

*From the desk of Michael J. Henderson*

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**ANC5C Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**Catholic University**

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**9:30 am**

**Meeting began at 10:05 by Commissioner Bonds.**

*Commissioners absent – Mary Farmer and Stuart Davenport*

Geoff Hatchard (in Commissioner Davenport's SMD) introduced himself; looking at ways to involve citizens more; Michael Henderson introduced himself as well

**Outstanding Housekeeping issues**

**Presentations – how does your community benefit from the development?** Commissioner Bonds is hoping that prior to presentations we can provide a general list of questions of things the community would like to know; better use of time; Commissioner Grant said could have a survey filled out; Commissioner Bonds said use previous ANC would follow lead of the Commissioner in whose SMD the project lied; there was discussion about how to get input from residents in an SMD; Commissioner Pinkney said ANC Commissioner in past did not vote the will of the community in her SMD; her constituents expect them to inform them; NW side would like to get together with the NE side; Commissioner Wright said when she came in there were developments already going on; her situation with the DASH project for example – we have to do something; Commissioner Phillips said when you have an SMD meeting people will come out and see who their Commissioner is; important to have an SMD meeting; Commissioner Wright has held SMD meetings but there are other Commissioners who do not; Commissioner Pinkney said several of the ANC folks on this commission ran unopposed; however, she ran against two other people; Commissioner Day said has had multiple SMD meetings mostly about Brookland Small Area Plan and development plan meetings as well; you need to have your SMD meetings; we also need to be more involved as Commissioners; Commissioner Wright asked if there is a bank of items we can traditionally ask developers; Commissioner Bonds said yes we should have a team to put together that list; Commissioners spoke about some legal issues facing the

Brookland Small Area Plan; Conversation about boundaries with adjacent ANC; people outside of 5C having more say so on development in 5C is Commissioner Day's biggest concern; Small area Plan was voted against by 5C; small area plan passed as is; developer reduced the height which was good; 55% of the project is in Commissioner Day's boundary; Commissioner Phillips said let the Board of Elections handle the lawsuit; ANC has greater weight than an individual with an attorney; Commissioner Day said we need to have a larger knowledge base on developments; Commissioner Day said for the record 5A has been very supportive with exception of one Commissioner who excuses himself from voting at certain development meetings; Commissioner Grant said it really comes down to what the zoning commission says who is a Ward 5 resident; he can give the Commissioners insight on what to look for; Commissioner Ransom said what has been missing from these development projects is community amenities packages; Commissioner Daneker said it would be great to have an advisory committee in SMD's for projects of 50 million dollars or more; Commissioner Ransom said she went to the training workshop at GW that talked about how communities can write up Community Amenities Agreements; Commissioner Ransom suggested there not be a minimum dollar amount on projects to consider; could use one of the standing committees; Commissioner Edwards said should come up with process to tell developers what to bring to meetings, speaking points, outline, because most of the time they don't have that; Commissioner Bonds said the reason we have a first meeting for the presentation and a second to vote is so that we can have time to think and consider the project; Commissioner Wright suggested Commissioners identify items that they want to use as guidelines to developers for presenting to ANC; Commissioner Daneker said we should bring something like that to the meeting; Commissioner Bonds asked if we could send our ideas to Commissioner Daneker; get ideas to him by March 17<sup>th</sup>; Commissioner Wright asked him to send out an inquiry to the Commissioners; he will do so; Commissioner Bonds spoke about the Washington Hospital expansion – said children from 5C could have had expedited service – would have been a good amenity for example; things that benefit all of the residents is what we are supposed to focus on; Commissioner Grant said zoning commission does not take amenities as all that important; Commissioner Ransom said they focus on legality etc; Commissioner Phillips said you still have to let folks ask their own questions;

**Summarizing – Commissioners will provide possible questions to pose to developers to Commissioner Daneker by March 17<sup>th</sup> close of business; reconvene at a later date**

**Implementation of ANC budget for 2009 – Commissioner Day will send folks a copy of the budget (corrected) voted on a month ago at the committee of the whole**

**Improving community comments at Commission meetings – dedicate a set-aside time but the ANC rules there should be time for feedback from the community; there was discussion about folks taking too long to answer their questions at ANC meetings; Commissioner Phillips said**

have presentations first on the ANC5C agenda; Commissioner Wright agreed; then citizens can ask questions; we all have an opinion; Commissioner Edwards said we cannot legislate everything; you must continue to set ground rules at the beginning of each meeting so folks understand them at the beginning of the meeting; Commissioners agreed that Commissioner Bonds is doing a good job facilitating the meetings; Commissioner Pinkney asked if we can get through the agenda and then take up questions; there was more discussion about how to keep meetings and their agendas moving forward in a timely manner; Commissioner Day suggested the Commissioners continue to have Committee of the Whole meetings (separate from the community meetings where residents may give feedback); Commissioner Wright said community concerns should come toward the end so that we respect visitors who are presenting; maybe give developers no more than 30 minutes; Commissioner Bonds said they will change the format of their monthly meetings; pose one burning question to one presenter; Commissioner Ransom does not understand why meetings have to be limited; are we looking at some type of flexibility? Commissioner Bonds said we are looking at a 2 hour meeting, often because facilities close at 9 pm

Commissioner Pinkney - Making minutes available at a faster turn-around basis; Commissioner Bonds said law requires we approve our minutes; there are a few ANC's that meet every 2 weeks, perhaps we could approve the minutes 2 weeks after the community meetings at the Meeting of the whole meeting; Commissioner Edwards mentioned that you approve minutes at same meeting they were taken; **Commissioner Daneker motion to accept minutes with corrections; Commissioner Day 2<sup>nd</sup>; February 17<sup>th</sup> ; grants reports section had minor changes; February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes – minor updates were made as well; 3000 dollars for meeting space for the year; some other edits as well; Commissioner Phillips asked about beautification projects budgets; Commissioner Bonds said we can say up certain amount will be spent; Commissioner Phillips asked for it to be on the next agenda; Commissioner Bonds said minutes should include dates, who is in attendance, locations, etc; **motion to accept January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, motion passed unanimously; motion to accept February meeting minutes; motion passed; Commissioner Ransom abstained; Commissioner Phillips motion to make 50 thousand dollars for grants set aside in total for 2009 maximum amount; Commissioner Daneker 2<sup>nd</sup>;** Commissioner Phillips said Mr. Berry will be returning 7000 dollars; that would mean Commission would not exceed about 73000 dollars this year; Commission gets about 8300 dollars per quarter, but may not continue to receive that money; *Commissioner Bonds said annual allotment has been increased to 9000 per quarter; Commissioner Bonds said money must be spent for the broader community not any one individual; guidelines are needed, write some guidelines for grants and applications;* maybe we should encourage people to do beautification; Commissioner Ransom said we cannot provide funds for things that are already offered by government agencies; Office of Aging could give us ideas that they hear from seniors; maybe UPO has ideas for us; Commissioner Bonds asked if we should make April senior month; **Commissioner Wright****

**friendly amendment we raise it to 75,000; accepted and 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion passed; Commissioner Ransom opposed;** Commissioner Day said community does not have input on minutes etc; Commissioner Bonds said previous ANC did a lot of things like that at the Committee of the Whole; Commissioner Ransom said Edgewood owes ANC specific amount but does not appear in minutes; **discussion about what to call the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting; consensus was that these meetings shall be called COW (Committee of the Whole); motion to approve passing of minutes, and distribute copies of the treasurer's report (but not approved) at the COW meetings; if a COW does not occur these will be performed at the regularly scheduled meeting; Commissioner Edwards offered friendly amendment – add that we will distribute them at the regularly scheduled meeting; Commissioner Daneker said that the treasurer's report might be better done at the regularly scheduled meeting; Commissioner Daneker 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion passed unanimously**

**Commissioner Day made motion to count website as a form of announcing monthly meetings; motion passed;**

Commissioner Bonds said she knows someone who will volunteer to keep up the ANC5C website; **2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Commissioner Day that webmaster for ANC5C be passed on to the Chair; motion passed**

**Commissioner Bonds motion that additional way to notify community of ANC meetings be counted as through individual Commissioners, listervs, etc; motion passed**

March 17<sup>th</sup> – MAMO development Florida and NC NW will present; they will be asking for an extension of the PUD

Commissioner Wright would like DASH to be placed on the agenda as well

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