

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

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

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

Commissioner Steve Moilanen called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. The minutes for the ANC June 2023 meeting were accepted. The agenda for the July 2023 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

Community Presentations

Anthony Hall, Department of Behavioral Health (DBH)

Mr. Anthony Hall, Director of Public Engagement at the Department of Behavioral Health gave an overview of the department, noting that it serves a dual function within DC as the state authority and the local behavioral health provider. As the state authority, the Department has oversight management of the entire behavioral health system for those enrolled in services. The department oversees the forensic services division through partnerships with DC prisons and jail and works to provide services and support to returning citizens, both before and at time of release. DBH also has a provider in all DC public schools and runs a peer certification program for individuals with lived experiences to become peer counselors. The DBH learning center is a space for anyone in the district to learn about behavioral health classes, sign up for aid, and access other services. The classes are all online and on demand. As the local behavioral health authority, DBH partners with MPD and other agencies to train crisis intervention officers and has a standalone assessment and referral site for substance use and disorder services as well as an urgent care clinic and a comprehensive psychiatric emergency program. The 24/7 mental health hotline is 1 (888) 793-4357 and community members can receive up to six free telephone sessions. The Community Response Team is also available to conduct an assessment and connect an individual with services and response time is typically sub-45 minutes; they also engage with individuals about harm prevention and reduction services as well as offer transport and consistent checkups on vulnerable individuals, especially in times of extreme or inclement weather. Any uninsured DC resident can receive services if they can prove DC residency. Mr. Hall can be reached at Anthony.hall[at]dc.gov or (202) 277-2365.

Consent Agenda

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

- ANC 6A oppose the application of Providencia, LLC t/a Providencia at 1321 Linden Court NE (ABRA-125122) for a Class C Tavern License unless a settlement agreement is entered into prior to the protest date, and further that the Chair of the ABL Committee and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ANC and Commissioner Dooling represent the ANC in this matter.

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

- ANC 6A send a letter of support for Maury Elementary School’s application for a School Parking Zone, with four recommendations: that Maury prioritize on-site spaces for mobility-impaired staff and staff using carpools; that staff not utilize Resident Only Parking Zones (e.g. west side of 200 block of 12th Place NE); that the school comply with the intent and spirit of the Transportation Benefits Equity Act; and that school leadership would not solicit Visitor Parking Permits for staff use.
- ANC 6A send a letter of support to DDOT reiterating ANC 6A’s support for extending the bicycle lanes on K Street NE to meet the pocket park to be installed at 8th and K Streets NE and connect to the bicycle lane on West Virginia Avenue NE.
- ANC 6A send a letter of support to DDOT for Public Space Permit Application #11005761 for a new un-enclosed sidewalk café at Daru, 1451 Maryland Avenue NE.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT to urge the installation of vertical traffic calming measures, including but not limited to a raised crosswalk and speedbumps near Miner Elementary School (15th Street and Tennessee Avenue/on 15th Street and at 15th and G Street NE) prior to the beginning of the SY23-24 school year (August 28, 2023).
- ANC 6A write a letter to DDOT requesting attention to and prioritization of traffic safety input requests for the 1400 block of G Street NE.

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

- ANC 6A send a letter to ZC in support of a proposed map amendment to rezone the property at 721 H Street NE (ZC 23-05) from NC-16 to NC-17.
- ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for a Special Exception pursuant to Subtitle H § 910, Subtitle H § 1202, and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the development standards of Subtitle H § 901 to raze an existing structure, and to construct a new, detached, six-story with below-grade parking and penthouse, 175- 210 dwelling unit, mixed-use building at 1207 H Street NE (BZA #20943) in the NC-15 zone with the stipulation that the apartment lease documents include a prohibition against amplified music on the roof deck after 11:00 pm, or comply with DC code, whichever is earlier.
- ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for a Special Exception pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 to construct a rear addition, to an existing, attached, two-story, principal dwelling unit at 1216 Constitution Avenue NE (BZA #20956) in the RF-1 zone.

Officer Reports:

1. The July 2023 Treasurer’s report by Commissioner Moilanen reviewed the three expenditures accrued in June: \$765.89 for webmaster services, \$250 for notetaking, and \$58.29 for Zoom Premium (checks #2066, #2065, #2064). Accounts payable includes May 2023 webmaster services fee. The opening uncommitted funds available were \$34,324.93. After disbursements and accounts payable totaling \$1840.07, the closing available checking balance is \$32,484.86. 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. No report. COC did not meet in May 2023.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 24, 2023 (4th Monday; no June meeting); this will be a public safety focused meeting and residents are encouraged to attend.

Alcohol Beverage Licensing

1. The June 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Robb Dooling seconded the motion that ANC 6A oppose the application by Kitchen Cray H, LLC t/a KitchenCray at 1301 H Street NE (ABRA-113864) for Substantial Changes to its Class C Restaurant License unless a settlement agreement is entered into prior to the protest date, and further that the Chair of the ABL Committee and Committee Member Blumenthal and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ANC and Commissioner Dooling represent the ANC in this matter.

The protest deadline for this issue has passed, rendering this motion moot. KitchenCray has seemed to make a concentrated effort to be a good neighbor, keep noise down, defer clients to H Street at night times, and hire security to promote safety. Neighbors have protested and request that the ANC do nothing.

Commissioner Mike Velasquez moved and Commissioner Laura Gentile seconded the motion to table this issue. The motion to table passed 5-0.

3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 25, 2023 (4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space

1. The June 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Commissioner Roberta Shapiro moved and Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to the DC Council to commission a formal assessment and plan for systematically maintaining and replacing, if necessary, dangerous sidewalks in ANC 6A.

There were 473 respondents to the sidewalk survey, of which 305 reported that they or a household member had fallen on a sidewalk, largely not due to snow or ice. 114 of the injuries led to medical care including hospitalizations. 104 cited uneven brick as a problem and cause for tripping and falling. Commissioner Shapiro offered a friendly amendment to the resolution that ANC 6A write to the city council clarifying the role of the council and the role of DDOT in this sidewalk safety issue. The motion passed 5-0.

3. Commissioner Shapiro and Commissioner Velasquez seconded the motion that ANC6A send a letter of support for the following traffic calming and safety measures:

- Installation of all-way stop at 11th and F Streets NE (NOI # 23-157-TESD)
- 900 block 11th Street NE - One speed table
- 800 block 11th Street NE - One speed table
- 700 block 11th Street NE - One speed table
- 600 block 11th Street NE - Two speed tables
- North leg of 11th Street NE and E Street NE - Raised crosswalk.
- 400 block 11th Street NE - One speed table
- South leg of 11th Street NE and D Street NE - Raised crosswalk.
- 300 block 11th Street NE - One speed table
- 200 block 11th Street NE - One speed table
- 100 block 11th Street NE - One speed table

ANC 6A received an NOI from DDOT that a four-way stop is finally being installed at 11th and F Streets NE, as well as up to ten traffic calming devices in the 11th Street corridor between Florida Avenue NE and Lincoln Park. The deadline to respond to the NOI is August 6, 2023 so this must be dealt with by the ANC before going through TPS. The motion passed 5-0.

3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 17, 2023 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning

1. The June 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 19, 2023 (3rd Wednesday)

Commission Business

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Moilanen (6A07) noted a transition on ANC 6A: this is Commissioner Gentile's last meeting as a Commissioner and the Commission is grateful for her several years of commitment and work.

Commissioner Roberta Shapiro (6A03) is grateful to Commissioner Gentile who has been a terrific community advocate. Commissioner Shapiro was happy to learn about the long-awaited 11th and F Streets four-way stop and is still working on a meeting around Sherwood Rec Center, where the situation has continued to deteriorate. Now that the sidewalk survey letter has been approved, the Commissioner will reach out to ANCs 6A and 6C to gauge interest in sending a letter together. The Commissioner strongly urges community members to attend the upcoming COC meeting focused on public safety.

Commissioner Dooling (6A06) thanks Commissioner Gentile for being an outstanding partner and volunteer for several years. There was a public safety walk around Miner Elementary cohosted with MPD and Councilmember Allen that covered speeding, getaway cars, gun violence, and other safety issues and the Commissioner is grateful to neighbors who continue to engage with MPD in an effort to make the area safer. The Commissioner is grateful for the support of traffic calming measures on 15th and G Streets and is curious to see how DDOT implements them. There was also ABL support for Providencia, an Asian/Latin tavern, in the Linden Court alley, where there have been traffic issues in the past; the Commissioner looks forward to welcoming a new business owner who continues to make the neighborhood stronger.

Commissioner Mike Velasquez (6A02) is grateful to Commissioner Gentile for her leadership, example, and expertise. The Commissioner is planning a 6A02 meeting with Councilmember Allen about public safety and met with the Officer of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement for a neighborhood walk and would like to make community members aware of the violence intervention that the office does. There are two hundred people in the city that are known to be perpetrators of gun violence, and the city and the office have several courses of action in response to this. The People's Kitchen on H Street reached out to the Commissioner asking for a liquor license, and he also took care of illegal dumping at 12th and F Streets. Conversations are continuing between neighbors at Linden Court and AutoZone. Finally, the Commissioner met with residents of Capitol Hill Towers, who offered, who offered to host ANC meetings in their multi-purpose area.

Commissioner Laura Gentile (6A05) will assist with the transition to a new Commissioner and knows a few interested candidates. During her last two weeks on the ANC 6A, the Commissioner is working to finish a few items and pass along pending items, such as the property on the corner of D and 15th Streets, where there was a drive-by shooting this weekend, as well as 4-way stops along Tennessee Avenue and 14th Street. The Commissioner is grateful for the opportunity to work with everyone on the ANC and Committees and proud of the work accomplished; she will continue to be a supporter.

Community Comment

Ms. Jen DeMayo is also grateful to Commissioner Gentile and shared that Ward 6 week is next week, highlighting events in Ward 6 starting with trivia at Union Pub. All events here: https://www.charlesallenward6.com/ward_6_update_public_safety_bills_e_bikes_ward_6_week_and_more#ward6week

MOCR Jake Stolzenberg recognized Commissioner Gentile's service and did a walk on H Street between 6th and 14th Streets and a last-minute walk around 1300 H Street. There was emergency legislation passed by the council a few days ago, and the Office of the Deputy Mayor of Education is hosting a series of virtual town hall meetings. Mr. Stolzenberg can be reached at 202-341-3659 or [jake.stolzenberg\[at\]dc.gov](mailto:jake.stolzenberg[at]dc.gov).

Community member Ben Locks spoke about the need for traffic calming at 14th and G Streets and hopes the ANC will continue advocating for it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.