

Final November 10, 2015 Community Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order 6:34 pm
2. Roll Call and Introduction of Commissioners: Vann-Di M. Galloway, Kathleen Crowley, Taalib-Din Uqdah, Joe Martin, Timothy Jones, Zachary Teutsch, Elisa Irwin, Maria Barry and Michael Halpern present. John-Paul Hayworth absent.
3. Approval of Agenda. Commissioner Halpern made the motion to approve the Agenda. The motion passed.
4. Reading and Approval of October 14, 2015 Minutes. Commissioner Uqdah made the motion to waive reading of the minutes; Commissioner Uqdah then made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.
5. Treasurer's Report Commissioner Crowley reported on the new simplified reporting. The checking account balance \$10,646.38, total disbursements of \$2,153.13 and \$16,745.22 is savings account balance.
6. Agency Announcements:
Michele Blackwell, Legislative Director, Councilmember Brandon Todd's Office update on Councilman Todd's address to 350 seniors, the newsletter, and the development of Walter Reed.

Khalil Thompson, Mayor Bowser's Office updates: sidewalks must be cleaned at least 8 hours after the last snowflake falls; if not, a fine will be imposed. He encouraged seniors to contact 311 for help shoveling snow and he mentioned the District is considering a rebate for homeowners that purchase/install cameras and make the footage available to MPD.

Metropolitan Police Department – Lt. Anthony Washington PSA 407 is a 23-year veteran with the police department. PSA 407 normally meets on the last Thursday of the month; there will be no meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Contact information: anthony.washington2@dc.gov.

Inspector Kristina Harris, DC Fire/EMS update on Holiday Safety: change the battery in the smoke detectors, use 2A10BC portable fire extinguishers, surge protectors for the Christmas lights, battery operated candles. If other candles are used, do not leave them by the windows and do not leave fried turkeys unattended; make sure the turkey is completely defrosted. For more information phone: 2/727-1614.

Presentations:

1. DDOT/WMATA Proposal, Megan Kanagy, DDOT Transportation Planner and Project Manager for the 16th Street Primary Planning Study report on the DDOT planning study of 16th Street NW between H Street and Arkansas Avenue, to improve transit performance and reliability. The 16th Street line currently serves over 20,000 riders each weekday, but suffers from slow travel speeds, pass-bys and bus bunching. The 12 month planning study will evaluate a range of physical and operational improvements, including bus lanes, based on impacts to transit performance, multimodal mobility and safety.
2. Residential Parking Permits (RPP) 800 block of Shepherd Street NW. No action taken.

New Business:

1. BZA #19112 – 307 Taylor Special Exception: Conversion of single-family home into a three (3)-unit apartment building instead of two (2). Commissioner Crowley made the motion to table the issue, as the developer agreed to request a postponement of the BZA hearing. The developer and neighbors were optimistic that with additional time, a settlement could be reached. The motion passed.
2. BZA #19162 – 3901 Illinois Special Exception for an addition to the existing residence exceeding 60% of the lot occupancy. Commissioner Crowley made the motion to support the special exception. Commissioner Hayworth was absent and Commissioner Galloway not available for the vote. The motion passed unanimously by those present during the vote.
3. 1521 Varnum Street NW Investigate legal advice from area law clinics. Legal Clinics only available to assist the low income. No action taken.

Old Business:

1. By-laws Amendments: Officers – Commissioner Irwin – The offices of secretary and treasurer to remain separate from simultaneous holding of any other ANC office. Reconsideration of the motion – notification deadline to the Council and OANC missed. Commissioner Irwin made the motion to add the text to the last sentence, by striking from ARTICLE III OFFICERS, Section 3.01 Officers: the last sentence, which reads, *“Any two offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of Chairperson and Secretary;”* and replacing it with, *“Any two offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of Treasurer and Secretary.”* The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:34 pm.