

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Zoom Meeting
March 10, 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 the presence of a quorum. The minutes for the ANC February 2022 meeting were accepted, and the agenda for the March 2022 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

Community Presentations:

D.C. Sentencing Commission - Brittany Bunch, Outreach Specialist

DC Sentencing Commission's Outreach Specialist Brittany Bunch gave an overview of the organization, noting that it is an independent agency that implements, monitors, and supports the District's voluntary sentencing guidelines. The agency promotes fair and consistent sentencing guidelines and strives to make the public knowledgeable about these policies. The Commission consists of 17 members (12 voting and 5 non-voting) that represent several criminal justice entities. Not only does the Commission provide sentencing recommendations but it also monitors the application of the guidelines, tracks how many judges abide by them, conducts research on felony sentencing-related trends in DC, and provides outreach, education, and data for those interested. The DC Superior Courts have been imposing sentences under the DC Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines for all felony offenses since June 2004, and these guidelines dictate the type of sentence to impose as well as sentence length. Sentencing recommendations are based on two major factors: criminal history of the individual being sentenced and the severity of the illegal act, as well as several mitigating or aggravating factors. The Commission also provides two grids for judges to use which outline sentences for violent and nonviolent crime and drug-related crime. The Commission's current guidelines have a 99% judicial compliance rate. The Commission is implementing "Fact Fridays", sharing facts on their social media accounts on Fridays, as well as hosting a public meeting in every third Tuesday of the month. The 2021 annual report on sentencing trends will be released in April of 2022. For more information, Ms. Bunch can be reached at [Brittany.bunch\[at\]dc.gov](mailto:Brittany.bunch@dc.gov), and interested parties can peruse the following links:

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Consent Agenda

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

6A write a letter of support for a stipulated license for Taqueria Al Lado II, LLC at 809 12th Street NE (ABRA #119979) t/a Taqueria Al Lado II, contingent on a Settlement

Agreement being reached prior to the ANC's consideration of the matter, and that the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC and the Chair and Co-Chair of the ABL Committee represent the ANC in the negotiation of the Settlement Agreement.

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

ANC 6A adopt a resolution, including the attached petition, to officially name the alley in Square 1009, between C and D Street NE and 12th and 13th Street NE, "Overbeck Alley" in honor of Ruth Ann Overbeck and will send the resolution to Councilmember Charles Allen.

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

ANC 6A send a letter to BZA in support of the request for a special exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the accessory building area requirements of Subtitle E § 5003.1, pursuant to Subtitle U § 301.1(e) and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the matter-of-right uses of Subtitle U § 301, to construct a detached, two-story, garage with second story dwelling unit to an existing, attached, two-story principal dwelling unit at 1127 G Street NE (BZA #20687) in the RF-1 zone, on condition that the owners make best efforts to get letters of support from the neighbors available at 1125 G Street NE, and the neighbors at 636 12th Street NE having facing windows.

Officer Reports:

1. The March 2022 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Brian Alcorn reviewed the four expenditures accrued in February: \$765.89 for webmaster services, \$250 for notetaking, \$58.29 for Zoom Pro/Webinar, and \$13 for postage (Checks # 2009-2012, respectively). The ANC had \$2,574.18 in uncashed checks (Checks #2005-2008) and \$1,257.47 in cashed checks. The opening uncommitted funds available were \$29,012.48 and after these disbursements totaling \$1,087.18 and cashed and uncashed checks, the closing available checking balance is \$24,093.65. 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 provided a fiscal update, reviewing the 2022 spending plan adopted in October 2021 which budgeted \$27,841.63 for FY22 and noting that the FY22 ANC allotment is \$21,782.24, meaning that the Commission decided to budget \$6,059.39 more than would be allocated. The spending is broken down into nine categories: personnel (\$0 budgeted and spent), office costs (\$0 budgeted and spent), communications costs (\$4,940 budgeted, \$4,743.45 spent), office supplies (\$1,819 budgeted, \$289 spent), grants (\$8,000 budgeted, \$4,500 spent), transportation (\$0 budgeted and spent), purchase of service (\$11,640.68 budgeted, \$5,141 spent), bank charges (\$120 budgeted, \$47 spent), other (\$1,321 budgeted, \$25 spent). This totals 53% of the budget spent. An additional \$300 will be spent for communications costs, however, a significant amount of money may be reallocated. COC Chair Roni Hollmon reported that there have been no eligible (501c3) organizations applying for grants, but schools can continue to receive grants.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

1. The February 2022 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, March 28, 2022 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing

1. The February 2022 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, March 22, 2022 (4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space

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

Economic Development and Zoning

1. The February 2022 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, March 16, 2022 (3rd Wednesday)

New Business

1. Commissioner Laura Gentile moved and Commissioner Keya Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the appointment of Adina Wadsworth as a member of the Community Outreach Committee. The motion passed 8-0.
2. Commissioner Chatterjee moved and Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to the DDOT Public Space Regulation Administration for the enclosed patio application for Pursuit Wine Bar (Tracking Number #10905087 - 1025 H Street NE, (SSL: 0959-0017)) under the condition that it keeps the same footprint as the existing unenclosed patio. The motion passed 8-0.
3. Commissioner Gentile moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to the Committee on Recreation, Libraries & Youth Affairs for prioritization of Kingsman Dog Park for capital improvements in the FY23 budget. Kingsman Dog Park is one of the District's first dog parks and has only received sporadic updates over the past ten years. The letter will be amended to reflect the correct name of the Committee's director as well as to note several other local parks needing improvements and Sherwood Recreation Center's need for playground enhancements. The motion passed 8-0.
4. Commissioner Robb Dooling moved and Commissioner Mike Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to DDOT for Notice of Intent # 22-88 to convert no-parking spaces to Ward 6 Residential Parking Permit (RPP) spaces on the 1400 block of Maryland Avenue NE, with no effect on travel lanes. The motion passed 8-0.

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Alcorn (6A08) spoke about Ward 7 redistricting, noting that about 5,300 Ward 6 residents were redistricted to Ward 7. Ward 7 redistricting taskforce public meetings will continue to be held; details are on the ANC website calendar. There is presently no consensus within the Ward 7 taskforce on how to draw the new ANC map and the Commissioner encourages community input. Community members are meeting with the developer of an alley lot between 15th and 16th Streets and C and D Streets. The Commissioner is grateful to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) for speed block installation on the 100 block of 15th Street, spoke on Channel 9 about additional amateur sports facilities, and participated in an all-ANC meeting about the evolution of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA).

Commissioner Sondra Philips-Gilbert (6A07) attended the recent Ward 7 redistricting committee meeting and participated in a community walk with the MOCR; another walk is scheduled for March 11, 2022. The Commissioner noted how impressive and competent the MOCR is. The Commissioner visited and took pictures of the homeless encampment and needs

authorities to address the policies and procedures surrounding these encampments as nothing has been done.

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) printed posters promoting fixing H Street NE and is working with H Street business owners for their input. The ANC has received responses to their 1219 K Street letter from every agency except to the six questions about housing. The Commissioner did get a response from the owner of the lot who has given legal responsibility to the DC landlord. It is almost the end of a Notice of Intent of a “no right on red” at 12th and H Streets NE.

Commissioner Phil Toomajian (6A02) participated in an H Street NE walk and hoping to produce good results. The Commissioner flagged that a woman has been found sleeping in other people’s cars and refused to exit when asked and has also stolen some items.

Commissioner Robb Dooling (6A06) commended the new MOCR who has been very effective and responsive to requests. The Commissioner also participated in an H Street NE walk with a focus on three issues - wider sidewalks, the Streetcar, and pickup/drop-off zones for small businesses; the Commissioner is hosting listening sessions along with Commissioner Chatterjee with H Street small businesses. The DDOT director has noted that the bus project will break ground in 2024, but the Commissioner stated this is not fast enough. Finally, the Commissioner loves the poster Commissioner Chatterjee printed.

Commissioner Gentile (6A05) regrets missing the H Street NE walk but participated in a Kingsman Dog Park site visit on March 9, 2022 with Councilmember Charles Allen, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the Department of General Services (DGS) to review park conditions. The park needs renovations and a list of priorities; the base of the dog park is gravel and the new standard does not include that so will make that change. Since it had rained recently, the persistent draining problem was obvious. DPR will price out the work and send the estimate to Councilmember Allen’s office. The Commissioner is grateful to Jen DeMayo and the Hill Hounds who set up and helped the meeting. Finally, cars are using parking spots to pass cars at lights on 15th Street NE and there is still intermittent flooding on Duncan Place NE.

Commissioner Soderman (6A03) reported that the 10th Street family celebrated Mr. Outlaw’s 95th birthday. Unfortunately, the community lost a longtime resident, Anthony, on C Street NE. The Commissioner went to a follow-up meeting on Ward 6 redistricting and there was some contention among 6C Commissioners regarding adjustments past 8th Street NE. The Commissioner believes that Ward 6A and 6C should have equitable representation. There were a few unfortunate speeding situations on D Street NE and a discharged firearm that went through a constituent’s front door.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) noted that the latest maps have 7 Commissioners in 6A and 6C and is hoping for a rational final map. The Commissioner participated in a community clean up at Maury Elementary School and is working on testimony on safety measures at schools, noting that traffic safety measures should be standardized across schools throughout the District.

Community Comments

MOCR Jasmine Coilton announced that the Department of Public Works (DPW) spring alley cleaning will begin March 1 through March 30, 2022 and will notify motorists to move their cars; cars that are not moved will incur a \$40.00 ticket. As of March 1, 2022, the mask

mandate is lifted in DC, although individual establishments may still require masks to be worn. The Mayor announced the largest District Job Fair on March 16-17, 2022 with a resume workshop preceding it on March 14, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.