

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
May 12, 2022**

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

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 April 2022 meeting were accepted, and the agenda for the May 2022 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

Community Presentations:

Update on 311 and 911 processes - Marcellus Walker, Jr., 311 Operations Chief, Office of Unified Communications (OUC)

311 Operations Chief Marcellus Walker, Jr. gave an overview of 311, stating that community members should use 311 to connect with government agencies. Mr. Walker noted that 311 itself does not close out requests - the government agencies themselves do - 311 is simply a conduit. 311 can be reached by phone, on Twitter, their online portal, their website, their app, and even by text, all available 24/7. Of the 4,822 6A 311 requests this calendar year, the majority are bulk collection, parking enforcement, parking meter repair, and missed trash collection. Mr. Walker reminded the community that, on the 311 online portal, members can view the service request map which shows submitted requests in specific areas. Residents can Tweet directly at 311 - the respondents are the same qualified professionals that answer 311 phones. Mr. Walker encourages community members to create an account on www.311.dc.gov and notes that residents can call 311 to report police non-emergencies such as noise complaints, vandalism, crimes with no injuries, or unoccupied vehicle related incidents. Commissioners praised the quick and professional responses from the 311 Twitter and asked for guidance on shrub/tree removal and cleaning on private property, which is referred to as "sanitation enforcement" in 311. Updated language on possible tickets would be helpful.

Consent Agenda

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

Alcohol Beverage Licensing:

- ANC 6A protest the application of Hakuna Matata DC LLC, t/a Hakuna Matata Kitchen and Bar at 1128 H Street NE (ABRA-121081) for a Class C Restaurant License unless a Settlement Agreement is finalized prior to the protest deadline and that the Co-Chairs of the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee as well as ABL Committee Member Kara Hughley, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ANC be authorized to represent the ANC in this matter.
- ANC 6A protest the application of Happy Choongman, Inc., t/a Choongman Chicken and Seafood at 1125 H Street NE (ABRA-108755) for renewal of its Class C Restaurant License unless an updated Settlement Agreement is finalized prior to the protest deadline and that the Co-Chairs of the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee as well as ABL Committee Member Mike Velasquez, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ANC be authorized to represent the ANC in this matter.

- ANC 6A write a letter of support for the application of Mozzarella DC LLC t/a Mozzarella at 1300 H Street NE (ABRA-116160) for renewal of its Class C Restaurant alcohol beverage license.
- ANC 6A write a letter of support for the application of Atlas Performing Arts Center, t/a Atlas Performing Arts Center at 1333 H Street NE (ABRA-085207) for renewal of its Class C Multipurpose license.
- ANC 6A write a letter of support for the application of 1291 Hospitality Group, LLC, t/a Stable DC at 1234 H Street NE (ABRA-105439) for renewal of its Class C Restaurant License.
- ANC 6A write a letter of support for the application of Thompson Retail Food Group, LLC, t/a Milk & Honey Café at 1116 H Street NE (ABRA-119672) for renewal of its Class C Restaurant License.
- ANC 6A write a letter of support to BZA for an area variance pursuant to Subtitle X § 1002 from the new alley record lot requirements of Subtitle C § 306.1(a) to construct six, new, attached, two-story with cellar and roof deck, principal dwelling units in the RF-1 zone in the alley between 15th & 16th Streets and C & D Streets NE (BZA Case#20716) on condition that developers continue to make a best effort to obtain letters of support from the community.

Officer Reports:

1. The May 2022 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Brian Alcorn reviewed the three expenditures accrued in April: \$765.89 for webmaster services, \$250.00 for notetaking, and \$58.29 for Zoom Pro/Webinar (Checks #2017-2019 respectively). The ANC had \$1087.18 in uncashed checks (Checks #2012, #2014-2016) and \$1,617.85 in cashed checks. The opening uncommitted funds available were \$25,755.01 and after these disbursements totaling \$1,074.18 and cashed and uncashed checks, the closing available checking balance is \$21,975.80. The savings account opened at \$100.05, gained no interest, and closed at \$100.05. There is still \$3,500.00 in the grant budget for the remainder of the fiscal year. The Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) allotments have been delayed due to extra paperwork needed for approved grants. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent without objection.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach

1. No report. Committee did not meet in April 2021.
2. Grant exceptions will continue until November 2022 and the expectation is the extension will be prolonged yet again, meaning food, diapers, COVID-19 tests and other such items can be covered by grants. Ludlow-Taylor has requested a \$2,500 grant, which will be addressed at the May 2022 meeting, and Serve Your City has also expressed interest in submitting another grant.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 23, 2022 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing

1. The April 2022 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 24, 2022 (4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space

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

Economic Development and Zoning

1. The April 2022 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 18, 2022 (3rd Wednesday)

New Business

Commissioner Dooling moved and Commissioner Laura Gentile seconded the motion that ANC 6A adopt a resolution in support of Councilmember Charles Allen's Open Movie Captioning Requirement Act of 2022. This would require DC movie theaters to make a small percentage - up to 12% - of their showings captioned. This would help the hard of hearing community as well as children and people speaking English as a second language. The motion passed 7-0.

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Soderman (6A03) is grateful to the DC Council for reinstating funding for Fort Dupont Ice Arena. The Commissioner will be adding 1008 Massachusetts Avenue as a vacant property. The Capitol Hill Classic Walk/Run will be taking place on Sunday May 15, 2022 after a hiatus due to Covid-19.

Commissioner Gentile (6A05) gave updates on C Street NE, including a scheduled DDOT Director visit to walk the street with neighbors and witness the dangerous driving on May 23, 2022. This is in response to speeding, hitting parked cars, and cars going the wrong way on C Street. The Commissioner reported that Attorney General Racine filed a lawsuit against the owner of vacant property at 1000 C Street and is hopeful that the land can be used for something better.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) reminded the Commissioners that if they have vacant properties in their Single Member District (SMD), the Attorney General's office will receive those comments and to submit 311 tickets. The Commissioner joined the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) First District meeting where MPD reported that carjackings are up year-over-year and 80% of those are jump-ins (car owners leave their keys in vehicles and people take advantage of that). This is largely happening in commercial areas with delivery drivers. Chief Benedict is hosting a block party on the 300 block of 13th Street NE on May 14, 2022. Finally, Kingsman Park was recently granted \$1.25M in the 2023 budget for improvements.

Commissioner Sondra Philips-Gilbert (6A07) testified on April 28, 2022 on Ward 7 redistricting and attended a BZA hearing on May 4, 2022 and looks forward to attending again. The Commissioner attended an ANC training on managing stress. There were gunshots at the Rosedale Community Center and a homicide at the laundromat on Benning Road; the Commissioner is working with the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) to set up a Zoom meeting to review how MPD will be handling safety in the community. She is also meeting with several agencies to speak about abandoned vehicles and trash. Lastly, the Eastern marching band gave the community a beautiful treat with a performance on May 11, 2022.

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) reported several new establishments in 6A01 and, unfortunately, a continued rodent issue. There are outstanding public safety issues at West Virginia Avenue and 1215 K Street NE. The Commissioner was excited to see plans for an above ground parking garage at Union Station were canceled in favor of a smaller underground garage. She will be following up on outstanding speedbump requests for 11th

Street. Finally, the community has seen an uptick in domestic violence, community members can use this hotline for help: (202) 561-7000.

Commissioner Robb Dooling (6A06) reported that a truck driver hit the overhang at the Atlas Theater causing \$8,000.00 of damages, which underscores the value of safety improvements on H Street. Short term fixes will be addressed at the May 2022 TPS meeting. DDOT is now conducting their survey on bus priority and the Commissioner encourages community members to fill out the survey ([Bus Priority | ddot \(dc.gov\)](#)) and ask for a dedicated street car lane. There are new speedhumps at the 1300 block of F Street NE. Miner Mutual Aid will be giving out food, diapers, and other essentials on May 14, 2022 and need more volunteers between 10:00 am - 1:00 pm; anybody interested should email [minermutualaid\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:minermutualaid@gmail.com).

Commissioner Alcorn (6A08) is excited that the May 2022 Bureau of Zoning Authority (BZA) hearing includes a discussion on the alley between C and D Streets and is happy to facilitate discussion between the community and developers. Ward 7 redistricting taskforce recommendations did not provide a helpful structure for Capitol Hill Ward 7 residents, and the Commissioner has been working with several other Commissioners and community members to produce an alternative, hoping to make a single area for Ward 7 Capitol Hill members. Interested community members can sign the petition here: [Petition · DC Council: Support One ANC for Ward 7 "West of the River" · Change.org](#). The Commissioner would like to find a community use for the vacant lot at 1744 D Street NE.

Community Comments

Ms. Naomi Mitchell from Councilmember Allen's office recommends that everyone read Larry Janezich's May 11, 2022 Capitol Hill Corner column about the FY 23 budget. The first budget hearing has been held with the second upcoming. Ms. Mitchell reminds the Commissioners to nominate community members to the COC. Ms. Mitchell will follow up with Councilmember Allen regarding former Commander Fitzgerald's misuse of funds.

Community members interested in redistricting can visit this website: [Redistricting - Councilmember Elissa Silverman](#)

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.