

Final March 11, 2015 Community Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order 6:30 pm.
2. Roll Call and Introduction of Commissioners: Vann-Di M. Galloway, Joseph Maloney, Kathleen M. Crowley, Taalib-Din Uqdah, John Paul C. Hayworth, Jeff Standish, Rickey Williams Jr., Zachary Teutsch, Timothy A. Jones and Joseph Martin present.
3. Approval of Agenda, Amendments: Commissioner Teutsch moved up Upshur Pool presentation from New Business item #4 to Zoning Matters. Commissioner Galloway made the motion to approve the agenda as amended.
4. Reading and Approval of the February 2015 Minutes: Commissioner Martin made the motion to approve the minutes.
5. Treasurer's Report: Total expenses for this period \$2,406.12 covered office expenses, supplies, telephone, administrative assistant and postage fees. Balance on the checking account is \$11,622.58; the savings account balance is \$16,732.70. Commissioner Martin made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Standish announced his resignation effective March 12, 2015 to prepare for his move to Minnesota.

6. Metropolitan Police Report on the Decriminalization of Marijuana:
 - Possession of marijuana is now legal in the District of Columbia for adults 21 and older:
 - Adults 21 and over, can possess up to two ounces of marijuana, grow up to 6 cannabis plants in your home (no more than 3 mature plants), or give away up to 1 ounce of marijuana to another person that is at least 21 years old.
 - Anyone under 21 cannot possess any amount of marijuana. An officer can seize any marijuana in possession.
 - Illegal to smoke or consume marijuana in public, have more than 2 ounces, or sell any amount of marijuana.
 - Driving while under the influence of marijuana is a dangerous crime and will be prosecuted.
 - Under federal law, federal law enforcement officers may arrest anyone in the District for possession of any amount of marijuana.Learn more see www.mpdc.dc.gov/marijuana.

7. DC Fire EMS No Representation.
8. Khalil Thompson, Mayor Bowser's Office: Announced programs to shovel snow, neighborhood tours of blighted properties and neighborhood clean-up. New office hours: 1:00 pm-3:00 pm Fridays. Saturday office hours to be determined.

Zoning Matters:

1. Christian Family Montessori School, 201 Allison Street NW, seeking a letter of support to the BZA for the renewal of the school's Special Exception that expires December 2015. Although the school is located in Ward 4D the school's entrance and exit borders Ward 4C. Commissioner Martin made the motion to approve the Christian Family Montessori School's extension of their Special Exception. Commissioner Martin made the motion to approve the letter of support. The Special Exception application has not been submitted to the BZA. Commissioner Martin withdrew his motion. No Action.

Neighborhood Development Company, 4326 Georgia Avenue NW building a nine unit condominium, seeking two BZA parking variances:

- The first variance, DC regulations require .5 parking spaces be available for each unit, the current space available can accommodate 5 full size parking spaces seeking a variance to reduce the parking space size to 4.4.
- The second waiver to reduce full size parking spaces to 4 compact car size spaces. Commissioner Hayworth made the motion to approve the two variances: waiver the parking requirements from .5 to 4.4 parking spaces per unit and the variance from full size to compact car spaces. The motion carried 9-1.

2. John Stokes (SMD 4C03) 1519 Varnum St., NW, seeking support for BZA Zoning Appeal – Case #18991 – for the construction of a new 7-unit apartment building – 1521 Varnum St., NW. Commissioner Standish made the motion to support Mr. Stokes’ appeal for 1521 Varnum Street NW, waiving the \$1,000 + fee to file the appeal. The motion passed unanimously. A 2nd motion passed – 9-1 – authorizing Mr. Stokes to represent the 4C Commission before the BZA.
3. Ms. Abrams filed an appeal with the DCRA based on several inconsistencies, including the razing of her chimney without her consent, developer notifications, and over occupancy lot size 61.8%. A stop work order and Notice to Revoke the building permit has been issued. Commissioner Standish made the motion to support the appeal of 1117 Allison Street, NW with the BZA, based on Ms. Abrams’ report and her findings, all supported by DCMR (Title 11). The motion passed unanimously. A 2nd motion passed – 9-1 – authorizing Ms. Abrams to represent the 4C Commission before the BZA.

ABRA Matters:

1. Slim's Diner ABRA Application, located at 4201 Georgia Avenue, NW. -Commissioner Hayworth and the applicant worked together on a settlement agreement that includes trash pick-up, noise violations, security and hours of operation. Commissioner Hayworth made the motion to adopt the Settlement Agreement, as amended, with the applicant. The motion passed.
2. Twisted Horn’s ABRA application, located at 819 Upshur Street NW. Noises, as well as other concerns on snow removal were incorporated into the settlement agreement. Commissioner Hayworth made the motion to approve the settlement agreement with Twisted Horn. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Historic Landmark Application #15-04, 16 Grant Circle NW. Commissioner Martin made the motion to provide a letter of support for the Historic Landmark Application #15-04 for 16 Grant Circle NW. Vote: 8 yeas, 1 opposed 1 abstention; The motion passed 10-8.
2. Historic Landmark Application #15-08, 7 Grant Circle NW. Commissioner Martin made the motion to provide a letter of support for the Historic Landmark Application #15-08; Vote 8 yeas and 2 opposed. The motion passed 10-8.
3. Historic Landmark Application #15-07, 4 through 33 Grant Circle NW, 513 Varnum Street NW and 510 Webster St NW. Commissioner Martin made the motion to provide a letter of support for the Historic Landmark Application #15-07. Vote: 9 yeas and 1 opposed. The motion passed 9-1.

Commissioner Martin made the motion to have Steven Wright, Commissioner Hayworth and Commissioner Martin to represent the ANC 4C. The motion passed 9-1.

4. Update Upshur Pool: John Stokes, Chief of Staff

- Operation hours effected by short staffing, including mandatory 15 minute pool breaks caused by historic shortage of lifeguards. The pool is now in the process of hiring lifeguards for opening hours.
- All DPR pools operate on 45-minute schedules, due to water safety rules.
- Upshur Pool's renovation of the two shade structures are scheduled for completion by 2017, the project will cost \$20 million.
- During the summer, hours are extended at night; daylight hours open to the children in camp.
- All agencies made cuts to their budgets.

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Commissioner Maloney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.