

## **Final March 9, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order 6:33pm
2. Roll Call and Introduction of Commissioners: Vann-Di M. Galloway, Jonah Goodman, Zachary Teutsch, John Paul Hayworth, Taalib-Din Uqdah, Joe Martin, Timothy Jones, Maria Barry, Michael Halpern and Elisa Irwin present.

**Presentation by Councilmember Brandon Todd:** The Mayor will send her budget to the city council and the council has 45 days to respond; in April the Council will be in full session; update on the Walter Reed Omnibus Act of 2015 the legislation will allow the Federal Government to transfer Walter Reed's 66.5 acres to the District of Columbia; additional funding for infra-structure, senior housing, swimming pool; funding of \$12.5 million for the development of Georgia Avenue.

3. Approval of Agenda. Amendments:  
Commissioner Martin rescheduled Alexis Groggins listed under Agency Announcements;

Commissioner Teutsch repositioned BZA item 1: BZA Application #19237 for 3700 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW and BZA item 2: Spring Road Development to Old Business items 1 and 2.

Commissioner Uqdah repositioned BZA items 6: BZA Case #19088 Report on 3701-14th Street NW and BZA item 7: #14493A for the Star of Bethlehem Church of God to BZA items 1 and 2.

Commissioner Halpern amended Commissioner Uqdah's amendment by repositioning BZA item 2: Spring Road Development to BZA item 1: and transferring BZA item 6: BZA Case #19088 Report on 3701-14th Street NW and BZA item 7: #14493A for Star of Bethlehem Church of God to BZA items 2 and 3.

Commissioner Hayworth made the motion to approve the amended agenda. The final vote count: 4 yeas, 3 nays and 2 abstentions. The motion passed.

4. Reading and Approval of the February 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Hayworth made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed with 2 abstentions.
5. Treasurer's Report, Commissioner Halpern's report covered the period of February 1 through February 29, 2016, the month started with \$14,798.81 in the checking account, after disbursements of \$1,038.56 for office supplies, administrative assistance and bank charges ending with a balance of \$13,760.25. Savings account balance of \$16,745.22 remained unchanged. Commissioner Halpern announced the administrative assistant position moving from contractor to part time employee in line with other Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.
6. Agency Announcements:  
Michael Lewis, Mayor Bowser's Office: reported on the summer youth program and the Safer Stronger Camera Rebate Program allows a rebate for the purchase of a camera,

register for the rebate at [security.camera@dc.gov](mailto:security.camera@dc.gov). The Roll Out will be based on the criminal activity in the area.

Ted Van Houten, DDOT Transportation planner reported on the Rock Creek East 2 Livability Study planned for all of Ward 4C south of military road, including quality of life, safety improvements, sidewalk gaps, intersection improvements, and green spaces. First meeting April 28, 2016 at Petworth Library. Website: [www.rockcreekeast2.com](http://www.rockcreekeast2.com). Contact information: phone 202/671-4580.

Metropolitan Police Department: Lieutenant Raul Figueras reported burglaries have greatly decreased; auto thefts; 6 robberies last month. Everyone should be careful especially on the Metro, if you see something that looks suspicious report the person; avoid shortcuts and walking through the alleys. PSA Meetings held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 801 Shepherd Street NW.

#### **ABRA Matters:**

1. Little Coco's Restaurant, 3907 14th Street NW, seeking permit for 14 seats for a sidewalk café. The restaurant will open at 7:00 or 8:00 am as a coffee house serving breakfast and lunch. Commissioner Teutsch made a motion to adopt his letter of support. The motion passed with 2 abstentions. Commissioner Teutsch made a second motion authorizing him to act as a representative of ANC4C interests. The motion passed with 2 abstentions.

#### **Board of Zoning Adjustments:**

1. Spring Road Development: is a redevelopment of long-term affordable housing by So Others Might Eat, Inc. slated to begin early 2017 plans include two apartment buildings and a family shelter. Construction starts in the fall, Matter of Right project; no BZA approval required. No Action.
2. BZA Case #19088 Report on 3701-14th Street NW, opposition testimony. Commissioner Uqdah reported on information the BZA may not consider in their deliberations, i.e. impact on the neighborhood: parking and right to privacy, Responsibility of ANC to report. No Action.
3. BZA Application #19237 for 3700 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, proposed development of building with three floors residential and one floor retail. Zoning Variance Request for the former Carolina Restaurant, Commissioner Uqdah voiced objections; advised Commission of public space occupying a significant portion of the side yard. No Action.
4. BZA Application #19248 for 414 Varnum Street NW for a zoning variance for the construction of three condos and a pop back. Commissioner Martin made a motion to support a resolution opposing the zoning relief. The motion passed with 1 abstention. Commissioner Martin made a second motion to represent the ANC 4C interest in the BZA hearings and in his absence Commissioner Uqdah. The motion passed unanimously.
5. BZA Case #19067; 1117 Allison Street, NW. Commissioner Uqdah reported on DCRA-issued Stop Work Order for encroaching on Ms. Abram's property. DCRA

meeting convened 02/04/16 resulting in Uqdah issuing public warning -- "*DCRA is not there to protect the interest of homeowners. Ms. Abrams only remedy is civil action.*" No Action Required

6. BZA Application #19230 for 4424 Georgia Avenue NW to construct a 4 story mixed use building with 1000 feet of retail space and 7 residential units. Developer seeking two variances: first the lot size does not allow for parking the property is land locked and the second variance for rear yard relief due to no alley access. No Action.
7. BZA Application #14493A for Star of Bethlehem Church of God, 5331 Colorado Avenue, NW Special Exception from child development center requirements. Commissioner Barry made the motion to draft a letter of support for the special exception for the Star of Bethlehem Church of God. The motion passed unanimously.

**Presentations:**

1. Sex Trafficking in the Community Report, Megan Aniton, Assistant Attorney General, Public Safety Division, PINS Unit, Office of the Attorney General for the District of the Columbia report. Call 202/671-SAFE to report prostitutes 18 and under.

**Old Business:**

1. Administrative Assistant Status. Commissioner Uqdah made the motion to extend the administrative assistant contract negotiations until 5/11/16. Commissioner Halpern made the motion to extend payments until transition finalized. The motion passed with 4 abstentions.
2. DMV Response to FU Tags. Commissioner Uqdah distributed a letter from DMV Director Lucinda M. Babers, dated 02/18/2016, acknowledging and agreeing with the Commission's Proposal, requesting the elimination and non-production of DC tags beginning with the prefix "FU."
3. Express bus service on 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW authorized Commissioner Teutsch to represent the ANC in those matters. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:47 pm.