



Meeting notes provided by Michael J. Henderson

Not official ANC5C minutes

Webmaster, Edgewood neighborhood website

www.edgewooddc.org

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C

Monthly Meeting

October 19, 2010

All Nations Baptist Church

7 PM

Commissioner Bonds began meeting at 7:06 pm

Call to Order

Commissioner Edwards –There is a quorum

Commissioner Grant – Minutes from September Commissioner Edwards motion to accept minutes; motion passed

Community Comments – Commissioner Daneker; SMD 5C04 and 5C07 tomorrow 7 pm meeting at 300 Bryant Street DC Water/discharge pipes; big job; 2nd street and Bryant street will be torn up; McMillan Salons Oct. 25th and tentative 10/30 but may change; Edgewood Board member – Edgewood Civic Association meets on Monday – Mark Jones will be there; invite ANC's; Michael Henderson asked for percussion instrument donations for drum circles at Edgewood Recreation Center; Mike Jackson – 1831 2nd street; would like your input on building; Thelma H – Reading Partners and reading tutorial program at 4 schools this year one of which is DC Prep, looking for volunteers

Report from the Grants Committee – Commissioner Grant – final docs from Met Basketball submitted; ANC – needs more guidelines form auditor; Byte Back submitted documents, was a problem according to guidelines, requested re-submit docs; still pursuing other outstanding grantees; Commissioner Bonds said you may have read that 5C is delinquent – that is because we wait for receipts/financial information from those that receive grants, but government deadlines are concrete; we are not the only Commission doing so; everything is in place however

Red Tulip Project – Commissioners Pinkney and Davenport – Stu said he has seen them out planting tulips every year; would recommend this project; \$1960.00; Commissioner Farmer-Allen asked if this is a

brand new grant; yes (he has a previous grant and it has been satisfied/in good standing); Commissioner Ransom asked if checks paid directly to vendor – yes; Commissioner Davenport motion to approve; Commissioner Salatti 2nd; Commissioner Grant friendly amendment that the amount not exceed \$1960; accepted; Commissioner Edwards asked duration – plant bulbs Dec 1st, bloom in April; Commissioner Farmer-Allen asked for itemized accounts; 7000 tulips; Commissioner Ransom asked if local vendor; no – usually ship to us; motion passed; up to 5000 first 3 years, then years 4-6 2500 dollars, then 1000 dollars after that (want to encourage new grantees); Commissioner Bonds said we should have our guidelines in writing and then publish them



Reading Partners – Jason Lody – Regional Director for

Reading Partners – Based in CA; main goal is to increase student literacy; provide reading centers and schools provide students; tutor students 2x per week 45 minutes each time; can grow 2 years reading level; in DC 90% of 4th graders do not read at proficiency; prison populations have been shown to be linked to lack of literacy; RP trains the tutors; partnered with DC Prep campus; costs the host school nothing; also want kids to grow their own home libraries; “leveled reading”; Commissioner Grant said RP will be submitting a grant application to help

build library; Commissioner Bonds said we are one of the few ANC’s that really does provide grants to the community

Commissioner Bonds – Professor Tseretelli – BZA special exception request 301 P Street NW; hearing on November 2nd; continuation of the use of the property as it currently is; Commissioner Farmer-Allen motion to have property continue being used as it is; Commissioner Salatti 2nd; motion passed

Commissioner Wright – Plans for a Community Charette –

Mr. Jackson has been active in the community getting jobs, etc; teaches at UDC; 1831 has been vacant for quite some time; raccoons, vermin, etc; Mr. Jackson spoke of projects he has already done in DC bringing business and jobs; project RFP will come up in two days; they have plans for someone to develop site; 30,000 square feet; would like to renovate as apt house not condos but affordable housing; if awarded will build with Ward 5 businesses as sub contractors; 51% workforce will be Ward 5; required for the RFP; Mr. Jackson



teaches classes on how to build green buildings, lead abatement, etc; Michael Thomas is one of the graduate architects at UDC; has put together a performance standard on how the building will be green; RFP’s are due back to the Housing Dept on the 28th; RFP opens on the 21st and due back on the 28th of November; 30% under DHCD (Dept. of Housing and Community Development) for rental for affordable housing; covenant will be in the deed that says building will not be converted to anything else for a period of years; resident asked about what DHCD is looking for precisely; presenter not sure who else will

respond to project; Commissioner Salatti asked about geothermal design; number of units is 32 hopefully; requirement for affordable housing is 10% but will go for 30%; plan to use energy star appliances and green roofs; special roofing; kitchen fixtures etc that are more energy efficient; renewable materials in flooring also, several other energy and renewable non toxic elements incorporated in project; tonight is just presentation; support requested at next meeting; resident asked about building materials – what is the scope – how much greenness will be implemented into infrastructure (is it a facelift); presenter said full rebuild; materials will be building grade – renewable materials; will do best to meet standards ANC asks for; Michael Henderson asked if pursuing LEED certification; said if it is affordable; Commissioner Bonds asked if they could bring in fee structures for LEED; yes; resident asked if fees could be waived; presenter said it can take years for some of these things to get approved; presenter spoke about the kind of backlog projects like this can get into; resident asked about parking and documenting workers; all workers will be documented first source/Ward 5; Commissioner Ransom outreach specialist for project spoke about parking and things; Commissioner Wright thanked them for coming



JF Cook School Meeting – Commissioner Pinkney – Chairman Gray and Council passed legislation to extend disposition because school must be designated surplus property first; 1st floor – education and training; 2nd and 3rd floor housing; Commissioner Pinkney said community is opposed to the housing part; Commissioner Pinkney is going to renew a campaign against the project; there was discussion about the merits/faults of the project; resident spoke about taking control of one’s life; Commissioner Ransom at an earlier meeting put forth an alternate site for the project and Commissioner Pinkney would like for the organization to look at this other site; one of the people on the project spoke on behalf of the project; RFP was put out about a year and a half ago; building was required to be given to charter school; at LAYC kids get their GED while also working on construction sites; there is a huge need (3x as many apply as have room for); 1400 young adults in DC are homeless but only 100 beds for them; at LAYC have been doing housing for youth for 20 years; youth living there will already have jobs and pass background checks; working to get the kids that are the most able and ready to be successful; Elmer spoke about 16th and Spring Street NW; Case Manager; looking to get youth their GED and get work experience; kids learn life skills like paying rent, etc; Commissioner Pinkney said she still has letters, petitions in opposition; Commissioner Ransom spoke about another site built for this type of thing, and why are they not looking at other options; process - RFP’s are open, proposals submitted, then awarded; date for Council hearing for the vote has not been set yet; presenter said they have responded to an RFP and cannot afford to purchase a building; resident said she is proud of the project; Commissioner Pinkney said school is at corner of P and NC (prime spot); there was more discussion about the project, with several comments coming from both Commissioners and residents; Commissioner Bonds spoke about compromise and working together; presenter said 85% of people who come out of foster care become homeless, 10% jailed; LAYC offers counseling, housing, etc

St. Martin's Housing – Commissioner Farmer-Allen; project finished; open house last Friday; champagne, wine, crab cakes, etc; ribbon cutting on the 25th; 10:45; everyone invited; some folks already have their apartments; Christmas meeting will be in their community room

McMillan Reservoir – Commissioner Daneker – recently had a Salon meeting at Big Bear Café; Matt Bell has been brought on board; excited to have them onboard; another Salon October 25th; you can meet with architect; potentially 3 dates open to the general public; tentatively Nov 6th, 20th, and December 11th; look for more information that will come out; looking forward to getting that property back into use; transportation study, historical study, feasibility study, and environmental studies have all been done; available on EYA's site; 30 years ago land given back to the District; current plan – city float bonds to improve infrastructure of site; 2100 man holes are covering the site, so not an easy feat to restore

Pay Bills - \$217.30 for business cards; motion to pay passed

Checking account has \$24,665.98 and Savings has \$84,967.38

Deborah Crain was introduced and received a substantial applause

Representatives from Civic Associations introduced themselves

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM

Meeting notes provided by Michael J. Henderson

Webmaster, Edgewood neighborhood website

www.edgewooddc.org

Not official ANCSC minutes

Michael J. Henderson

twitter.com/michaelhenders

Webmaster, Edgewood neighborhood website

www.edgewooddc.org

Moderator, Edgewood Listserv

groups.yahoo.com/group/EdgewoodDC/

Director,

Friends of Edgewood Recreation Center

www.friendsofedgewoodrec.org/

Edgewood Photo Archives

www.flickr.com/groups/edgewooddc/

Edgewood on Facebook

www.facebook.com/?sk=2361831622#!/group.php?gid=158794650720

Community Liaison,

PSA 501

Recording Secretary,

5D Citizens' Advisory Council

www.5dcac.org/
