

Final April 2015 Community Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order 6:30pm.
2. Roll Call and Introduction of Commissioners: Vann-Di M. Galloway, Joseph Maloney, John Paul Hayworth, Kathleen M. Crowley, Taalib-Din Uqdah, Joe Martin, Rickey Williams Jr., Timothy Jones, Zach Teutsch present.
3. Approval of the Agenda.
4. Reading and Approval of the March 2015 Minutes Commissioner Martin made the motion to approve the minutes.
5. Treasurer's Report: Total expenses for this period \$1119.04 covered office expenses, supplies, telephone, administrative assistant and bank fees. Balance on the checking account is \$16,732.70; the savings account balance is \$16,736.83. Commissioner Martin made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.
6. Metropolitan Police – No Representation
7. DC Fire EMS - No Representation
8. Khalil Thompson, Mayor Bowser's Office: Announced new office hours 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Thursdays and 10:00 pm to 12:00 pm Saturdays.

Presentations:

1. Attorney General Karl Racine introduced himself and his staff; He was elected by 76% of the Voters, who wanted to have an independently elected Attorney General, an office not subordinate to the Mayor or the City Council's offices and other city agencies. The Attorney General provides a check and balance and to be absolutely faithful and loyal to the citizens of the District of Columbia by representing the public interest. The Attorney General's office is accountable to the public for overseeing city deals, enforcing consumer protection laws and fraud, juvenile justice, drugs, guns and prostitution.
2. Buddhist Congregational Church: Several attempts were made to invite the church to present their special exception request to build a second floor dining facility, within 200 feet of their neighbors. The church did not respond. Their BZA hearing date is 5/5/15. Due to the lack of communication a cover letter and a written report were filed with the BZA. Commissioner Maloney made the motion to formally oppose the Special Exception Request BZA Case# 18967 for the Buddhist Congregational Church. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Hayworth made the motion to appoint Commissioner Maloney to serve as a representative before the BZA for this case. The motion passed unanimously.
3. New Manager Petworth Recreation Center: Not Present postponed to the May 2015 meeting.
4. WMATA Presentation on the 14th Street Express Bus Line: Douglas Stalworth, WMATA transportation planner described the recommendations from the comprehensive nine month WMATA study for an Express Bus Line. The project has languished since 2012 because of lack of funding; Metro has no funds of its own to implement the service. The mayor has to put the project in the budget for funding.

5. WMATA Resolution: Commissioner Williams made the motion to pass the Resolution supporting the 14th Street Express Bus Line. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Petworth Community Market Resolution: Seeking funding for exemption from the public space license (parking meter fees), currently owe \$300 for the vendor business license, public space cost \$945 for the entire season. Commissioner Crowley made the motion to approve the Resolution for the waiver of public space fee. The motion passed unanimously.

ABRA Matters:

1. Golden Paradise's ABRA Application. The ABRA Application for the Golden Paradise, located at 3903 14th Street NW. Commissioner Teutsch made the motion to support ABRA application. Commissioner Teutsch made the motion to support the stipulated license. Commissioner Teutsch made the motion to approve the ABRA application and not protest. Commissioner Teutsch made the motion to approve the stipulated ABRA license. The motions passed unanimously.

Grants:

1. Petworth Community Market: Commissioner Crowley made the motion to approve the small grant application. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Lighthouse Yoga Grant: Lighthouse Yoga is located at 9th and Upshur Streets NW requested a grant to subsidize two scholarships for a 40 hour yoga training service program for youth and young adults. Commissioner Hayworth made the motion to support the Light House Yoga grant for two ANC 4C residents. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. DCRA Proposal: stop work order for multi-family building, did not finish the retaining wall, over the next 7 months the concrete wall collapsed. In the Proposal the DCRA has to respond within 10 days. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the final version of the Proposal as amended. Commissioner Uqdah made the motion to add friendly amendments. The motion passed with 1 abstention.
2. Urban Land Institute Membership Renewal: Commissioner Jones requested renewal of the Urban Land Institute membership of \$215. Commissioner Uqdah made the motion to approve the Urban Land Institute Membership Renewal. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.