

Meeting notes provided by Michael J. Henderson

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Monthly Meeting

Harry Thomas Recreation Center

July 19, 2011

7 PM

Call to Order Commissioner Edwards – 7:11 pm; Commissioners present – Ransom, Fournier, Pinkney, Edwards, Youngblood, Thomas, and Clark; arriving after roll call – Grant, Phillips, Farmer-Allen

Commissioners absent – Brent, Salatti Grant

Approval of the Agenda – may discuss bike lanes on R street

Quorum established

Minutes – Commissioner Pinkney (two sets reviewed); draft June 21st and July 5th; draft copies handed out to audience; Commissioner Clark **motion to accept minutes from June 21st; 2nd; passed unanimously**; Commissioner Clark **motion to accept minutes from July 5th; 2nd; passed unanimously**

Office of Recording Secretary Election – floor open for nominations; **Commissioner Sylvia Pinkney nominated**; nominations closed; **vote unanimous**; **Commissioner Pinkney is now the Recording Secretary**

Redistricting – Ayana Chase-Webster, Chair of the Ward 5 Redistricting Committee; still putting the committee together; two sessions have been held in the community already; wants process as open as possible; members on committee will be chosen by census tract and the meetings will be open; Ward 5 population grew; start at northern part of Ward and work your way around clock-wise; task force members will sit down and count the heads from data provided from census; Commissioner Pinkney asked when is the next meeting; not set yet; Commissioner Pinkney would like to be a part of the task force; Commissioner Phillips asked how this will line up with MPD redistricting; presenter said they are not connected

National Night Out – city-wide event will be at Deanwood; we will of course celebrate in Ward 5; Bates is the center of the city –there will be a proclamation; Ward 5 Day at the Nationals park Wednesday August 17th – free tickets at the Ward 5 office; pick up at Councilmember’s office; game starts at 7:05

Financial Report – Commissioner Youngblood – checking account – most checks issued to grant recipients (14); total is 60,000 in deposits; 69,293.24 in checking; additional money is in savings [*I missed the total sorry*]

Treasurer’s Report – Commissioner Ransom – requested a special meeting to complete the report; Commissioner Edwards said he received a report from the auditor that 5C is on time; (*applause*); Barrie Daneker returned a check for 56 dollars; Commissioner **Ransom motion to void this check and issue him another one**; he has 90 days to cash it; **done by common consent**

2011 meeting schedule – Commissioner Pinkney – this year only; Commissioner Edwards asked folks to work with Commissioner Pinkney to get the schedule finalized

Community Concerns

Denise Wright – Stipulated License – voted to approve; small wholesale wine distributor; transports cases of wine to local stores; Commissioner Clark did not hold an SMD meeting on it; Ms. Wright wonders who he spoke to since he did not speak to her and it is on her street; no one could respond because he did not hold a meeting about it; Commissioner Clark said he spoke to residents about it; Commissioner Pinkney said she spoke to folks and they would like this distributor to have a voluntary agreement, so that they don’t expand, and that they keep their word; Commissioner Clark said he will work on a voluntary agreement; Commissioner Pinkney will tell her constituents there will be a voluntary agreement

Vernon Price assistant to the new coach at McKinley Tech wants to be on the next agenda because he wants to offer McKinley services; will offer youth services for seniors in the area

Installation of bike lanes on R Street – resident stated that nothing is being done to address her concerns; discussion about how to get community feedback; Commissioner Clark said he did a survey for and against the lanes; he said he has a petition in overwhelming support; presenter said she knows many people who are against it who live on R street; Commissioner Pinkney said she agrees that we are not getting enough information; presenter said unless you are going to come out with some concrete plans do not waste our time again; presenter said we have serious parking issues and she wants them addressed

Joyce Robinson-Paul – She stated that she was told in January that she could serve on the grants committee; she emailed Commissioner Clark and has heard nothing back; Commissioner Clark said they already have enough people; the Chair (CommissionerEdwards) asked her to be on the committee; rules say you can’t have more residents than Commissioners; **Commissioner Farmer-Allen motion to waive the requirement to have more Commissioners than residents on committees; 2nd**; **Commissioner Thomas said there is no need to waive the rules because they do not preclude her being on the**

committee, it's just the members that vote; Commissioner Thomas also reminded the Commission that **the vote of the Committee is non-binding since it must be brought up to the full Commission; Ms. Robinson-Paul is now on the committee;** her second issue is the visibility of the ANC's; folks don't know who you are, when you meet, that ANC 5C is getting money, etc; she even made signs; she paid 136 dollars for her signs; then you put a sign out front when you have meeting that day; in Ward 4 they have signs all over the place saying when and where they meet; resident said he has been trying to find the website for four months; another resident said you need to know what website to go to and that many folks don't have computers; she also felt the Chair of the Commission was disrespectful; total \$163.00 that Joyce spent on the signs; **Commissioner Ransom motion to appropriate \$500 to get 24 of the signs** so that folks without computers can see what, when, where; **Commissioner Farmer-Allen motion to reimburse Joyce Robinson-Paul;** add it to the first motion; **(2nd first motion);** Commissioner Phillips said we should slow down; we should be able to take a close look at the signs, look at her vouchers, etc; Commissioner Clark said there are other things we can do, put together a comprehensive package; Commissioner Edwards said he wants to move on this topic; there was a lengthy discussion about communication; **motion to table the motion and 2nd and refer to exec committee;** roll call; Thomas n, Pinkney no, Youngblood y, Clark y, Farmer-Allen y, Fournier y; Phillips n; Grant y; Edwards n; Ransom n; **motion to table failed; motion to support original motion passed**

Michael Henderson – Grant Request for World Drumming Classes at the Edgewood Recreation Center – Mr. Henderson teaches a Sidwell Friends School. He is not certified to teach at any District of Columbia Recreation Center as well; has been giving free music lessons to children in Edgewood for quite a while, and the enrollment in his drum circles is growing; he has been borrowing instruments for the kids. He is requesting \$3,000 from ANC 5C to purchase instruments for the kids; Commissioner Farmer-Allen asked why he had not given her the grant application (actually he did give her an electronic copy; Michael Clark wanted to know who could participate (anyone); Rashidi Christian and Commissioner Phillips wanted to know why he had not brought kids to demonstrate or hand out pictures

Office Space – Gwen Southerland – she spoke about ANC 5C needing staff help and office space

Hazel T. and Stephanie R. – Edgewood Farmers Market – at 4th and Rhode Island Avenue; much progress has been made; trash collection, paving, etc; amount asking from ANC5C is 5,000 to be used for liability insurance and marketing; on behalf of Premiere CDC; Commissioner Philips said this is in his SMD and why didn't they have a meeting with him; there was much discussion about this grant; grant has been referred to the grants committee

Speed Hump resolution –Harry Thomas Rec Center – requesting two between R and T streets on Lincoln Road; **motion to support; 2nd;** Hazel said it is good to have signs there that say stop or slow down; Rashidi said why not put them right at the stop sign; **motion passed by voice vote**

Bill in Council - they are trying to reduce the number of cabs in the city from 9,000 to 4,000; Tony Norman wants the ANC to take a stand on the matter; may be on the next special committee meeting agenda

Statehood – Commissioner Thomas – should develop a series of public service announcements; Commissioner Thomas read a proposal out loud that suggested paying an outside company to do the work; technical production of the project (Commissioner Grant asked questions); **motion that ANC 5C support proposal to pay for video production services; 2nd; motion passed**; if anyone in the room is interested in participating let them know; it will be posted on the ANC 5C website and listservs (www.anc5c.org)

Grants Committee – has collected all reports; Bloomingdale Civic Association – putting a collection letter addressed to them

Resident asked Commissioner Grant to get **7th and Franklin** addressed; Commissioner Grant said he spoke with Carl Thomas about it this week; September meeting of ANC 5C will address it

Barry Daneker – still has not heard from the grants committee about his grant and how it has been disposed; suggests Bloomingdale Civic Association not receive any more money until they return certain funds; Bloomingdale has kept 3800 dollars for two years and not reported it; Commissioner Clark agreed with Mr. Daneker

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm

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