

ANC5E
Tuesday December 17, 2013
Trinity College
7 pm

Began meeting 7:05 pm

Attendance

ANC5E01	Commissioner Smith-Steiner	Present
ANC5E02	Commissioner Christy Davis	Present
ANC5E03	Commissioner Alex Underwood	Present
ANC5E04	Commissioner Sylvia Pinkney	Present
ANC5E05	Commissioner Joyce Robinson-Paul	Present
ANC5E06	Commissioner Teri Janine Quinn	Present
ANC5E07	Commissioner Wanda Foster	Present
ANC5E08	Commissioner Mark Mueller	Present
ANC5E09	Commissioner Dianne Barnes	Present
ANC5E10	Commissioner Angela Blanks	Absent

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Pinkney motion to accept amended agenda; 2nd; motion passed

Discussion: Commissioner Smith-Steiner wants to add that Kirby Vining has filed a suit against ANC5E for all related emails regarding McMillan and By-Laws; also add that H Street Development has been approved and is moving forward. Gigi Ransom asked to be added to the agenda as well. Commissioner Barnes requested to move 2014 USA Marathon Ms. Thomas up on the agenda

Public Safety Report – Patrol Supervisor (Sgt.) for PSA 501

Discussion: Crime stats down 7% from last year; most reduction citywide; Commissioner Robinson-Paul asked which months he was referring to. Shootings have occurred in the area. An Officer was there at one of the shootings; it started as an argument inside a liquor store over a spot in line;

Commissioner Robinson-Paul asked about seasonal crimes and what we can do; many of the folks committing these crimes are known to MPD;

Commissioner Underwood asked about packages being stolen in Eckington; resident asking about distribution of officers/police presence, needing more in her area. Gigi Ransom asked about suspects in a shooting.

Lt. Wright came in (PSA 502): there was an arrest made after the liquor store shooting. Gigi Ransom said someone was shot in the neck/throat, what happened there – no arrest has been made. A constituent (Barrie Daneker) suggested that all liquor stores be equipped with cameras or don't renew their license. Also need

surveillance equipment in that corridor. Commissioner Smith-Steiner agreed. Council will work on having money for North Capital Main Street and some of it used for cameras;

Commissioner Smith-Steiner spoke about marijuana and single cigarettes at the liquor stores in Ward 5 and that there will be a crackdown; She also asked about 1st and Hanover – there is a grocery store over there that residents are concerned about; loitering, violence, thefts;

Lt. Wright said that PSA 501 and Lt. Griffin covers that area. They have made several arrests in that area. Commissioner Smith-Steiner said 1st between NY and Florida – would encourage more police cruisers and foot beats move through there; stats say there were 6 fatalities.

Commissioner Robinson-Paul spoke about residents and business owners asking for help when needed. Resident spoke about folks coming out of shelters. No one should be put in a shelter and then thrown out onto the street the next day. The police can't do everything. We need to revisit the whole concept of shelter in D.C.

Lt. Wright said MPD is often a bridge builder between different services. Commissioner Pinkney said at the shelter on Lincoln Road that houses 200 men – you have to work in order to stay at that shelter.

Diane Thomas, Greater Washington Sports Alliance D.C. Rock and Roll Marathon and Half Marathon

Discussion: The Marathon runs on March 15th in 7 of 8 Wards. This is the 10th year running. Mayor Williams wanted a big signature event; started with 2000 runners, 2014 will have about 28,000 runners. 23% are DC residents. They raised 17 million in direct spending. Understand it is a disruption. Please help get the word out. She described the route. 8 am to about 11:30 am through Bloomingdale.

Commissioner Quinn asked about the impact in terms of safety and emergency vehicles. Ms. Thomas said emergency vehicles trump any event in the city. Everyone on the mayor's task force for this has to sign off on it.

Commissioner Robinson-Paul asked about a staging area. Yes there will be one. Commissioner Smith-Steiner asked why not another route. Ms. Thomas stated that because it touches 7 of 8 wards and it gives them a view of the city.

Commissioner Robinson-Paul asked how volunteers could participate. There will also be local bands. Commissioner Davis suggested volunteers give residents a map of ways to avoid the runners and use effective detours.

Financial Report - Commissioner Mueller

Commissioner Pinkney motion to pay bills and reimbursements; Motion 2nd; Motion passed. Commissioner Pinkney motion to reimburse Mr. Henderson

for his services as webmaster January –December 2013, It was 2nd. Motion passed. Commissioner Smith-Steiner and Robinson-Paul voted no. Commissioner Quinn motion to approve 3rd Quarterly Financial Report, it was 2nd; Motion passed. Commissioner Smith-Steiner and Robinson-Paul voted no
Discussion: Commissioner Robinson-Paul suggested that hard copy of invoices be submitted prior to reimbursement to Mr. Henderson.

On Dec 16th; the submission for October begin with \$45,682.19 and end with \$45,625.09. Due to the closure of ANC5E's original branch, the new branch located is at 5th & K (1075 5th St NW); using ACH electronic transfer now; Need to adopt budget for FY 2014 by January; the city-wide allocation for ANC's remains the same; ANC5E has 3.27% of the total allotment \$22,158.16. The allotments are submitted quarterly from the Auditor.

Commissioner Mueller and Commissioner Smith-Steiner discussed the website. Commissioner Smith-Steiner asked that the documents be given to the residents in hard copies. At least 40 copies were suggested to be made for distribution. Commissioner Barnes said not until approved by the Commission. The Financial report must be approved before it is distributed; also, approved minutes and agendas are distributed as well.

There was a lively discussion about whether or not Commissioners and the community are informed about how monies are spent. A resident asked if the financial reports can be posted onto the website. Commissioner Smith-Steiner asked about \$62.73 amount. Commissioner Barnes stated that amount was for the purchase of Canon Ink Cartridge for a home printer to print handout for the Commissioners prior to Committee of the Whole's Meetings.

There was a discussion about the use of community retail printers (The ARC and/or Kuumba Kollektibles). Reimbursements are made to Commissioners or the reimbursements may be made to retailers. It was requested that Commissioner Mueller check with the auditor regarding monies; should it go to vendor or to Commissioners for reimbursement?

Commissioner Robinson-Paul asked for a rundown of the bills. It was noted that paper, flyers, ink; a lengthy discussion about paying Webmaster. Commissioner Pinkney motioned to reimburse Mr. Henderson for his services as webmaster from January –December 2013; it was 2nd. There was a lively discussion about who owns the website and who should be paid. A roll call vote was taken to pay for services performed by Mr. Henderson.

Commissioner Smith-Steiner – no
Commissioner Davis – yes
Commissioner Underwood – yes
Commissioner Pinkney – yes
Commissioner Robinson-Paul – no
Commissioner Mueller –yes

Commissioner Barnes – yes

Commissioner Foster – yes

Commissioner Quinn – yes

Motion passed. Commissioner Robinson-Paul asked for a contract before the Commission pays him.

Commissioner Barnes requests a Motion to approve 2014 budget. It must be submitted with the Financial Report. Commissioner Robinson-Paul asked for more time to look at the budget, which she just received at this meeting. A constituent (Gigi Ranson) suggested they vote on the draft budget. Commissioner Quinn motion to approve draft budget; it was 2nd; Motion passed. Commissioner Smith-Steiner and Robinson-Paul voted no. Commissioner Steiner and Commissioner Robinson-Paul opposed because it was not received until the day of the meeting.

Commissioner Mueller clarified that the budget was actually provided the day before." Commissioner Pinkney confirmed she received it the day before. A constituent (Gwen Southerland) asked that it be placed on the website. Commissioner Davis asked that everything we do be placed on the website. For example, say "budget is pending. '

November's Minutes

Commissioner Mueller motioned to accept the minutes with changes. It was 2nd. Motion passed (voice vote)

Discussion: Commissioner Robinson-Paul asked about corrections to the November minutes. Commissioner Mueller gave a bulleted list and would like to make those changes to the minutes along with Commissioner Robinson-Paul's changes. Commissioner Mueller motioned to accept the minutes with changes. 2nd. Motion passed (voice vote); Commissioner Smith-Steiner asked for roll call vote. Commissioner Davis stated that she does things professionally and that they need to stop the going back and forth personally.

At this point there was a lot of shouting; two residents complained loudly that the Commission did not talk about the important things on the agenda like McMillan, rather than spending so much time on the website and such.

At that point Commissioners Smith-Steiner, Robinson-Paul, and Davis left the room

By-Laws – Tabled

Grant Guidelines - Tabled

Retain public meeting location

Discussion: A constituent (Quinta Martin) said she has a location for meetings – Perry School. Linda Yahr said 8th and Monroe was supposed to offer space for community meetings. It was suggested that the Commission called the Edgewood Room. Also, the Commission still has the opportunity to use Trinity Washington University. Later, it was mentioned that the Summit was available. Commissioner Quinn asked if there was a request to move the meeting site; the response was no.

Commissioner Pinkney motioned that the Commission not approve to advertise a contract for 2014. Motion was 2nd. Motion passed

Discussion: Commissioner Mueller said the auditor said the Webmaster does not have to submit a formal contract to be paid for services rendered.

VMP's Community Benefit Agreement for the McMillan Development

VMP – Tania Jackson, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator requests a meeting with ANC5E to discuss and finalize components of an acceptable agreement for the Community Benefit Agreement: dates, times, and availabilities are requested to further this negotiation in the near future.

Discussion: A constituent (Linda Yahr) spoke at length about enforcing community benefits agreements; Tania Jackson said there are documents that are retained within community organizations. Things you can ask for must be more tangible than in the past. The constituent (Linda Yahr) asked who is in charge of enforcing those agreements. Ms. Jackson stated that DCRA, Mayor's office and ANC's are the overseers. You should be able to go to your ANC and see those documents. Commissioner Pinkney spoke about her involvement;

Commissioner Mueller asked Commissioner Barnes if she could guarantee the benefits; Commissioner Barnes responded, No! She could not guarantee any benefits; Later, Commissioner Mueller asked, "What is the process with respect to MAG, constituents, etc?" VMP's Neighborhood Outreach rep (Tania Jackson), responded by stating that the benefits will be things like tree boxes, public art, heritage trail, etc.

A constituent (Gwen Southerland) asked if the package has to be a legal document. Tania Jackson stated that one can have a legal person involved with the preparation of the docs but they are considered legally binding. If things do not get done, you then have legal recourse. Commissioner Barnes asked about such amenities such as an ANC office. Tania stated that one cannot ask for something that specific, but the community center will have offices that could be set aside.

The President of Trinity Washington University (Patricia McGuire) suggested a retreat about this project (and others). It could be a regular ANC meeting held as a retreat. The Commission accepted the gesture.

Motion to adjourn (9:30PM)