

October 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes
Call to Order (6:33pm)

1. Roll Call and Introduction of Commissioners: Vann-Di M. Galloway, Kathleen Crowley, John-Paul Hayworth, Taalib-Din Uqdah, Joe Martin, Timothy Jones, Zach Teutsch, Elisa Irwin and Maria Barry present.
2. Approval of Agenda. Amendments to the Agenda:
Commissioner Teutsch removed item #3 under Presentations, 3701 14th Street NW from the Agenda. Commissioner Uqdah added a discussion of 3701 14th Street, NW.
3. Reading and Approval of the September 2015 Minutes: Commissioner Irwin requested – in item #4 – the word "convergence" be replaced by the word "conversion." Commissioner Irwin made the motion to approve the amended minutes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Crowley's report: \$10,646.38 checking account balance after disbursements for the administrative assistant, block party, Sani-john rental, office supplies, grants, postage, copying and printing. The ending balance in the savings account was \$16,741.
5. Agency Announcements:
Councilmember Brandon Todd's Office Representative Dolly Turner reported on senior citizen projects.
Khalil Thompson, Mayor Bowser's Office, will check on the Mayor's response to the ANC 4C Proposals to re-open Roosevelt by 2016; and Public/ANC Notification of School Modernization/Construction Projects.

Presentations:

1. Department of General Services (DGS) Modernization of the Roosevelt Parking Lot and Mechanical Screens BZA# 19116. The DGS seeks a Special Exception for relief from the setback requirements for a roof top mechanical screen and allow 7 additional parking spaces in the front of the school. **Commissioner Uqdah made the motion to deny the DGS request for seven (7) additional parking spaces due to the DGS non-attendance at the 10/14/15 ANC 4C public meeting.** The vote: 3 yeas and 5 nays. The motion failed.

Commissioner Uqdah made the motion to deny the DGS request for the special exception for relief of special setback requirements for a roof top mechanical screen at Roosevelt **for non-attendance at the ANC 4C 10/14/15 public meeting.** The vote: 3 yeas and 5 nays. The motion failed.

Commissioner Teutsch moved that we **send a letter to BZA indicating that DGS had failed to respond to our requests for additional information, failed to appear at our meeting, failed to provide notice that they wouldn't attend, and undertook work without community discussion or disclosure.** The vote: 8 yeas and 0 nays. Commissioner Hayworth recused himself from the discussion and vote on this issue. The motion passes.

2. 3701 New Hampshire Avenue NW – BZA: the property owner seeking support to raze the existing building and construct a 5-story, 21-unit residential facility, including a penthouse, with 3 ground floor commercial spaces. Variances requested to relieve the applicant from parking and lot occupancy requirements. Commissioner Jones made the motion to deny the parking variance, based on previous traffic/parking studies, as presented in his report, that were in conflict with the traffic study provided by applicant/developers, in cooperation with DDOT. The vote: 5 yeas and 4 nays. The motion passed.
Commissioner Jones made the motion to vote in opposition to the lot occupancy variance being sought, based on the undue hardship placed on the area residents and the overall project not being in the public interest. The vote: 4 yeas and 5 nays. The motion failed.
Commissioner Teutsch made the motion to support the lot occupancy variance for 3701 New Hampshire Ave., NW. The vote: 5 yeas and 4 nays; the motion passed.

Commissioner Jones made the motion to appoint himself as the ANC's authorized representative, and the SMD Commissioner for the subject properties location, in attendance at the BZA hearing. The vote: 8 yeas and 0 nays. The motion passed. Commissioner Jones will represent the ANC 4C at the BZA hearing.

3. 3701 14th Street, NW, BZA Application #19088 seeking to raze the existing building and construct a 4-story, 6-unit condominium on floors 2-4 with ground floor retail spaces. Relief being sought – three parking spaces and 15 ft. rear yard requirements. At the request of the petitioner, and per an email sent to the commission as soon as he was given notice, Commissioner Teutsch removed this item from the agenda.

New Business:

1. Proposal for Managing Requests for Zoning Variances: the ANC 4C proposal establishes a committee of residents and commissioners to address zoning variance issues in ANC 4C. Commissioner Irwin made the motion to support the Proposal for Managing Requests for Zoning Variances by establishing a committee. The vote: 4 yeas and 5 nays. The motion failed; and in a 2nd vote to adopt the rules in establishing the committee of residents and commissioners to address zoning and special exception issues in ANC 4C, the vote: 4 yeas and 5 nays. The motion failed.
2. Amendment to the By-laws for Officers: The offices of secretary and treasurer are to remain separate from simultaneous holding of any other office. Commissioner Irwin made the motion to approve the amendment. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Funding and authorization for a nameplate and business cards for Commissioner Barry. Commissioner Hayworth made the motion to approve the expenditure for not more than \$300. The vote: 7 yeas and 2 nays. The motion passed.
4. Chuck Brown Mural. No Action.

Motion to adjourn 8:40PM