provided a draft letter submitted by the Transportation Committee in support of providing additional parking for school teachers. Following discussion, the letter was modified to include the DDOT proposed number of 38 parking permits for Brent teachers, rather than the 60 plus originally considered. A lengthy discussion about the impact of the current “adopt a teacher” program by which residents provide teachers with visitor parking permits will have on the proposed system. The Committee letter emphasizes the need to carefully review this aspect of Hill parking in moving forward with the program, suggesting that the informal system be scrapped if the new one is to be introduced. The modified Committee letter was approved unanimously.

Resident John Hirshman raised several substantive objections about the efficiency and effectiveness of the proposed modifications in the Circulator line through Capitol Hill. Following consideration, Commissioner Holtzman recommended sending a letter to DDOT approving the plan but suggesting improvements in service along East Capitol – East bound and West bound -- in the vicinity of Lincoln Park. Commissioner Holtzman will be revising the letter and will circulate it to those engaged in the discussion. The motion to send the letter was seconded by Commissioner Oldenburg and passed unanimously (8-0-0), there being eight Commissioners present at this point in the meeting.

6. Standing Committee Task Force Reports and Actions

There was no report from either the Hill East Task Force or the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee as they did not meet in August.

Commissioner Holtzman, chair of the Quality-of-Life Committee, announced a plan to have a community meeting on the status of Eastern Market Metro Park. He raised concerns, shared by other Commissioners, that maintenance of the park – trash, trees, grounds – was failing. Holtzman also noted that as the DGS contract for the construction of the park was nearing close-out that it would be important to get as many items on their agenda as possible.

7. Financial Report

Treasurer Ryder presented the Quarterly Financial Report for approval. It was approved unanimously (Ryder/Sroufe). He also presented a current financial report indicating a total clear balance of \$34,717.

8. Adjournment

Chair Holman reminded the Commissioners of the unusual schedule of meetings in October due to religious holidays. At 10:51 pm, Commissioner Oldenburg adjourned the meeting with unanimous consent of Commissioners present. The next meeting of the full Commission will be October 11, 2022.