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ANC 5E Public Meeting Minutes (June 2023) Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Present: Commissioners Joyce Robinson-Paul, Karla Lewis, Fred Carver, Huma Imtiaz, Kevin Rapp, Kirby Vining.

1. Commissioner Lewis provided instructions for public participation in the meeting.
2. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom and began at 7 p.m. ET with a quorum with 5 Commissioners present.
3. Commissioner Lewis motioned to approve the consent calendar.
4. Commissioner Lewis motioned to approve the agenda with amendments – removal of BVS presentation and HPA case.
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda passed via voice vote without objections with a 6-0-0 vote: Commissioner Robinson-Paul (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).
5. Commissioner Vining presented the Treasurer's report, which included updates on the following:
 - a. Checks paying for virtual assistant duties.
 - b. Checks for reimbursements for commissioners.
 - c. Check for Bates Area Civic Association for sponsorship of their beautification day.
 - d. OANC is working on revised QFR software.
 - e. Have received an additional request for reimbursement for website hosting.
 - f. Provided details for the process of applying for a debit card.
6. Commissioner Vining introduced a motion to approve the reimbursement requests and bills, Commissioner Carver seconded the motion.
 - a. Motion to approve the reimbursement passed via voice vote with a 5-1-0 vote: Commissioner Robinson-Paul (N), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).

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7. Anne Weiland presented on the MedStar Washington Hospital Center's Certificate of Need for the Heart Kidney Transplantation Center.
 - a. Commissioner Vining introduced a motion to support the request for a letter in support of the certificate of need, Commissioner Robinson-Paul seconded the motion.
 - b. Motion passed via voice vote with a 6-0-0 vote: Commissioner Robinson-Paul (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y).

8. Olivia Akinsan presented on the TOPS-1099281 application for Hillview Market Sidewalk Cafe.
 - a. Proposing 33 seats, 18 tables, and 4 umbrellas for the unenclosed sidewalk cafe.
 - b. Proposing permeable paving in the area at the seats, as well as ADA seating
 - c. There will be a 2.8 ft high guardrail around the proposed café.
 - d. Outdoor items will be secured inside the establishment when establishment is closed.
 - e. Plans have been submitted to Public Space Committee; hearing is on next month's calendar.
 - f. Commissioner Rapp asked for plans, HPO has also been made aware. Ms. Akinsan will present plans in 2 weeks.
 - g. Proposed timeline for café completion is two months.
 - h. Commissioner Rapp introduced a motion to support the TOPS-1099281 application for Hillview Market Sidewalk Café contingent on receiving more sketches, Commissioner Imtiaz seconded the motion.
 - i. Motion to approve the motion passed via voice vote with a 4-0-2 vote: Commissioner Robinson-Paul (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Carver (A), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (A).

9. Commissioner Lewis introduced a motion to approve the BZA case 20935 for 16 Quincy Place NW, Commissioner Imtiaz seconded the motion.
Motion passed via voice vote with a 6-0-0 vote: Commissioner Robinson-Paul (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Rapp, Commissioner Vining (Y),

10. Alexandra Wilson and Vicente Honorio Neto presented on BZA Case 20949 at 57 W St NW.

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- a. Asking for special exception to increase the lot occupancy to 65.3%, replacing an old garage with a new one. Have received support from adjacent neighbors.
- b. Commissioner Rapp introduced a motion to bypass the rule for a second hearing, Commissioner Carver seconded the motion.
 - i. Motion passed via voice vote with a 5-0-1 vote: Commissioner Robinson-Paul (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (A),
- c. Commissioner Rapp introduced a motion to support the BZA case 20949 for 57 W St NW, Commissioner Carver seconded the motion.
 - i. Motion passed via voice vote with a 4-0-2 vote: Commissioner Robinson-Paul (A), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (A),

11. Cameron Mixon and Meri Lugo presented on ABCA-124309 application for Domestique.
- a. Spoke with ANC 5E ABCA committee last week, asking for permission to hold ticketed wine tasting events with less than 40 attendees at the time. Do not expect additional noise, no food will be served, and operating hours will not be changed.
 - b. Commissioner Carver updated that the ANC 5E's ABCA Committee voted unanimously to approve the application.
 - c. Commissioner Lewis received positive feedback from residents in SMD 5E02 for the updated proposal.
 - d. Commissioner Lewis introduced a motion to support the ABCA-124309 application for Domestique, Commissioner Imtiaz seconded.
 - i. Motion passed via voice vote with a 6-0-0 vote: Commissioner Robinson-Paul (Y), Commissioner Lewis (Y), Commissioner Imtiaz (Y), Commissioner Carver (Y), Commissioner Rapp (Y), Commissioner Vining (Y),

12. Community comments

- a. Martin Lucero from Mi Casa talked about the vacant lot at Florida and Q St NW, COVID-related delays. We have zoning relief approved, have gone through voluntary cleanup program, working construction and permit set documents. Have also done an archeologic survey completed. Proposing a 27-unit mixed income rental building, Mi Casa office space on the ground floor. Hoping to break ground by the end of the year and taking actions to address security concerns.

13. Sam Bonar presented from the Office of Ward 5 Councilmember Zachary Parker.

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- a. Pushing DHCD to move the Mi Casa project forward.
 - b. Budget: Councilmember Parker introduced two amendments, on school safety, and on DC Arts + Humanities to ensure it is equitable.
 - c. Secured more resources for 5E – more funding for Washington Hospital Center and Children’s Hospital.
 - d. Pride 2023: Marched in parade.
 - e. Press event for McMillan Community Center with Mayor and did a walkthrough of the site.
 - f. This week: two community events around North Capitol study from DDOT
 - i. Virtual event at 6:30pm on Thursday, in person event on Saturday at 43 K St NW from 10am-12pm
 - ii. Details: <https://north-capitol-st-dcgis.hub.arcgis.com>
 - g. Engagement around bus priority project on Florida Avenue NW.
 - i. <https://buspriority.ddot.dc.gov/pages/floridaavenwne>
 - h. NY Avenue project is also ongoing – largely in NE section of the avenue.
 - i. Q from Commissioner Robinson-Paul:
 - i. June 9 – community safety walk we highlighted the public trash cans that had been removed, have identified four locations.
 - ii. NY Avenue recreation center – asking for support re: park.
 - iii. Sam contact info: sbonar@dccouncil.gov, 202-724-1344
14. Anthony Black presented from the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations.
- a. Launch into Summer event with summer programming announcements for young people.
 - b. Cedar Hill event at St Elizabeth’s Campus on June 22 – to talk about the cedar hill center.
 - c. Mini jobs fair on June 21 - 450 H St NW.
 - d. Office of Gun Violence Prevention. Building blocks mini-grants: grants to reduce gun violence in DC
 - e. DGS is also hiring
 - f. Trash can removal (commissioner Robinson-Paul), sent a note to DPW regarding the trash cans.
15. Jamaal Jordan presented on the Capital Grid Project from Pepco.
- a. Upgrading three substations and building a new one at Mount Vernon

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- b. 10 m underground transmission connections
 - c. 100 block of O St NW
 - d. Similar to New Jersey Avenue NW, Pepco will rebuild and restripe the streets after work is completed.
 - e. Will work after school hours reopen
16. Commander Boteler from MPD Third District presented an update on monthly crime statistics.
- a. In the Third District – 10 robberies, 7 carjackings and two shootings in this past weekend, these trends are citywide problems.
 - b. Carjackings are being done by, in some cases, by juvenile offenders. One carjacking at unit block of Rhode Island Avenue NW near N. Capitol St NW.
 - c. Wed-Fri – 3D officers on bikes, trying to get more bike racks on police cars
 - d. Traffic blitz enforcement – officers to do traffic enforcement
17. Inspector Jones presented from the Department of Public Works (DPW).
- a. Contact 311 to give locations for alley cleanings.
 - b. For missing trash containers and installation of new trash containers – DPW has been made aware and will get the process rolling.
 - c. Once trash is collected, please place it back on to your property.
 - d. If trash collection was missed, please add a missed collection request in 311.
 - e. DPW is aware of cans being left in public space, DPW will do education with residents and then begin the enforcement process. Incumbent on property owners to bring it back into properties.
 - f. Growing season – property owners must maintain tree limbs and greenery, should not impede public space (front and rear of property).
 - g. For residences with high grass – contact DOB for inspection.
 - h. Illegal dumping – 311 requests, specify where it is.
 - i. Damaged containers – call 311 to ask for rat damage replacement request.
 - j. Covering containers is imperative,
18. The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

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