

## ANC 7B Community Meeting, June 18, 2009

Roll call by Comm. Marlin: Commissioners Moore, Muhammad, Williams, Evans, Hammond, &, and Marlin were in attendance. Commissioner Richards is ill and excused from tonight's meeting. Let us keep him and his family in our prayers. A quorum was declared.

The meeting was opened with Prayer by Pastor Senger:

**Police reports** by Sgt. Barne-Tutt, and Lt. Michael Jamieson from the 6D substation. Lt. Jamieson shared pictures of the latest sex offenders in our communities; he also talked about robberies and activities in the immediate areas. Lt. Jamieson is a resident of the community, and is aware of some of the activity that goes on.

**Treasurer's Report** by Comm. Hammond

Questions from Comm. Muhammad: Have we received the report from the audit? 7B has not been audited, Commissioner, I am not sure where you got that information. Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report by Comm. Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm. Evans. The vote to adopt was unanimous.

**Skyland update:** The chair asked Ken Davis to introduce the Skyland Development Team. He asked that they explain or answer 4 questions: Zoning Commission has not set a hearing date on the PUD application submitted; is there a date for the PUD application; what is the status of the cases? Community Benefits LDA (Land Distribution Agreement). Present for the Development team were Gary Rappaport, Steve Green from William C. Smith, and Carrie Thornhill from Washington East Foundation. and Matt Writs from William C. Smith Company.

Gary Rappaport: There is no hearing date yet, I am going to try and remember your questions and answer them in order. I may have to get back with you on some of the information you requested, and I will have to check on the legal issues you asked.

Eric Jenkins from the government was moving quickly to learn this project, as you know we had worked very closely with Mr. Bradley and he left the DC government, and now Mr. Jenkins is no longer with the Government. Another employee was just assigned this project, and I have not officially met the person. I think the person's name is Katten Gada. KFC has been condemned.

Steve Green explained the changes they had made, and proceeded to share their proposed community benefits: Traffic mitigation study & DSOT infrastructure work that would cost approx. \$715,000 dollars; Public Space improvements that would cost approx. \$850,000 dollars; Low impact design (LID) LEED Green features that would cost \$5,650,000; financial support to schools and participate in initiatives such as Buff & Scrub, \$175,000; Sponsor Community Events & Programs Job Preparedness Sessions, \$25,000; Retail Tenant Build-out subsidy, \$500,000; Contractor Loan fund, \$300,000;

Homeownership Counseling/Homebuyers club, \$75,000; Bus commuter store, \$250,000; Totaling \$8,540,000.

The Chair thanked the team for coming out to give the update, and explained that the ANC still wants regular updates and appreciated them coming every couple of months or so to give an update, but was concerned why they were giving an update when they have not listened to anything the ANC had been saying. You have had meeting after meeting, and we have even gone to William C. Smith's office to talk about Skyland and what the community wants and expect. How dare you come out here tonight with this foolishness who do you think we are and how dare you think we are going to accept this.

Comm. Marlin expressed shock with the community benefits presented by the Development Team since they are infrastructure costs and should not be part of community benefits.

Commissioner Muhammad expressed her concerns about community benefits presented and asked why they were posted on the Skyland web site.

It was suggested that we need to have some one from the Zoning Commission to attend our meeting.

Ken Davis, indicated that what the Development Team presented is not on their web site; and as a matter of fact the stuff that you have on your web site is not what you shared with us. Also, it is not what you presented to the community at the last meeting at the Hillcrest Recreation Center.

Mr. Hammond asked what do you think this proposed development will finally cost? Over \$200 million. \$65 million is 35 % of the proposed development (handout attached). Questions or comments on the Skyland project: Commissioner Hammond, Pastor Senger, Mr. Fleishman, Ms. L. Eckles, Mrs. Mary Ross, Mrs. Thetus Boyd, and Mr. Ed Wilhelm.

**Community Concerns:**

Parking in the 1900 block of Good Hope Rd. Signs prohibiting parking in the AM were posted one day and the next day (April 15<sup>th</sup>) all of the neighbors woke up with parking tickets, with no warning, or advance notice.

The proposed group home at 3112 Alabama Ave SE

Mr. Fleishman asked about the traffic on Branch Ave.

Brief discussion on ANC Committees—we will have the structure and announce at our next meeting who signed up for committees and when we will meet and just how the committees will function.

Comm. Marlin presented the proposals that had been given to the Commissioners at the Executive meeting to read and to email her questions or concerns. She stated she did not get any comments from commissioners and asked the commissioners to support the proposal that will benefit our recreation. Comm. Marlin explained the proposals to the community and called for the vote. Motion was made by Comm. Evans and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm. Williams. The vote to support the proposals was unanimous (proposals attached).

Comm. Hammond presented a proposed resolution from Comm. Richards concerning the shopping center in Comm. Richards area, (the shopping center where our ANC office is located). Motion to accept the proposed resolution by Comm. Marlin 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm. Evans. The vote was unanimous. Comm. Linda Green is a Commissioner in 7E and the President of the Ft. Davis Civic Association, spoke very briefly on the proposed resolution and her support of it. Comm. Green said Ft. Davis wants to be involved in all phases of the negotiations with this developer; and there had been a couple of community meetings (proposed resolution attached).

Comm. Muhammad presented a resolution (proposed resolution attached) to restrict traffic/travel of certain vehicles on Good Hope Road and Branch Ave. during rush hour. Comm. Muhammad received a call from DDOT and they wanted to attend our ANC meeting to discuss a proposed route, specifically for commercial buses and trucks. Comm. Hammond said with that the resolution should be tabled until DDOT makes its presentation. Comm. Muhammad-- DDOT is not opposed to our actions and I want to go forward with this resolution. The vote was 4 in favor of the resolution and 2 abstaining. The resolution passed. The motion was made by Comm. Marlin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm. Williams.

Comm. Marlin has already worked on traffic calming restrictions on Branch Ave., and asked Councilmember Alexander to support the resolution.

Comm. Marlin presented a motion to pay for plaques for two very outstanding members of her single member district community. The vote for the ANC to purchase plaques was by Comm. Marlin and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm. Evans. No discussion, the vote was unanimous.

### **Council update & remarks by Councilmember Yvette Alexander**

**Minutes:** The minutes were read and discussed: Motion to adopt the minutes by Comm. Evans, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm. Williams. Mrs. Thornhill from the community said her name was in the last minutes and the only thing she had done as far as the Ft. Davis shopping center was to tell the developer to get in touch with Ft. Davis Civic Association, and that is Mrs. Chatman, and she would like for the minutes to reflect that. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

**Commissioners' Roundtable:** Due to the time, Commissioners' Roundtable was not held.

**Announcements**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32p.m.

Respectfully submitted