

June 16, 2009 Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C Meeting Minutes

Chairman Bonds called the meeting to order at 7:20

Roll call: All present except Comm. Day. A quorum was met.

Meeting Minutes: Comm. Pinkney motioned to have the minutes accepted as written.

Comm. Salatti requested changes to the May 21, 2009 meeting minutes

Comm. Ransom requested an explanation as to why the resolution was not on the agenda.

Comm. Ransom asked why she had not received a copy of the resolution voted on.

Comm. Ransom asked why amendments were made to the resolution.

Chairman Bonds explained that outbursts should be removed from the resolution because they didn't apply.

Motion seconded. (2) opposed, (1) abstained, and (9) yea

Treasurers Report

Comm. Farmer Allen reported \$23,907 in funds and \$16,473 in bills to be paid. Comm. ----- motioned to pay bills and accept the treasury report as written. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Alice Thompson and Justin Bellows from the Mayor's Office discussed the success of the Florida Park clean up and improvements at MM Washington. The outside light fixtures surrounding the school were repaired, a fence erected around the basement entryway and stairwell to prevent access by trespassers, and the water valve finally shut off.

Community Comments

Robert Brannum, Chair 5D, Citizens Advisory Committee discussed CNN "Black In America II" filming in the chambers of the District building. He also announced the 31st Annual ----- Awards Ceremony at the Navy Yard on October 22, 2009. Tickets are \$40.

Charlene McCullers requested that the ANC notify grantees to pick up checks. Ms. McCullers was not notified to pick-up a grant check.

Comm. Farmer-Allen stated that she voided the check. However, a new check will be mailed to Mc. McCullers.

Carla Purloe of Dance Place discussed her grant and upcoming events.

Ted McGinn, President, Eckington Civic Association presented a resolution for ANC5C's approval and signature for the Bloomingdale Market.

Debbie Smith announced that Comm. Daneker and Comm. Grant did not inform residents of what was really going on in the community concerning Comm. Philips and a \$2,700 grant. Ms. Smith further stated that Chairman Bonds was suppose to organize a meeting between Simon Gottlieb and Comm. Grant. It hasn't happened yet.

N. McCoy from DC for Marriage equality in marriage and circulated a petition.

Comm. Pinkney presented an Eckington Fun Fest grant.

Comm. Salatti informed Comm. Pinkney that neither food nor entertainment could be funded by the Commission.

Comm. Pinkney respectfully rescinded her grant.

Comm. Davenport motioned to amend the rules to vote for the -----

Chairman Bonds stated that it is a very complex grant request.

Dr. Perkins stated that young people are not preselected. They have an application on line for everyone to apply. The camp is open to any young person that wants to attend.

Comm. Wright stated that the grant does not reflect -----

Chairman Bonds informs Dr. Perkins that our grant on the website contains specific questions the Commission needs answered.

Comm. Edwards approves the grant and wants to go with it.

Chairman Bonds states that the issue is not that we have to get the paperwork correct but Dr. Perkins needs to answer our questions.

Comm. Salatti informs us that the Commission is not allowed to pay for food items in this grant.

Comm. Ransom -- We approved previous grants, Dance Place and etc.

Comm. Edwards -- The Commission needs certain documentation. I believe Dr. Perkins will comply.

Chairman Bonds motioned to stop debate on the grant. Motion seconded. Motion unanimous.

\$7,900 to support grant -----

Comm. Salatti discussed Freedom Friday for Seniors at the 1st New Hope Baptist Church is in the process of revising their grant.

The Kickboxing Federation was missing two receipts.

Chairman Bonds -- If they win the championship we must support the group.

Comm. Salatti states that the Commission should give Dr. Holloway ¼ of the grant amount now and afterwards they can ask for more.

Dr. Holloway, Bloomingdale Civic Association states that the grant specifically says services are open to all of 5C.

Chairman Bonds states that the issue is not money but how to keep it flowing.

Comm. Daneker interjects that before we can award any money we need a breakdown.

Chairman Bonds asks how the three months would be prepared. Call for a grant to be done every 60 days. Based on Dr. Holloway's past spending it is a complex idea but we now know how to do it.

Comm. Salatti asks how can we work this out?

Chairman Bonds motioned to give 6 months in funds \$4,000. In her 5th month plan your itinerary for the next 6 months and apply for a new grant.

Robert Brannum, Chair 5D, Citizens Advisory Committee states that Dr. Holloway would not have to reapply for a new grant but reapply for the rest of the money.

Comm. Daneker states that this is a new grant and has nothing to do with the old.

Comm. Salatti motioned to amend the grant until the Bloomingdale Civic Association tells us what their needs are. The ANC5C can bank the money. The association can come back and say we have planned this and we need a precise amount of money.

Comm. Daneker – Cut off debate on 1st motion. Motion seconded, vote unanimous

Chairman Bonds – Motioned that the grant application will be reduced from \$6,601 to \$4,000 and from 12 months to 6 months and to decide which categories fit into the grant. Motion seconded. Comm. Salatti opposed, 6 carries, and 4 opposed.

Comm. Salatti introduces Friends of Seaton Place new grant.

Comm. Farmer-Allen – The auditor is meeting with the Attorney General.

Comm. Phillips - Suspend Rules ----- 5 carried and 1 abstained

Comm. Grant – Arts Space Project – 501C-3 along H Street NE – 41 units, 2 units for Dance Place.

Question - PUD proposal in process, public hearing on July 23, funds in order, construction begins in February or March of 2010, opening late Spring or early Summer, and letters of commitment.

What is going to be put in place to assure that they didn't compete with Abdo.

Not condos, perpetual space for artist, not in the housing market

Question - Will the establishment offer any opportunity for the engagement of young people in the school?

Carla Purloe – The Department of Recreation has already contacted Dance Place for dance teachers.

Comm. Grant – After the July 23 meeting the Commissioners decide on support.

Comm. Edwards introduced Ms. Tate from PEPCO. She explained that she has no control over PEPCO bills and distributed pamphlets on ways to reduce your bills. PEPCO has a new interactive website. Choose your house and it will show you what you can do.

Debbie Smith – is it true that items not being used are still pulling electricity.

Ms. Tate – Yes, they are still pulling electricity, shut them down.

Debbie Smith – Are there energy assistance programs?

Ms. Tate - Yes, there are programs.

Comm. Edwards introduces the Michigan – Irving Street Marriott Team

Attorney – Paul Timmons – proposed hotel, conference center, retail, and amenities package.

Chairman Bonds asked Comm. Edwards if there would be another presentation on the amenities package.

Comm. Ransom stated that the amenities package is not legally enforceable. It comes nowhere near the other packages we have seen.

Comm. Edwards – There will be more.

Debbie Smith - A lot of the amenities outlined is what the City mandates. Amenities are community based.

Ted McGinn – Go back to the community, the SMD, and bordering SMD.

Chairman Bonds – Comm. Edwards wants a public meeting with his residents Saturday June 27th 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Committee of the Whole will follow at 12:00 pm. We can rearrange the meeting to accept public comment.

Chairman Bonds discussed a proposed MiCasa development at the corner of Florida and North Capitol Street, NW. A 27 unit, four story co-op. The group has only met with the Bates Civic Association.

Chairman Bonds stated that many group are coming to the North Capitol/Florida Avenue corridor, we will be overburdened.

Comm. Davenport presented a resolution in support of the Bloomingdale Market.

Comm. Pinkney asked if the residents on the block are in support of the market and did they sign the petition.

Comm. Davenport responded that two residents on the block did not sign the petition.

Chairman Bonds read the resolution aloud and motioned to accept the resolution and vote. Resolution seconded. Vote unanimous.

Comm. Daneker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded. Motion unanimous.