

ANC5E
Monthly Community Meeting Minutes
Trinity University
February 18, 2014
7 pm

Call to Order Commissioner Pinkney
Roll Call

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| Commissioner Smith Steiner | Pres |
| Commissioner Barnes | Pres |
| Commissioner Robinson-Paul | Pres |
| Commissioner Mueller | Pres |
| Commissioner Pinkney | Pres |
| Commissioner Quinn | Pres |
| Commissioner Underwood | Pres |
| Commissioner Blanks | Absent |
| Commissioner Davis | Absent |
| Commissioner Foster | Absent |

Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Mueller motioned to accept the agenda.
Agenda approved

Federal Emergency Medical Services – Chief Kenneth B. Ellerbee – provided handouts and statistics; 150,000 calls per year many are medical calls; used to have 30-40 units out of service at any given time now 4 or 5 out of service. 75% of the workforce of his agency does not live in Washington D.C.; hard to inculcate the ways and values of a community if workers don't live there; public safety pensions are making it difficult for cities around the country to make ends meet; wants employees to work 12 hours a day; Commissioner Smith-Steiner asked about urgent care; Commissioner Robinson-Paul asked about the gentleman that had a heart attack-what is the process for helping; Chris asked about ambulance versus fire truck calls and defibrillator use and CPR; resident said thank you; *applause*

Financial Report for January 1-31, 2014 – Commissioner Underwood

Financial Basics for month of January

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| Beginning Balance: | \$45,531.99 | 12/31/13 |
| Ending Balance: | \$45,466.16 | 1/31/14 |
| <u>Deposits</u> | | |
| • \$5.80 | Interest Paid | 1/31 |

Checks Cleared

- \$71.63 Joyce Robinson-Paul 1/29

Checks written out but not yet cleared

- \$25.00 ANC Security Fund 1/21
- \$32.00 Dianne Barnes (copies) 1/28
- \$2,000 Kumba Kolleatables (prepayment for copies) 1/28
- \$2,000 The ARC of DC (prepayment for copies) 1/28

Checks to be given/written at today’s meeting (list as of Feb 18)

- None

Updates

- 2014 Security Fund/Bank Survey was signed and submitted by new Chair, Treasurer & Secretary on Feb 8th.
- 2014 Fiscal Year Budget Approved at Jan. 28th meeting.
- \$2,000 payment to Kuumba Kolleatables for future printing.
 - Business cards for Christy Love Davis \$95.00 Jan. 30
 - Business cards for Angela Blanks \$95.00 Jan. 30

Last Quarterly Report accepted by the DC Auditor
Teri motion to approve financial report; 2nd; motion passed unanimously

Approval of January Meeting Minutes
Commissioner Mueller motion to accept minutes with Commissioner Robinson-Paul’s corrections after they are sent to Commissioner Mueller in writing; 2nd; motion passed; Commissioner Smith-Steiner abstained

Discussion
Commissioner Robinson-Paul has corrections; page 4 4th paragraph add Hanover Civic Association not just Hanover; she also had not seen the revised Bates resolution before it came before the ANC; she also said BACA had not let the community weigh in on it; also Commissioner Robinson-Paul passed out a letter asking that the ANC resolution be rescinded and that Hanover Area Civic Association **is** the designated group as CAPCS is in their boundaries and they were not informed about the resolution from the Bates Area Civic Association.

Approval of amendments to ANC by-laws
Commissioner Quinn friendly amendment that they accept amendments to by laws with corrections from Commissioner Robinson-Paul; 2nd
5 – 2 Motion passed (Commissioner Barnes and Smith-Steiner opposed)

Article VII, Section 8 was not changed

Discussion

Commissioner Smith-Steiner said current chair did not allow her to see or comment on the bylaws during the COW meeting in October.; Commissioner Smith-Steiner said “by-laws that are not on the website were never amended”: Commissioner Pinkney said the Commission agreed on the amendments at the COW meeting and we are here to take a public vote on it; Commissioner Smith Steiner said again that the amendments never actually existed; says she has emails that she wants to “be a part of the record”; Commissioner Barnes said at the COW meeting all the amendments were not dealt with. Commissioner Mueller said all changes were brought up at the COW except the one that Commissioner Barnes emailed to him after the COW, and it was too significant of a change to accept it without the Commission’s input. Commissioner Mueller explained that Commissioner Barnes’ edit would imply that Commissioners are “only *recommended* to get input from their civic associations”. Commissioner Barnes stated that was what they discussed changing support versus not support. Support/non-support was changed to “input” in earlier version. Commissioner Barnes’ requested edit to Article VII, section 8— asking for “shall” to be replaced by “recommended” was not accepted.

Commissioner Robinson-Paul said that the Bylaws that Commissioners who miss three public meetings of any kind are subject to action. Requested to take out “of any kind”. Commissioner Quinn friendly amendment that they accept amendments to by laws with corrections requested by Commissioner Robinson-Paul; 5 – 2 Motion passed (Commissioner Barnes and Smith-Steiner opposed)

Office Space

Commissioner Robinson-Paul motion to use the space at Trilogy as office & community space; 2nd; motion fails

Discussion

1200 square feet at Trilogy on Harry Thomas Way is still available; Commissioner Smith-Steiner hopes we will accept that space; Commissioner Underwood said we can use the space for other activities as well; Commissioner Robinson-Paul motion to use the space as office space because some Commissioners don’t have access to the internet; Commissioner Barnes 2nd; Commissioner Smith-Steiner friendly amendment use it for both office and community space; Commissioner Pinkney said equipment can’t be watched when Commissioners are not there; Commissioner Smith-Steiner said the Commissioner who’s constituents are using it would unlock it and be responsible. It is a well secured building and it will give the ANC 5E a place to meet and further advance the work of each Commissioner.

Commissioner Smith –Steiner yes

Commissioner Underwood no

Commissioner Pinkney no

Commissioner Robinson-Paul yes
Commissioner Quinn no
Commissioner Mueller no
Commissioner Barnes yes
Motion fails

Bloomington Civic Association requesting ANC5E Rescind Letter of Support of VMP McMillan PUD Application

Commissioner Mueller motion to accept letter from Bloomington Civic Association and rescind ANC5E letter of support; Commissioner Quinn 2nd; motion fails

Discussion

November 19th ANC5E letter to support 2013 Stage One of VMP McMillan PUD application; originally passed 6-2 to support stage one; Commissioner Mueller read the letter out loud; expectation is that civic associations be given proper notice and allowed a chance to take a position; Commissioners Mueller and Quinn brought concerns and voted against the letter of support; it has been the practice of ANC5E to consider input from civic associations; signatories were Commissioner Quinn and Mathew Bader from Bloomington Civic Association; motion and 2nd; Commissioner Robinson-Paul said Hanover Area Civic Association was not afforded the opportunity to give input on an issue and successfully rescind an ANC letter; Commissioner Smith-Steiner spoke about items being approved before civic associations being consulted; Commissioner Smith-Steiner also spoke about the by-laws; Commissioner Quinn rebutted Commissioner Robinson-Paul and Steiner Smith's arguments, stating it was the opinion of some Commissioners that Hanover civic association was given opportunity to participate and chose not to; second vote was contingent upon support from civic association and BZA; Commissioner Mueller said there are 2 issues; Ethical and Bylaw. It is ethical to get input from affected civic associations on the biggest development project to hit their community (McMillan) and the support letter goes directly against our published bylaws Article 7, Section 8, which requires the ANC to get input from the affected civic association. So, the burden should not be on Bloomington Commissioners to rescind the letter, it should be on the other Commissioners to justify their illegal/unethical action. Commissioner Barnes read a document aloud; Commissioner Quinn said her understanding was that the vote was to support HPRB moving to the mayor, not the merits of the PUD: Commissioner Mueller stated that the motion to accept letter from Bloomington civic and rescind the letter of support; Commissioner Quinn 2nd:
Roll Call

Commissioner Smith-Steiner no

Commissioner Underwood no (*requested to change vote immediately after stating "no" requesting more discussion at COW, but Commissioner Pinkney said that he cannot change his vote*)

Commissioner Pinkney abstain

Commissioner Robinson-Paul no

Commissioner Quinn yes
Commissioner Mueller yes
Commissioner Barnes no
Motion fails

(Commissioner Alex Underwood left the remainder of the meeting)

Stronghold Civic Association (SCA) requesting ANC5E Rescind Letter of Support of VMP McMillan PUD Application – Commissioner Quinn motion to accept the letter and rescind the vote; Mark 2nd; y-2; n-3; abstain 1
Motion failed

Proposed Zoning Changes – Joel Lawson, DCOP – handouts provided; proposing new developments must generally conform to the character of what’s on that street; changing how we measure heights of buildings; parking – no longer proposing transit zones; instead are retaining and standardizing parking requirements; proposing corner grocery stores can open in residential zoning areas; other uses (arts lofts, etc) could as well but only by special exception; he gave many details that were outlined in the handouts provided; right now night clubs are permitted by right; now proposing only by special exception; Commissioner Quinn asked about how many exceptions are granted to alley lots – driving spaces are too narrow but some are planning to apply for an exception; Mr. Lawson said that is a very complicated question; some alley lots have been approved and some denied; Commissioner Quinn said that having their data would be very helpful. Mr. Lawson said he would send her the data. Commissioner Robinson-Paul said thank you and if we had an office we could get copies to constituents; Mr. Lawson said copies are available in every library and on their website; Commissioner Robinson-Paul asked if zoning could separate incomes in DC from those in MD and VA; Mr. Lawson said inclusionary zoning is already on the books (each new development provides workforce housing/pricing); will be handled as a separate issue; Scott Roberts asked if the Commission has taken a vote on the new zoning materials; would like them to do so—Commissioner Pinkney said the ANC will discuss this at their next COW meeting. **Commissioner Paul is concerned about inclusionary zoning not providing affordable housing for District residents.**

Evian Patterson DDOT – Parking Division – working daily to balance the many parking issues; works with residents to make sure we have access to parking (may not be in front of your house); also work to facilitate commercial parking; must find a way to balance the many demands for parking; always factor in traffic, etc; taking a comprehensive approach and sometimes must make tough choices; residential parking is highest priority; have already created extended residential permit parking; Commissioner Robinson-Paul asked about a zoning issue; also asked about parking for businesses – it seems they are penalized downtown and so folks go to MD and VA to shop because we make parking restricted until 10:00 pm at night; Mr.

Lawson said the opposite is true, and that DC businesses actually ask for those hours; there were additional questions from residents.

Mid-Atlantic Laborers' Cooperation Trust – Vicky Leonard; Request that ANC consider such a trust for VMP Community Benefits Package. She spoke about her extensive history in the community; 450,000 members of the Trust she is speaking about; their construction workers do the really hard grunt work on construction sites; as McMillan moves forward this is a great opportunity for the apprentice-like jobs created to be for 100% of DC residents with emphasis on Ward 5E, with good pay, training and an ongoing career pathway; have an accredited training facility for laborers; not all training schools and apprenticeships are created equal; not all provide a career pathway; would like the Commission to consider asking the developer at McMillan if they have job placement and career paths, health insurance, retirement, etc; Commissioner Quinn asked about an “apprentice” vs a “journeyman” – A Journeyman graduated from an apprenticeship program; Commissioner Smith-Steiner asked if she wants a letter of support; Commissioner Pinkney suggested she make the rounds to the civic associations; Commissioner Robinson-Paul asked how DC residents can get into her program; Ms. Leonard said there is a pipeline for all DC residents; Commissioner Mueller asked how to get developers to accept something like this; Ms. Leonard said remain strong. Ms. Leonard provided the Commission with a detailed handout/brochure.

Motion to Adjourn
Meeting ended at 9:04 pm

*Meeting notes provided by Michael J. Henderson
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