

ANC5E
Monthly Community Meeting
May 20, 2014
Trinity University
7 PM

Meeting began by Commissioner Pinkney at 7:07 pm

Roll Call Commissioner Quinn

Commissioner Smith-Steiner PRES
Commissioner Robinson-Paul PRES
Commissioner PRES
Commissioner Pinkney PRES
Commissioner Underwood PRES
Commissioner Quinn PRES
Commissioner Blanks PRES
Commissioner Foster ABSENT
Commissioner Davis ABSENT/LATE

Agenda

Commissioner Quinn discussed a mural; also announced the 5E08 vacant seat.

Commissioner Pinkney motion to approve agenda. Commissioner Quinn 2nd. Motion passed

Commissioner Davis arrived

Financial Report – Commissioner Underwood (see attached).

Commissioner Robinson-Paul motion to approve first quarterly report. Motion 2nd. Motion passed.

Discussion

Commissioner Underwood sent a copy of the financial report to all Commissioners. Auditor said everything looked fine. Commissioner Robinson-Paul motion to approve first quarterly report. Commissioner Smith-Steiner asked about some things, and said all checks written since January would be “disproved”. Commissioner Barnes said the security bond was signed by her. Commissioner Underwood said it was taken care of. Commissioner Smith-Steiner said the chair was supposed to take care of these things, why was it not taken care of. Commissioner Quinn said she disagrees that it was the Chair’s responsibility, but she is concerned that the Commission needs to have a process in place to make sure this does not happen again. Commissioner Pinkney used her gavel to tell Commissioner Smith-Steiner we are moving on. Motion 2nd. Motion passed.

5E08 Vacancy Commissioner Mark Mueller resigned. Commissioner Quinn said she thinks the seat is now/already open. Need 25 signatures to be on a ballot.

Election of a recording secretary –

Commissioner Smith-Steiner motion to make Commissioner Barnes interim recording secretary; 2nd; motion passed.

Discussion

Commissioner Smith-Steiner nominated Commissioner Robinson-Paul; Commissioner Robinson-Paul nominated Commissioner Barnes; Commissioner Smith-Steiner motion to make Commissioner Barnes interim recording secretary; 2nd; motion passed.

Al Goldberg – The Mess Hall - 703 Edgewood Street NE

Commissioner Smith-Steiner motion to accept; 2nd; motion passed

Discussion

– a kitchen incubator; a shared commercial kitchen; creating a food community; requesting a tavern license (CT); food professionals come together to collaborate and cook; Kirby asked about how to use the kitchen; Scott Roberts described “Grass Roots Gourmet” which allows for clients to use the facility. This way folks who want to run any type of food business don’t have to have a kitchen, insurance, etc. Commissioner Smith-Steiner asked for documentation and what are the community benefits; she said “we are hearing you talk but...” Commissioner Davis said she is in support of the Mess Hall, it can help so many entrepreneurs, and folks who have food trucks but don’t have capital to set up kitchens can use it. Commissioner Pinkney asked him to email them to show some details. Will start with five employees. Received grant from Great Streets – SBA loan; offering charter schools after-school cooking classes. 10,000 square feet. Will he be hiring anyone from Edgewood? He would love to. Commissioner Robinson-Paul asked if any hires are from Ward 5; that decision comes from DOES; Commissioner Smith-Steiner motion to accept the Mess Hall business establishment to operate as a culinary incubator for inspiring Restaurateurs at 703 Edgewood Street NE; 2nd; (provided Commission receives documentation); motion passed

Mid-City East Area Plan Proposal for Eckington Place NE – Colleen Hawkins

Commissioner Pinkney motion that the Commission support 5E03 and 5E04 Mid City Plan changes on Eckington Place, which will include extended curbs and a mini circle on Eckington Place NE. 2nd; motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Quinn motion to support temporary roundabouts along 1st Street between RI Ave and Florida Ave NW; 2nd; motion passed unanimously

Discussion

One recommendation was traffic calming along first street NW; major water project about to take place on 1st street; received support from Bloomingdale Civic Association; trying to install some curb extensions to make pedestrians more visible. Commissioner Robinson-Paul said she heard Mid City East Plan is not complete and is still a draft. Presenter said yes it is complete. Commissioner Pinkney motion that the Commission support 5E03 and 5E04 Mid City Plan changes on Eckington Place, which will include extended curbs and a mini circle on Eckington Place NE. 2nd; motion passed unanimously
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Eckington Gateway Sign Resolution –

Commissioner Smith-Steiner motion; 2nd; motion assed unanimously

Discussion

Eckington has been trying to get a sign for a few years. They have ten thousand dollars now for the sign; they have approval from DDOT for sign placement. Commissioner Smith-Steiner motion. 2nd; motion assed unanimously

Capital City Striders – not present

Trilogy Dog Park – Commissioner Underwood – As part of the CBA for Trilogy development were supposed to get green space, but were not given that. As of right now there is green space that is functioning as a dog park that is open to the community. Harry Thomas Way at the Trilogy Apartments.

McMillan Development – Zoning Hearing Updates – Commissioner Barnes. At least three hearings thus far. Another scheduled May 27th; Meeting with VMP on Thursday, will vote on Saturday; Meeting with VMP is at Summit Apartments 7 pm. Voting will be at Harry Thomas Rec on Saturday at 10 am. Discussion about a draft being available to the community. Commissioner Quinn offered clarifying statements. She expressed concerns about going into negotiations without clarifying key items. There was further discussion...Commissioner Quinn said they need to be given time to participate and review the document and have some level of input. Further discussion...Resident said Eckington was not provided a copy of the CBA; Commissioner Pinkney said she attends the Eckington meetings and CBA's have been provided. She will forward it to the resident

Nancy Lyons – Mural Proposal – Manages Murals DC; There are 50 murals around the city. 60 Florida Ave NE at P street. Also possibility of mural at the ADTI building facing the bike trail. Is anyone interested in the design process? She passed out a sign up for folks who want to be involved. www.muralsdcprojects.com Commissioner Quinn said the murals she's seen are exceptional.

Bloomingdale is partnering with MPD to have a movie night at 1st and Florida. Movies start at 7. Also Bloomingdale Civic Association will be giving two scholarships (1250 dollars); will post on blog.

Commissioner Smith-Steiner said May 31st **Trinity College ground breaking** 10 am.

Commissioner Smith-Steiner said when you Google her name her record of being absent from meetings comes up, and our Webmaster (Mr. Henderson) must have done that. Mr. Henderson said he does not control Google search engines. Commissioner Pinkney said we would handle that.

Commissioner Robinson-Paul said she has certificates of appreciation for McKinley High School. Track students who help with the beautification.

Meeting Minutes

February – Commissioner Smith-Steiner motion to approve; 2nd; amendment that we also post them to the web site. Motion passed unanimously.

March - Commissioner Pinkney motion to approve minutes based on inclusion of information and corrections added by Commissioner Robinson Paul. 2nd. and place them on website. Commissioner Robinson-Paul said she has a problem with her name being mentioned. Motion passed

April – Commissioner Smith-Steiner asked about absent versus absent/excused.

Commissioner Robinson-Paul said misspelling on last page. **Commissioner Pinkney motion to accept minutes with Commissioner Robinson-Paul corrections prior to posting on website. 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.** Two abstains (Smith-Steiner and Underwood).

Resident disappointed MPD not present at meeting. Lots of car break-ins in Bloomingdale recently. Commissioner Pinkney did not contact MPD to come out tonight. The Choice School in Eckington in the Old Emery Elementary School, 40-50 young people, an alternative school. Commissioner Pinkney is meeting with the new principal of the school.

Metro Basketball is starting their tournament.

Motion to vote in support of Metro Ball Tournament from June 21st to August 21st at NY avenue Playground. 2nd. Motion passed.

Discussion

Commissioner Robinson-Paul asking for a letter of support from ANC5E, said 500 kids play at NY avenue playground there every Saturday. Motion to vote in support of Metro Ball Tournament from June 21st to August 21st at NY avenue Playground. 2nd. Motion passed. The support would also waive the fees that DPR charges.

Mint Dental 329 RI Ave NE, requesting to be put on the agenda for next month. Eric Bradshaw.

Commissioner Robinson-Paul passed out DPR services provided in Ward 4, and see what could be provided at McMillan.

Bloomingdale resident said there seems to be more graffiti this year.

Marvin Rich said he has quite a few concerns. Commissioner Pinkney said Commission does not meet in July of August. Mr. Rich said he would like to live in his neighborhood and be protected in his neighborhood. Like to not get pushed out of his neighborhood. He's scared because he could get hurt. He spoke at length about things going on his life and his wanting to be safe.

Meeting adjourned

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