

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D
Andy Litsky, Chair
Business Meeting – May 13, 2013
DCRA Conference Room, 1100 4th Street SW, Washington DC 20024

Minutes

Chairman Litsky called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Commissioners Rhonda Hamilton, Donna Hopkins, Andy Litsky, Ron McBee, and Roger Moffatt were present at the call to order, with Commissioners Garber and Kaminski arriving at 7:10 p.m.

- 1. Introduction of the Commission.** Commissioners present introduced themselves to attendees.

- 2. Approval of the Agenda.** The agenda was approved 5-0-2, Commissioners Kaminski and Garber not being present for this vote, with the addition of the renewal of the Rocklands ABC license and agreement to hear the Fatherhood Education Empowerment Development Event presentation when the presenter arrives.

- 3. Announcement of the June meeting.** Chairman Litsky announced that the next ANC meeting will be held on June 10, 7 p.m. in the DCRA Conference Room, 1100 Fourth Street SW, Washington D.C.

- 4. Meeting Announcements.**
 - a. Bruce Darconte announced the Near SE-SW Benefits Coordinating Council?? information exchange, Westminster Church.
 - b. Bob Rubenkoenig announced upcoming events at the Southwest Waterfront and 7th Street Landing starting June 6.
 - c. Commissioner Mc Bee announced Voices at Arena Stages on 15-19 May, and said that SW residents get discounts to Nats games – check www.nats.com.
 - d. Commissioner Litsky announced:
 - Blessing of the Fleet 11:00 am, Saturday, May 18
 - Friends of the Southwest Library, Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m.
 - AARP meeting on Village services for the elderly at Harbor Square, May 23, 7:00-8:30

5. Approval of May minutes. Minutes of the May meeting were approved 7-0-0 with the technical correction suggested by the Secretary.

Development, Planning and Transportation

6. Southwest Small Area Plan Project. Melissa Bird, the Ward 6 Planning Coordinator, and Tracy Gabriel, Associate Director for Neighborhood Planning, announced that the Small Area Plan process has begun. The D.C. Office of Planning (OP) will create an Advisory Committee to be drawn from and limited to residents of Southwest, and will meet for the first time on May 22. A larger community outreach effort will begin in June on a schedule to be determined.

7. ZC #12-14/ZC #12-14A, Town Center, ZC Hearing --Thursday, May 30, 2013 Commissioner voted 6-0-1, with Commissioner Garber abstaining, to request that the Zoning commission postpone this hearing to allow more time to consider the PUD. Subsequent to discussion of the PUD, Commissioner Moffatt moved to oppose the Case for the reasons appended to these Minutes. Chairman Litsky offered a substitute motion to accept the developer's offer to request postponement of ZC hearing to allow for unfettered dialogue with the community, subject to a written retraction of the Bernstein letter threatening to sue expressions of opposition to the development. The Commission voted 7-0-0 to accept the Chairman's substitute motion, and voted 7-0-0 to approve the substitute motion.

8. ZC #02-38D, Northwest Building at Waterfront Station, ZC Hearing -- Thursday, June 6, 2013

Commissioners voted 7-0-0 to conditionally approve the proposal by applicants to construct a residential apartment building on the northwest corner at Waterfront Station pending further negotiations and resolution of two items: (1) to ensure that community-serving retail on the site adheres to the letter and spirit of the record in ZC 02-38 for the creation of a "New Southwest Town Center" and (2) to develop a construction management plan that embraces the importance of the Southwest Duck Pond, the major public park located directly adjacent to the site, and include a plan to preserve and enhance the enjoyment of this important SW community amenity during and after

construction.

9. BZA #18566, 929 5th Street SE, pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3103.2 variances from the floor area ratio requirements under § 402, from the lot occupancy requirements under § 403, from the rear yard requirements under § 404, and from the nonconforming structure requirements under subsection 2001.3 to allow a third floor addition to an existing one-family row dwelling in the R-5-B District.

Commissioners voted 7-0-0 to postpone a vote on this application to allow more time for the community to consider the implications of this precedent-setting request for variance.

10. Fatherhood Education Empowerment Development Event, Lansburg Park, Saturday, June 15, 2013, 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. Commissioners voted 7-0-0 to send a letter of support for this event, which Commissioner Kaminski will draft, to the DC Council in support of this event as described by Karen Alston.

Alcoholic License and Operations

11. ABC Committee Update (Cara Shockley, Chair). Having accepted the recommendations in the report of Cara Shockley, the Committee Chair, Commissioners voted 6-0-1 (Commissioner Moffatt abstaining) to withdraw protests against ABC license applications for Jenny’s Asian Fusion; Vie de France; Arena Stage; Kruba and Gordon Biersch; Holiday Inn; and Channel Inn. Commissioners voted 6-0-1 (Commissioner Moffatt abstaining) to protest the license application of Capitol Skyline Hotel in order to negotiate a Settlement Agreement. Commissioners voted 6-0-1 to approve Rockland’s application and Settlement Agreement. Commissioner Garber moved that the Commission support the application of Dos Ventures for a stipulated license. The motion failed by a vote of 2-3-2, with Commissioners Garber and Hopkins in support, Commissioners Kaminski, McBee and Hamilton in opposition, and Commissioners Litsky and Moffatt abstaining. Commissioner Hopkins departed the meeting at 11:50 p.m., and the Chairman requested Susan Eads Role, ANC 6D Executive Director, to take the remainder of the minutes. Commissioner Kaminski departed the meeting. Commissioner Hamilton, who voted on the prevailing side in the previous vote, moved to reconsider the matter, which was approved, by a vote of 4-1-0, with Commissioners Garber, Hamilton, Litsky, and Moffat in support and Commissioner McBee in opposition. Upon reconsideration, the Commissioners voted to amend the motion to

support the application of Dos Ventures for a stipulated license with the following requests: (1) distribute the District Department of the Environment report regarding the site to the Commission; (2) pay for police overtime while youths are using the fields to ensure safety crossing nearby streets; and (3) partner with youths from near Southeast and Southwest to provide opportunities for recreation through social sports, by a vote of 4-1-0, with Commissioners Garber, Hamilton, Litsky, and Moffat in support and Commissioner McBee in opposition. The motion, as amended, was approved, by a vote of 4-1-0, with Commissioners Garber, Hamilton, Litsky, and Moffat in support and Commissioner McBee in opposition.

Commission Updates

12. Chairman's Report

In the interest of time, the Chairman did not provide a report.

13. Community Concerns

A community resident, Melonee Bryant, expressed several concerns.

14. Adjournment. Chairman Litsky adjourned the meeting at 12:40 am.