

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
January 13, 2022**

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove (Chair), Brian Alcorn, Robb Dooling, Keya Chatterjee, Sondra Philips-Gilbert, Laura Gentile, Phil Toomajian, and Mike Soderman.

The meeting convened virtually via Zoom at 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Amber Gove called the meeting to order and noted that there is a new “Consent Agenda” section of the agenda. For a Recommendation to qualify for the Consent Agenda, the Recommendation must have been approved unanimously in committee.

The minutes for the ANC December 2021 meeting were accepted, and the agenda for the January 2022 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

Community Presentations:

ANC Redistricting Process - Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen

Councilmember Charles Allen acknowledged the difficult redistricting process and the community’s engagement throughout. The shift of 20,000 people from Ward 6 to 7 was the largest in DC history and while we now move on to next steps, Councilmember Allen noted that new ward boundaries do not end relationships. 2022 will be an “awkward year” where ward boundaries have taken effect but ANC and SMD boundaries do not take effect until January 2023. ANC 6A boundaries will be redrawn through a Ward taskforce which will be named the week of January 17, 2022. The taskforce will work through March on recommendations for ANCs and SMDs. Mr. Allen is open to the idea of a cross-Ward 6/7 ANC which exists in Wards 3 and 4. ANC boundaries are set first, each with roughly 2,000 residents, and then SMD boundaries are drawn within those; ANCs cannot be drawn based on anticipated growth but only as reflected in the census. Recommendations will be put forward to the full Council at the end of March, the Redistricting Committee will have a hearing, and then there will be two full Council votes followed by a mayor signature. The maps should be ready by May or June 2022 when ANC commissioners run for office. Sitting ANC commissioners and those intending to run will not be on the Ward 6 taskforce. Each Ward can put together their taskforce as it sees fit and submit recommendations to the DC Council Redistricting Subcommittee, which is the same Subcommittee that recommended Ward boundaries. Mr. Allen believes it makes sense to make a separate Ward 7 ANC west of the river. Community members interested in participating on the taskforce should reach out to the Councilmember at [callen\[at\]dccouncil.us](mailto:callen[at]dccouncil.us).

DC Water Lead Free DC Initiative - John Deignan, Program Manager, Lead Services, Dept. water Quality and Technology

Program Manager, Lead Services John Deignan presented on Lead Free DC, DC Water’s plan to eliminate all lead service lines by 2030 by replacing known lead service lines and verifying the material of service lines associated with historic records or missing information. Residents can reach out to [lead\[at\]dcwater.com](mailto:lead[at]dcwater.com), call the lead hotline at (202) 784-4044, or check www.dewater.com/leadmap to determine if they have a lead pipe and how to replace it. There will be free lead pipe replacements in 2022 on the 1800 block of Gales Street NE, the 300 block of 17th Street NE, and the 1600 block of Kramer Street NE. Mr. Deignan asked that residents of these areas sign and return the agreements sent out by DC Water as soon as

possible. Lead Free DC is prioritizing underserved areas and vulnerable populations. Homeowners must be home at the time of service. If homeowners have renovated their water lines, they should report this to DC water for correct and updated records.

Jamal Weldon, Program Manager, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services (DMHHS) Encampment Response Program

Mr. Weldon gave an overview of the program, which works in conjunction with Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Behavioral Health on outreach and assistance for those living in encampments. The Coordinated Assistance and Resources for Encampments (CARE) pilot program launched in September 2021, focusing on employing services to four specific encampments, two of which have been cleared due to public safety concerns. Out of the 111 individuals identified in these encampments, 89 have been housed or are in hotel stays and awaiting housing. Commissioner Sondra Philips-Gilbert would like Mr. Weldon's team to address community concerns about the encampment at 18th and D Streets. To report an encampment residents can call (202) 727-7973 or send a detailed description to the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (mocrs[at]dc.gov) - or DMHHS (encampment.report[at]dc.gov).

Organizational actions

1. Commissioner Amber Gove called the roll, noting that all eight Commissioners were present, and announced the presence of a quorum.
2. Commissioner Mike Soderman moved and Commissioner Laura Gentile seconded the motion that ANC6A adopt the Commission Rules. The motion passed 8-0.
3. Commissioner Soderman moved and Commissioner Robb Dooling seconded the motion to re-elect officers as they currently are (Amber Gove as Chair, Keya Chatterjee as Vice Chair, Laura Gentile as Secretary and Parliamentarian, and Brian Alcorn as Treasurer). The motion passed 8-0.
4. Commissioner Gove moved and Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion to elect members and leaders of the permanent Committees for 2022.
Economic Development and Zoning Committee - Brad Greenfield (Chair), Jake Joyce, Tim Drake, Michael Cushman, Sam DeLuca, Daniel McPhetters, Roberta Shapiro.
Transportation and Public Safety Committee - Maura Dundon (Chair), Jeff Fletcher, Caitlin Rogger, Hassan Christian, Andrew Burnett, Shaun Lynch.
Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee- Mona Hatoum (Co-Chair), Ian Stanford (Co-Chair), Erin Sullivan, Joe Krisch, Kara Hughley.
Community Outreach Committee- Roni Hollmon (Chair), Gladys Mack, Stephany Thangavelu, Marc Friend, Jason Gresh, Sarah Bell.
The motion passed 8-0.
5. Commissioner Phil Toomajian moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion to adopt a schedule of monthly meetings, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8. The motion passed 8-0.
6. Commissioner Alcorn moved and Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion to participate in and to authorize the Treasurer to write a \$25.00 check to participate in the ANC Security Fund. The motion passed 8-0.

Consent Agenda

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

- ANC 6A approve a resolution to increase the funding of Cure the Streets, the DC Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) and violence interrupters at large.

- ANC 6A send a letter of opposition to BZA for special exception zoning relief under Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 902.1 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, and special exception zoning relief under Subtitle E § 5201, Subtitle E § 205.5, and Subtitle X § 902.1 from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4 to construct a third story and rear addition, and convert to a flat, an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit at 647 16th Street NE (BZA Case #20612) in the RF-1 zone.
- ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for special exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1 to construct a one-story, rear addition to an existing, attached, two-story with basement, principal dwelling unit at 909 Kent Place, NE (BZA Case #20652) in the RF-1 zone on condition that the applicant make best efforts to get letters of support from the neighbor to the west and a neighbor to the rear of the property.

Officer Reports:

1. The January 2022 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Alcorn reviewed the 3 expenditures accrued in December: \$765.89 for webmaster services, \$58.29 for Zoom Pro/Webinar, and \$25 for the ANC Security Fund (Checks #2002, #2003, #2004, respectively). The ANC had \$408.29 in uncashed checks (Checks #1996, #1999, #2001) and \$10,628.75 in cashed checks. The opening uncommitted funds available were \$39,641.23 and after these disbursements totaling \$849.18 and cashed and uncashed checks, the closing available checking balance is \$27,755.01. The savings account opened at \$100.05, gained no interest, and closed at \$100.05. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent without objection.
2. Commissioner Alcorn moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC6A accept the 2022 Q1 Quarterly Report. The motion passed 8-0.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach

1. The December 2021 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC6A approve a resolution in support of the Restore Act. The motion passed 7-0-1; Commissioner Toomajian abstained.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 24, 2022 (4th Monday).

Alcohol Beverage Licensing

1. No report. Committee did not meet in December 2021.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 25, 2022 (4th Tuesday).

Transportation and Public Space

1. The December 2021 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 27 (4th Thursday; usually 3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning

1. The December 2021 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.

Old Business

2. Commissioner Soderman moved and commissioner Gentile seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to HPRB for the construction of an existing one-story garage to

be rebuilt and expanded into a two-story carriage house, and the third-floor addition and roof deck at main house at 308 11th Street NE (HPRB Case #20-390). Case likely to appear on agenda for January 27, 2022 HPO meeting. The motion passed 8-0.

3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 19, 2022 (3rd Wednesday)

New Business

1. Commissioner Chatterjee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to Mayor Bowser requesting that the building at 1219 K Street NE (The Havana) be cited for a number of housing code violations; requesting follow up to ensure timely abatement; requesting information about this property from multiple relevant agencies across DC government; and requesting meaningful violence prevention efforts for the area within and surrounding 8th Street NE and 13th Street NE, between K Street NE and Florida Avenue NE. The living conditions at this location are inhumane and unsafe; there are several instances of individuals who do not reside in the building entering and conducting violent activities. Commissioner Alcorn offered a friendly amendment of sending a copy of the letter to the building management company in Houston, Texas as well. The motion passed as amended 8-0.
2. Commissioner Toomajian moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to Mayor Bowser and the D.C. Department of Health requesting additional locations for free at home rapid tests in or around ANC6A in Northeast DC and consider expanding vaccination requirements for restaurants, gyms, and bars to include a third/booster shot. The testing sites across DC are not particularly close to or easily accessible to a large portion of Northeast DC, especially if residents do not have access to vehicles or are quarantining and therefore avoiding public transportation. Commissioner Gove offered a friendly amendment of adding a sentence referencing “the goal of increasing equity” to the letter. The motion passed 7-0-1 with Commissioner Philips-Gilbert abstaining.

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Alcorn (6A08) recognized ANC 6A residents, specifically those of 6A08, for their involvement and enthusiasm throughout the redistricting process. The 300 block of 17th Place NE will receive 2 speed humps at the request of the community. If community members have questions about redistricting, they can reach out to Commissioner Alcorn at 6A08[at]anc.dc.gov.

Commissioner Philips-Gilbert (6A07) thanks 6A07 and Ward 6 neighbors for their participation throughout the redistricting process. The Commissioner continues to work on the encampment at 18th and D Streets and would like to see a follow-up and further involvement and cooperation between ANC 6A and DMHHS. The Christmas basket giveaway, funded by and ANC 6A grant, was a success and the Commissioner is grateful to all who supported and participated in the effort.

Commissioner Dooling (6A06) thanked Will Handsfield of DDOT for walking the 1400 block of Maryland Avenue NE to discuss the restoration of removed parking spaces. DDOT is working on a new project to increase walkability on Bladensburg Road NE. The Commissioner and Commissioner Chatterjee will be hosting a listening session for H Street business owners and members of ANC 6A to discuss the DDOT bus priority project.

Commissioner Gentile (6A05) shared that dogs are still running in Kingsman Field even though no dogs are allowed, the field has been reseeded. There was an accident on the intersection

of D and 13th Streets where a mother and child were hit and the Commissioner is submitting a TSI for this location. On E Street between 13th and 14th Streets NE, public trash cans are increasingly being used for household trash and the Commissioner keeps raising it to DPW. On Duncan Place NE, a sewer is percolating water when it rains and the Commissioner will continue to work with DC Water and DDOT to address this issue.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) is working to revive the Friends of Kingsman Dog Park to help improve the amenity adjacent to the field and on signage. The Commissioner expressed gratitude to Commissioner Alcorn and all those involved in the many redistricting texts pored over in the past few months. Speed humps should be installed in the 100 and 300 blocks of 13th Street NE and hoping for a raised crosswalk at the main entrance to Maury Elementary School. The Commissioner assisted in getting a third crossing guard for Maury and reported finally getting a raised crosswalk at 14th and A Streets NE as well as speed tables on 15th Street NE. The Commissioner urges community members to continue submitting 311 requests, noting that DDOT arborists are highly responsive and recognized DPW for a quick storm recovery.

Commissioner Soderman (6A03) reiterated gratitude for the grant that provided food baskets and other needs to community members. The Commissioner recognized the Mayor's efforts in installing testing sites around the city and encourages residents to get tested frequently and when necessary to prevent the spread of the virus.

Commissioner Toomajian (6A02) warns residents to not remain parked in school bus parking areas outside of weekends. There is a new stop sign at 9th and F Streets NE and there is limited visibility at 10th and F Streets NE because of construction and the Commissioner will be engaging with DDOT about this. DCRA's inaction at the Havana is completely unacceptable and continues a pattern of the agency not taking such concerns seriously and the Commissioner will reach out to MOCR Mr. Pham to help address the situation. The Commissioner praised DPW for their efficient work and noted new flex posts at 8th and F and 8th and G Streets NE.

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) noted accidents at 8th and G Streets NE and 12th and G Streets NE as well as continued shooting, some of which has not been reported to or recorded by MPD. Traffic and gun violence are at all-time highs, and the Commissioner is hoping to get violence prevention services allocated to ANC 6A and specifically her SMD.

Community Comments

Ward 6 MOCR Kevin Pham noted that Cure the Streets is under the purview of the Attorney General, not the Mayor, but can recommend violence interruption presenters to speak to the ANC.

Mr. Pham also gave a COVID-19 update:

- Mayor Bowser has opened 6 sites for residents 65 and older to receive free rapid testing kits: residents can see which sites are operating at www.covid.dc.gov.
- DC Schools are piloting "Test This Day" program, which will allow students who identify as close contacts to receive rapid tests and remain in school if they return negative.
- Starting at 6:00 am on Saturday, January 8, 2022, certain establishments will require that patrons aged 6 and older to provide proof of at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine; starting on February 15, 2022, proof of two doses will be required. Those 18+ will be required to show their ID as well.

Mr. Pham reminded residents that the phone number for the DC Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Hotline (202) 399 7093.

Roni Hollman, Chair of ANC 6A COC noted that COC will need new members that will remain in Ward 6 after redistricting; most members of the Committee now reside in Ward 7..

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm.