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2024 Commissioners

6A01 - Keya Chatterjee, Vice Chair (January--June 2024)

6A02 - Mike Velasquez

6A03 - Roberta Shapiro

6A04 - Amber Gove, Chair

6A05 - Dave Wethington (Vice Chair July--December 2024)

6A06 - Robb Dooling, Secretary

6A07 - Steve Moilanen, Treasurer

2024 Committees, Committee Chairs, and Members

Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis Committee (ABC)

Chair: Mike Velasquez

Members: Joe Krisch (6A01); Erin Blumenthal (6A02); Monica Martinez (6A03).

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

Chair: Paul Spires(6A01)

Members: Adina Wadsworth (6A07); Gail Sullivan (6A01); Elizabeth Corinth (6A03);

Angelique Dorazio Sanders (6A05); Clare Dougherty (6A05).

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

Co-Chairs: Joal Mendonsa (6A01) and Mike Cushman (6A04)

Members: Ayisha Lockett (6A06)

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

Chair: Shaun Lynch (6A01)

Members: Caitlin Rogger (6A07); Mark Sussman (6A04); Paul Angelone (6A05); Jeff

Fletcher (6A07), Patrick Bloomstine (6A01)

Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis Committee (ABC)

Meetings and Attendance

During FY 2024, the ANC 6A ABC Committee held 8 regularly scheduled public meetings, generally on the fourth Tuesday of each month. All meetings were conducted virtually on Zoom, began at 7:00pm, were properly noticed, and were open to the public for comments and questions.

FY 2024 ANC 6A ABC Committee Meetings took place in October and December 2023 as well as January, March, April, June, September, and October 2024.

Liquor and Cannabis License Applications

At each of its meetings, the ABC Committee has considered any new and/or renewal applications for alcoholic beverage or cannabis licenses from business establishments within ANC 6A. Representatives from the business are invited and usually have chosen to attend the ABL meetings to provide an overview of their business and answer questions from the Committee and from any interested community members in attendance.

The ABC Committee voted on and made the following recommendations to the ANC based on votes taken at its meetings from October 2023 through September 2024.

- ANC 6A protest the application of Jerk at Nite, Inc. t/a Jerk at Night at 1100 H Street NE
 (ABRA-126009) for a Class C Restaurant License unless a settlement agreement is
 reached prior to the protest deadline, and that the Chair of the ABL Committee and the
 Chair and Vice-Chair of the ANC represent the ANC in this matter.
- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the application of Mochi, Inc. t/a DC Supermarket at 539 8th Street NE (ABRA-074927) for renewal of its Class B Retail Grocery License.
- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the renewal application of DSAY Corporation t/a Adams Market at 700 F Street NE (ABRA-077168) for renewal of its class B Retail -Grocery License.
- ANC 6A take no action with respect to the application for renewal of a Class A Retail Liquor License by 7 River Mart at 250 11th Street NE. (ABRA-126841).
- ANC 6A take no action with respect to the application for renewal of a Class A Retail Liquor License by Exotic Wine and Spirits at 801 Maryland Avenue NE. (ABRA-118158).
- ANC 6A protest the license application of Verg Enterprises LLC at 1230 H Street NE (ABCA-127258).
- ANC 6A protest the license application of Jumbo Liquors (ABRA000420) unless a
 Settlement Agreement is reached between the ANC and the license applicant prior to
 the protest deadline. Committee member Erin Blumenthal is appointed to represent the
 ANC along with the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC.
- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the license renewal application of New H Wine & Spirits (ABRA-093550).
- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the license renewal application of Montana Liquors (ABRA-097473).
- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the license renewal application of H Street

- Beverage Warehouse (ABRA-117278).
- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the license renewal application of H Street Spirits (ABRA-093550).
- ANC 6A protest the license application of Smokin' Pig (ABRA-127999) unless a Settlement Agreement is reached and that Interim Chair Velasquez represent the ANC in the matter.
- ANC 6A sign a letter of support for the substantial change to the Class C restaurant license of Bloom at 1402 H Street NE (ABRA-125601)
- ANC 6A oppose the license for a class C restaurant license for AG Restaurant at 816 H Street NE (ABRA-128831) unless a settlement agreement is reached and that Commissioner Dooling have the authority to represent the ANC in settlement agreement discussions.
- ANC 6A sign a letter of support for a stipulated license for AG Restaurant at 816 H Street NE (ABRA-128831) if a settlement agreement is reached.
- ANC 6A enter into a new settlement agreement with 7 River Mart, 7 River Mart, 250
 11th Street NE (ABRA #089591) per their request, updating the existing 2012 agreement
 to allow sales of spirits per their license and that Commissioner Velasquez represent
 ANC 6A in negotiations.
- ANC 6A approve two new draft settlement agreements one for alcoholic beverage license applications and one for medical cannabis license applications - drafted to simplify language and comply with ABCA Counsel's recommended changes.
- ANC6A send a letter to the DC Council Chair Mendelson and Mayor Bowser requesting the following actions:
 - The City Council adopt and the Mayor sign legislation making public input on medical cannabis licenses equivalent to the input allowed for liquor licenses, specifically allowing adjacent property owners and a group of five to protest medical cannabis licenses, as provided for in Title 25 of D.C. Official Code and Title 23 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.
 - 2. The City Council adopt and the Mayor sign legislation providing for moratoriums on new medical cannabis licenses equivalent to the provisions for liquor licenses contained in Title 25 of D.C. Official Code and Title 23 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.
 - 3. The City Council adopt and the Mayor sign legislation providing for fines for landlords who allow for and eviction of tenants who engage in serious violations of liquor and cannabis law and regulation and, certificates of occupancy and basic business licenses in furtherance of operating any business that violates liquor and cannabis law.
 - 4. The City Council adopt and the Mayor sign legislation requiring temporary or permanent closure of establishments who fail to remediate serious violations of liquor and cannabis licenses or health, safety, or other licenses and permits required in furtherance of operating a business that engages in the commerce of liquor or cannabis or illegal substances. Further, such action should be taken immediately if the Chief of Police deems public safety an immediate and serious risk, including but not limited to violent acts or the recovery of firearms.

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

Meetings and Attendance

During FY 2024, the ANC 6A COC Committee held 9 regularly scheduled public meetings, generally on the fourth Monday of each month, except for holidays and the month of August. All meetings were conducted virtually on Zoom, began at 7:00pm, were properly noticed, and were open to the public for comments and questions.

FY 2024 ANC 6A COC Committee Meetings took place in November 2024 as well as January, February, March, April, May, June, July, December, and September 2024.

Presentations

The COC held discussions on the following topics.

- Community cleanups
- H Street Festival
- H Street Alliance and People's Front of H Street WhatsApp Group
- Support of H Street small businesses
- Public restrooms
- Miner-Maury Elementary School Pairing
- Neighborhood schools

Grants

The COC voted on and made the following recommendations to the ANC based on votes taken at its meetings from October 2023 through September 2024.

- ANC 6A approve a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Maury Elementary School PTA for the establishment of an outdoor garden.
- ANC 6A approve a grant to Celebrate Capitol Hill, Inc. in the amount of \$1,370.00 for the purpose of engaging neighborhood youth in beautifying activities/public art.
- ANC 6A approve a grant to Miner Elementary School PTO in the amount of \$1,000.00 to fund the renovation of a turtle habitat.
- ANC 6A approve a grant to Hill Family Biking in the amount of \$1,000.00 to fund installation of a crosswalk mural at Maury Elementary School in the 200 block of 13th Street NE at Tennessee Avenue NE.

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

Meetings and Attendance

During FY 2023, ANC 6A EDZ Committee held nine regularly scheduled public meetings, generally on the third Wednesday of each month, except for holidays and the month of August.

All meetings were conducted virtually on Zoom, began at 7:00pm, were properly noticed, and were open to the public for comments and questions.

FY 2024 ANC 6A EDZ Committee Meetings took place in October 2023 as well as February, March, April, May, June, July, and September 2024. Meeting reports can be found at https://anc6a.org/minutesreports/.

Issues Considered

Dat e	Address	BZA/HP A#	Details	Туре	Outcome
Oct 202 4	650 H Street, NE	<u>BZA</u> 20990	Request for Special Exception relief pursuant to Subtitle H § 1202 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the matter-of-right uses of Subtitle H § 1103 to permit a financial services use on the ground floor of an existing, six-story, mixed use building in the NMU-5A/H-H (formerly NC-10) zone.	Special Exceptio n	Recommen ded
	106 13th Street, SE	BZA 20996	Request for Use Variance Relief pursuant to Subtitle X § 1002 from the matter-of-right uses of Subtitle U § 301 to expand an existing restaurant use to the second floor, of a semidetached, two-story with basement, commercial building in the RF-1 zone.	Use Varianc e	Recommen ded
Feb 202 4	1432 F Street, NE	<u>BZA</u> 21071	To construct a two-story rear addition to an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.	Special Exceptio n	Recommen ded
	257 Warren Street, NE	<u>BZA</u> 21085	To construct two new, attached, three-story with basements, principal dwelling units in the RF-1 zone.	Area Varianc e	Recommen ded
	808 I Street, NE	<u>BZA</u> 21084	To construct a third story and rear addition to an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.	Special Exceptio n	Recommen ded
	216 11th Street, NE	HPA 24- 174	To construct a new two-story and basement rear addition to an existing two-story rowhouse.	Historic	Recommen ded
	1127 G Street, NE	<u>BZA</u> 20687A	To construct a new detached, two-story, accessory garage with second story dwelling unit to an existing, attached, two-story principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.	Modific ation of Conseq uence	Recommen ded
	235 10th Street NE	<u>BZA</u> 21094	To construct a two-story with cellar, rear addition, to an existing, attached, three-story, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.	Special Exceptio n	Recommen ded
Apr 202 4	430 10th Street NE	BZA 21131	To construct a rear addition to an existing, attached, two-story with basement, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.	Special Exceptio n	Recommen ded

May 202 4	235 10th Street NE	HPA 24- 274	To construct a two-story with cellar, rear addition, to an existing, attached, three-story, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.	Historic	Recommen ded
Jun 202 4	813 7th Street, NE	21145	To construct a detached, two-story accessory garage with accessory dwelling to an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.	Special Exceptio n	Recommen ded
Jul 202 4	1351 C Street, NE	BZA 21156	To construct a penthouse and roof deck to an existing, attached, two-story, flat with roof deck in the RF-1 zone.	Special Exceptio n	Recommen ded
Sep 202 4	910 12th Street, NE		To construct a third story with roof deck and a three-story with cellar rear addition, to an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.	Special Exceptio n	Recommen ded

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

Meetings and Attendance

During FY 2024 ANC 6A TPS Committee held 10 regularly scheduled public meetings, generally on the third Monday of each month, except for holidays and in the months of July and August. All meetings were conducted virtually on Zoom, began at 7:00pm, were properly noticed, and were open to the public for comments and questions.

Applications to the Transportation and Public Space Committee

ANC 6A did not object to the following applications for the use of public space:

Public Space Permit Application #453622, September 16, 2024;

Presentations by District Agencies, Residents, and Other Organizations

ANC 6A heard presentations on the following topics:

- DDOT presentation on the Low-Impact Development (LID) pocket parks at 8th St/K
 St/West Virginia Ave NE and of 9th St /L St /West Virginia Ave NE, October 17, 2023;
- DDOT presentation on the K St NE Bike Lane Extension, October 17, 2023;
- DDOT presentation on the Florida Ave NE Streetscape Project status, October 17, 2023;
- DDOT presentation on the <u>Florida Ave NE Streetscape Project</u> status, November 20, 2023;
- DDOT presentation on Vision Zero hardening at 11th St NE and East Capitol St, November 20, 2023;
- DDOT presentation on the <u>Florida Ave NE Streetscape Project</u> status, December 19, 2023;
- ANC 6A Community Member, Joal Mendosa, presentation on traffic safety concerns at the intersection of Florida Ave/Montello Ave/K St/12th St NE, December 19, 2023;
- <u>Capitol Hill Village</u> (CHV) presentation on CHV Pedestrian Safety Program Sidewalk Safety Project, December 19, 2023;
- DDOT presentation on the Florida Ave NE Streetscape Project status, January 9, 2024;
- Outreach Chair of the Capitol Hill Classic presented course and logistical details for the 43rd Annual Capitol Hill Classic 10K, 3K, and Fun Run, January 9, 2024;
- DDOT presentation on the Florida Ave NE Streetscape Project status, February 5, 2024;
- DDOT presentation on updates to the H St NE Bus Priority Project, February 5, 2024;
- DDOT presentation on the Florida Ave NE Streetscape Project status, March 18, 2024;
- DDOT presentation on the <u>Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan</u>, March 18, 2024;
- Throne Labs presentation on <u>DPW Public Restrooms Pilot</u>, March 18, 2024;
- DDOT presentation on the Florida Ave NE Streetscape Project status, April 15, 2024;
- DDOT presentation on the Florida Ave NE Streetscape Project status, May 20, 2024;
- DDOT presentation on the <u>17th Street NE Multi-Modal Corridor Safety Project</u>, May 20, 2024:
- DDOT presentation on the Florida Ave NE Streetscape Project status, June 17, 2024;

- DDOT presentation on updates to the H St NE Bus Priority Project, June 17, 2024; and
- DDOT presentation on updates to the <u>H St NE Bus Priority Project</u>, September 16, 2024.

Approved Resolutions

The Commission approved resolutions on the following topics:

• ANC 6A Resolution re: Sidewalk Repairs in FY 2025 Budget, June 13, 2024.

Testimony Before the Government of the District

The Commission gave the following testimony at Council hearings:

• <u>Testimony Before the DDOT Performance Oversight Hearing of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment</u>, February 9, 2024.

Written Comments or Letters to District Officials

The Commission approved the following written comments to District agencies on their proposed actions:

- To DDOT re: ANC6A Support for NOI-23-198-TESD, October 18, 2023;
- To Councilmembers Charles Allen and Vincent Gray re: Re: ANC 6A Support for ANC 7D
 Resolution for the Honorary Renaming of the 1300- to 1600-blocks of A St NE to
 recognize the Blue & White Marching Machine, October 18, 2023;
- <u>To DDOT re: ANC 6A Support for Extension of Bike Facilities on K Street NE</u>, November 11. 2023:
- To DDOT re: ANC6A Support for NOI 23-107-TESD, NOI 23-108-TESD and NOI 23-105-TESD, November 11, 2023;
- <u>To DDOT re: ANC 6A Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project Modification Request at</u> 12th Street NE, January 15, 2024;
- <u>To DC HSEMA re: ANC 6A Support for the 2024 Capitol Hill Classic Races</u>, January 15, 2024;
- <u>To DDOT re: ANC 6A Support for Traffic Calming on West Virginia Avenue NE</u>, February 10, 2024;
- To DDOT re: ANC 6A Support for H Street NE Bus/Streetcar-Only Lanes (NOI 24-07-TDD),
 February 11, 2024;
- <u>To DDOT re: ANC 6A Request for Prioritization of All-Way Stop Installations</u>, February 11, 2024;
- To DDOT re: ANC 6A Support for NOI-24-72-TESD, May 10, 2024;
- To DDOT re: ANC 6A Support for NOI-24-99-TESD, May 10, 2024;
- To DDOT re: ANC 6A Support for NOI-24-127-TESD, June 15, 2024;
- To WMATA re: ANC 6A Comments on Better Bus Network, June 15, 2024;
- To DDOT re: ANC 6A Support for Arts in the Right-of-Way, 200 block of 13th Street NE, July 13, 2024;
- <u>To DDOT re: ANC 6A Support for Arts in the Right-of-Way and All-Way Stop Sign at 15th Street and Constitution Avenue NE, July 14, 2024; and</u>

To DDOT re: ANC 6A Support for NOI-24-177, July 14, 2024.

ANC 6A Full Commission

Meetings and Attendance

During FY 2024, ANC 6A held 11 regularly scheduled public meetings, always on the second Thursday of the month, except during the August summer recess. All meetings were conducted virtually on Zoom, began at 7:00 pm, were properly noticed, and were open to the public for comments and questions.

FY 2024 ANC 6A full Commission Meetings took place in October, November, and December 2023 as well as January, February, March, April, May, June, July, and September 2024.

Community presentations included:

October 2023: Lindsey Appiah, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, Commander Colin Hall, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) First District (1D), Anwar Saleem, Executive Director, H Street Main Street

November 2023: Stop PROJECTPipes - Naomi Cohen-Shields, Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN) & CCAN Action Fund Halcyon House Presentation on Impact-Driven Businesses - Mackenzie Loy, CEO, Homemade in DC and Emily Yu, CEO, Al Priori

December 2023: Dr. Oye I. Owolewa, Shadow US Representative for Washington, DC Tommie Jones Chief of External Affairs and Michael Watts, Program Manager Community Relations. Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

January 2024: No Community presentation

February 2024: Social Housing, John Qua and Fatoumata Keita, DC for Democracy and Metro DC DSA, Will Merrifield, Center for Social Housing

March 2024: Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen

April 2024: Vacant Properties and the False Claims Act (1000 C Street NE) - Assistant Attorney General Jason Jones

May 2024: Mayor's Proposed FY2025 Budget - Lindsey Appiah, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice

June 2024: No Community presentation

July 2024: No Community presentation

September 2024: No Community presentation

Officers

At its January 12, 2024 public meeting, ANC 6A nominated and elected officers as follows: Amber Gove, Chair; Keya Chatterjee, Vice Chair; Robb Dooling, Secretary; Steve Moilanen, Treasurer.

Allotments and Disbursements

ANC 6A received \$23,179.55 during FY 2024. Disbursements for the year were \$21,775.06.

Commission Operations

The Commission took the following actions related to its own operations:

- Approving all required quarterly reports and disbursement checks at public meetings;
- Approving a schedule of meetings;
- Electing Officers;
- Adopting By-laws; and
- Approving ANC Security Fund participation.

Commission Area Map

In the 2020 Census Redistricting process, the DC Council approved the 2023-2032 boundaries of ANC 6A as follows:

- Florida Ave NE from 7th Street NE to the Starburst Intersection.
- 15th Street NE from the Starburst Intersection to East Capitol Street NE.
- East Capitol Street NE from 15th Street NE to 8th Street NE, including the northern half of Lincoln Park.
- 8th Street NE from East Capitol Street NE to D Street NE.
- D Street NE from 8th Street NE to 7th Street NE.
- 7th Street NE from D Street NE to Florida Ave NE.

