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Special Meeting

First New Hope Baptist Church

Thursday, August 4, 2011

7 PM

Commissioner Edwards began the meeting at 7:11 pm

Apologies for NW instead of NE meeting location announcement

Discussion of the agenda (can only discuss items on the agenda because it's an emergency meeting)

Moving bike lanes up ahead of the grants on the agenda

Outstanding documentation for grants – Commissioner Ransom; she spoke at length about various grant recipients and the amounts that may still be due; Dunbar PTSA has a problem with their accounts with ANC 5C; Commissioner Pinkney said she would speak with them and send an email to Commissioner Ransom; Commissioner Clark said he wants to confirm names etc. before handing the check over to the Dunbar school; has not been able to contact all the teachers; Commissioner Edwards said he understands but ANC also has guidelines; Commissioner Farmer-Allen said we should just void the check; there was a lot more discussion; **motion that check for 3315.00 issued to Dunbar for graduation and prom be stopped; 2nd**; check no. 1670 dated 3/31/11; Commissioner Thomas asked if we can wait until Commissioner Pinkney speaks to them (until this coming Tuesday) to get a response back; more discussion; **motion passed**; Commissioners Clark, Pinkney and Thomas voted no

Quarterly Report will be submitted when Commissioner Ransom receives sufficient documentation from grants; there was discussion of when to submit quarterly report (with or without complete documentation)

Emergency Funding Request from Stronghold Civic Association – they are holding a back-to-school program this Saturday; need help paying for rental of the tent – \$398.00 for two days; pay Talk of the Town directly; **Commissioner Ransom motion to pay; 2nd; motion passed unanimously**

ABRA/Stipulated License Firehouse Restaurant – there will be pest control, security, music not too loud; owner doesn't see need for voluntary agreement; Commissioner Clark and Edwards said ANC 5C requests/requires one; lots of back and forth between the Commissioners and the presenter; there will be parking problems; owner is renovating a building that lies empty; bringing jobs; discussion became a bit heated; construction permit was just issued yesterday; Commissioner Ransom suggested changing street zoning to ease parking; no financing needed for the project it's all cash; more discussion..... Commissioner Phillips asked if they would employ "Black Americans"; Geovani Bonilla asked some good questions; resident who lives near there said this will make the parking much worse than it already is; presenter said that DCRA said the property must be a restaurant and bar; Robert Brannum and Pat Mitchell spoke about the importance of a voluntary agreement; business will be open until midnight weekdays, 2 am Friday and Saturday; Pat Mitchell spoke very well; there will be music outside; Karla on R Street said August 15th is the last day to file a protest; Rob on O Street said he doesn't think this neighborhood will be the destination and draw the amount of people some think; it will be a walking destination; occupancy is 360; former Commissioner Denise Wright said they really need to submit to a voluntary agreement; **Commissioner Thomas motion to protest application and revisit when voluntary agreement has been reached; motion to protest stipulated liquor license pending voluntary agreement; 2nd; motion passed**

R Street Bike Lanes Commissioner Clark – most folks support having the bike lane along R street without bumping out the cars; Commissioner Clark supports DDOT's contra flow lanes; Commissioner Pinkney said Eckington Civic Association has not voted; Commissioner Phillips said there are too many people riding bikes that don't know how, and that "this is not China"; resident said there are trucks competing with bikes; she spoke with Commissioner Clark and he said he would work with DDOT; "Megan" said she bikes with her toddler son down R street – should cyclists be on R street at all?; and there is a one-way problem she had as well; changes will bring more cyclists; what will make R street safer?; another resident said he supports Commissioner Clark's and DDOT's less aggressive plan; he will put folks on R street and teach folks how to ride; you need to put the infrastructure there to make bikes work; the more bikes you bring the fewer cars, less pollution; Washington Area Bike Association; there was an interesting discussion about bikes and bike safety; **Commissioner Pinkney motion to postpone vote on bike lanes until Commissioners have letters of support from their civic associations and until DDOT comes to ANC5C and makes a presentation; motion passed Commissioner Clark voted no**

Friends of Edgewood Recreation Center Grant Application (Michael Henderson) applying for grant to provide instruments for free music lessons (World Drumming Class) to be taught by Mr. Henderson at the Edgewood Recreation Center – Commissioner Clark said the grants committee supports the grant but that instruments should be kept at the rec center; discussion about where instruments should be kept and climate controlled storage; – **motion to support the grant for \$3000 and to provide climate-controlled storage; 2nd; motion passed unanimously**

Amateur Kickboxing Federation Grant Application – there was a lengthy discussion about their documentation from their last grant (2010); Denise Wright (former Commissioner) said their receipts/reporting was poor; **motion to approve AKF grant; 2nd; no invoice was submitted; motion passed (Commissioner Ransom opposed)**

Edgewood Farmers Market grant – Commissioner Clark said the committee recommends not funding the grant; Commissioner Clark said Vanguard told him there was no lease agreement; Commissioner Phillips said Director of H street has not come into agreement with them; Hazel Thomas said H street would enter into an agreement if they got liability insurance and she needs ANC 5C to help with that; and also storm water drainage is being studied by a civil engineer; Fort Meyer said they would do the grading of the property; there was a very heated discussion about the grant; Commissioner Edwards said they will delay moving on this application until they have further documentation; Stephanie Rhones (one of the presenters from PCDC) said that she would like to know now what documentation they need so that PCDC does not have to keep coming back to present again; or, if ANC 5C does not want the Farmer’s Market then just tell her so.

Perry School Grant – further documentation was needed.

Pay Bills – 250.00 to pay the church

Meeting adjourned

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