

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
February 9, 2023**

Present: Commissioners Keya Chatterjee, Robb Dooling, Mike Velasquez, Roberta Shapiro, and Steve Moilanen were present. Commissioners Amber Gove and Laura Gentile were absent.

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

Vice-Chair Keya Chatterjee called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. The minutes for the ANC January 2023 meeting were accepted. The agenda for the February 2023 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

Community Presentations

Vacant/Blighted Properties in ANC 6A - Mark-Anthony Tynes, Account Manager, Office of the Director, The Department of Buildings; Hazle Crawford, Ward 6 Account Manager

Mr. Hazle Crawford, Ward Account Manager at the newly formed Department of Buildings (DOB), gave an overview of the Department, noting that it is responsible for the administration and enforcement of construction compliance, rental housing safety, and residential property maintenance activities. The DOB began functioning in October 2022. Mr. Crawford reviewed common Service Level Agreements (SLAs) and response times, including 3 business days to respond to customer inquiries, 2 business days to complete permit application pre-screening, 30 business days to complete first-round plan reviews, and 30 days to complete initial inspection of vacant properties. 90% of the SLAs have been met, and all statuses can be viewed at the public dashboard at www.dob.dc.gov. DOB has several resources to help residents and businesses, such as the insurance education center, a contractor rating system, Tertius (one-stop shop for construction inspections), and Scout (online consolidated database of permitting, licensing, and compliance information). The DOB office is located at 1100 4th Street SW and can be reached at (202) 671-3500 or [dob\[at\]dc.gov](mailto:dob[at]dc.gov). There is a live chat option at www.dob.dc.gov between the hours of 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. Mr. Crawford can be reached directly at [Hazle.crawford\[at\]dc.gov](mailto:Hazle.crawford[at]dc.gov) or (202) 733-8766.

Housing Inspection and Property Maintenance Request Form:

<https://dcra.kustomer.help/contact/request-for-inspection-form-SkHyBRJBv>

Illegal Construction Inspection Request Form:

<https://dcra.kustomer.help/contact/illegal-construction-inspection-request-form-SJLMTS2PD>

Vacant Property Inspection Request Form:

<https://dcra.kustomer.help/contact/vacant-property-inspection-BkyNeYleO>

February 16th Open House flyer:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/DCWASH/bulletins/346b626>

Consent Agenda

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

Community Outreach (COC)

- ANC 6A appoint Angelique Dorazio-Sanders and Clare Dougherty (Gentile), Elizabeth Corinth (Shapiro), Stephanie Myers (Gove) and Gail Sullivan (Chatterjee) as members of the Community Outreach Committee (COC).
- ANC 6A send a letter to the Department of Public Works (DPW) in support of curbside composting and additional compost drop off facilities.

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the application of Naomi's Ladder II, LLC t/a Smokin' Pig at 1208 H Street NE (ABRA-104866) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.

Officer Reports:

1. The February 2022 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Steve Moilanen reviewed the six expenditures accrued in January 2022 and December 2023: \$765.89 December webmaster services, \$765.89 for January webmaster services, \$250.00 for December notetaking, \$250.00 for January notetaking, \$58.29 for Zoom Pro/Webinar, and \$50.00 for the security fund payment. The opening uncommitted funds available were \$35,931. After disbursements totaling \$2,140.07, the closing available checking balance is \$33,890.98. The savings account opened at \$100.05, gained no interest, and closed at \$100.05. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Commissioner Moilanen presented the 2023 Q1 report, noting the ending balance of \$37,322.44 after quarterly disbursements of \$8,610.84 and a district allotment of \$6,235.48. Commissioner Roberta Shapiro moved and Commissioner Robb Dooling seconded the motion to approve the 2023 Q1 Quarterly Report. The motion passed 5-0.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach

1. The January 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 27, 2023 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing

1. The January 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion that ANC 6A oppose the application of VYB Enterprises, LLC t/a Vybrations Restaurant and Lounge at 1123 H Street NE (ABRA-123389) for a Class C Restaurant License unless a settlement agreement is entered into prior to the protest date, and that the Chair of the ABL Committee, the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC, and Commissioner Mike Velasquez represent the ANC in this matter.

Several neighbors voiced their concerns about noise, trash pickup, traffic and parking, rodents and pests and cited previous establishments at this location as

examples of having a negative effect on the neighborhood. The new owners plan on the following mitigation measures: no live entertainment outdoors, only pre-recorded music; enforcing a reasonable capacity restriction; posted signage about noise; maximizing soundproofing; a robust system of cameras available to law enforcement; commercial trash pickup 2-3 times per week. The applicants want to abide by any precedent and current standards of businesses in the area, such as Pie Shop, about noise and hours. The new owners and the establishment have no connections to the previous owner and are willing to make public a list of investors and stakeholders in VYB Enterprises, LLC. The previous owner/establishment was a club, whereas this is a restaurant/lounge concept with a healthy, fun atmosphere. Owners and representatives can be reached at Vybrationenterprises[at]gmail.com, STM[at]morrisesq.com, and (301) 654-6570. The motion passed 4-1, Commissioner Velasquez opposed; he has lasting concerns that match those of his constituents.

3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 28, 2023 (4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space

1. The January 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 21, 2022 (3rd Tuesday; usually 3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning

1. The January 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 15, 2023 (3rd Wednesday)

New Business

- Commissioners Amber Gove, Chatterjee, and Roberta Shapiro moved and Commissioner Velasquez seconded the motion that ANC 6A authorizes Commissioners Gove, Chatterjee or Shapiro to testify at the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) performance oversight hearing, requesting: 1) improved responses to rising traffic violence, 2) increased transparency in the traffic safety investigation process, and 3) increased automated traffic enforcement and—through the Department of Public Works (DPW)--booting and towing of chronically violating vehicles.

Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Robb Dooling seconded the motion of amending the original motion to include a separate and focused letter to DDOT Director Everett Lott, detailing the inaccuracies of TSI dashboards and requesting specific alterations and transparency and availability of the information presented. Both motions passed 5-0.

- Commissioner Velasquez moved that ANC 6A appoint Erin Blumenthal (6A02) as a member of the Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee. Ms. Blumenthal is a long-time H Street resident with a history of volunteering and community involvement and has attended an ABL meeting. The motion passed 5-0.
- Commissioners Chatterjee and Dooling moved and Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion that ANC 6A appoint Ayisha Lockett (6A06), Jeremiah Foxwell and Joal

Mendonsa (6A01) as members of the Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ) Committee. The motion passed 5-0.

Single Member District Reports

Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) is grateful to DPR, who responded to complaints about several issues at Sherwood including garbage, rats, and broken fences. There are composting concerns among her constituents, who believe it may be the cause of rats although there are no signs of burrows. There is also concern about what the tax lot conversion means. Sasha Bruce, which got its zoning status changed, agreed to reach out to the neighborhood and set up a liaison committee.

Commissioner Dooling (6A06) reported new speed bumps at 14th Place NE and a budget engagement forum at Eastern High School on February 11, 2023 with Mayor Bowser. The MOCRS representative was unavailable for this ANC meeting but shared his contact information: (202) 341-3659. The DC Streetcar is looking for models for a photoshoot next week, especially families. Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen is hosting office hours at Maketto on H Street NE from 9-10:30 am on Friday, February 10, 2023.

Commissioner Moilanen (6A07) thanks Celeste Duffy from DPW for helping resolve trash collection issues and is grateful for the Commission in their efforts in making the streets safer.

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) reported that a lit stop sign was finally installed at the intersection of 9th and K Streets NE. There are still a lot of complaints about traffic safety at J.O. Wilson Elementary, which is just outside the boundaries of ANC 6A, but zoned for students within the ANC boundaries.

Commissioner Velasquez (6A02) met with Commander Bryant from MPD and did a ride along with new Captain Sherrelle Williams. The Commissioner spoke with the managers of Avec Apartments as well as with Congressman Allen and neighbors about public safety concerns about the corner of 8th and H Streets. After submitting a TSI, there were traffic calming measures installed on G Street. The Commissioner did a neighborhood walkthrough with a MOCRS representative and met with Mr. Miller and representatives from the 1200 Linden Association and is pleased with the design although there could be more IZ units.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.