

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
April 13, 2023**

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

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

Chair Amber Gove called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. The minutes for the ANC March 2023 meeting were accepted. The agenda for the April 2023 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

Community Presentations

Mayor's Proposed FY2024 Budget - Richard Jackson, Director, Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE)

DOEE Director Jackson gave an overview of the mayor's budget, noting that resources are shrinking in a slowing economy while fixed costs are increasing; building sustainability and resiliency in investments and spending was a main priority in constructing the budget. This is the 28th consecutive balanced budget, which looks to eliminate programs inefficiently using funds, hire an effective workforce across all DC programs, close the ratio wealth gap, and invest in downtown as a destination. The mayor plans to bring 15K new residents into the city center by converting spaces into residential areas; building codes will be updated Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS) will be considered early in the construction process. Specifically in Ward 6 there is a significant investment in schools: \$91M for J.O. Wilson Elementary renovation, \$94M for Brent Elementary renovation, \$90M for Tyler Elementary renovation, and \$84M for Amidon-Bowen Elementary renovation. The budget also features heavy investments in transportation and the environment: \$26M for bus priority projects, one of which is on H Street NE, as well as an investment in the Anacostia River Walk Trail. The DOEE budget specifically is around \$190M, which is approximately a 14% reduction, but Director Jackson is adamant that this will not affect DOEE's ability to do their assigned work. DOEE has been working on expanding the Electric Vehicle (EV) program, especially for private vehicles, and has several pilot programs in the works including the installation of more charging stations and research into battery storage. There will be community engagement opportunities on this topic over the following months. Some budget resources and information below:

FY 2024 Fair Shot Budget: <https://mayor.dc.gov/page/fy-2024-fair-shot-budget>

Ward 6 Capital Investments:

https://mayor.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/mayoromb/page_content/attachments/Ward%206%20FY24.pdf

Mayor's Comeback Plan: <https://mayor.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-unveils-dcs-comeback-plan>

DC Water's Lead Free DC (LFDC) Initiative - Sean Moore, District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority

Mr. Moore of DC Water gave an update on DC Water's activity in ANC 6A and DC Water's Lead Free DC initiative, which is a plan to eliminate all of the city's lead service lines by 2030. Anyone interested in more information or determining whether they have a lead pipe can reach out to [lead\[at\]dcwater.com](mailto:lead[at]dcwater.com), call (202) 787-4044 or check www.dewater.com/leadmap.

There are approximately 28K lead service lines in the city and every year DC Water launches new capital projects on blocks across the city to replace some of them. There is no safe level of lead in water and exposure can result in increased health risks. The water service line runs from the public water main to the property, DC Water is responsible for maintaining the portion of the service line in public space, outside of the property line. In many instances and with proper funding and with homeowner consent, DC Water will replace private-side service lines as well. LFDC is comprised of three programs that will replace more than 25K lead water service lines by 2030 - CIPERR (free replacements in conjunction with capital improvement projects), LPRAP (discounted replacement of water service line on private property when only that private portion is lead), and VFRP (replacement of service line if both public and private portions are lead; homeowner pays for private portion). LFDC looks at information such as underserved areas and vulnerable populations to select areas of improvement for the By-Block program, which is free for homeowners, but eligible individuals must be home during the work and sign agreements prior to the work starting. Mr. Moore encourages homeowners to sign and return agreements and remember that this is a citywide effort.

Consent Agenda

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

- ANC 6A protest the application of Hiraya Kapamilya, LLC t/a Hiraya Kapamilya at 1250 H Street NE (ABRA-124137) for a Class C Tavern License unless a settlement agreement is entered into 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.

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT and Washington Gas, requesting that all barriers be re-installed along the entire Florida Avenue bike route and that measures be taken to ensure compliance with safe accommodations.
- ANC 6A submit Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to DDOT to disclose certain data regarding the nature and disposition of the pre-January 6, 2023 TSI requests; as well as the component parts scoring of the TSI 2.0 prioritization model, and the identification and availability of data used to compute the prioritization scores.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT to disclose certain data regarding the nature and disposition of the pre-January 6, 2023 TSI requests; as well as the component parts scoring of the TSI 2.0 prioritization model, and the identification and availability of data used to compute the prioritization scores and if the information is not made available; and if the information was not made available within a “reasonable” period of time, then ANC 6A would submit a (FOIA) request.

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

- ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for area variance relief pursuant to Subtitle X § 1002 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1 for a project to construct a rear addition to an existing, attached, two-story with basement, principal dwelling unit at 912 Maryland Ave NE (BZA #20847) in the RF- 1 zone on condition that the owner provide letters of support that have already been collected. BZA Case scheduled for 03/29/2023.

Officer Reports:

The April 2023 Treasurer’s report by Commissioner Steve Moilanen reviewed the three expenditures accrued in March: \$765.89 for webmaster services, \$250.00 for notetaking, and

\$58.29 for Zoom Pro/Webinar (checks #2055-2057). Accounts payable include February's payment of \$765.89 for webmaster services (check#2053). The opening uncommitted funds available were \$33,532. After disbursements and accounts payable totaling \$1,890.07, the closing available checking balance is \$31,641.93. The savings account opened at \$100.05, gained no interest, and closed at \$100.05, and petty cash remained at \$25. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach

1. The March 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 22, 2023 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing

1. The March 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Moilanen seconded the recommendation that ANC 6A protest the application of Old City 1 LLC t/a Old City 1 Cafe at 1307 H Street NE (ABRA-124035) for a Class C Restaurant License. Commissioner Mike Velasquez noted that the establishment started out as a restaurant and suddenly changed into a lounge with loud music and hookah without an updated ABRA license. The proprietor, Mr. Solomon Kahssay, and representative Mr. Michael Arias said the building is about to be foreclosed on and they are seeking, for the moment, to continue solely as a restaurant and refrain from any lounge/tavern activity in hopes of returning to good financial standing. They are still seeking to keep their entertainment endorsement, potentially for a DJ during happy hour. Mr. Kahssay operates a successful bakery/lounge in Virginia and is thinking about purchasing this location, but might want to turn it into a hookah lounge in the future. Commissioner Velasquez offered a friendly amendment and Commissioner Roberta Shapiro seconded the amendment that ANC 6A protest the Restaurant license unless a settlement agreement is reached, and authorize ABL Chair Sullivan to represent the ANC in this matter. The motion passed as amended 6-0.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, April 25, 2023 (4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space

1. The March 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, April 18, 2023 (3rd Tuesday; 3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning

1. The March 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Keya Chatterjee seconded the recommendation that ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for Special Exception relief pursuant to Subtitle C § 703 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the minimum vehicle parking requirements of Subtitle C § 701.5, special exception relief pursuant to Subtitle C § 909 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the access requirements of Subtitle C § 904.5, and special exception relief pursuant to Subtitle H §§ 910.1 and 1202; and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the development standards of Subtitle H § 901 to construct a new, detached, five-story with cellar and penthouse, 80-unit apartment addition, to existing mixed-use buildings at 1000-1016 H Street NE (BZA #20880) in the NC-16 Zone based on the plans that include 3,261 square feet of retail space on condition best effort to get come to an agreement on construction issues and that gas service only be used for emergency usage. BZA hearing scheduled for 5/3/2023. Ms. Meredith Moldenhauer presented, on behalf of the applicant, updates since the last ANC meeting, which include increased retail space on the first

floor, modified storefront design, and concessions made after meeting with neighbors. Neighbors are continuing to express concerns about the project and construction agreement, especially about the clause stating that, once signed, neighbors will not be able to sue or testify against the project. The motion passed 6-0.

3. The Committee recommended that ANC 6A send letters of support to BZA and HPO for special exception relief pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1 and historic review of a project to construct a rear and side addition to an existing attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit at 336 11th Street NE (HPA #23-252/BZA #20869) in the RF-1 zone with the condition that any information or reports received from HPO before the full ANC considers the project be in support of the project. BZA hearing scheduled for 4/26/2023. The conditions have been met and the motion passed 6-0.
4. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Shapiro seconded the recommendation that ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for special exception relief pursuant to Subtitle E § 205.5, Subtitle E § 5201, and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4 and special exception relief pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1 for a project to construct a two-story rear addition, to an existing semi-detached, two-story principal dwelling unit at 214 Warren Street NE (BZA #20881) in the RF-1 zone on condition that the developer make best efforts to get letters of support from 216 and 222 Warren Street NE. BZA hearing scheduled for 5/3/2023. Sun studies show minimal impact and neighbors are in support of the project. The motion passed 6-0.
5. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, April 19, 2023 (3rd Wednesday)

Commission Business

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Velasquez (6A02) recognized Commissioner Shapiro's letter to DDOT Director Lott about a recently erected structure at F Street. The Commissioner has been working with Commissioner Robb Dooling and ABL Chair Sullivan on KitchenCray, who are looking to change their business operation and add a business in their basement named Flight Lounge, which some neighbors are expressing concerns about. The Commissioner also met Captain Savoy's replacement, Inspector Hall, and noted ongoing concern about crime from residents of 7th Street NE, and also met with Councilmember Christina Henderson's office with regard to automatic traffic enforcement.

Commissioner Dooling (6A06) is grateful for all of Commissioner Velasquez's help on recent matters and reported a shooting at 14th and F Streets NE as well as a road rage incident. Martin-Diamond Properties have a new proposal to develop 1371 and 1375 H Street NE and will be meeting with the EDZ Committee.

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) reported 60 rounds of shooting as well as an incident with a government staffer attacked by someone recently released from jail, highlighting the lack of communication between the federal government and DC offices who would be able to provide support. The Capitol Hill Classic is coming up and the farmer's market is open. On April 1, 2023 there was a great cleanup with 30 large trash bags filled up, as well as one at J.O. Wilson Elementary School. Dangerous, irresponsible behavior on Florida Avenue must be addressed and the Commission has asked DDOT to place a staff member in the area to address safety concerns.

Commissioner Moilanen (6A07) gave a shoutout to everyone that showed up to the J.O. Wilson Elementary School cleanup in the rain and thanked community members for their input on the proposed intervention at 11th and Constitution.

Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) reported an incident involving gunfire and attempted robbery. The first liaison committee with Sasha Bruce House happened last week and there will be a community gardening event and barbecue. The 6A03 clean-up was canceled due to the rain but is rescheduled for the April 22, 2023. The Commissioner has been trying to alleviate neighbor complaints about lack of parking due to SWS school staff parking in Residential Parking Permit (RPP) spots. Avec Apartments are offering teachers at School-within-School @ Goding (SWS_ and Ludlow Taylor Elementary School spots in their garage. DDOT erected bollards on the corner of 11th and F Streets resulting in traffic chaos.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) attended a budget meeting with several Commissioners and Commissioner Allen at SWS. The Eastern High School football field is under renovation and will be closed through August 1, 2023 and Lincoln Park is attempting to regrow grass in the while Kingsman Dog Park is receiving a \$1.25M renovation. There is a community group called Hill Family Biking that just launched and there will be an informal ribbon cutting for the C Street Project followed by a four-mile bike ride on Saturday April 29, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

Community Comment

Ms. Jen DeMayo thanked everyone that participated in the Ward 6 cleanup and reported that Commissioner Allen's committee is done with hearings. Ward 6 week will be July 17-23, 2023. The National Building Museum is bringing back Ward days.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.