

**ANC5E Monthly Meeting
 May 21, 2013
 The Summit at St. Martins
 7 PM**

Call To Order Commissioner Barnes call to order 7:14 pm

SMD	ANC5E COMMISSIONERS	PRES/ABS
5E01	Commissioner Debbie Smith-Steiner	PRESENT
5E02	Commissioner Christy Davis	PRESENT
5E03	Commissioner Tim Clark	ABSENT
5E04	Commissioner Sylvia Pinkney	PRESENT
5E05	Commissioner Joyce Robinson-Paul	PRESENT
5E06	Commissioner Teri J. Quinn	PRESENT
5E07	Commissioner Wanda Foster	PRESENT
5E08	Commissioner Mark Mueller	PRESENT
5E09	Commissioner Dianne Barnes	PRESENT
5E10	Commissioner Angela Blanks	ABSENT

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Quinn motioned to change order of agenda to put ratification first. Motion 2nd. Commissioner Quinn motion to ratify votes from January meeting, 2nd; Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Quinn motion to ratify Feb March April actions. Motion 2nd; Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: Commissioner Smith-Steiner spoke at length: Stating that ANC 5E does not have a Treasurer because January was not a properly notified meeting therefore that should be first. Correction: ANC5E did have a treasurer. Also, she stated that ANC5E have to ratify all other actions in February March April because people were not properly notified. Corrections: Some people may not had been notified within Commissioner Smith-Steiner's SMD. Notifications of all meetings are announced on the agenda at every meeting.

A Motion was made to change the order of the agenda to put the ratification first; Motion 2nd (to add ratification of all actions taken at January meeting).

Commissioner Smith-Steiner spoke more about ratification. Commissioner Smith-Steiner stated that ANC5E must notify community by listserv and also post public meeting notices in their SMD's. 5E01 SMD represented by Commissioner Smith-Steiner was not represented during the absence of Commissioner Smith-Steiner. She stated that some Commissioners felt 3rd Tuesday was too inconvenient for them to meet and that 3 SMD's did not post public notices. She stated that she spoke with G. Simon and she said he said anything that occurred at said meeting would have been null and void. In order for it to be "legal" ANC5E has to ratify every action.

Amendment: Commissioner Smith-Steiner addressed the reason for her absents of the January through April ANC 5E Commission monthly meetings. She informed the audience of how the ANC5E body did not post the meeting notices as required by

ANC law in all 10 Single Member Districts. Further, she stated how long it had taken to have the Executive Director of the ANC, Gottlieb Simon, to address the issue of deficient posting. Since an email was sent to the Presiding Chair of ANC 5E just recently addressing the issue, Commissioner Smith-Steiner stated how she was now willing to move forward by working with the Commission as long as they were willing to follow the law.

Financial Report Commissioner Mueller
Commissioner Quinn motioned to accept report; Motion 2nd and it passed unanimously with amendment from Commissioner Robinson-Paul.
Commissioner Smith abstained.

Financial Basics for month of April

Beginning Balance = \$36,264.39
 Ending Balance = \$30,280.70

Deposits =	\$4.27	Interest
Payments made =		
• Kuumba Kollectables	\$ 95.00	Business Cards Joyce Robinson Paul
• Jeffrey Tyson	\$ 30.00	Disperse Flyers for Joyce Robinson Paul
• Michael Henderson	\$300.00	Webmaster/Minutes Quarterly Payment
• Home Depot	\$4892.96	5E Beautification plants, soil, mulch
• Kuumba Kollectables	\$670.00	Printing Beautification Banners

Motion to pay bills – Commissioner Pinkney made motion; Motion 2nd and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Smith abstained.

Commissioner Mueller said he has started it and everything is in the electronic spreadsheet. Has 3 out of the 4 checks, and then he has to PDF everything.

Quarterly Report - Due May 30th.

April minutes tabled to next meeting

DDOT – Surface Water Management Project

Discussion: Unit block of T Street is done. 18-inch storm sewer was added on RI Ave in that area. Now working on the median of RI. Distributing flyers in that area; going to install a permeable alley. Adding \$10 million in green infrastructure projects in Bloomingdale

People's Plan for McMillan

Discussion: Different plan that protects the historic nature of the area. Purpose of McMillan was water filtration. People's plan provides more open space, respects the history of the site, doesn't destruct so much of it. There was a colorful slide show. Storm waters flowing out into fountains and urban beaches. Trying to keep development off of the street. There was discussion. Commissioner Pinkney asked with housing in such short supply in the District how there could be no housing on a 25-acre site.

Anne Corbett Vision McMillan Partners

Discussion: The joint venture that has the exclusive rights agreement with DC to negotiate the site's development. They had a colorful slide show. Recently, VMP doubled the park size. Tonight's presentation was to start showing some of the buildings. Next month will be more details on the park and community center. Currently site is fenced off; will be made accessible. (*Commissioner Davis arrived*). Site will utilize multiple modes of architecture. Recommendation: Lowered heights of structures that are right on North Cap; appropriately to connect the buildings aesthetically. Street car stops on Michigan. Health care spaces and retail spaces are separated and green spaces help calm the health care spaces. Giovanni B. asked what types of office buildings. It will be a mix. Anne C. said targeting Children's Hospital as tenants. Presenting to HPRB June 28th, submitting PUD this summer to start the process in the fall, hopefully construction begins next year. Hopefully open by 2017, some structures sooner. There was Q and A. Another person talked about the row homes that will be built on the site. Commissioner Quinn expressed concerns about getting through tonight's lengthy agenda. There was a short presentation on the row homes. Each row home has 2-car garage parking. 3.5-story homes with roof terraces. Has pedestrian way between homes and the park. Building about 160 homes. 10% will be affordable. Commissioner Smith asked will they hold to the 10% original value. Yes prices cannot be increased. Commissioner Smith expressed concerns about community benefits

1822 1st Street NW New Permit Sidewalk Café – Red Hen

Discussion

Planning for a patio on First Street. Planning for 44 seats, probably around 30. Have valet parking Fridays and Saturdays. They will present to Bloomingdale first.

1832 1st Street NW - Aroi Thai

Discussion: Seating of 12 people on outside of the business.

Big Bear – Stu Davenport

Commissioner Foster motion to approve stipulated license ABRA 4378 and extended hours. 2nd; motion passed unanimously

Discussion: Recently approved for C2A low-density small business establishment. Have outdoor patio – applying to get license/hours extended an hour and a half. Want 10:30pm close Sun-Wed and 11pm close on Thursday Friday and Saturday. Would be similar to other local establishments. The retail is asking for ANC

approval; asking for a stipulated license which would allow them to do this during the application process instead of waiting. Commissioner Quinn asked why he did not apply sooner for this season so it would not have to be a stipulated license. She said Bloomingdale Civic Association supported his request. There were some concerns about noise and extended hours. Karla Lewis stated for years that the residents who live closest to Big Bear have born the brunt of the business. Commissioner Smith-Steiner spoke about the music during the week. Commissioner Quinn spoke about stipulated license processes which “does not bar a valid protest”

Revive Catering Mural Proposal

Discussion: Mural on their building. Florida Ave Art Studio. Giovanni B. asked for some details/handouts that he could share with his neighbors. They typically target buildings that have been repeatedly tagged or are in danger of being tagged.

1845 North Cap Street

Commissioner Pinkney motioned to vote no on the project. Motion 2nd and it passed. Commissioners Mueller and Barnes abstained

Discussion: Owner is asking for relief for three units (is two units now, so need special zoning relief to make it three). Bought it one year ago. Used to be 4-unit apt building 1951-1989 then converted to a two-family flat. Some paperwork says it was 3 units (one for each floor). Had rodents and broken water lines. Took effort to bring the building back to life. Permit office gave them a permit but zoning has to sign off on making it three units. Have already put 100 thousand dollars into the building. There was heated discussion about parking etc. Commissioner Pinkney said she has checked out everything concerning this building. There is a Certificate of Occupancy saying it is a 4-unit apt building but other documents say different things. Conflicting records on square footage. Commissioner Pinkney said this “could not have been a four-unit apt building, and perhaps it was a rooming house”. Developer presented to Eckington Civic association 2 weeks ago. Developer dug out the basement area and around the first level. Commissioner Pinkney spoke out strongly against the project. There was a heated discussion about this property. Commissioner Pinkney said this project is not up to par with our community. Commissioner Smith spoke about the project and proper protocol.

13th Street Meats 247 Florida Avenue NW

Commissioner Quinn motion to support; Motion 2nd and it passed unanimously

Discussion: Bloomingdale Civic Association voted to support.

Edgewood Civic Association requesting support for 60th Anniversary

Celebration: Commissioner Quinn motioned to issue letter of support; Motion 2nd. ROLL CALL motion to support motion passed (**Commissioner Smith voted against**)

Discussion: Fred Allen - Asked 5E to pay for the banner and give them a letter of support; Commissioner Smith-Steiner spoke about their being under scrutiny for receiving and spending 35,000 dollars from a developer inappropriately.

Metro Ball BB Tournament at NY Ave playground - Commissioner Joyce Robinson-Paul - requesting a letter of support from ANC. **Commissioner Smith-Steiner** motioned to write letter of support for Metro Ball BB Tournament at NY Ave playground June 22nd; and request that DPR waive the fees. Motion 2nd and it passed unanimously

Discussion: Recommend asking DPR to waive the fees as well. Have support from Hanover; Bates did not vote on it

Commissioner Mueller asked for approval of the quarterly report. **Commissioner Robinson-Paul** motioned to accept quarterly report. Motion 2nd and it passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn. Motion 2nd and it passed.

Meeting adjourned