

Minutes for 18 October 2016 ANC 5E Meeting
Friendship-Armstrong Charter School Cafeteria, 1400 P Street NW

Attendance: Commissioner Teri Janine Quinn (CQ), Commissioner Horacio Sierra (CS), Commissioner Patricia Williams (CW), Commissioner Sylvia Pinkney (CP), Commissioner Sally Hobough (CH), Commissioner Bradley Thomas (CT), Commissioner Deborah Steiner (CST), and Commissioner Renee Lewis (CL)

Late: Commissioner Bertha Holliday (CHY) and Commissioner Dianne Barnes (CB)

Meeting Commenced at 7:03 pm

1. CH took roll call.

2. Changes were made to the October Agenda. The St. Paulist/Boundary item was replaced with a Madison Homes presentation. CQ removed an ABRA item. CL added a parking issue. CST made a motion to accept the changes. The motion was approved.

3. CST recommended that ANC 5E should write a letter to various DC agencies about holding developments responsible for the covenants they sign with the communities and the city.

4. CQ opened the floor to a discussion of the September ANC Public Meeting Minutes, which CS circulated via email to the executive board members for feedback in the two weeks preceding today's meeting. A final, revised version was distributed two days ago. There was no discussion. CT made a motion to accept the September Minutes. The motion passed.

5. CHY presented a Treasurer's Report. Our total balance as of today is \$57,932.81, which included the September 26 allotment from the city. CHY said the Third Quarter Financial Report is ready save for a few necessary reimbursement documents from commissioners such as paid receipts related to beautification projects. There was an informal vote to submit the report without the receipts and to follow up on those items later.

6. The following requests were made to pay bills:

\$400 from CHY for videography

\$43.26 from CHY for ink and paper

\$28.54 from CHY for stamps and light refreshments for a SMD meeting

\$273.22 from CH for 4th quarterly report expenses

\$282.82 from CP for printing expenses

\$22.00 from CB for parking fees associated with attending Councilwoman Bond's office meeting

CHY made a motion to approve these requests. The motion passed.

7. CT discussed his proposal for ANC 5E Security Camera Grant Guidelines. The language is similar to what has been approved by the Auditor's Office in the past. The document says that the grant would go into effective pending final approval from the Auditor's Office. CT clarified that the system does not duplicate government services since it would only address costs in excess of what the city already offers and in case the city stops offering the program. This motion would include the hiring of a virtual assistant to help process receipts and other documents related to the program. CT made a motion to approve the proposal with the stipulation that we hire a virtual assistant to assist with the administration of the program and pending the approval of the Auditor's Office. The maximum allocation will be \$15,000 through the end of the 2016-17 fiscal year with specific amounts for each SMD. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: CST no, CW yes, CL no, CP yes, CT yes, CQ yes, CHY yes, CS, yes, CB yes, CH no.

8. Hakeem Rogers, Ward 5 Liaison for Mayor Bowser's Office, followed up on our concerns from last month's meeting about a desire to see a return of the Vice Squad. He said it was disbanded because Police Chief Lanier felt that it did not reflect the changing nature of illicit drug sales. Instead Mayor Bowser has created a "Safer Stronger DC" program that focuses on hiring more police officers. Tomás Talamante discussed the DC Statehood initiative. The new proposed name for the state based on the Council's decision today is "Washington Douglas Commonwealth." CS reiterated to Mr. Rogers the importance of relaying to Mayor Bowser that many citizens want a return of the Vice Squad or some kind of undercover police unit to combat crime.

9. Sgt. Brown of PSA 501 provided a report on crime and security. She apologized for being late but explained she had to respond to a robbery that just occurred outside the meeting when a woman's cell phone was snatched. She discussed a new idea she and her colleagues are brainstorming in which citizens can directly contact officers on duty without calling 911 so that the officers can respond more quickly. CQ reminded us that we could attend the Police Awards dinner on Friday, October 28 at the Hecht Building to support our officers. Sgt. Brown reminded us that we can email her with ideas and questions.

10. Laisha Dougherty, from Councilmember McDuffie's Office, said the Councilmember would host a State of MPD Roundtable possibly on the evening of November 3.

11. ABRA-089186 renewal for Showtime. The owner mentioned how Showtime is reducing outdoor seating hours and curtailing the areas where people can smoke. The gentleman who lives above Showtime voiced his support of the bar's request for a renewal. CHY, whose SMD includes Showtime and helped mediate neighbors' concerns, made a motion to support the bar's request. The motion passed.

12. ABRA-097569 renewal for Dew Drop Inn. A citizen expressed concern about the renewal's request to extend the hours until 3 a.m. Another citizen voiced support for the renewal. CST made a motion to support the renewal. The motion passed.

13. ABRA-095398 renewal for Mess Hall. CW made a motion to support the renewal request. The motion passed.

14. There was request to support a Special Exception to add a roof deck addition to an existing one-family dwelling at 35 Franklin Street NE. CB made a motion to support the request for zoning relief. The motion passed.

15. There was a request to support BZA Application #19364 for 34 Seaton Place. CHY made a motion to adopt the Resolution in support of the application. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

16. The representatives of the Madison Homes PUD Zoning Case discussed their plans for the Holy Redeemer Property on 7th and Jackson Street NE. Based on feedback from the community and the zoning commission, the development now plans for 22 units instead of 39, which is about a 56% drop in density.

17. DDOT ANXO Sidewalk Use. CQ explained that ANXO wants our consent to use a portion of the sidewalk for bike racks as long as it does not require a curb cut. CQ made a motion to support the request. The motion passed.

18. CS made a motion to send a Resolution to the DC Council in support of the Universal Paid Leave Act of B21-415. The motion passed.

19. CL made a motion to support RPP for 300 Block of Todd Place NE. The motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:49 pm

Minutes Recorded by Commissioner Horacio Sierra