

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
July 11, 2024**

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove, Roberta Shapiro, Robb Dooling, Dave Wethington, Steve Moilanen, and Mike Velasquez were present.

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 June 2024 meeting were accepted and Commissioner Roberta Shapiro moved and Commissioner Mike Velasquez seconded the motion to amend the agenda to include a New Business item concerning a new NOI# 24-177 TOA concerning 15-minute parking on the 700 block of F Street NE. The motion passed 6-0. The agenda as amended for the July 2024 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

The community received notice via listservs, the Hill Rag, the ANC 6A website, X, and Facebook.

Consent Agenda:

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)

- ANC 6A sign a letter of support for the substantial change to the Class C restaurant license of Bloom at 1402 H Street NE (ABRA-125601).

Community Outreach (COC)

- ANC 6A approve a grant to Hill Family Biking in the amount of \$1,000.00 to fund for installation of a crosswalk mural at Maury Elementary School in 200 block of 13th Street NE at Tennessee Avenue NE.

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT in support of the Arts in the Right-Of-Way project at 15th Street NE and Constitution Avenue NE and reiterating a long-standing request for an all-way stop at this location.

- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT in support of an Arts in the Right-Of-Way installation at Maury Elementary School in the crosswalk across the 200 block of 13th Street at the intersection with Tennessee Avenue NE.

Officer Reports:

1. The July 2024 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Steve Moilanen reviewed the expenditures accrued in June: \$59.35 for Zoom Premium, \$250 for notetaking, \$771.19 for webmaster services, \$15.90 for DocuSign, and \$22 for WebHSP hosting services (checks #2113 - #2117, respectively). The opening uncommitted funds available were \$32,576.85.

After accounts payable totaling \$6,980.13 which includes three grant payments the closing available checking balance is \$25,346.19. The savings account opened at \$100.05, gained no interest, and closed at \$100.05, and petty cash remained at \$25.00. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent.

2. Commissioner Moilanen presented the Fiscal Year 2024 2nd Quarter report, noting no allotments and disbursements totaling \$2,031.04. The Commissioner is working with OANC to make revisions to the quarterly report. Commissioner Moilanen moved and Commissioner Dave Wethington seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the report with necessary technical amendments that Commissioner Moilanen may need to make. The motion was approved 6-0.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach (COC)

1. The June 2024 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting: 7:00 pm, July 22, 2024 (4th Monday) - In person meeting - Location TBD

Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)

1. The June 2024 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Robb Dooling seconded the motion that ANC 6A oppose the license for a class C restaurant license for AG Restaurant at 816 H Street NE (ABRA-128831) unless a settlement agreement is reached and that Commissioner Dooling have the authority to represent the ANC in settlement agreement discussions. Donna Scott-Dodzie, owner and executive chef of AG Restaurant, owns another successful restaurant in Richmond, Virginia and is excited to expand to the H Street Corridor. Commissioner Velasquez is confident a settlement agreement will be reached. The motion passed 6-0.
3. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Wethington seconded the motion that ANC 6A sign a letter of support for a stipulated license for AG Restaurant at 816 H Street NE (ABRA-128831) if a settlement agreement is reached. The motion passed 6-0.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 23, 2024 (4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

1. The June 2024 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 16, 2024 (3rd Monday; no July or August meetings)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

1. The June 2024 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Moilanen seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to the BZA re: BZA #21145: Request for a Special Exception from the matter-of-right-uses of Subtitle U § 301, pursuant to Subtitle U § 301.1(e) and Subtitle X § 901.2 to construct a detached, two-story accessory garage with accessory dwelling to an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone and use the accessory building second floor as a dwelling unit once construction is complete and a certificate of occupancy is obtained at 813 7th Street, NE. Current

legislation dictates that homeowners must wait 5 years before occupying new dwellings such as these as residences; the homeowners are seeking exemption to this and would like to use it as a residence immediately. Both adjoining neighbors have provided letters of support. The motion passed 6-0.

3. Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Wethington seconded the motion that ANC 6A support the request for a two (2) year time extension to Board of Zoning Adjustment Order No. 20742, pursuant to Subtitle Y § 705 in order to construct a third floor with penthouse addition, to an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, mixed use building in the NMU-4/H-A (formerly NC-14) zone at 1252 H Street NE. This request was initially approved in June of 2022 and this request is simply a timing extension to allow for more time for financing; the initial building request remains the same. The motion passed 6-0.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 17, 2024 (3rd Wednesday)

New Business

1. Commissioner Gove moved and Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion to nominate and appoint Commissioner Wethington to the Co-Chair position of ANC 6A. The motion passed 5-0-1; Commissioner Wethington abstained.
2. Commissioner Velasquez moved and Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion that ANC 6A appoint Mr. Steve Beam (6A04) and Mr. Erik Lockett (6A02) to be members of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee. The motion passed 6-0.
3. Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support for NOI-24-177-TOA, which deals with the northwest corners of 8th and F Streets where there is a small shop. Currently there are flexposts to promote safety in front of the shop, but this limits unloading/drop-off for the store owners and quick shops by customers. ANC 6A supports converting one of the parking spaces to the east of the flexposts into 15-minute parking for these purposes. The motion passed 6-0.

Commission Business

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Wethington (6A05) reported alley work and repaving in his SMD; a nearby alleyway has seen flooding and water damage and the Commissioner hopes this alley work will address those issues. The input period for Kingsman Dog Park is over and the Commissioner hopes the public's opinions will help guide the design for renovations, which should start in the fall. DGS assured the Commissioner that they would try to expeditiously replace the broken basketball backboard at the park.

Commissioner Moilanen (6A07) appreciates Commissioner Wethington's stepping into the role of Co-Chair of the Commission. The Commissioner commends the city's rejection of Project Pipes and called attention to the reduction in violent crime and carjackings across the city - from June 2023 to June 2024, carjackings are down 78% across the city, and by more than half within ANC 6A. The Commissioner also celebrates The Pug as being identified "Best Dive Bar" by the Washington Post and affirms that there is plenty of vitality on H Street despite many recent challenges.

Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) is excited about progress along H Street and notes there will be further action with two illegal marijuana shops on Capitol Hill Corner. There are several efforts to energize H street through programming, potentially in conjunction with Capitol Hill Family Biking and Atlas Performing Arts Center. There are ongoing challenges at Sherwood as there is still no activity or timeline on the \$1.4M allocated to renovations. Guerrilla Gardeners, a local nonprofit, will be doing volunteer clean-up of tree boxes on Monday. The Commissioner is still looking at a vacant property on 11th and F Streets and several others across the city and is frustrated with attempts at engaging DOB.

Commissioner Velasquez (6A02) reported there will be alley work done between 12th and 13th and Maryland and G Streets and appreciates cannabis shops that are working with ABC and Councilmember Allen's encouragement to do so. The Commissioner is also working on addressing several vacant properties.

Commissioner Dooling (6A06) is not running for reelection this year and has had a phenomenal experience with all his exceptional colleagues. The Commissioner encourages residents to run for the seat - those interested can find their SMD here: www.openanc.org.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) appreciates Councilmember Allen for reaching out to DPR and DGS to expedite the installation of a new basketball backboard at Kingsman Dog Park after several ignored attempts from individual Commissioners. The Commissioner is excited for upcoming Arts in the Right-of-Way installations and notes that crosswalk banners at Maury Elementary will be the first in DC. Maury Vision Zero hardening will be coming back in September on additional designs, but likely will not happen before the beginning of the school year. The Commissioner is excited about the re-dedication of the Mary McLeod Bethune statue in Lincoln Park and recommends the next ANC 6A gathering be at The Pug.

Community Comment

Ms. Jen DeMayo reported that 920 H Street has been declared Class 3 blighted thanks to the efforts of community members. Many other buildings have been flagged as vacant. The DC Council is currently in recess and Ward 6 Week will be July 28 through August 2 and involve several fun events like a Nationals game and H Street tour.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.