

and crime prevention literature, etc. Attendees and Commissioners asked questions. Lt. Hill reminded the audience that he can be reached via email at alan.hill@dc.gov with any questions or concerns.

Presentation of grant proposal from Common Ground, a Wilson High School students group dedicated to enhancing relationships between students of different races and backgrounds

James Sarokin, a Wilson HS student presented a grant request for \$1000 to help expand the Common Ground club, an organization which seeks to address segregation and other racial issues at Wilson HS. He stated they would like to amend their application to use the grant funds to support a student art and music festival to bring together students and families from different backgrounds. Common Ground will be forwarding an updated proposal to the ANC. The Commissioners agreed to waive the formal requirement to present the grant one month and vote on it the next month so that the funds would be available for a June event. There were no questions from attendees.

Presentation of grant proposal from Joy of Motion for a dance festival it plans to hold at Ft. Reno

Julia Herman Cain presented a grant request for \$2000 to support Joy of Motion's dance festival at Ft. Reno park on June 10 from 9 am to 3 pm. The festival would include their end-of-year recitals and would have an education focus. They expect more than 3500 attendees. Attendees and Commissioners asked questions and had comments. Commissioner Quinn stated that the funds need to be used for a specific line item such as bathrooms, fencing or technical support. A vote on the request will be taken at the next ANC meeting.

Discussion of and possible vote regarding resolution on special exception request from Five Guys to locate a restaurant classified by the zoning code as "fast food" at 4200 Wisconsin Ave, NW

Zach Williams an attorney representing Five Guys presented their request for a special exception to open a new outlet at 4200 Wisconsin Ave. Five Guys are considered fast food establishments under DC law and require special exceptions to ensure they do not negatively impact nearby residential properties. There are no single-family residential properties within 200 feet, so by default they meet one of the criteria for the special exception. They will not be serving alcohol but will be using the outdoor patio space (on private property) and will have three parking spaces (validated) in the underground parking garage. Questions were asked by attendees and Commissioners.

Commissioner McHugh moved and Commissioner Bender seconded a motion to authorizing Commissioner McHugh to write a letter stating their non-opposition to the special exception request. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0-0

Discussion of and possible vote regarding resolution on special exception request from DGS-Friendship Park for relief from regulations related to parking requirements

The Department of General Services (DGS) is building a new rec center and renovating the playground at Friendship (Turtle) Park. Before the renovation, the site did not have any on-site parking. DC law requires that the city provide one parking space, but the site does not have a suitable location available for the parking space and DDOT will not approve a new curb cut for vehicular access because it does not comply with their current standards for new curb cuts and the existing curb cut is too narrow for vehicles and is used for pedestrian access. DGS feels there is ample on-street parking on Van Ness and

45th Streets. DGS is seeking zoning relief for the parking space requirement. Commissioner Bender asked whether, as a condition for Commission support, DGS would agree to seek a handicapped parking space in front of the park. DGS said that it would do so. Questions were asked by attendees and Commissioners. Commissioners asked the DGS to remove the existing curb cut so that cars do not access the site.

Commissioner McHugh moved and Commissioner Wallace seconded a motion to approve the resolution supporting the special exception request. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0-0.

Presentation by WMATA regarding plans to replace the escalators at the Friendship Heights Metro Station.

Starting this month, WMATA will begin to replace the three long escalators, one at a time, at the Friendship Heights Metro Station; two escalators have already been replaced. The project is expected to take 2.5 years. During the renovation, customers will continue to have access to the staircase, remaining escalators and the elevator. Questions were asked by attendees and Commissioners, particularly with regard to problems with elevators

Presentation by Pepco regarding progress on renovation of the Harrison Substation

Linda Greenan from Pepco provided an update to the renovation of the Harrison Street Substation on Wisconsin Ave. The renovation will allow Pepco to address an increased demand for electricity in the area. The project is expected to start in May and will entail gutting the interior of the existing building, upgrading its equipment, new landscaping and more window space for artwork. The project is expected to be completed by late 2018. Concerns were raised about noise at the facility. Pepco officials said that they don't expect much noise to be emitted from the temporary site, which will transmit electricity but won't generate it and the upgraded facility is expected to be quieter than the old one. The officials did say that there would be sporadic noise associated with construction. After the project is completed, Pepco would be willing to sell the site where the temporary substation is currently located if it is no longer needed. Commissioners asked Pepco to minimize sidewalk disruptions during construction, update the community on large deliveries, and improve the appearance of the temporary wall with more plantings.

Discussion of and possible vote on resolution regarding Pepco's proposed rate increase.

The Office of the People's Council (OPC) stated that Pepco is seeking a \$77 million-dollar rate increase, which would average out to about \$4 per month per household. This would be the largest rate increase in the last 30 years, a 10.6% rate of return on equity which, OPC argues, is excessive and not supported by current market conditions. OPC is encouraging all ANCs to pass a resolution objecting to the proposed rate increase; they would support a \$20 million-dollar rate increase instead of the \$77 million Pepco seeks. This rate increase is coming soon after a merger between Pepco and Exelon during which Pepco stated they would not be asking for some of the things they are now asking for. The Public Service Commission (PSC) public comment period ends on April 25.

Pepco replied that proposed rate adjustment would go into effect in August of this year. Pepco and Exelon set aside \$25.6 million-dollars during the merger in anticipation of this rate increase. If the PSC allocates those funds entirely to residential customers, the rate increase would be offset by those funds

until they run out which is estimated to be sometime in 2019. The PSC could decide to allocate some of the \$25.6 million to commercial customers, however. Their last rate increase was in 2013.

Questions were asked by attendees and Commissioners. Some Commissioners felt OPC did not present evidence to support all their statements and offered amendments to the draft resolution. Commissioner Bender moved and Commissioner McHugh seconded a motion to approve the amended resolution to support OPC's efforts to seek a reduced rate increase. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0-0.

Discussion of and possible vote regarding resolution calling on DCPS to Fully Fund All DC Schools

Commissioner McHugh introduced a resolution urging DCPS to apply the funding formula to the budgeting process and allow those funds to follow children to individual schools. The resolution also asks DCPS to review the adequacy of the UPSFF formula. McHugh stated that DCPS uses a comprehensive staffing model to allocate its budgets rather than a fairer student-weighted budget formula. Questions were asked by attendees and Commissioners. Commissioners offered amendments to the draft resolution.

Commissioner Bender moved and Commissioner Wallace seconded a motion to approve the resolution to fully fund DCPS schools according to the UPSFF Formula. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0-0.

ANC Business

- Approval of March 2017 Meeting Minutes - Commissioner Wallace moved and Commissioner Bender seconded a motion to approve the March 2017 Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved 4-0-0.
- Approval of expenditures - Commissioner Quinn moved and Commissioner Bender seconded a motion to approve payments of \$387.50 to Sherry Cohen for administrative support and of \$108.98 to FedEx for copying services. The expenditures were approved 4-0-0.
- Second quarter report. Commissioner Quinn moved and Commissioner Wallace seconded a motion to approve the 2017 2nd Quarter Report. The report was approved 4-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 PM.