

Final June 2015 Community Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order 6:38pm
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 and Elisa Irwin present.
3. Approval of Agenda, Amendments to the Agenda:
Commissioner Jones added the motion to amend reconsideration of the previously adopted 3831 Georgia Avenue NW, Resolution.
Commissioner Hayworth rearranged several items under Presentations: first, move item #4 to the item #2 position, second, move item #3 to the item # 4 position.
Commissioner Williams removed Taqueria Habanero, item #1 under ABRA Matters.
Commissioner Uqdah added 1117 Allison Street NW to Presentations item # 7.
Commissioner Hayworth made the motion to approve the amended agenda.
4. Reading and Approval of the May 2015 Minutes. Commissioner Maloney made the motion to approve the amended May 2015 Minutes.
5. Treasurer's Second Quarter Report: Commissioner Crowley reported on the period of May 1 to May 31, 2015, at the end of the month the checking account balance was \$12,976.61 including major expenditures for the administrative assistant, office supplies and bank charges. The savings account balance is \$16,736.83.
6. DC Fire EMS - No Representative
7. Councilmember Brandon Todd's Office representative Matthew Santoro, Communications Director and Legislative Aide gave an update on the following: Funding for modernization of public schools, Coolidge, Powell, West Elementary and others schools are also on the docket; his office is reaching out to the community with regard to public safety by creating a network of block captains and orange hat patrols who would help supplement a community policing model. Councilmember Todd's newsletter almost ready for publication and Constituent Services is up and running. Contact information phone 202/656-9873, email msantoro@dccouncil.us.
8. Khalil Thompson, Mayor Bowser's Office Update: the Mayor's community walk along the Georgia Avenue, the walk started at Georgia Avenue NW and Van Buren ended at the Shepherd Park Library. 20 neighborhood members and 60 administrators accompanied the Mayor from various government agencies including the DCRA, DOH, Police Department and the Office of Planning.

Presentations:

1. Kansas and Quincy Streets NW, Four Way Stop Sign Letter of Support. Commissioner Teutsch made the motion to approve the letter of support for a Four Way Stop Sign at the intersection of Kansas and Quincy Streets NW. The motion passed unanimously.

2. 5th and Webster Streets NW, Stop Sign Letter of Support. Commissioner Hayworth made the motion to approve the letter of support for a Stop Sign at 5th and Webster Streets NW. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Special Exception for 129 Varnum Street, NW, BZA Case No. 19011, R-5A proposal to raze a single family home and replace with seven condominiums apartment building. Commissioner Crowley made the motion to approve the Special Exception for 129 Varnum Street, NW. The motion failed. The vote: 3 yeas, 5 nays and 2 abstentions.
4. Resolution Opposing E.L. Haynes Field Lights Installation. The field lights allow the students to have extra time on the playing field. Neighbors do not believe lights are needed and that lights will interfere with their enjoyment of their homes. Commissioner Hayworth indicated his belief that a Neighborhood Agreement was necessary to ensure that neighbors have some protection if the school elects to install lights. No vote taken.

E.L. Haynes Neighborhood Agreement. The Agreement states that if lights are installed, they are to be turned off no later than 7:30 p.m. on weekdays and not to be used on weekends. Other items include no sound system and no bleachers. The Agreement also includes the items related to renting of the field; the ANC will have input on renting the field going forward. Rental fees will not be for profit, but will cover the cost of maintenance and security. Commissioner Hayworth made the motion to approve the agreement as drafted. The motion passed. The vote: 4 nays and 6 yeas.

5. 3831 Georgia Avenue NW, Special Exception. Commissioner Jones made the motion to table the vote on the special exception sought for 3831 Georgia Avenue NW. The motion passed. The vote: 8 yeas and 2 nays.
6. 1117 Allison Street NW. Lyn Abrams will continue representing the ANC 4C before the Zoning Commission. Commissioner Uqdah made the motion to file a continuing resolution and authority from ANC 4C as appellant opposing the revision of permit #1409828 by DCRA/Zoning Administrator in the reissuance of new Permit #B1505734 in the matter of 1117 Allison Street NW, Washington, DC 20011. The first vote: 9 yeas. The first motion passed. Commissioner Uqdah made a motion authorizing Lyn Abrams to continue representing the interest of ANC 4C before the Board of the Zoning Adjustment. The second motion passed. The second vote: 8 yeas and 1 nay.

Special Presentation:

Melinda M. Bolling, DCRA Director gave a brief overview of the agency:

- Pop-ups are a brand new phenomenon for Washington, DC, the language for issuing building permits basically says if you comply with all the requirements the DCRA shall issue a building permit.
- Intersection of the zoning regulations with the construction codes in that how to actually measure the height of a building, some things have required an independent board to change the rules for the R-4 districts to address the concerns of the community.

- The construction code is based on an America model that focuses primarily on the houses being built and does not consider adjoining houses or houses nearby. The code in the District is adopted by an independent body the Construction Code Coordinating Board, members are appointed by the Mayor include professionals in the industry and individuals who live in the community who adopt an international code for their jurisdiction. The third party inspection companies are held to the same standards as the DCRA, the mayor's new budget provides two more inspectors for the DCRA. Contact: Melinda M. Bolling@dc.gov.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.