

Final August 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order 6:35pm.
2. Roll Call and Introduction of Commissioners: Vann-Di M. Galloway, John-Paul Hayworth, Kathleen M. Crowley, Taalib-Din Uqdah, Joe Martin, Rickey Williams Jr., Timothy Jones, Zach Teutsch and Elisa Irwin present. Kathleen Crowley absent.
3. Approval of Agenda. Amendments to the Agenda:
Commissioner Uqdah made three amendments 1) remove the Public Space proposal, item #1 under the New Business section; 2) add a Letter of Support for the Friends of 16th Street Heights Parks and 3) presentation by Polina Bakhtearov, Great Streets Manager on the Great Streets Grant Program. Commissioner Teutsch made the motion to approve the amendments. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Reading and Approval of the July 2015 Minutes: Commissioner Teutsch made the motion to approve the July 2015 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report submitted electronically.
6. Agency Announcements:
Councilmember Brandon Todd's Office representative Matt Santoro reported on senior citizen activities, improving education, constituent services, the block captain training program attended by 60 residents and business walks along the 3rd street NW Corridor. Email: btodd@dccouncil.us.

Khalil Thompson, Mayor Bowser's Office reported on the Mayor's Six Month Progress Report, announced the soccer closing ceremony for the Mayor's World Cup on August 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM; update on the Powell Elementary modernization and DCRA Vacant Property Summit and Job Fair scheduled after the start of school.

Metropolitan Police: Meetings for patrol service areas PSA 404 and 407 are held on the last Thursday of the month – 801 Shepherd Street, NW – 7:00 to 8:00PM. The meetings provide an excellent opportunity to meet neighbors and share issues with patrol officers and MPD higher-ups.

ABRA Matters:

Timber Pizza Settlement Agreement, 809 Shepherd Street NW. Commissioner Hayworth made the motion to approve the Timber Pizza settlement agreement. The motion passed unanimously

Zoning:

1. Letter of Support for BZA Case #18991, for the conversion of a row house located at 1521 Varnum Street NW, into a 7-unit apartment building in an R-4 zone. The original resolution was approved in February 2015, and after numerous delays, the BZA appeal of 4C03 resident John Stokes, is on schedule to be heard in September 2015. Commissioner Irwin made the motion to approve the letter of support for BZA Case #18991 as circulated. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Letter of Support for BZA Case #18138-C, Christian Family Montessori School Special Exception for a Five Year Renewal and a continuing Letter of Support for the school. Commissioner Martin made the motion to approve the Letter of Support for the Christian Family Montessori School Special Exception BZA Case #18138-C. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Note: Commissioner Hayworth recused himself from voting on the next 3 proposals.

1. Roosevelt Proposal Expedited Return: DCPS is proposing that Roosevelt High School students, not be allowed to occupy the building until the fall of the 2016-2017 school year. This matter seeks a written response from DCPS and other District educational officials concerning the Commission's proposal that Roosevelt High School students return to their building, January 04, 2016, as it is scheduled to be ready in December 2015.

Commissioner Teutsch made the motion to support the Roosevelt Expedited Return Proposal as circulated on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 2:35 pm. The vote: 6 yeas, 1 nay and 1 recusal. The motion passed.

2. Construction/Modernization of Schools Proposal. As DCPS and Charters continue their construction and modernization processes throughout the city, Commissioner Teutsch made the motion that the public be kept informed of their progress and notifications, with explanations to be given, of any delays and their effect(s) on the parents and student populations. The vote: 7 yeas and 1 recusal. The motion passed.
3. Authorization to organize Public Hearing concerning Roosevelt project status. Commissioner Teutsch made the motion to convene a public hearing of city officials, parents, students and the general public to take testimony, and provide written reports on the delays, failures and inadequate notifications to parents and students surrounding the Roosevelt High School modernization project. The vote: 7 yeas and 1 recusal. The motion passed.
4. The Friends of 16th Street Heights Parks. Commissioner Uqdah made the motion to support the Friends of 16th Street Heights Parks request for a Letter of Support for their continuing adoption of Hamilton and Upshur Playgrounds. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Great Streets retail and small business reimbursement plan presentation. The city plans to transform major corridors in the District of Columbia. There are 5 thresholds the business owners have to meet: 1) location eligibility; 2) registered business in good standing with the District of Columbia and Federal agencies; 3) retain site control of the business property 4) provide proof that the business' three year average annual revenue does not exceed \$1 million and 5) provide proof of property and liability insurance.
6. Commissioner Teutsch's nomination for the Vice Chair position vacated by Joseph Maloney. Commissioner Galloway nominated Commissioner Teutsch, as Vice Chair, to replace the position vacated by Commissioner Maloney through his resignation. Chairman Galloway opened the floor for other nominations; hearing none, he motioned to elect Commissioner Teutsch as Vice Chair of ANC 4C. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Authorization for a Sani-John for use at an annual community event not to exceed \$150. Commissioner Jones made the motion to support the authorization of a Sani-John, not to exceed \$150.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.