

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A  
Minutes  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
July 8, 2021**

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

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

Commissioner Amber Gove called the meeting to order and announced the presence of a quorum. The minutes for the ANC June 2021 meeting were accepted, and the agenda for the July 2021 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

**Community Presentations:**

**DC Police Reform Commission Report - Naïké Savain, Policy Counsel, DC Justice Lab and Dr. Bethany Young, Deputy Director, DC Justice Lab**

DC Justice Lab representatives Naïké Savain and Bethany Young presented on the DC Police Reform Commission, which was created through emergency legislation in July 2020 and since then released a comprehensive report of findings (available here:

<https://dccouncil.us/police-reform-commission-full-report>). In putting together this 259-page report, the Commission reached out to several key players and found an overall lack of transparency and accountability in Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). The Commission put forward 90+ recommendations and several successful changes have already been implemented with more under consideration. An overarching recommendation was to decrease reliance on and investment in police, funneling resources rather into communities and organizations better trained to handle certain issues, such as community-based organizations responding to mental health issues and homelessness. Decreasing police presence in schools, increasing investment in affordable housing, and prohibiting consent searches were also among the recommendations. More information is available at the following links:

<http://bit.ly/PSJ-FY22>

<https://www.defundmpd.org/roadmap>

<https://www.dcpolicereform.com>

**Officer Reports:**

1. The July 2021 Treasurer's Report by Commissioner Brian Alcorn reviewed the 3 expenditures accrued in June: \$58.29 for Zoom Pro/Webinar, \$200.00 for meeting minutes, \$765.89 for webmaster services (checks #1977, #1978, #1979 respectively). A credit of \$5,445.56 was received on 6/21 as part of the District Allotment. Existing obligations are \$2,782.47 in checks not yet deposited (checks #1967, #1969, #1973, #1974, #1975, #1976). The opening uncommitted funds available were \$25,091.07 and after the credit, these disbursements totaling \$1,024.18 and existing obligations of \$2,782, the closing uncommitted funds are \$26,729.98. The savings account opened at \$100.05, gained no interest, and closed at \$100.05. The Treasurer's Report was approved by unanimous consent without objection.
2. Commissioner Alcorn noted that the 2021 Q3 report contains several macro-based errors from OANC that Commissioner Alcorn has reached out about it. The Commission will likely

have to re-vote on the report once the errors have been corrected. The 2021 Q3 Report was accepted as-submitted by unanimous consent.

**Standing Committee Reports:  
Community Outreach (COC)**

1. The June 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee moved and Commissioner Sondra Philips-Gilbert seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DPMED requesting that the decision regarding Hill East Redevelopment Phase II/Reservation 13 prioritize housing and services for seniors and that at least 50% of the units be designated as deeply affordable housing as defined by 30% AMI. The motion passed 6-0.
3. The Committee moved and Commissioner Robb Dooling seconded the motion that ANC 6A adopt a resolution in support of the recommendations put forth in the DC Police Reform Commission Report (issued on April 1, 2021: <https://dcpolicereform.com/>). Investing more into violence interruption programs, mutual aid programs, school based mental health programs leads to increased community safety. The motion passed 6-0.
4. No meeting in July and August. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 27, 2021 (4th Monday)

**Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)**

1. The June 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee moved and Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion that ANC 6A amend the Settlement Agreement (SA) for Dangerously Delicious DC LLC t/a Pie Shop at 1339 H Street, NE (ABRA #087422) as follows:
  - a. Strike the prohibition in in the current SA against allowing live and prerecorded music on the summer garden;
  - b. Strike the current restrictions on hours of operation for the summer garden; and
  - c. Add the following requirements:
    - i. Any speakers installed on rear exterior shall not be directed toward the rear alley;
    - ii. The operation for the summer garden shall end by 12:00 am Sunday through Thursday, excluding the eve of Federal holidays and shall end by 2:00 am on Friday and Saturday nights and on the eve of Federal holidays; and There shall be no entertainment in the form of live bands and/or DJs in the summer garden after 8:00 pm.

These updates reflect the conditions written into Toki Underground's Settlement Agreement. The motion passed 6-0.

3. The Committee motion that ANC 6A designate Mr. Alberti, Mr. Samburg, Commissioner Dooling, the Chair and Vice-Chair of ANC 6A to represent the ANC 6A in the matter of the amendment to the Settlement Agreement for Dangerously Delicious DC LLC t/a Pie Shop at 1339 H Street, NE (ABRA #087422) was tabled since the issue has already been addressed.
4. The Committee moved and Commissioner Philips-Gilbert seconded the motion that ANC 6A amend the SA for the Gold Room Bar and Lounge, LLC t/a The Gold Room Bar/Lounge at 1370 H Street, NE (ABRA #114757) as follows: a. strike the prohibition in the current SA against prerecorded on summer garden; b. require that any speakers installed on the summer garden shall not be directed toward the rear alley; and c. designate Mr. Alberti, Mr. Samburg, the Chair and Vice-Chair of ANC 6A to represent the ANC 6A in this matter. The motion passed 6-0.
5. Commissioner Keya Chatterjee moved and Commissioner Laura Gentile seconded the motion that ANC 6A appoint Mona Hatoum as Chair starting in August and Ian Stanford as a member of the ANC 6A Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee. Mark Samburg will be

staying on as Chair to manage placards until Ms. Hatoum's appointment in August. The motion passed 6-0.

6. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 27, 2021 (4th Tuesday)

### **Transportation and Public Space (TPS)**

1. The June 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee moved and Commissioner Philips-Gilbert seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve a letter to be sent to Councilmember Charles Allen and DDOT Director Everett Lott supporting naming the alley fronting Sq4546 Lot018 in Rosedale in honor of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson. The proposed name is "Mamie Peanut Johnson Court." 66 signatures have been collected through a neighborhood petition in support. Ms. Johnson was a groundbreaking and inspiring African American baseball player from the community. The motion passed 6-0.
3. The Committee moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting that they install radar feedback signs and other traffic calming measures on D Street and East Capitol Streets during the C Street improvement project, expedite traffic calming on C Street NE from the 800 block to 1500 block, and work to clarify connectivity for cyclists at the western end of the C Street project. Commissioner Alcorn proposed a friendly amendment of incorporating robust community engagement and design to meet or exceed DDOT's standard notification process for projects of similar scope. Several community members expressed frustration and concern over DDOT's lack of transparency, especially given a petition with a number of signatures with a solution that DDOT has not responded to. The motion passed as amended 6-0.
4. The Committee moved and Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion that ANC 6A support the application of Capitol Square Bar and Grill for the unenclosed sidewalk cafe [applied for in tracking DTOPS Occupancy Permit Tracking Number 10852880] on the following conditions:
  - a. The dimensions of the public space concerned at the corner of 15th and East Capitol Street NE be physically validated and agreed to by the applicant, a member of the Committee and Commissioner Brian Alcorn prior to the July 8, 2021 meeting of ANC 6A;
  - b. That the dimensions of the passageway on 15th Street NE abutting the west side of the cafe be 13 feet as measured from 15th Street beginning at and inclusive of the curb line to the cafe perimeter;
  - c. That the dimensions of the passageway on East Capitol Street NE be 13 feet from the rear bicycle tire of a bicycle properly docked in a Capitol Bikeshare rack to the south wall of the sidewalk cafe;
  - d. That the applicant revise the outdoor seating area plans to reflect the corrected dimensions and measurements with the DDOT Public Space Committee prior to July 8, 2021 meeting of ANC 6A, noting the measurements were previously inaccurate;
  - e. That the occupancy of the cafe be 35 seated and no more than 40 total between standing and seated guests;
  - f. That the hours of the sidewalk cafe be no later than 7:00 am - 10:00 pm, Sunday thru Thursday and 7:00 am - 11:00 pm Friday and Saturday;
  - g. That the 20x25 foot (estimated) umbrella be replaced with individual table umbrellas;
  - h. That the Cupboard dumpster issue be resolved; and
  - i. That should all provisions of this suggested motion not be met or agreed to prior to July 8, 2021 meeting of ANC 6A that ANC 6A's motion concerning Capitol Square Bar and Grill, adopted by TPS on June 10 2021, be submitted to DDOT's Public Space Committee.

Commissioner Alcorn offered the following amendments: strike condition “a” from the Committee’s proposed motion because now we agree how much raw public space exists at the corner of 15 and East Capitol Streets and what its measurements are. For the record there is 41 feet 9 inches from and inclusive of the 15<sup>th</sup> Street curb to the Cupboard public space property line and there is 52 feet 3 inches from the bump out window of the establishment to, and inclusive of, the East Capitol Street curb; strike condition “d” for the same reason we removed condition “a”; strike condition “g” and add a new statement after the conditions that reads “Additionally, ANC 6A has expressed to the applicant individual table umbrellas that can be stowed after hours would be preferred in lieu of the large, immovable tent-sized umbrella presently shown in its plans”; edit condition “h” to read: the applicant and the Cupboard at 1502 East Capitol Street reach an accommodation about the trash storage by the Cupboard that presently abuts the proposed sidewalk café; strike condition “i”; and, lastly, add a new statement after the table umbrella statement that says “6A08 Commissioner Brian Alcorn is authorized to represent ANC 6A in this matter at the DDOT Public Space Committee meetings”. The motion passed as amended 6-0.

5. The Committee moved and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A send letter to DDOT requesting an urgent response to several outstanding requests, including to take traffic calming measures on H Street NE, including curb extensions and speed cameras, and to address pending all-way stop sign requests previously made by the ANC 6A to DDOT for 14th and A Streets NE; 15<sup>th</sup> and A Streets NE, 15th Street and Constitution Avenue NE; and 13th and I Streets NE. The motion passed 6-0.
6. The Committee moved and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DPW requesting that, due to health and safety concerns, they move the trash collection for the 800 block of West Virginia Avenue NE, the 1000 block of 9th Street NE, and 800 block of K Street NE to the rear alley of those blocks from its current location on West Virginia Avenue NE. If this change in trash collection location is not possible, the letter will request that DPW present options to ANC6A for how to address the current health and safety issue on the 800 block of West Virginia Avenue NE. The motion passed 6-0.
7. The Committee moved and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to DDOT for TSA Service Request #21-00203488 for traffic calming measures for the 1000 block of 10th Street NE (intersection with Florida Avenue), including consideration of speed bumps and raised crosswalks. The motion passed 6-0.
8. The Committee moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting an urgent response to sidewalk repair issues which are either beyond their expected service resolution date or represent an immediate accessibility issue or safety hazard. The motion passed 6-0.
9. The Committee moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting that they provide consistent parking signage on the 200 and 300 blocks of 8th Street. NE. The motion passed 6-0.
10. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 19, 2021 (3rd Monday)

#### **Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)**

1. The June 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee moved and Commissioner Philips-Gilbert seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA, pursuant to Subtitle E § 205.5, Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2, for a special exception from the lot occupancy restrictions of Subtitle E § 304.1, the minimum rear yard requirements of Subtitle E § 306.1, and the rear addition

restrictions of Subtitle E § 205.4 to raze an existing rear addition and construct a new, two-story, rear addition to an existing, attached, two-story principal dwelling unit at 1226 Duncan Place NE (BZA #20514) in the RF-1 Zone. Scheduled Hearing Date: September 29, 2021. Many neighbors have provided letters of support including two adjacent neighbors. The new addition is minimally larger than what currently exists and does not impact privacy for adjacent properties. The motion passed 6-0.

3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 21, 2021 (3rd Wednesday)

#### **Ad Hoc By Laws Committee (BLC)**

1. The June 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 26, 2021

#### **New Business**

1. Commissioner Alcorn moved and Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to owners regarding maintaining physical control and sanitary upkeep of the alley lot between 15th & 16th and C & D Streets NE. The motion passed 6-0.

#### **Single Member District Reports**

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) shared a map of where the recent tornado touched down in DC, noting that many of her neighbors suffered property damage and the importance of addressing climate concerns.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) is grateful to the Commission for their continued service and had a “sidewalk palooza” and has been working on possibly using Eliot-Hine as a meeting site for future in-person meetings.

Commissioner Gentile (6A05) reported a missing streetlight on Duncan Street as well as continuing speeding issues. On July 4, a group of people defaced homes and shot guns - 26 shells were found and the Commissioner would like to find a way to elevate problems to DDOT. The Commissioner recognized DPW and 311 for a phenomenal job clearing trash cans after July 4, 2021.

Commissioner Dooling (6A06) received several complaints about speeding near Miner Elementary, added this as a TPS item for the July 19, 2021 meeting, and is looking into a raised crosswalk. On H Street, a speed camera was installed and the Commissioner recognized Commissioner Toomajian’s work to get it installed; he would like to get a second camera for the other direction. Finally, the Commissioner continues to advocate for the DC office of Deaf, Deaf Blind, and Hard of Hearing, a very small office that will make a big difference, and noted the petition here: <https://www.change.org/p/chairman-phil-mendelson-fund-the-establishment-of-the-dc-office-of-the-deaf-deafblind-and-hard-of-hearing-odbh>

Commissioner Philips-Gilbert (6A07) reported that a person was stabbed and thankfully survived at the location of a proposed public restroom on Benning Road. Neighbors are concerned about increased shootings and crime. She is working on getting another community garden at Rosedale and will host a meeting at the end of July 2021 for community members and DPR.

Commissioner Alcorn (6A08) was pleased to participate in mediation with community members and ABRA for Master Liquors as well as in mediation with Capital Square Bar and

Grille mediation with ABRA. Neighbors have identified a grass cutting issue at the corner of 20<sup>th</sup> and Constitution. Finally, multiple Pepco power disruptions have been reported and the Commissioner thanks Councilmember Allen and his office for helping investigate those.

### **Community Comments**

Naomi Mitchell, Councilmember Charles Allen's Community Outreach Coordinator, noted that most of the suggestions from the Police Reform report have been included in the budget for the coming year. Council is going on recess July 15 - September 15 and Ms. Mitchell wished everyone a good August off.

The Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) representative Kevin Pham started a week ago and has met Commissioners Gentile and Philips-Gilbert. He is looking forward to meeting the rest of the Commissioners and relaying ANC 6A concerns to the Mayor's office.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.