

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
January 11, 2024**

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove, Keya Chatterjee, Roberta Shapiro, Dave Wethington, Robb Dooling, and Steve Moilanen were present. Commissioner Mike Velasquez was absent.

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

Commissioner Amber Gove called the meeting to order. The minutes for the ANC December 2023 meeting were accepted. The agenda for the January 2024 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

Organizational Actions

1. Call of the roll and announce the presence of a quorum.
2. Commissioner Robb Dooling moved and Commissioner Steve Moilanen seconded the motion to edit the ANC 6A Standard Operating Procedures (page 8) language to change the name of the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee. The motion passed 5-0-1; Commissioner Roberta Shapiro abstained due to technical Zoom issues.
3. Commissioner Dooling moved and Commissioner Keya Chatterjee seconded the motion to amend the ANC 6A Standard Operating Procedures (page 6) Item VII.B to state “if a Commissioner or Committee Member makes a motion to support an item at a Committee meeting and place it on the consent agenda, and if that motion passes unanimously, the item is placed on the consent agenda for the full Commission meeting.” The motion passed 5-0-1 with Commissioner Shapiro abstaining due to technical issues.
4. Commissioner Mike Wethington moved and Commissioner Moilanen seconded the motion to adopt the Commission Rules: Bylaws (<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Bylaws-01012022.pdf>), Standard Operating Procedures (<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-SOP-updated-10162022.pdf>), Code of Conduct (<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Code-of-Conduct-01012022.pdf>). The motion passed 6-0.
5. Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Wethington seconded the motion to elect officers for 2024: Chair - Amber Gove (6A04); Vice Chair - Keya Chatterjee (6A01); Secretary - Robb Dooling (6A06); Treasurer - Steve Moilanen (6A07). The motion passed 6-0.
6. Commissioner Chatterjee moved and Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion to elect members and leaders of the permanent Committees for 2024.
Economic Development and Zoning Committee - Mike Cushman (6A04) and Joal Mendonsa (6A01) - Co-Chairs; Ayisha Lockett (6A06).
Transportation and Public Space Committee - Shaun Lynch (6A01), Chair; Caitlin Rogger (6A07); Mark Sussman (6A04); Paul Angelone (6A05); Jeff Fletcher (6A07).
Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee - Mike Velasquez - Interim Chair (6A02); Joe Krisch (6A01); Erin Blumenthal (6A02); Monica Martinez (6A03).
Community Outreach Committee - Paul Spires (6A01) Chair; Adina Wadsworth (6A07); Gail Sullivan (6A0); Elizabeth Corinth (6A03); Angelique Dorazio Sanders (6A05); Clare Dougherty (6A05). The motion passed 6-0.

7. Commissioner Dooling moved and Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion to adopt a schedule of monthly meetings, on the second Thursday of each month, for 2024 (except August): February 8, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12 and January 9, 2025. The motion passed 6-0.
8. Commissioner Chatterjee moved and Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion to participate in and to authorize the Treasurer to write a \$50.00 check to participate in the ANC Security Fund. The motion passed 6-0.

Consent Agenda:

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

Transportation and Public Space

1. ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting immediate consideration of design changes ahead of existing construction plans to address persistent safety issues at the intersections of Florida Avenue NE, 12th Street NE, K Street NE and Montello Avenue NE.
2. ANC 6A send a letter of support to HSEMA for the 2024 Capitol Hill Classic Race.
3. ANC 6A authorize Commissioners Shapiro and Gove to draft testimony with Commission and community input for the DDOT Performance Oversight Hearing.

Officer Reports:

1. The January 2024 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Moilanen reviewed the four expenditures accrued in December: \$765.89 for webmaster services, \$250.00 for notetaking, \$58.29 for Zoom Premium, and \$125.00 for notetaking for a special meeting (checks #2085, #2085, #2083, and #2086, respectively). The opening uncommitted funds available were \$39,201.50. After accounts payable totaling \$8,251.03 the closing available checking balance is \$30,950.47. The savings account opened at \$100.05, gained no interest, and closed at \$100.05, and petty cash remained at \$25.00. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent. Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach (COC)

1. No report. Committee did not meet in December 2023.
2. Incoming Committee Chair Paul Spires introduced himself, noting that he lives on 11th and I Streets NE and is involved with youth development and leading a Turn the Lights On initiative to support local businesses on H Street NE. He is excited to be in the role and grateful to outgoing Chair Adina Wadsworth for her continued support and service.
3. Next meeting: 7:00 pm, January 22, 2024 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

1. The December 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 23, 2024 (4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

1. The December 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 20, 2024 (3rd Tuesday; usually 3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

1. No report. Committee did not meet in December 2023
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 17, 2024 (3rd Wednesday)

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) reported that next Wednesday at 6:30 pm there will be a neighborhood engagement meeting at Sherwood Recreation Center. The city found \$1.4M for capital improvement at Sherwood and the community should have input on how the money should be spent; there may be a hybrid option to attend. MPD is hosting a safety walk meeting at 5:30 pm in front of School Within School (SWS) @ Goding. The Commissioner encourages neighbors to eat a lot and often at H Street, especially at the upcoming Restaurant Week. The Commissioner is also looking for a contact for a non-for-profit charitable raffle as part of a fundraising event and Mr. Stolzenberg and Ms. DeMayo will try to assist.

Commissioner Moilanen (6A07) recognized the improvements at SWS, specifically on the playground, making it safer. The Commissioner encourages everyone to support H Street restaurants during next week's Restaurant Week and participated in Hill Family Biking right before the holidays which is a wonderful opportunity to safely bike around the neighborhood en masse. The Commissioner encourages participation in the next installment on January 20, 2024.

Commissioner Dave Wethington (6A05) is grateful to fellow Commissioners, especially Commissioners Dooling and Chatterjee, for their inspirational time and energy put into settlement agreements on cannabis licensing. Councilmember Allen passed emergency legislation earlier this week related to new cannabis laws. The Commissioner had conversations with community members about standard neighborhood issues such as broken pipes and manholes and called out the Maury/Miner Elementary Schools boundary study; he is looking forward to being a voice in that conversation.

Commissioner Robb Dooling (6A06) is encouraging DDOT to start breaking ground on the H Street Bus Priority project and is looking forward to getting this done soon.

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) announced the first meeting of the H Street Alliance, which will be at Atlas Theater on January 24, 2024. This will be a great opportunity to speak about public safety and spaces and how to support businesses. H Street Farmers Market would like ideas on how to store their tents - they would like to be year-round but need a 5 by 10-foot space for storage. The ongoing projects along Florida Avenue are continuing to make constituents' lives difficult, especially with the current rain which led to flooding from the construction. The Commissioner is sad about the passing of Chris Laskowski of Councilmember Charles Allen's staff, who we were lucky to have in our neighborhood.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) is saddened by the passing of Chris Laskowski and looks forward to celebrating his life on Sunday. The DME boundary studies for Maury and Miner Elementary Schools are ongoing and the Commissioner proposed inviting and having a conversation with the deputy mayor for education at an upcoming COC meeting. Councilmember Allen has agreed to be at the March 2024 meeting and would like to collaborate with ANC 7D. The Commissioner is following up with MPD, who continue to report issues with Hyundais and Kias, and expressed frustration with the Department of General Services (DGS) who have not been

maintaining filters on HVAC systems at Eliot Hine Middle School. DC Water's emergency hotline responded quickly to clear blocked catch basin/storm drains from the rain.

Commissioner Mike Velasquez (6A02) apologized for being late but is excited to be interim chair of the ABL - now ABC - committee. There has been an increase in robberies and the Commissioner is working with Commander Hall (MPD 1st District), hoping to change the tone of the corridor with the H Street Alliance.

Community Comment

Ms. Jen DeMayo, and all of Councilmember Allen's office, are devastated by the loss of Chris Laskowski and hopes everyone can make it to the service on Sunday. At the first legislative session of the year, Councilmember Allen's STEER Act received unanimous support; this is legislation that is hopefully going to assist in tackling dangerous drivers and works around enforcement issues with out-of-state drivers. There are new cannabis legislation laws that will impact several shops along H Street. Restaurant Week starts soon with 15 restaurants participating in the area.

MOCR Jake Stolzenberg is excited about Restaurant Week and shares condolences for Mr. Laskowski and his loved ones. There is an MLK parade in Ward 8 starting at 11:00 am on Monday. The mayor released a FY2024 Greenbook for \$1.24B small businesses, focused on downtown, and \$500M on Chinatown. Mr. Stolzenberg is still working with DGS and DLCP and walking the neighborhood and will continue working with Commissioners on anything they need.

<https://mayor.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-releases-fy24-green-book-highlights-12-billion-contracting-opportunities-local>

<https://mayor.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-launches-task-force-shape-future-gallery-placechinatown-neighborhood>

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The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.