

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Zoom Meeting
September 9, 2021**

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

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 July 2021 meeting were accepted, and the agenda for the September 2021 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

Community Presentations:

**AUSA Magdalena Acevedo, Community Prosecutor for 5D
and Christopher Wade, Community Outreach Specialist for 1D**

Community Outreach Specialist for 1D, and temporarily 5D, from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia Christopher Wade spoke about the role of the Attorney's Office in fostering a relationship between communities and the justice system. The Office offers several programs to prevent community members from becoming victims of crime and to decrease repeat crime and recidivism. In response to several questions about the recent murder of Antwan Gilmore by police, Mr. Wade will be following up with other members of USAO and noted that information is limited as this is an ongoing investigation. Mr. Wade did mention police reform measures and programming encouraging camaraderie between police and the communities they serve. For further questions Mr. Wade can be reached at: [Christopher.wade2\[at\]usdoj.gov](mailto:Christopher.wade2[at]usdoj.gov), or (202) 660-2150; his colleague AUSA Magdalena Acevedo, Community Prosecutor for 5D can be reached at [Magdalena.acevedo\[at\]usdoj.gov](mailto:Magdalena.acevedo[at]usdoj.gov) or (202) 834-5146. For updates on the Capitol Breach Investigation, community members can visit: [Capitol Breach Investigation Resource Page | USAO-DC | Department of Justice](#)

Principal Sah Brown, Eastern High School

Principal Sah Brown shared updates on the opening of school as Eastern High School is back to in-person learning with roughly 630 students enrolled for a full school day with after-school programming beginning the week of September 13, 2021. The focus this year is on four components: social emotional learning, literacy, engagement, and acceleration. Principal Brown highlighted the International Baccalaureate (IB) program which Eastern is hoping to expand as the school works towards authorization for the Middle Years program supporting students in grades 9 and 10. Eastern is focused on making sure all students have access to quality programming and challenging more students with rigorous college-ready programs to help them grow. All courses, including Advanced Placement (AP), IB, and National Academy Foundation (NAF) Academy, can be found on DCPS and Eastern High School websites. Principal Brown recognized the concern over dumpsters located on 19th Street and noted that District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) is working on securing dumpsters with closing lids to keep rodents out and prevent illegal dumping. Finally, Principal Brown stated that a communication had just gone out earlier in the day to alert the school community of their first positive COVID-19 case. If any individual comes into the building and tests positive for COVID-19, the school inputs this into an internal reporting system which notifies DC Health who begin the contact tracing process. Any student identified as having close contact (determined through seating charts) with the individual who tested positive is asked to

quarantine and a school-wide notification goes out. At this time, 12 close contacts were identified and asked to quarantine; if the contacts are vaccinated and asymptomatic, these students do not need to quarantine. If ANC 6A residents are looking to support Eastern and specifically the senior class, donations are welcome to the class of 2022 student activities fund or to the PTO; these donations would go towards senior dues including graduation caps and gowns, invitations, and other activities.

Officer Reports:

1. The September 2021 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Brian Alcorn reviewed the 8 expenditures accrued in July and August: \$200.00 for July meeting minutes, \$765.89 and \$465.89 for July and August webmaster services, \$58.29 for Zoom Pro/Webinar for each month, \$178 for an annual PO box fee/key deposit, and \$30.00 each for two check stop-payment fees (checks #1980 - #1985 and n/a, n/a, respectively). 9 checks were cashed (checks #1973-1981) totaling \$3,806. There was one credit on account for the District Allotment received on August 31, 2021 in the amount of \$5,445.56. The opening uncommitted funds available were \$28,943.83 and after these disbursements totaling \$1,786, the credit and the cashed checks, the closing uncommitted funds are \$28,796.38. 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. Commissioner Alcorn noted that FY2022 begins on October 1, 2021 and the FY2022 OANC allotment will be \$21,782.24, unchanged from last year.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach (COC)

1. No report. COC did not meet in July and August 2021.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 27, 2021 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

1. The August 2021 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent noting that the report will be amended to include the attendance of prospective ABL members Erin Sullivan, Joe Krisch and Kara Hughley.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Keya Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A protest the application of H Street Spirits, LLC, t/a H Street Spirits at 1368 H Street NE (ABRA #118781) for a Class A Retail License unless a Settlement Agreement is finalized prior to the protest deadline and that Mona Hatoum and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ANC be authorized to represent the ANC in this matter. Ms. Hatoum noted that the ABL is finalizing a settlement agreement. The motion passed 8-0.
3. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Laura Gentile seconded the motion that ANC6A protest the application of The Capitol Trading, LLC, t/a Z Korner Store at 234 15th Street NE (ABRA #118839) for a Class B Retail License unless a Settlement Agreement is finalized prior to the protest deadline and that the Mona Hatoum, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ANC and Commissioners Laura Gentile and Brian Alcorn be authorized to represent the ANC in this matter. Ms. Hatoum noted that the ABL is currently drafting a settlement agreement but it has not yet been sent to the applicants. The motion passed 8-0.
4. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Mike Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the most current membership list for the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee as Mona Hatoum, Interim Chair, and Ian Stanford and remove Kate Robinson for lack of attendance at ABL meetings. The motion passed 8-0.

5. Commissioner Phil Toomajian moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A accept the resignations of Nick Alberti and Mark Samburg from the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee and approve the appointment of Erin Sullivan (6A01), Joe Krisch (6A06) and Kara Hughley (6A04) to the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee. The motion passed 8-0.

The Commission recognized and offered gratitude to Nick Alberti and Mark Samburg for their years of volunteer service and showed appreciation for the new Chair and members.

6. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 28, 2021 (4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

1. The July and August 2021 committee reports will be reviewed and accepted at a later date due to a community member's input to the report.

Old Business

1. Commissioner Toomajian moved and Commissioner Robb Dooling seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT regarding failure to fulfill longstanding promise to install curb extensions at 8th & F and 8th & G Streets NE as promised in response to ANC 6A 2019 priority list request. These requests have repeatedly been ignored by DDOT and these intersections affect schoolchildren, families, seniors, and other at-risk community members. The motion passed 8-0.

New Business

1. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Soderman seconded that ANC6A send a letter of support to DDOT for consideration of speed humps and/or raised crosswalks in the 1600 block of Isherwood Street NE, amending the ANC's July 10, 2021 resolution supporting TSA#21-00168899. The motion passed 8-0.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Sondra Philips-Gilbert seconded that ANC6A send a letter of support to DDOT for consideration of traffic calming measures, including speed humps and/or raised crosswalks, on F Street NE between 17th and 18th Streets NE and the Intersection of 18th NE and E Streets NE. (TSA # 21-00347340) and 18th Street NE from D to E Streets. NE and E Street NE from 18th to 19th Streets NE (TSA # 21-00347377). The motion passed 8-0.
3. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded that ANC6A send a letter of support to DDOT for consideration of traffic calming measures on the 700-1300 blocks of I Street NE (TSA# 21-00026760), including consideration of speed humps and/or raised crosswalks. The motion passed 8-0.
4. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Gove seconded that ANC6A send a letter of support to DDOT for consideration of traffic calming measures on the 1300, 1400 and 1500 blocks of East Capitol Street NE (TSA #21-00335540, including consideration of speed humps and/or raised crosswalks. The motion passed 8-0.
5. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Alcorn seconded that ANC6A send a letter of support to DDOT for consideration of traffic calming measures on the 300 block of 19th Street NE (TSA # 19-00951831) including consideration of speed humps and/or raised crosswalks. The motion passed 8-0.
6. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Gove seconded that ANC6A send a letter of support to DDOT for consideration of raised crosswalks and other traffic calming measures at the intersections of 14th and A Streets NE, 15th and A Streets NE, and 15th Street and Constitution Avenue NE (TSA #21-00340369, 21-00340397, 21-00340385). The motion passed 8-0.
7. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 20, 2021 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

1. The July 2021 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for a Modification of Consequence pursuant to Y § 703, to previously approved plans (BZA Case #20436) to add a penthouse enclosure, including a staircase, and roof deck at 1300 I Street, NE (BZA Case #20436A), with the caveat that the developer make best efforts to get letters of support from the neighbors on I Street and Florida Avenue, and that the developer change the treatment on the penthouse structure to match and flow with the rest of the building. Hearing scheduled for 10/06/2021. The applicants have contacted the required neighbors and are in the process of obtaining approval. The developers are looking for materials other than brick for the penthouse that will still match the rest of the building. The developers are trying to restrict access to minimize dumping and plan to remove garbage every two weeks. The motion passed 8-0.
3. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to HPA regarding a historic review of a project for the renovation and a 10 foot addition, add third story to two-story building, and reconfigure façade's windows and door openings to an existing two-unit row house with conversion to a single family row house at 810 C Street, NE (HPA 21-416) in the Historic District. with the caveat that the developer make best efforts to get letters of support from the owners or occupants of adjacent properties at 812 C Street NE and 805 C Street NE. Several neighbors voiced concerns over drainage, underpinning, rodents, and the effects on their homes built 100+ years ago, noting that views from their bedrooms will also be affected and suggested a shadow study. Availability of parking was also a concern. The motion passed 7-0-1; Commissioner Dooling abstained.
4. Commissioner Toomajian moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC6A approve the appointment of Roberta Shapiro as a member of the Economic Development and Zoning committee. The motion passed 8-0.
5. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 15th, 2021 (3rd Wednesday)

Ad Hoc By Laws Committee (BLC)

1. No report. BLC did not meet in July and August 2021.
- 2 Next meeting - 7:00 pm, Wednesday, September 22, 2021

New Business

1. Commissioner Dooling moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to DDOT for NOI #21-210-TOA for the establishment of a reserved disabled parking space at 437 15th Street NE. The initial letter from DDOT indicated that this resident has a garage, which was an error. The motion passed 7-0-1; Commissioner Toomajian abstained.

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Alcorn (6A08) reported that the vacant alley lot between C and D Streets and 15th and 16th Streets NE has sold and the new owners have promised to keep it orderly. Capital Square Bar and Grille negotiations concluded and resulted in a settlement agreement for an outdoor sidewalk café and a liquor license. He participated in the July 2021 DDOT public space meeting. Negotiations with Master Liquors are paused while the applicant installs security enhancements and a fence in the parking lot across the street; the protest date is in November 2021 and the Commissioner is hoping to resolve the settlement agreement before then. Finally, neighbors to the pocket park at North Carolina Avenue and

16th Street continue to report loitering and trash and the Commissioner is continuing to seek help from DC agencies to keep the area clean and safe.

Commissioner Philips-Gilbert (6A07) noted an uptick in crime in her SMD and referenced a hostage standoff that ended peacefully though a SWAT team was brought in. A member of the Commissioner's community was attacked at the laundromat and passed away from his injuries. She has been working with MOCRS on the Benning Road situation and is finally getting an elevator in the medical building. Community member Gladys Mack was featured on Channel 4 News to speak about the upcoming nationalist protest and the need to re-install the Capitol fence to protect Congresspeople and the community. The Commissioner is looking forward to doing a food giveaway over the holidays and encourages of her colleagues to participate as well.

Commissioner Dooling (6A06) thanks new MPD Captain Savoy who has been very responsive to neighbors even with issues that are not MPD-related. He recognized new Indian restaurant in 6A06, Daru, which has been a great neighbor. As nightlife on H Street ramps back up, neighbors can call ABRA at (202) 329-6347 from 7:00 pm-3:00 am to report noise complaints.

Commissioner Gentile (6A05) had a thorny illegal dumping issue at the Duncan Place and D Street alley, several neighbors reported the dumping to 311 and a camera caught someone driving into the alley to dump garbage. ANC 6A had passed a resolution for speed bumps on Duncan Place; DDOT installed "no parking" signs but did not install the speed bumps. The Commissioner is following up with Andrew DeFrank.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) noted that her constituents also moved their vehicles for speed bump installation and DDOT did not follow through on their installation. Andrew DeFrank assured the Commissioner that it would still happen. The Commissioner reported on a kidnapping in which two arrests have been made and on break-ins on the 200 block of 13th Street and on Tennessee Avenue. Both Eliot-Hine Middle School and Maury Elementary School are back in session and both schools are working on staff parking. The Maury playground was expanded and should be completed shortly. Eliot-Hine had a ribbon cutting ceremony. The Commissioner called attention to an op-ed in the Hill Rag on the 1300 block of North Carolina Avenue bike lane.

Commissioner Soderman (6A03) reported that after 3.5 years of advocating for traffic calming on 100, 200, 300 blocks of 10th Street, DDOT has approved these. There is an unfortunate uptick in violent crime across DC and in his SMD, and urges community members to make sure windows and doors are locked and no valuables are left in vehicles. He noted that a significant number of neighbors are experiencing homelessness and would like to take a thoughtful approach in responding to the problem. The Department of Behavioral Health is open 24/7 and can be reached at (202) 673-9319.

Commissioner Toomajian (6A02) noted that the Maryland Avenue construction is coming to fruition and encourages neighbors to visit. Construction is continuing at F Street and as school is back in session and buses are picking students up, there is a new cluster of traffic which is particularly problematic when neighbors park in the bus pick-up/drop-off zones, which the Commissioner urges community members not to do. The Sasha Bruce House may appear in front of the EDZ and needs ANC6 A support. Rosedale Community Center is now the closest and most convenient site in ANC 6A to receive a take-home COVID-19 test.

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) reported a few shootings, one at 12th and H Streets. MPD was onsite as the shooting happened and arrested the person that was shot but not the shooter. As there is no speed camera going east on H Street NE, the ability to speed away makes it easier for drive by shootings to happen. ANC 6A has requested several times traffic calming and speed cameras in this area and the Commissioner urges ANC 6A to continue this effort. The other shootings have almost all been related to 1219 K Street NE, a privately owned building in which all residents are receiving rapid rehousing vouchers. The residents do not feel safe as nonresidents can access the building and there are rats and garbage surrounding and inside the building. There is an illegal construction site at this address and the Commissioner is asking for assistance and support.

Community Comments

Jennifer DeMayo of Councilmember Charles Allen's office referenced an email sent out on September 9, 2021 with information on COVID-19, schooling, and the September 18th protest. Ms. DeMayo noted the new Eastern Market concert series on Fridays and Saturdays and that redistricting is upcoming. There will be an initial hearing on September 29, 2021 and once new Ward boundaries are drawn by December 2021, ANC boundaries will be redrawn. Ward 6 is the largest ward and she cautioned that community members should expect that their ANC and Ward boundaries will be affected.

COC Chair Hollmon asked if the new corner store on 15th and C Street will be a real corner store or a boutique; Commissioners Alcorn and Gentile will get insight.

A community member posed a question about a liquor store going in at 8th Street and Maryland Avenue, noting that there are 7-8 schools or daycares within a 400 ft. radius of the liquor store location. The Commissioners directed the community member to a zoning administrator at DCRA.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm.