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Minutes
ANC 3/4G Public Hybrid Meeting
July 10, 2023
7:00-8:45 pm

00:00:00 Call to Order and Commissioner Introductions

Commission Chair Lisa Gore called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Also present were Commissioners Zach Ferguson, Bruce Sherman, Peter Gosselin, Michael Zeldin, Peter Lynch and James Nash

00:03:12 Announcement of Meeting Procedures and Adoption of Agenda

Chair Gore made a slight modification to the agenda: under check reimbursements for Core, the item should read “monitor,” not “monito.” The agenda was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

00:06:20 Consent Agenda Approval

The commission adopted the consent agenda by a vote of 7-0. The following items were the consent agenda:

- Minutes: June 26, 2023
- Debit card: N/A
- Check Reimbursements:
 - Gore: Snowball Mics (7) - \$296.73
 - Gore: HDMI Cables (2) - \$59.98
 - Gore: Monitor/Splitter (1) - \$21.19
 - Gosselin: Verizon Hot Spot (1) - \$247.53

00:09:05 Resident Forum

The first resident spoke of grant requests to a number of ANCs relating to an educational exhibit.

A second resident spoke about an upcoming event and Commissioner Bruce Sherman told the resident he would be happy to help publicize the event she promoted.

With respect to grant requests, Commissioner Ferguson confirmed the ANC had money to fund grant requests.

The third resident spoke about flooding in his property resulting from improvements to a public alley near his property.

00:16:39 Matt Mason, 3747 Huntington Street, NW

Mr. Mason delivered a presentation to ask to preserve an alley side garage during the renovation of his home that the Board of Zoning Adjustment requested to be demolished. Preserving the garage would increase off-street parking capacity. The garage is within the 25-foot set back requirement. Immediate neighbors have expressed support for the request.

The ANC approved Mr. Mason's request by a vote of 7-0.

00:28:02 Public Space Application #423335 for 3801 Jenifer Street, NW (Fence – Exception over 42")

The resident has requested permission to replace an existing 3.5-foot old ivy-covered fence on public space, but inside the sidewalk, with a black metal fence. In addition, the resident wants to build a higher six-foot-high privacy fence behind the house along the alley in public space. The Commission voted "no objection" to the proposal by a vote of 7-0.

00:39:00 Discussion and Possible Vote on Broad Branch Road Rehabilitation Resolution

Commissioner Nash proposed a resolution that calls upon DDOT, the DC City Council and the Mayor to support funding for a 2021 project to rehabilitate Broad Branch Road from Linnean Street to Beach Drive. Commissioner Nash explained the project would improve roadway and drainage infrastructure and enhance safety operations for vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians by adding an ADA-compliant sidewalk for the entire length of the corridor. Environmental assessments of the project have already been completed. However, DDOT informed Commissioner Nash in June the project did not receive federal funding and DDOT no longer has the project in its “pipeline.”

Commissioner Zeldin asked if the embassies along Broad Branch had been consulted on this project, because they opposed an earlier project on Broad Branch that would have added a protected bike lane. After some discussion, Commissioner Nash agreed to table the resolution until the July 24 meeting, and that before then he would confirm that this project, which does not include protected bike lanes, was not opposed by the embassies.

00:58:10 Discussion and Update on the ANC Survey Committee and Discussion and Possible Vote on Civic Core Site Survey Objectives

Commissioners Gore and Sherman presented this update on the activities of the ANC Survey Committee. Commissioner Sherman emphasized his efforts, and that of the entire committee, to collaborate with the entire community on the design and implementation of the survey. The committee meets weekly and has engaged the assistance of three local survey professionals.

Commissioner Sherman said the Survey Committee has developed two survey objectives:

- The community is heard on key issues of concern regarding the development of the civic core.
- To ensure the ANC is able to use the survey data to make actionable recommendations in the “Our RFP” development process that reflect key community development preferences for the civic core site.

Commissioner Sherman explained the timeline of the survey committee. The survey will be developed and tested in the months of July and August, and distributed to the community in September. By mid-October the results should be tabulated and available for use by the ANC.

A long discussion of the survey ensued, with community members asking questions about when the committee meets, if the meetings are open to the public and how the results will be used. Commissioner Gore confirmed the meetings are open to the public and are held on Tuesday evenings, usually at 7 pm. The meetings are also announced on the ANC website.

Commissioner Gore said she is working with DMPED (Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development) to ensure that their timeline for decisions is compatible with the ANC survey timeline.

Former Commissioner John Higgins said for the survey to be successful, he thought the community needed to have more information about the context of the civic core redevelopment and offered to develop a document that would do this. Commissioner Gore said she thought that was a good idea and asked Mr. Higgins to develop such a document.

A community member asked why the comments at the January surplus hearing are being ignored. The comments were overwhelmingly opposed to surplus on the civic core site. She referred to these comments as a “survey,” but Commissioner Gore clarified that these comments were not a “survey” at all, but rather were comments delivered by community members to the ANC and DMPED. Neither the ANC nor DMPED did a survey solely on the question of surplus.

Commissioner Gore further clarified that the ANC would consider all community views, including the surplus comments which are on the ANC website, as well as the upcoming survey results. The survey results, however they turn out, will be yet another tool and commissioners will use these results to help them make a final decision. There have been a number of other surveys in recent years, as well as community feedback on a range of issues related to redevelopment of the civic core, and commissioners will weigh all this information in reaching a final decision. In the end, she added, it will be up to each individual commissioner to decide how to vote.

Another community member rejected the assumption that those opposed to placing housing on the site are doing so because of opposition to affordable housing. This resident stated she would oppose housing on the civic core even more if the housing were for high rent units. She said the assumption that opponents are against affordable housing is divisive and offensive. To fight for public space does not mean you are opposed to other worthy social goals, such as affordable housing.

A community member stated that her review of recent surveys shows that respondents favor affordable housing by a margin of two to one.

The ANC then ended the discussion and voted 7-0 to approve the two survey objectives previously stated by Commissioner Sherman.

01:43:40 Discussion and possible vote on Resolution on Office of Planning Zoning for the Civic Core Site

Commissioner Lynch moved that his resolution be postponed until the next ANC meeting, July 24. The motion was approved 7-0.

01:45:03 ANC Committee and Task Force Reports

Commissioner Gosselin proposed writing up minutes of the ZDD for the website.

01:46:00 Commission Business

There were no treasurer or secretary reports. Possible items for the July 24 ANC meeting: Commissioner Gore said she is still working on getting DMPED at the July 24 meeting.

01:46:34 Commissioner and Community/Agency Announcements

Commissioner Gore made several announcements. She said the Capital Bikeshare will be postponed until September 11. There has been a lot of concern about the location of the sites.

Commissioner Gore also announced the yard waste program has changed. You can no longer put your waste in your trash can. You must bag it and make a 311 service request.

Metrobus is now doing courtesy stops. Those traveling at night can get off between regular stops if they notify the operator. Travelers can get off at spots that are safer between the hours of 9 pm and 5 am.

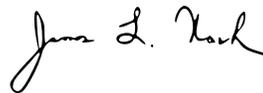
Barbara Rogers from the office of Council Member Janeese Lewis George announced that although the Council is on recess as of July 15, staff members and Council members are still in the office, are still working and constituents can still reach out to them.

01:51:33 Meeting Adjourned

APPROVED at a regular public meeting notice of which was properly given and at which a quorum of four (4) of seven (7) members was present on July 24, 2023 by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no, 0, abstentions.



Lisa R. Gore, Chair



James L. Nash, Secretary