DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5D



Public Special Meeting Minutes January 23, 2015 7-7:30 pm

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Greetings

Chairperson Henderson

3. Roll Call

Chairperson Henderson

Commissioners Present: Quorum established with 4 commissioners present

Peta-Gay Lewis – 5D01

 Keisha Shropshire , Treasurer – 5D02
 Adam Roberts – 5D03
 Bernice Blacknell, Parliamentarian – 5D04
 Kathy Henderson, Chairperson – 5D05
 Yvonne Buggs, Secretary – 5D06
 Clarence Lee, Vice Chairperson – 5D07

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4. ANC Security Fund Participation

Commissioner Henderson asked Commissioner Shropshire to, as the Treasurer, make a motion to support the ANC Security Fund ("Fund"). Commissioner Shropshire made a motion to vote on whether to support the Fund. Chairperson Henderson seconded the motion. Commissioner Roberts made a point of order asking the Chairperson to restate the motion before voting. Commissioner Henderson stated "the motion is for the ANC 5D to participate in the ANC Security Fund", and voting then proceeded. The motion failed 2-3-0, with Commissioners Henderson and Lewis voting for and Commissioners Shropshire, Roberts and Blacknell voting against. Commissioner Lee arrived at 7:14 pm after the vote and Commissioner Buggs was absent.

5. Adjournment at 7:09 p.m.

Following adjournment of the meeting, community members in attendance asked a series of questions. The meeting was not officially re-convened, but Commissioners and community members held a brief discussion, as outlined below.

 Former Commissioner Elise Bernard, 5B08, asked for additional discussion regarding participation in the Fund, commenting on its importance and the alternative surety bond. Bernard went on to express her view that the "default should be to participate", that "you have some other stuff that you're trying to deal with" and that "there is not enough time to schedule another meeting before the deadline".

- Commissioner Henderson replied "we will not be able to spend any money at this
 time, there is an opportunity for this commission to revisit this issue at another
 time, but since we did not meet the deadline we will not have the opportunity to
 call a special meeting with enough time to adhere to the January 30th deadline, so
 we will not be able to write any checks."
- Commissioner Roberts replied "I wanted to clear up the question about the January 30th deadline; it is an administrative deadline, there is no statutory requirement that we participate in the fund by the 30th. It is my intention that, once a number of other things have been cleared up, that I would like to see us participate in the fund. At this point I'm uncomfortable voting for that given a questionable vote for the position of chair, and probably more importantly the transition process from the old treasurer to the new treasurer that is currently pending. Part of that process is that the new treasurer has the opportunity to review past financial statements; part of participating in the security fund is accepting liability for activity that is currently pending."
- Commissioner Lewis replied "I'm not trying to be combative at all, but I got an email saying that January 30th was the deadline to have the paperwork in. I'm not clear on any other issues saying that we shouldn't have our paperwork in by that date...we need to participate in the security fund."
- Ms. Mann shared that the meeting had been previously adjourned, and that
 anything that happens here is not official. Mann then asked what upcoming
 checks we need to write, or what checks are pending.
- Commissioner Henderson replied "what you have heard today are inferences that are not based on fact, what you're hearing is based on a personal agenda of individual(s) that are looking for leadership positions...there are no issues of malfeasance. As the outgoing treasurer, I was supposed to hand off documents to the DC Auditor's office today at 4pm that has been rescheduled to Monday at 4pm. The auditor's office will schedule a meeting with Ms. Shropshire, train her, and give her the documents. Everything is in order, there are no problems, there is no malfeasance...thank you for coming out, this has been an interesting discussion...I look forward to the new commissioners, no, rather, all the commissioners getting trained...I understand the new treasurer has taken on a position about which she knows nothing about, she's not been trained, she has no idea of what's been going on."

• Commissioner Henderson recapped that there was no other business before the body, and that the motion to participate in the Security Fund had failed.

Submitted By,

Secretary, H. Yvonne Buggs, 5D06