



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Catholic University Pryzbyla Center
 off McCormick Road, NE (behind the Columbus School of Law)

Part I: Community Concerns and Reports

- (1) Call to Order by *Commissioner Bonds* at 7:13
- (2) Roll Call *Commissioner Daneker*

X	5Co1 Anita Bonds, Chair	X	5Co7 Barrie Daneker
X	5Co2 Kris Hammond	X	5Co8 Marshall Phillips
Ar: 7:23, Lv: 7:30, Ar: 9:22	5Co3 Stuart Davenport	X	5Co9 Silas Grant
X	5Co4 John Salatti	X	5C10 Timothy Day
X	5Co5 Denise Wright	7:20	5C11 Allison DeFoe
X	5Co6 Mary Lois Farmer-Allen	X	5C12 Derrick Holloway

- (3) Approval of the July 2008 Meeting Minutes: *Commissioner Salatti* moved to accept the minutes. *Commissioner Phillips* seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- (4) Acknowledgement of Community and Guests introduced by *Commissioners Day and Holloway*

Dianne Barnes, Bloomingdale Civic Association; *Jim Berry*, President of BACA; *Robert Brannum*, Chair of the CAC; *Michael Clark*, President of Edgewood Civic Assn; *Cassandra Costley*, President of the Bloomingdale Civic Assn; *Chief Michael Donlin*, DCFD; *Alice Harper*, CSOSA; *Mahdi Shabazz*, Founder of The Help Foundation; *Debbie Smith*, former commissioner; *Gigi Ransom*, former commissioner.

- (5) Treasurer’s Report moderated by *Commissioner DeFoe*:
 Checking \$15,572.90; Savings \$147, 416.44; To date: \$23,068.58 in grants
Commissioner Farmer-Allen asked about getting the treasurer’s report and financial statements at every meeting.
- (6) PSA and MPD5CAC Update: *Robert Brannum*, 5D-CAC President. 30th Annual 5DCAC Awards Dinner, Navy Yard, Oct. 23rd at 7:00. Groups can recognize a particular officer. Next CAC meeting, Sept. 25, Holiday Express (Banquet Room), Bladensburg Road.

- (7) Community Comments moderated by *Commissioners Grant and Daneker*
 - Steve Johnson*, Howard U., Director of Crampton Auditorium and Coordinator of Events. HU Homecoming Oct. 18. Parade starting at 6th and Fairmont, south on Georgia to Florida to 5th to T St. to Anna Cooper Circle to Elm to 2nd to Bryant. Football Game immediately following at 1:00.
 - Terrence Judge*, President, Metropolitan Basketball League. Summer Classic event. Very successful event this year. ANC & CUA have helped to cover costs. Mr. Judge presented the ANC with a plaque of thanks.
 - Debbie Smith*: need a comprehensive traffic plans that cover all the developments to understand and deal with the impending traffic increase.
 - Cassandra Costley*. Restaurant at 1st & T. Concerned about hours of application. BCA have protested the application so as to limit some of the hours. Traffic and litter is an issue.

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*ANC5C meets on the 3rd
 Tuesday of the month.*

Next Meeting:
OCT 21, 2008 - 7:00 PM
St. George’s Episcopal

**Mark your calendar
 to attend the
 remaining 2008
 meetings:**
 November 18
 December 16

--Selena Spencer-Lipscomb. Concerned about young people in the neighborhood. Truancy problems. Senior at McKinley Tech; if she is late, the school sends an e-mail.

--Alice Harper. CSOSA is having Annual City-wide Community Justice Advisory Network, at Galludet U. Judge Reggie B. Walton from Federal District Court.

--Chief Mike Donlin, www.fems.dc.gov Fire Prevention week Oct. 5, check detectors, change clocks.

--Linda Yar of 5C10. Would like to ask for ANC leadership to coordinate changes between Ward 5 ANCs. Many development projects are occurring in the Ward and so coordination of projects that sit in various ANCs is important. She especially asked for help defending the small area plans that are being violated by PUDs. Traffic study in small area is flawed; major impacts on 5C. Need better traffic study coordinated with 5A and 5B.

--Myra Dandridge of 5C03 on the unit block of T Street NW.: opposed to pizza restaurant at 1st and T, NW. Noise, added crime, hours of operation. Ask Stuart join protest of Class C liquor license application.

Stuart went on record as staying that he makes a provisional objection to the application for the Class C license. Has met with the owner twice and with residents.

Commissioner Davenport moves to tentatively oppose Class C alcohol beverage license of the Tavern if the owner does not show concern for the neighbors' needs, especially the unit block of T Street, NW. Particularly, the ANC is concerned about traffic, noise, hours of operation, parking, and litter because the applicant's license application is either incomplete or incorrect. Holloway seconds. 11 yays, 1 nay.

Commissioner Davenport moves to waive the seven-day ABC liquor license. Commissioner Holloway seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

(8) Remarks from the Office of Ward 5 Councilmember Harry Thomas, Jr. No report this month.

(9) Comments by Alice Thompson, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services. No report this month.

Part II: Outstanding Business

Commission Vote on PUD Request for St. Paul's Housing Development (5C09)

Commissioner Silas Grant and Jack Lester from EYA presenting:

Commissioner Grant: Amenities package is still a sticking point. He is not supporting the project for that reason. Hoping that Zoning will vote with the community to press for a better amenities package.

Jack Lester: we've improved the plan and have worked closely with the community, but we can't agree with package changes that the community wants. Amenities package: zoning amenities (good site design, architecture, housing is an amenity, parks, etc.) homeownership training, improve a local park, improvements at Shaed Elementary, streetscape improvements, college scholarships, Edgewood Civic Assn., 2-car parking.

Park: No agreement signed yet because the PUD not signed. If not PUD approved, then no park agreement. If PUD approved, then the park agreement is part of the PUD.

Small Business Support: Community's plan asks for 5C8-10 business support. Commissioner Farmer-Allen asked that 5C06 be included because her district borders the business area of 5C08.

Silas/Jack: National Capitol Community Foundation would house money for small business support and scholarships.

Affordable homes are 14 ft. wide. Some market rate units are 14 as well.

Shaed Elementary: Comm'r Grant said work at Shaed was important. EYA went to school and met with the principal. EYA performed the work that the school wanted.

Commissioner Grant moved that ANC oppose the PUD variance that goes before the Zoning Board on September 29. Commissioner Day seconds the motion. Yays: 10; Nays 1, approved. (Commissioner Davenport had left the meeting before this discussion began and returned later.)

Progress Reports on Outstanding Grants facilitated by *Commissioner Day*
Project Reports, Vote on WiFi Network Proposal (5c03) and New Proposals for Consideration

WiFi: Ted McGinn: to respond to a question raised at the last meeting, the Bridge team researched Internet security. The Internet Service Provider that the Bridge is working with has free software that would allow people to login securely. The software would also give Bridge administrators a sense of who is using service. Commissioner Day asked if the project has other sources of funding. Mr. McGinn replied that right now, only the ANC is the clear source of funding. Project is writing applications for other grants. But to increase the likelihood of being awarded a grant, the Bridge needs to show that the project exists and is working. Then larger funders will back a WiFi project. So with ANC money, Bridge can get kickstarted and then use that to leverage other funds.

Commissioner Day/Holloway: table project until after Nov. 4 election. 1 Nay; 8 yays, 2 abstains. Put on November meeting agenda. If the project restructures before Nov., then they could contact Tim.

Young Men of Distinction: needs to submit a report by 10/2

Dance Place: needs to submit a report as of 9/17

Edgewood Newsletter: have some receipts, will get more

Harriet Tubman grant: no information.

Bloomington mediation/conflict resolution program: Some accounting reports, the Bloomington Civic Association will get receipts to Commissioner DeFoe within a week

Part III: New Business

Emergency Vote Request: KIPP Public Charter School Proposed for Cook School Site (5C02)

Alex Shawe/Jessica Cunningham: Asking for a letter of support from the ANC to go to OPM regarding the KIPP application. KIPP wants to open a charter elementary school in Cook. KIPP has a network of 4 schools: 3 middle, 1 preschool. KIPP schools perform higher than schools across DC.

Want to have early childhood/elementary school and community collaboration to create art spaces. Start with PreK (age 4). Current KIPP preK in SE, 83% are above grade level after 1st year, other 17% are on grade-level.

KIPP staff have not had big contact with community. They have submitted the DCPS application and if approved, community discussion would occur in collaboration with the Office of Planning. The Office of Property Management (OPM) needs to hear from ANC, if we want input before OPM makes decision on 9-21.

KIPP has worked with Commissioner Hammond. KIPP and community want multiple uses on the 2+ acre site.

Jim Berry: We need to hear from KIPP at a Bates Area Civic Assn meeting; he asked for a deferral until next month.

Ted McGinn: concern about the number of charter schools in our area. Emery Elementary (also in 5C02) needs to have a student base to thrive as a pre-K to 8th grade school that is a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics schools funneling students to McKinley Technical High School.

Debbie Smith: 23 schools closed. Charters are taking money out of the system.

Marshall Phillips: ANC should hold a meeting just on this school issue and have the various groups come and present.

Commissioner Daneker moved to table the discussion and vote on this issue until such time as the community gets to have input on this development. Commissioner Phillips seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Emergency Vote Request: PUD Extension for 4th and Rhode Island NE Project (5Co8)

Commissioner Phillips approached the nonprofit 8th Street Development Corp. many years ago because of the problems around this site. The Corp. tore down a very troubled building.

Eric Jones from 8th St. Dev. Corp: After tearing down bad building, they set up a PUD process. Came to ANC 5C (2005) and got the ANC’s support for the development project. 40,000 sq. ft. 170 residential units, 1700 sq. ft of business, 500 sq. ft of community use; 20% of units affordable. Initial PUD approved in late 2006.

Downturn of the economy has stymied 8th Street’s ability to go forward. And they have not been able to find partners. So 8th Street needs an extension of the PUD two years until 2010.

Commissioner Phillips moves to extend the PUD for 8th Street Development Corp. for two years. This project would be a real benefit to that site and the community. Seconded by Commissioner Farmer-Allen. 11 yays, 1 abstention.

ANC 5C Single-Member District Projects and Meeting Announcements --

Metropolitan Bike Trail Construction (5Co3)

Heather Deutsch: DDOT has been building the bike trail for 20 years. A section from Franklin Street to NY Ave, is being designed now and will be constructed in the spring. A bridge over RI Ave. and the railroad tracks also is being designed now and should be built next year.

Rachel Dickerson, Public Art Manager, DC Arts commission: Signage and art is being designed along the trail. Robert Kent Wilson, native DC resident, owns design business in Mt. Pleasant and has trail art design proposal. (Go to www.Metbranchtrail.com) Branding the trail with community logos. Public projects throughout the trail. Also community events are being connected to the trail: safety awareness, etc.

Youth Mentoring (5Co5 and 5Co9)

Commissioners Grant and Wright: working on a proposal for this project. Put on the agenda in Nov.

Operation Crackdown (5Co5)

Wright: OC is a program of lawyers who advise citizens about their rights regarding drug users and nuisance properties and how you can resolve those matters in the community. Placed on the October agenda.

Traffic Studies (5Co4 and 5C11)

Need to be put on another agenda.

Residential Property Emergency Identification Project (5Co1)

Commissioner Bonds: residents throughout 5C should have a number on the back of the property. She suggests putting in place a grant process for residents to get a sign with house number on the back of the house. She will be having a Single Member District meeting September 21 at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

Resolutions: Commemorative, Administrative, Programs and Issues

None.

Part V: Committee of the Whole Executive Session

- 1) Pay Bills: *Commissioners Day and DeFoe:*
 - a. Commissioner Day moves and Commissioner Hammond seconds that Commissioner Wright be reimbursed \$182.88 for newsletter and flyers.
 - b. Commissioner Phillips moves and Commissioner Hammond second that Commissioner Bonds be reimbursed \$211.43 for a community clean-up day event.

- 2) Items for October 2008 Meeting Agenda
 - Abdo Project CUA South Campus Project (5C10)*
 - Update on Construction of City Charter School at former Armstrong Trades School (5Co2)*
 - Update on McMillian Project Planning (5Co7)*

Commissioner Phillips moves and Commissioner Daneker that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting Adjourns 10:00 p.m.