

ANC 5C Meeting (April 20, 2010) - All Nations Baptist Church

- Meeting began at 7:10pm with an opening from Commissioner Bonds
- Roll Call administered – At the time of the Roll Call, Commissioners Bonds, Pinkney, Davenport, Wright, Daneker, Grant, Day, Edwards and Ransom were present. With nine (9) commissioners present, this established a quorum. Commissioners Salatti and Phillips arrived after the Roll Call.
- Treasurer's report: Checking Account - \$26,738.40 and Savings Account \$109,910. Commissioner Daneker motioned to approve the report. Commissioner Edwards followed with a second of the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a total of 9-0.
- Commissioner Daneker that the only bill to be paid is the donation to All Nations Baptist Church for the current meeting. Commissioner Daneker then motioned to give a donation of \$200 to All Nations Baptist Church. Commissioner Edwards followed with a second of the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a total of 9-0.
- Commissioner Pinkney spoke on her disapproval of the Disposition of Cook School issue. She stated that she is dissatisfied with the process.
- Commissioner Pinkney gave a brief update on the status of the 1237 1st Street NW project.
- Commissioner Grant gave an update on the 637 Girard Street, N.E. car port application process. The application was granted and the citizen is free to install the car port.
- Commissioner Bonds noted that the letter of support for Howard University issue revolving around the installation of a new air conditioning structure.
- Commissioner Bonds gave some background information on 304 Q Street.
- Commissioners Bonds and Pinkney held a joint SMD meeting. They covered new housing, construction and permit applications. They also covered topics dealing with dormant retail and commercial buildings. ABRA and DCRA representatives were in attendance.
- Community Concerns:
 - World Missions Church announced an event for 4/24/10
 - A citizen had a question about the criteria for Charter School Boards and their rules. Commissioner Pinkney responded to the inquiry.
 - A citizen spoke about the ANC and the need for transparency within its work.
 - A representative (Nathaniel Gibson) from "Universal Health Care" briefly introduced himself. The entity is located at 1713 North Capitol NW.
- Representatives from the 4th District Metropolitan Police Department could not be with in attendance as expected.
- Mr. Weinbaum from the Office of Zoning gave an overview of the agency:
 - Explained the difference between the Board of Zoning Adjustment and Zoning Commission.
 - The agency is continuing to enhance technology i.e. google maps, etc.
 - Explained the definition of "ground" and other definitions that are unclear
 - Stated that compliance review and DCRA have the enforcement powers.
 - Discussed the "overlay" process.
 - Explained the statute of limitations on Planned Unit Developments
 - Discussed the rewriting of the Zoning Regulations and entertained a discussion about language and the current maps.

- Vicky Leonard announced a “Town Hall” meeting with Councilmember Thomas and the Water and Sewer Authority on 5/12/10 at Luke C. Moore Academy.
- Big Bear Liquor License Application:
 - Matthew Sellers gave a progress report on the license application. The applicant is looking to expand to dinner and its requesting a CR license.
 - The applicant has formally applied but this is before the placard period begins.
 - The applicant is soliciting individual letters of support and has 600 signatures of support within a petition.
 - The applicant is asking for a stipulated license in an effort to have a trial period.
 - The applicant expressed that a stipulated license can be terminated if the community raises issues.
 - The applicant has to get ANC approval before receiving a stipulated license.
 - A question was raised about how many other establishments within four (4) square blocks sell or serve liquor. Establishments sell but don't serve liquor within that area.
 - The applicant desires to operate between the hours of 6:30am and 10:00pm. This time includes setup and breakdown.
 - Commissioners raised concerns about the kitchen facilities and concerns of drinking spilling over into the surrounding park area.
 - Elizabeth from Big Bear gave details about the overall goals for Big Bear.
 - Commissioner Edwards wanted to received more information from the applicant.
 - The applicant gave a description of the scope of work on the kitchen.
 - Commissioner Pinkney has a desire for ANC 5C to create a general stance and/or protocol for all licenses to ensure a fair process for all future applications.
 - The Bloomingdale Civic Association supported the application.
 - Commissioner Salatti emphasized the need for sit-down restaurants .
 - Tim Clark (Edgewood Civic Association) had questions about the applicants inability to control patrons and observed public drinking on the surrounding streets at an event hosted by the applicant.
 - Commissioner Daneker made a motion to adopt a formal process detailing the expectations of an applicant coming before ANC 5C and a recommendation to expand to meet with ANC 5A and ANC 5B to establish a ward agenda on this issue. (It would be placed as an agenda item). Commissioner Phillips followed with a second of this motion. The motion passed unanimously with a count of 11-0.
- Artspace/Dance Place Public Space Permit:
 - The existing curb cut is in the same location. It goes closer to the building in this permit request.
 - Sidewalk is widened and the wall length is reduced to below ground parking
 - Wall height is higher than 42 inches
 - Benches in the public space have been officially added to the designs
 - The applicant needs to present updates to the Public Space Management and is asking for the support of ANC 5C.
 - DDOT gave the recommendations to move forward with this request.
 - Commissioner Grant motioned to support the applicant's request. Commissioner Davenport followed with a second of this motion. The motion passed unanimously with a count of 11-0

- Grants Update:
 - **Eckington Historic Grant** – additional printing needs have been expressed but there are no receipts and Mr. Rynecki is out of the country. This grant will be tabled until the next scheduled ANC 5C monthly meeting.
 - **Hanover Civic Association Grant** – This is for their annual cleanup. The request is for \$3,902.13. Commissioner Phillips gave history on their efforts to keep the community clean. This is set to be voted on at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting for ANC 5C.
 - **Amatuer Kickboxing Foundation** – The details of the event are the same as before. The applicant explained that local officials will be involved and continued to emphasize the positive impact the event has on local youth participants. Commissioner Day motioned to accept the grant request for \$5,000. Commissioner Edwards followed with a second to that motion. Commissioner Phillips offered an amendment to create a letter of support from ANC 5C to the AKF to assist in getting funding outside of ANC 5C in the future. That amendment was accepted and the motion passed unanimously with a count of 11-0.
 - **Byte Back** – Kelly Ellsworth gave background on the organization. 442 people were served in 2009. They are on pace to serve twice as many people in 2010. 25% of their service population is from Ward 5 and 6% is from the area within 5C. They are looking to increase outreach efforts by creating 4 sites within Ward 5 and reaching out to seniors to promote computer literacy. 170 seniors have signed up so far in 2010. ANC 5C is the first ANC to consider funding Byte Back. Commissioner Ransom spoke about the need for such training and programming in the community. Commissioner Day spoke about increasing the ration of ANC 5C residents to overal Ward 5 presence at Byte Back. Byte Back is also a finalist for The Washington Post's Excellence in Non-Profit Management. This is set to be voted on at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting for ANC 5C.
 - **Dance Place** - \$5,000 grant for a seven (7) week program that is focused on creative arts. There will be a Junior Staff program as well that creates opportunities for youth to begin developing their office and professional skills as well. There will be a 2-day performance at the end of the program that summarizes the creative skills learned during the program. One of the Junior Staff members (Princess) gave a brief presentation. Commissioner Phillips noted that Princess lives in his community. Commissioner Grant noted that two (2) former Junior Staff members from his community are now employed as adults at Dance Place. This is set to be voted on at the May 2010 ANC 5C Meeting
- Friends of Edgewood Recreation Center – Letter of Support request. This organization is completing its application process to partner with the Department of Parks and Recreation. There was a brief background given on the organization. Commissioner Grant motioned to accept the letter of support. Commissioner Daneker followed with a second of that motion. The motion passed unanimously with a count of 11-0. Following the vote, Michael Clark (President of the Edgewood Civic Association) inquired about the election process within the organization. He strongly suggested that the election/appointment rules be altered to ensure the inclusion of the entire community. Michael Henderson (President of the Friends of Edgewood Recreation Center) offered to work with all community members.

- Dunbar SHS PTSA School Fees Project Resolution – Commissioner Pinkney gave details on the project. The project is an effort to subsidize the graduation costs for students at Dunbar SHS. The amount of support from ANC 5C is \$2,750. Commissioner Davenport motioned that we support the resolution. Commissioner Edwards followed with a second of the motion. Commissioner Salatti asked for clarification on where the money would be housed with the respect to the text in the resolution that states “Now therefore it be resolved”. That text that followed that didn’t clearly specify who housed the funding when in fact the PTSA for Dunbar would house it. Commissioner Ransom asked that ANC 5C take out a specific number of students in the resolution because some students may need more assistance than others. The motion passed unanimously with a count of 11-0.
- Safeway update – Commissioner Phillips waived his speaking privileges on the matter and allowed Commissioner Edwards to speak. Commissioner Edwards wants to begin discussion on the idea of a community grocer. This discussion will begin within the month.
- The meeting is adjourned.