

Official ANC5E Minutes
September 17, 2013
Trinity College
7 pm

Call To OrderCommissioner Barnes
Roll CallCommissioner Quinn

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

On-Going Community Concerns/Information:

DC Water gave an update on local projects (with handouts) – Bloomingdale Surface Water Management Project.

Deborah Crain-Kemp Mid-City East update (gave handouts); preserving individual character of adjoining neighborhoods while providing improvements; identify key re-development sites; looking at zoning, history of neighborhoods, open space, transportation, etc. Meeting on September 26, 6:30 pm at McKinley Tech call Deborah Crain-Kemp at 202-442-7615 with questions/feedback.

Assistant Commander Mark Beach – please read listservs, chime in with your requests. When should you call 911? – If it’s a concern for you it’s a concern for us stated Beach. Problems are loud music, smoking drugs, etc. An Edgewood resident called in about graffiti that said MS-13. That is a violent gang and MPD was glad he reported it. Mark Beach 202-345-1313. Mark.Beach@dc.gov. The MPD 5D Award Ceremony is in October at the Navy Yard to celebrate 5D Officers and Civilians. 5D is leading the city in crime reduction. Commissioner Quinn spoke highly of his efforts.

DDOT – Chancee Lundy – wrapping up the last of the short-term solutions to mitigate flooding in Bloomingdale. (There are medium term and long term solutions as well.)

Agenda Discussion - Commissioner Quinn motion to change agenda; 2nd, motion passed.

Commissioner Smith-Steiner motion to accept Commissioner Clark’s resignation; 2nd; Motion passed.

Commissioner Quinn motioned/nominated Commissioner Love-Davis for recording secretary; 2nd; Motion passed

Commissioner Alex Underwood was sworn in prior to the meeting to replace Commissioner Clark

Financial report was presented by Commissioner Mueller

See Attached

Commissioner Quinn motioned to accept financial report, 2nd; Motion passed

Discussion: Commissioner Robinson-Paul asked that a copy of the financial report that forward to the Auditor should be provided to all Commissioners to review prior to the meeting.

Approval of Grant Guidelines

Commissioner Quinn motioned to table the Grant Guidelines discussion until the entire Commission has had the opportunity to review it. Friendly amendment accepted.

Motion passed; **Commissioner Smith-Steiner** asked to have auditor and ANC office review. **Commissioner Quinn** said would only accept auditor review not ANC office.

Motion passed

Discussion: Commissioner Quinn stated she did not have time to review them; Commissioner Smith-Steiner said considering what has happened in the past, it needs to be more scrutinized and a more extensive process; current ANC5C is in the red because of past grants being approved. Money not approved by the auditor is taken away (like getting hit twice)

Approval of April, May, June and September Minutes

Commissioner Mueller motioned that minutes be tabled. Motion passed

Discussion: Have not had a recording secretary for the last couple months.

Commissioner Barnes (Chair) read a description concerning the minutes – they should reflect what was done not what was said, what motion was made and whether it passed or not rather than the arguments made. **Commissioner Robinson-Paul** pointed out that the attached minutes to the financial report was incorrect. Some items were still not corrected in the financial report for June. **Commissioner Barnes** provided corrected copies of the minutes for the Commissioners. Commissioner Roberson-Paul suggested that after approval of minutes, the public should have copy soon thereafter.

Commissioner Barnes motioned to approve Quarterly Report – Motion passed with an approval to replace minutes with corrections.

Commissioner Mueller motioned to pay bills; 2nd; Motion passed.

December Holiday Event – Commissioner Smith-Steiner; Commissioner Robinson-Paul motion to table until COW meets; motion to table passed

Web Site Postings-

Commissioner Barnes motioned to have all website postings to go through the Vice-Chair; 2nd; Motion passed.

Discussion -There was information placed on the web site that should not have been placed because it was not discussed. It has since been placed in ANC5E by-laws that the Vice-Chair will oversee. Commissioner Quinn (Vice Chair) asked what her responsibilities would be exactly. All Web Posting will go through the Vice Chair.

Commissioner Barnes states that all meetings for the rest of this year will be held at Trinity College; Commissioner Quinn asked about parking.

Edgewood Civic Association Fall Beautification (Commissioner Smith-Steiner); Commissioner Pinkney motioned to table until COW can revisit the issues.

Discussion - Bloomingdale, Eckington, and Hanover Civic Associations participated. However, Edgewood civic association did not participate. Commissioner Quinn asked if we can do it for just one civic association and if the auditor would be ok with this? Rashidi Christian (Board member for Edgewood Civic Association) said Edgewood Civic Association does not want to participate. Michael Henderson stated the Friends of Edgewood would be happy to participate in the beautification project.

Dance Place – They do wonderful things; will likely ask for wine and beer license. Commissioner Pinkney asked why they need that type of license. She provided a scenario of the Kennedy Center and stated that they will approach civic associations.

Mondo Verde Bilingual Public Charter School - Commissioner Robinson-Paul provided a resolution to support the school to occupy the vacant John F Cooke building. 2nd. Motion passed

Discussion - 15% of kids come from Ward 5; Council will vote sometime in the next month or so. Has support from Hanover Area and Bates Area Civic Associations. (Commissioner Pinkney asked what support they need); **Mondo Verde Bilingual Public Charter School** is doing a detailed traffic study and have strategies in place already.

1600 North Capitol Street - Commissioner Mueller motioned to accept this with language from Bloomingdale civic; Commissioner Quinn friendly amendment to add RPP parking restriction. Accepted; **Motion 2nd; motion passed.**

Commissioner Mueller motioned to approve amenities package; conversations with Hanover continued; 2nd; Friendly Amendment provided to approve amenities with conditions that Hanover Area Civic Association will receive \$6,600 which was destined to John F. Cook School no longer exit. Motion passed.

Discussion - Commissioner Quinn -Bifurcated vote; one for the project and one for amenities. Commissioner Quinn will recuse herself from the amenities part. So did Commissioner Pinkney, as well because both Commissioners are on the same board.

Kyrus Freeman (Holland and Knight) stated that that North Capitol, Florida, and Truxton Circle was included. Asking ANC to approve modified PUD; made some changes;

reduced heights. Unit mix – increased by 10. Range is generally the same; taking one level of parking out. One level with 41 spaces now. Still exceeds zoning requirements for parking for 4-5,000 square feet of retail.

Commissioner Quinn has concerns with how language is written. And not excited where we came out on the retail space. Says we need a fall back position with regard to parking. Take Bloomingdale language and add RPP parking restriction.

Commissioner Robinson-Paul asked about area designated to JF Cook like to see it used for area Hanover Civic Association. It could be used for the Spanish & English classes at the charter school or a beautification project for the Hanover Area, or even incubator fund for businesses that did not receive main street money.

Commissioner Pinkney would like to see this discussion tabled. Bradley Thomas said North Capitol Main Street does in fact include portions of Hanover. And, it is not true that you have to be on the board to receive money. Strongly encourage Commission to not table but to proceed.

Commissioner Robinson-Paul said as of today she has heard nothing from Main Street in reference to what they are going to do in her neighborhood. That's why she is asking that it be tabled until information is provided to the elected Commissioners in their prospective area.

Commissioner Pinkney is a member of the new North Capitol Main Street Board and they plan to move on North Capitol in the near future. Giovanni said the budget was approved by the city just last week.

Resident asked about the retail space – maybe it could be a community center instead of adding additional apartments or retail space.

Commissioner Robinson-Paul motioned to table amenities;

Roll Call Vote Requested:

Commissioner Smith-Steiner – yes

Commissioner Alex – yes

Commissioner Pinkney – recuse

Commissioner Robinson-Paul – yes

Commissioner Foster – no

Commissioner Mueller – no

Commissioner Barnes – no

Commissioner Blanks – no.

Motion failed

Mayor's Office – greeted/acknowledged

5E07 - ABRA-092663 - Wine and Beer License request - Bacio Pizzeria, Seaton Place NW -motion by **Commissioner Foster** to support. 2nd. Motion passed

5E07 - Red Hen – Request for permanent valet parking - Commissioner Quinn motioned to support the application consistent with the language from Bloomingdale, 2nd. Motion passed.

Discussion: Bloomingdale Civic Association supports the request for weekends: Friday & Saturday.

5E10 - Support Letter for Shaed building – Commissioner Blanks motion to table it. 2nd. Motion passed

5E06 - ABRA-09285 – Historic Restaurants Inc., Washington Firehouse Restaurant/ Washington Smokehouse, Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern, 1626 North Capitol St NW, Makan Shirafkan, 703-828-4529

Commissioner Quinn motioned ANC5E to file protest application consistent with the request of the Bloomingdale Civic Association; 2nd; Motion passed.

Discussion - Did not attend Bloomingdale Civic Association meeting. The BCA voted to protest the Fire House’s request (concerns about parking as well as the size of the establishment); BCA will ask 5D CAC to protest as well; this will be delayed; waiting on WASA to provide water to the establishment. Parking planner is to speak with America Park and valet parking, Exxon station, other properties for parking; an American restaurant serving comfort food. This is a large facility; main floor: daily dinner then lunch. The rest is open for private parties and overflow.

Commissioner Quinn asked about hours - Hours are Monday – Thursday, 8-2; Friday, 8-3am; Sunday, 8-2am. Seating 95, and large patio; 2nd floor has 65 with loft 45; 3rd floor 35 x 2. She commented that the feedback over the years has been that residents want something successful there; concerned about lack of outreach. Vendor said this is all new to him; has learned a lot from this evening. A resident said she has lived on R Street a long time. Residents are asking ANC5E to file a protest which will give time to form a voluntary agreement.

UDC Environ Mentors, Doug Loesch—the program coordinator for a program called EnvironMentors (<http://www.ncseonline.org/program/environmentors>) at UDC, Center for 4-H & Youth Development. This program, the result of a partnership between UDC and the National Council for Science and the Environment, is a college access program geared towards training students in how to conduct research and other academic topics. Once the school year starts, Mr. Loesch aims to foster a relationship with Dunbar High School. Provided a brief presentation and then pass out literature afterwards advertising the program. Direct: 202-274-7146; Douglas.loesch@udc.edu

Commissioner Mueller presented a letter from 5E08 SMD residents asking for amenities because of the 1st Street Tunnel under construction for the next two three years.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting notes provided by Michael J. Henderson