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## **ANC5C Monthly Meeting**

**Tuesday February 15, 2011**

**The Summit at St. Martins**

**7 PM**

**Call to Order – Commissioner Edwards**

**Roll Call - Commissioner Youngblood – Quorum**

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Councilmember Harry Thomas (various topics);** shooting that lead to death; then another young man shot; public safety walks gets lighting and things addressed in a coordinated way; poor lighting leads to crime; PSA safety walks are good; NCMS and NoMA are important parts of community; also employees wrongfully terminated – legislation introduced to reinstate them; double jeopardy – government should be able to move forward with rehiring; youth peace walk happened this weekend – was very productive on a Saturday; youth feel disenfranchised important to include them; the Summit is best affordable housing project you can have in this city; hthomas@dccouncil.us; 202-439-5103; there was a burglary in progress and police had to shoot and two died; a full investigation is being done to see what the root cause of the incident was; our police department is the finest in the world; please join EMA alerts; Go on DC Gov home page and sign up; also please join the 5D listserv; please keep front and rear porch lights on; keep screen door locked; Commissioner Ransom asked about exhaustion of unemployment insurance; program with housing finance agency – maybe get your mortgage paid for up to 15 months; Diane Thomas Greater Washington Sports Alliance – National Marathon; 3 events run on Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>; our main goal is to market the city; last year race raised 2 million dollars; 25% of the runners are DC residents; kids 6-13 can run a mile at RFK stadium; channel nine will televise it; hoping for the support of the Commission; **motion to support marathon; 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed**

**Commissioner Ransom** – dramatic change in police enforcement throughout 4D credit goes to **Commander Chisley-Missouri**; she gave thanks to support from community; in 4D right now leading city in homicides – 4 this year; 6D has 3; has never lead before; city-wide same number as last year; none of those are in Ward 5; PSA 405 – recently robberies near Fort Totten Metro; juveniles robbing other juve-

niles; McDonalds on South Dakota – customer was followed – car-jacked; apprehended with help of 5D; PSA 405 gets award of the year because of camaraderie of officers and public; she has over 300 officers she oversees; Commissioner Ransom “keeps her in line”; PSA 405 down year-to-date compared to last year; no homicides in 405; 2 burglaries in 405 this year; don’t leave items visible in car; use a club; get her information from Commissioner Ransom she is responsive 7 days a week; Commissioner Clark spoke about 5D; overall numbers are down although we have had some recent high profile shootings; we are on mountain bikes etc; homicide at first and P; robberies; focusing especially in NW area; 117 P street complaints about egress 1<sup>st</sup> and P and Bates street; keep hearing police are patrolling but still see drug dealing and prostitution, etc; Officer said he needs specific patterns, and he patrols that very area, so he needs us to give him more specific days and times; the mountain bike guys are out there, auto theft detail, etc; Commissioner Ransom asked if Commissioner Bradley can help us out on this; Commissioner Pinkney said thanks for the bright lights; Resident asked if we can bring flyers to the PSA meetings

**Commissioner Ransom – Update on Quarterly report** – has draft of the first quarter report for fiscal year 2011 October 2010 to December 2010; ending balance was \$24,665.95; receipts were \$17,038.08 includes deposits \$5676.60; total available \$41704.78; printing and copying, rental spaces, grants – \$5000 to United Youth Athletic Club; total 56,608.54 spent; ending balance \$36,094.20; draft version with one document not included but has it now (from Industrial Bank); also has two other invoices that were outstanding – football equipment); still need statement of use for the informs and others to complete one financial report from grant recipient; **motion to accept report condition of inclusion to missing documents, 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion passed voice vote Commissioner Ransom abstained**

**Pay Bills – pay Commissioner Farmer Allen – for stamps and ink for a newsletter but still need a copy of the newsletter (200 dollars);** Commissioner Day needs to turn in some documents for some seeds planted; Commissioner Ransom said she needs some supplies like folders etc to hold documentation, etc; came up with \$253.20 will cover supplies including a mobile cart that she can pull from meeting to meeting, that will make checkbook secure; binders, staples, Commissioner Clark mentioned going through list of vendors supplied by the city; Commissioner Ransom said she has dealt with them and they are often more expensive; Commissioner Edwards gave a summation of the discussion, should the Commission purchase supplies for Commissioner Ransom now or wait and talk about later; **motion to pay Commissioner Ransom for her supplies; 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion passed; Commissioner Farmer-Allen motion to just pay all the bills; 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion passed;** Commissioner Farmer-Allen returned monies for something this writer did not understand; there was more discussion about paying bills..

**Commissioner Salatti – Financial Reports** – two checks cleared \$100 to Lincoln Cottage form last year and business cards 70 dollars; checking balance is 36,096.24; savings comes quarterly – 84,990.51

**Confirmation of Standing Committees** – Economic Development, Commissioner Bradley Thomas Chair; Finance and Grants, Commissioner Tim Clark Chair; Communication and Technology, Commissioner Hugh Youngblood Chair; Public Safety Commissioner Sylvia Pinkney Chair; Bylaws Commissioner John Salatti Chair; Government Commissioner Gigi Ransom Chair; will have on record if they have a community person on the committee; Commissioner Pinkney would like to be on the economic development

committee; lots of Commissioners want to be on that committee; Commissioner Thomas suggested they just vote on the chairs; **motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion passed**

**Commissioner Clark – Update on Grants** – 29,000 dollars in unreported grants; auditor *suggested* that we not issue any more grants until clear things up, look at new regulations and guidelines; *will have a new grant process at the next meeting*; want it easy for residents but don't want same problem as before; **grant moratorium is in affect right now**; Commissioner Edwards says we have to get our house in order; Commissioner Ransom said we have acted in good faith to grantees, but the grantees have failed to act in a timely manner; money deducted from our allotments; Commissioner Palmer said he agrees with the Chair, but given that this is a strong recommendation and not a requirement, it would seem to him that we should not penalize worthy potential future grantees until these other people turn in their paperwork; it would be incumbent upon on us to make sure the necessary controls are in place; as we proceed it should be done in a way that it is lifted and we take control not third parties; Commissioner Youngblood asked about percentage of grantees; Commissioner Clark said in last 2 years is 40 percent; resident suggested placing the names of those not reporting in public; Commissioner Edwards asked Joyce Robinson-Paul to be on the grants committee; resident said the city is going to take away money from ANC's that have extra money; Commissioner Edwards said this Commission is committed to being open; we want to get our house in order; we will get our problems rectified as quickly as possible

**Washington Gateway PUD Modification** March 7<sup>th</sup> from the Zoning Commission –Florida Avenue and NY Avenue; Leila Batties, Applicant; met with Eckington and Edgewood Civic Associations; sidewalk improvements, metropolitan branch trail improvements; this PUD approved by ANC in 2006; would contribute around 100 thousand dollars; gave to City Year, Emery School Student Fund, Harry Thomas Rec Center, \$5000 to NCMS to create a database for businesses; asking zoning to allow developer to have option to do all apartments instead of hotel component ~ 400 units; 8% affordable housing; underground parking exceeding requirements; design is the same; feedback has been positive; goes to Zoning on March 7<sup>th</sup>; Commissioner Clark supports the project, said both Eckington and Edgewood support it; **motion to support 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion passed**

**Commissioner Salatti – introduced Ray Regimbal from Accomplish Public Charter School** who has submitted their application; open Fall 2012 Preschool, PK, and K; later 360 students up through grade 5; resident asked if they had ever run a charter school; members of the founding team have run schools before; Accomplish Public Charter School is a new entity; 14 Board members, including some in Ward 5; Commissioner Pinkney spoke about where they are in the process; presenter said they are just looking for community support and input; Ward 5 has a need for early childhood spots; Commissioner Pinkney said her understanding is that there is an incubator process where they would work with another entity; Commissioner Grant said the word “vet” is a bit strong; Robert Brannum said it may be a bit premature to ask for support; better to say they came and presented; they have received a large number of letters of support already; Commissioner Edwards said it is too soon, but please keep us informed

**Commissioner Brent – Mike Henehan, Bozzuto Development** – public space permits; process approved in 2009; he is a DC native; project is about 725 residential units, 43 townhomes, 75000 sq feet of retail,

plus additional artist space; working with AbDO; project will move forward in phases; hope to break ground in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and/or 4<sup>th</sup> quarter

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