Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B
Government of the District of Columbia
1355-57 New York Avenue, Northeast
Washington, District of Columbia 20002

Public Meeting Minutes
Fifth District Police Headquarters
1805 Bladensburg Road, Northeast
February 6th, 2003

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson James, at approximately 7:40PM, with the invocation conducted by Commissioner Mc Michael.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

-Commissioner Mc Michael, moved to accept the agenda as outlined.
-Commissioner Taylor, seconded the motion. THE MOTION PASSED.

III. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM;

Commissioner Jean S. D. F. Taylor, called the roll with following results:

PRESENT: *Commissioners William Shelton, Rebecca Scates, Regina James, Keith Silver (late arrival), Rhonda Chappelle, Doris Johnson, Joan Black, Kathy Henderson (late arrival), Terrance Mc Michael, and Jean S. D. F. Taylor*

ABSENT: *Commissioner Wilhelmina P. Lawson*

A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED

Case No. 16998
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IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Johnson, moved to accept November 2002, and January 9th, 2003 minutes. Commissioner Taylor, seconded the motion. THE MOTION PASSED.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Mc Michael, read aloud the financial report for the Fourth Quarter 2002 period, and moved for approval. Commissioner Black, seconded the motion. THE MOTION PASSED.

VI. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Captain Talliferio, reported and discussed with meeting attendees an increase of burglaries and break-ins in our 5B communities.

VII. GUESTSPEAKER:

Edward Donohue, representing the District of Columbia CTO Office, informed meeting attendees and commissioners of the importance of the installation of the cell/antenna planned for Rhode Island Avenue and 17th Street, Northeast.

Chief James Short, Jr., representing the Fire and Police Departments, urged meeting attendees to support the cell/antenna installation, as a result of the existing system experiencing "dead spots", which have not been replaced in fifty plus years, poses a great DANGER for EMS personnel and the Police Department. Further, construction for ten towers was expected, however, only four were actually built to date. The present locations of towers includes: Georgia Avenue and Peabody Street Northwest, Sibley, George Washington and Saint Elizabeth Hospitals.

Mr. Pope, a 5B resident, informed attendees of his concerns regarding the activities taking place at the Public Hall located at 1730 Hamlin Street, Northeast.

VIII. COMMISSION ACTION:

Commissioner Mc Michael, moved to have a special ANC 5B public meeting with the community to discuss concerns and vote on the Public Hall application at 1730 Hamlin Street, and Rhode Island Avenue Northeast. Seconded by Commissioner Black. THE MOTION PASSED.

Commissioner Shelton, moved to have a special meeting for discussion of proper meeting behavior, and tempered emotions during meetings. (Commissioner Woodland, directed remarks to the Chair which provoked a spirited exchange), due to DCRA's failure to notify ANC 5B in a timely manner. Seconded by Commissioner Henderson. THE MOTION PASSED.

ANC – 5B Commissioners, discussed and agreed to allocate funds for the staff to copy at KINKO's, due to a period of transition for the ANC 5B office. Commissioner Black, moved to approve expenditures. Seconded by Commissioner Jean Taylor. THE MOTION PASSED.

ANC – 5B Commissioners, also, discussed and agreed to house the checkbook at the Treasurer's place of residence, until office space is acquired. Commissioner Henderson, moved to accept the arrangement. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. THE MOTION PASSED.

Commissioner William Shelton, moved to ratify and submit a letter of appeal to the BZA on behalf of the ANC – 5B Commission to delay DCRA's consideration for issuance of a permit, for construction of a halfway house located at 2210 Adams Place Northeast. As well as, issuance of a letter to the Bannum Corporation clearly stating that ANC 5B is not currently, or a future supporter of the placement of a halfway house, located at 2210 Adams Place, Northeast. Seconded by Commissioner Henderson. THE MOTION PASSED(Commissioners Chappelle and Woodland, abstained). ✱

Commissioner Terrance Mc Michael, moved to pay all necessary bills for the month of February 2003. Seconded by Commissioner Shelton. THE MOTION PASSED.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10:40PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jean S. D. F. Taylor
Recording Secretary