

Meeting Minutes

ANC 5C Monthly Public Meeting, 18 January 2011, 7 – 9 pm, Trinity University Social Hall

Agenda:

I. Opening

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Edwards calls the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call/Quorum

Commissioner Grant confirms the presence of a quorum.

Attendance:

SMD	Commissioner	Attendance	Notes
1	Bradley Thomas	X	
2	Sylvia Pinkney	X	
3	Hugh Youngblood	X	
4	John Salatti	X	
5	Timothy Clark	X	
6	Mary Farmer-Allen	X	
7	James Fournier	X	
8	J. Jioni Palmer	X	
9	Silas Grant	X	
10	Charita Brent	X	
11	Ronnie Edwards	X	
12	Gigi Ransom	X	
Total		12	12 / 12 = Quorum

3. Election of Officers

Director of the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, Mr. Gottlieb Simon, presides over the election of 2011 ANC 5C Officers. The following table summarizes the election process.

Office	Nomination	Nominator	Speech	Tally	Outcome
Chair	Edwards	Farmer-Allen		7	Edwards
	Salatti	Clark	Nominator	5	
Vice Chair	Pinkney	Edwards	Nominator	4	Grant
	Grant	Palmer	Nominator	8	
Recording Secretary	Youngblood	Clark		12	Youngblood
Corresponding Secretary	Palmer	Edwards		12	Palmer
Financial Secretary	Farmer-Allen	Edwards	Nominator	5	Salatti
	Salatti	Palmer	Nominator	7	
Treasurer	Clark	Youngblood	Candidate*	6; 5	Ransom
	Ransom	Pinkney	Candidate*	6; 7	

* The election procedure affords the nominator of each candidate the opportunity to speak on the candidate's behalf prior to the vote for each Office. The initial vote for Treasurer yields a 6-6 tie. Thereafter, the Commission agrees by common consent that the candidates for Treasurer should each provide a two-minute campaign speech. As a result of the candidate's speeches, Commissioner Thomas changes his vote in favor of Commissioner Ransom to break the tie in the subsequent round of voting.

4. Swearing-in of Officers

Councilmember Harry Thomas, Jr. presides over the swearing-in ceremony for the newly elected 2011 ANC 5C Officers.

5. Remarks

- Councilmember Harry Thomas, Jr. delivers remarks on a variety of subjects including jobs, career development, the inability of DC to levy tolls and taxes, small business development, health, healthy food, wellness programs, libraries, and recreation centers.
- Commissioner Farmer-Allen invites Councilmember Thomas to speak on the subject of Wal-Mart.
 - Councilmember Thomas states that he will negotiate a Community Benefits Agreement for the Wal-Mart to be built in Ward 5.
- Dr. Denise Wright inquires about the Great Streets Initiative.
 - Councilmember Thomas indicates the availability of Federal funding for the development of Rhode Island Avenue (i.e., historic US Route 1).
 - Commissioner Clark inquires as to the level of funding available, and Councilmember Thomas agrees to provide the figures offline.

6. Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Ransom moves to adopt the proposed Agenda for the remaining business of the meeting plus an amendment to the proposed budget. Discussion ensues about the budget amendment. Chairman Edwards requests that all proposals for amendment to the budget be deferred until further discussion during a follow-on Executive Committee meeting. By common consent, the Commission agrees to defer discussions on amendments until the next Executive meeting.

II. Business Administration

1. Transition Update

i. Transfer of Checkbook and Financial Reports

Commissioner Grant indicates that he has received the books from Mr. Day and recommends that the new Treasurer reconcile the accounts as a safeguard measure.

ii. Status of Quarterly Reports for Q4FY2010 and Q1FY2011

Commissioner Farmer-Allen provides a status of the quarterly financial reports and a summary of account balances, checks, and deposits.

Account Name	Ending Balance	Date
Checking	\$36,266.24	18 January 2011
Savings	\$84,900	
Total (Checking + Savings)	\$121,256.75	

Commissioner Ransom speaks at length in protest of the Auditor's withholding process.

2. 2011 Budget

Upon request of the Chair, Commissioner Clark provides an oral review of the proposed budget. Commissioner Palmer moves to adopt the proposed budget for internal review by the Finance Committee. Commissioner Farmer-Allen offered a friendly amendment to also pay the \$25.00 Security Fund. Commissioner Palmer accepts the amendment. The motion receives a second and passes by a vote of 11-0 (Commissioner Ransom abstains).

III. Presentations, Updates, and Resolutions

1. Community Concerns

- Representatives of the Youth Build Public Charter School (YBPCS) and Latin American Youth Center (LAYC) project proposed for the Cooke School provide a summary of recent meetings held with Commissioners Pinkney and Thomas to discuss a compromise that would reduce the housing capacity of the proposed project.
- [Christina Robrowski?] speaks in opposition to tolls and increased transportation costs.
- Gwen Southerland speaks about the ANC's need for office space and a single meeting venue centrally located within 5C.
 - Chairman Edwards notes the need for an amendment to the ANC 5C Bylaws in order to allow for a single meeting venue. The current Bylaws require that the meeting be rotated throughout the Commission area. The Commission agreed to refer the matter to the ByLaws Committee for review and recommendation.
- Jessica Hall speaks in opposition to Wal-Mart; Chairman Edwards invites Ms. Hall to join the ANC 5C Economic Development Committee.
- [Concerned resident] speaks in opposition to the proposed YBPCS-LAYC Cooke School project.
- Kate Rezler of DC Student Speaks shares that she is glad to attend the meeting and hopes to see more fellow students attending future meetings. She also speaks on safety concerns for DC college students.

2. Serve DC Neighborhood Corps – <http://www.serve.dc.gov/>

Commissioner Brent introduces representatives of Serve DC Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) who share an overview of their programs focused on training residents to survive major disasters and of the Neighborhood Corps program specifically.

3. Review of P Street NW Speed Calming Resolution

Commissioner Thomas introduces the P Street NW Speed Calming Resolution. Commissioner Clark provides an overview of the risks posed to public safety vehicles and snow plows by speed control structures if located in certain critical pathways.

Commissioner Thomas requests an official presentation on the subject from DDOT at the February ANC 5C monthly public meeting. The Commission agrees by common consent to adopt Commissioner Thomas' request.

4. Other Business

- Chairman Edwards introduces a resolution supporting the establishment of office space for ANC 5C. Commissioner Palmer moves to adopt the resolution. The motion yields a second and passes with a unanimous vote.
- Commissioner Palmer moves to establish time limits for discussion to 90 seconds per Commissioner per speech and for the Sergeant at Arms to enforce the proposed time limitations. Discussion ensues to clarify whether the motion applies to presentation time or discussion time. Commissioner Thomas offers a friendly amendment to limit presentation time to 5 minutes per Commissioner per presentation. Commissioner Palmer accepts the friendly amendment. The amended motion yields a second and passes with a unanimous vote.
- Commissioner Palmer moves to solicit competitive proposals for ANC 5C web development, maintenance, and administration services. Chairman Edwards offers a friendly amendment to allow time to receive a report from the Technology Committee. The Commission agrees by common consent to adopt the motion as amended.
- Commissioner Clark moves to assign to the Corresponding Secretary the roles and responsibilities of serving as the ANC 5C liaison to other Commissions. Commissioner Thomas moves to postpone this item of business until the next meeting. Commissioner Palmer provides discussion (limited to 90 seconds). The motion to postpone fails by a vote of 5-6 with 1 abstention. Commissioner Clark's motion yields a second and passes by a vote of 7-2.

Commissioner Youngblood moves to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Edwards adjourned the meeting at 9:23pm.