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ANC 3/4G Regular Meeting
March 11, 2024
SUMMARY

At the start of the meeting there were several modifications to the agenda. Commissioner Ferguson asked to include discussion of a historic window project proposed by the Race and Social Equity Committee (RASE). Commissioner Gosselin wished to continue discussion and vote on the CVS parking lot BZA exception, and Commissioner Sherman wanted to discuss hiring a technician to help with hybrid meetings. The modified agenda was adopted by a 5-0 vote. 00:05:26

During the Resident Forum a junior reporter from Howard University asked for an update on "social housing" at the Civic Core and elsewhere in the neighborhood. 00:05:57

Comm. Gosselin mentioned meeting with bidders on the Civic Core RFP. Further discussion was postponed until later in the meeting. 00:08:45

Commissioner Nash presented constituents seeking a BZA special exception for 5504 33rd Street NW, which passed by a vote of 7-0. 00:10:13

Comm. Gosselin presented the representatives of owners of the CVS parking lot, who were seeking an extension of the BZA exception under which the lot is used for parking: Marty Sullivan, lawyer for the owners, and Malkit Singh the lot manager. They asked for at least a renewal for ten years, at best an unlimited exception. 00:19:40

There was discussion about accompanying documentation for the exception, normally distributed to commissioners ahead of a meeting, and neighbor notification. There was also discussion over whether or not there has been adequate snow removal at the site. Snow removal is recorded as a condition in the existing order and thereby is enforceable as a zoning violation. Comm. Gosselin proposed the ANC support a limited exception of five years. Availability of parking in the area is an issue that will only get worse if bike

lanes are instituted and the Civic Core is developed. He proposed using limited exceptions to start a conversation with area parking lots about instituting some system that would better utilize available parking, maximizing its use. The Commission voted to support an extension for five years 5-1-1 Lynch opposed, Ferguson abstained.

Comm. Nash asked for approval of himself as chair of the proposed Transportation Committee, along with two co-chairs: Michaela Plaetzer and Cal Simone. The charter for the committee is not yet complete. The Commission voted 5-1-1 Sherman opposed, Ferguson abstained. 00:57:50

The Commission discussed Comm. Zeldin's DCPS budget letter, opposing proposed cuts to Lafayette and its feeder network. This item was moved to the next meeting as the letter had not been shared with other commissioners. Some discussion of what the contents of the letter should be followed.

Comm. Ferguson proposed a letter of support for the RASE historic window project. RASE and the ANC will partner with local business, Historic Chevy Chase DC, and Chevy Chase Main Street. The subject is the history of the local African American community, perhaps using the Pointer family as a focus. Proposed costs are 3-4K. The commission voted 7-0 in support. 01:19:50

The commissioners discussed performance oversight testimony. 01:24:15 However, as none of the commissioners had testimony ready, it was decided to focus instead on upcoming budget oversight testimony. Commissioner Gore iterated testimony needs to be very specific, tying a dollar amount to a specific agency. Targets were identified for budget testimony, including the Civic Core and DCPS.

Announcements 01:36:35

- DC Water rate increases.
- Ward 3 Education Network meeting with CM Frumin.
- Lafayette meeting on District proposal for renovation of the fields, Wednesday, 6 pm at the school.
- MOCA Matthew Barclay: Clara House opened with new affordable housing, mixed use, Art-o-matic 2024 has opened, new emergency department at Fletcher Johnson in Ward 7, Secure DC bill passed, March Madness 2024 – economic development showcase, crime statistics show drop in crime: violent crime down 12% homicides down 32%, 3/16 last day for drop-off of E waste at RFK.
- Elias Benda for CM Frumin: Frumin budget letter (budget released 3/20), asked Mayor for updated multimodal plan for Ct. Ave.

Secretary Sherman asked for feedback on new format for meeting reports. 01:45:12

The commission discussed how to respond to solicitations from RFP bidders. There was no consensus. 01:48:13

Comm. Sherman asked for administrative/tech support for the commission, something other commissioners had also been trying to secure. It was decided to continue to pursue a hire, following ANC guidelines. 02:04:05

Upcoming meetings were discussed and scheduled as follows:

March 20th, 7 pm Zoom only administrative meeting

March 27th, 6 pm special meeting with OP on zoning changes (several meetings will be needed)

March 25th, 6 pm regular ANC meeting

Meeting adjourned 02:18:24

Peter Gosselin, Vice Chair



Bruce Sherman, Secretary


