

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A  
Minutes  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom Meeting  
October 14, 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 September 2021 meeting were accepted, and the agenda for the October 2021 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

**Community Presentations:**

**Everett Lott, Acting Director, District Department of Transportation**

Acting Director Everett Lott spoke about a recent DDOT announcement regarding road safety measures. DDOT has already started installing speed humps, flexi posts, and stop signs in requested areas and are aware of the increased speeding, reckless driving, and overall danger and discomfort on the roads. Requests for interventions such as speed bumps and other smaller, localized projects will no longer need a TSA and the process will be expedited. Larger requests will still need TSAs, for which DDOT uses a contractor; the current contractor has only been given six months and depending on results, DDOT might contract with different companies. The DDOT interventions intend to decrease aggressive driving and increase the use of public transportation, especially on Florida Avenue, Benning Road, and H Street - all identified as the most dangerous roads in ANC6 A. DDOT is implementing narrower roads and more bus lanes to decrease speeding and increase access to public transportation. In conjunction with this, DDOT is planning bus/streetcar only lanes on H Street. Mr. Lott will try to keep the previous director's commitment of installing a second speed camera on H Street, facing the opposite way of the existing one, and noted that the budget for cameras is increased for 2022.

**DC Redistricting Process - Samuel Rosen-Amy, Chief of Staff, Councilmember-at-Large  
Elissa Silverman**

Samuel Rosen-Amy, Chief of Staff for Councilmember Silverman who leads the redistricting subcommittee, spoke about the need for Ward 6 to shrink by 18,000 people while Wards 7 and 8 need to grow in order for the wards to be balanced. There will be a hearing for community input on November 3, 2021 at 10 AM and the Committee will release proposed redistricted maps prior to this hearing. The committee is working with the Council on Racial Equity to aim for equitable redistribution. ANC redistricting will take place in late December 2021 and January 2022. The October 25, 2021 Community Outreach Committee meeting will be entirely dedicated to this issue and Mr. Rosen-Amy will be present again to answer questions; community members are encouraged to attend and give input.

**Officer Reports:**

1. The October 2021 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Brian Alcorn reviewed the 4 expenditures accrued in September: \$200.00 for September meeting minutes, \$765.89 for webmaster services, \$58.29 for Zoom Pro/Webinar for each month, and \$176.00 for USPS. The ANC received the Q2 OANC allotment of \$5,445.56 and had \$1,548.36 in cashed checks (Checks #1962-1986). The opening uncommitted funds available were \$30,522.74

and after these disbursements totaling \$1,200.18, the credit and the cashed checks, the closing uncommitted funds are \$33,219.76. 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. The FY21 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter report was approved by unanimous consent without objection. The "error checks" in the ledger should be ignored as these are bugs in the spreadsheet.
3. Commissioner Mike Soderman moved and Commissioner Keya Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC6A approve the FY 2022 budget as presented by Commissioner Alcorn. Commissioner Alcorn presented the FY22 Budget Plan which had been discussed in September's COC meeting and posted about on October 8, 2021. The OANC 2022 allotment will be \$21,782.24, unchanged from 2021. The proposed 2022 spending total is \$27,841.63 which is \$6,059.39 in excess of the allotment. The overage will be covered by accrued unspent funds from past years. The budget includes \$8,000 in grants (a \$3,000 increase), a salary increase to \$250.00 monthly for notetaking (a \$50.00 monthly increase), and assumes five in-person meetings throughout the year. The Commission can vote to change the budget at any time during the fiscal year. The motion passed 8-0.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

#### **Community Outreach**

1. The September 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Laura Gentile seconded the motion that ANC6A send a letter to Mayor Bowser supporting the DC Universal Basic Income (UBI) Coalition's request that the Mayor to join Mayors for a Guaranteed Income (MGI), as one demonstration of support for a guaranteed income for the residents of the District of Columbia. UBI allows for everyone to receive funds with no strings attached and no stigma. There are pilot programs in effect currently. About 60 mayors from around the country and several local to the DMV have joined and these mayors can tap into a fund from the MGI. More information can be found here: <https://www.mayorsforagi.org>. The motion passed 6-1-1 with Commissioner Phil Toomajian opposed and Commissioner Soderman abstaining.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 25, 2021 (4th Monday)

#### **Alcohol Beverage Licensing**

1. The September 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion that ANC 6A protest the application of Daruwalla, LLC, t/a Daru at 1451 Maryland Avenue NE (ABRA #113870) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License unless a Settlement Agreement is finalized prior to the protest deadline and that Mona Hatoum, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ANC, and Commissioner Robb Dooling be authorized to represent the ANC in this matter. The motion passed 8-0.
3. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion that ANC 6A protest the application of Lydia on H, LLC, t/a Lydia Restaurant & Lounge at 1427 H Street NE (ABRA #119312) for a Class C Restaurant License unless a Settlement Agreement is finalized prior to the protest deadline and that Mona Hatoum, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ANC, and Commissioner Dooling be authorized to represent the ANC in this matter. Lydia is a new Afro-Caribbean cocktail lounge with a bar downstairs and planned events such as poetry nights and live music upstairs. There will be a live jazz and a summer garden; the establishment hopes to open in December. The motion passed 8-0.
4. Commissioner Toomajian moved and Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the appointment of Mike Velasquez to the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing

Committee. Mr. Velasquez is a long-time resident of G Street NE and is excited to serve on the committee. The motion passed 8-0.

5. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 26, 2021 (4th Tuesday)

### **Transportation and Public Space**

1. The July, August, and September 2021 committee reports and supporting transcripts for the July and August meetings were approved by unanimous consent
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT stating that the ANC preferred rank ordered options of the DDOT bike lane designs for the 1300 block of North Carolina Avenue NE are Alternatives B, E and then C. Concept 1 for the intersection at 14th Street NE is the preferred initial design option. Some community members asked for data and transparency into how many community members were in favor of and opposed to the proposed one-way street and bike lanes. DDOT does not believe that the rerouted cars from the one-way will negatively impact safety at Maury. The motion passed 8-0.
3. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to DDOT for TSA #21-00452815 requesting all-way stop signs at 16th Street NE and Constitution Avenue NE, including the consideration of raised crosswalks if the all-way stop request is denied. The motion passed 8-0.
4. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC6A send a letter of support to DDOT for the 2021 Rock 'n Roll Marathon street closures for the race taking place on November 13, 2021. The race this year is a half marathon and there are several measures in place to minimize noise including decibel readers. The race is scheduled to end at 1:30 pm. The motion passed 7-0-0; Commissioner Sondra Philips-Gilbert momentarily dropped off from the call.
7. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 18, 2021 (3rd Monday)

### **Economic Development and Zoning**

1. The September 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for a special exception, pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the rear yard requirements of Subtitle E § 306.1, to construct a two-story rear addition to an existing, attached, principal dwelling unit at 248 10th Street, NE. (BZA Case #20530). Scheduled hearing date: 10/20/2021. The homeowner reached out on 9/30 to neighbors directly behind her with plans and has not heard back. The motion passed 8-0.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 20, 2021 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

### **Ad Hoc By Laws Committee**

1. The September 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent. The draft of the Bylaws has been posted on the website along with existing bylaws for comparison. These will be available on the website until November 30, 2021 and community comments can be sent to Commissioner Gentile at [6a05\[at\]anc6a.dc.gov](mailto:6a05[at]anc6a.dc.gov). The bylaws will be discussed at November's COC meeting. Commissioner Gentile thanks the committee for their detailed work.

### **New Business:**

Commissioner Soderman moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting a postponement for receipt of ANC comments on Public Space Construction Permit application #378346 (201 8TH STREET NE) until after the November

10 2021 ANC 6A meeting as the Commission was not provided sufficient time to review. The motion passed 8-0.

### **Single Member District reports**

Commissioner Alcorn (6A08) thanked MPD first district captain Tatiana Savoy for bringing a temporary camera and light tower to the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> Street and North Carolina Avenue NE. Residents have been reporting continued disturbances at 15<sup>th</sup> and C Streets since the summer shooting. The Commissioner thanked commissioners from 6A and 6B and DDOT's Will Handsfield for walking traffic-troubled areas and is looking forward to making these areas safer.

Commissioner Toomajian (6A02) shared an update about curb extensions at 8<sup>th</sup> and F and 8<sup>th</sup> and G and will be following up to see that those do get installed. J. O. Wilson is hosting a fall festival on October 26, 2021. The Commissioner noted that the TPS November agenda will feature discussions on bike lanes in several areas and encourages community members to attend and provide input.

Commissioner Philips-Gilbert (6A07) testified on behalf of the community on September 29, 2021 before the Redistricting Subcommittee and is looking forward to testifying again on November 3 and 5, 2021. The Commissioner stressed the importance of keeping the commission together and is happy to accept any ideas and suggestions to make a resolution of mutual support.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) is excited to say that the Eliot-Hine Middle School food pantry will be up and running to serve the students of Eliot-Hine and their families. Collaboration efforts are underway to ensure the Rosedale community will receive holiday baskets and she is grateful to the community for its generous contributions. The Commissioner noted several opportunity crimes and urges community members to be vigilant and to make sure windows and doors are fully locked, and to attend the upcoming MPD First District meeting.

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) reported an installation of speed bumps on the 700 - 1300 blocks of I Street NE; because of this several bike lanes have to be repainted. There has been an uptick both in break-ins and in shootings and the Commissioner reiterated that community members should be locking windows and doors and would like to see ANC 6A collaborate with and expand on intervention programs.

Commissioner Gentile (6A05) announced that there are 2 new speed bumps on the 1400 block of Duncan Street. The Commissioner is still working with DPW to follow up on constituent complaints about garbage in the alley between Duncan and D Streets.

Commissioner Dooling (6A06) noted that the Maryland Avenue project continues to make progress although there are several trenches between the road and the sidewalk where DDOT is planning to plant flowers soon but people are dumping garbage there. In conjunction with this project a new bike lane was installed next to Chick-Fil-A but it is essentially unusable due to the Chick-Fil-A drive-thru overflow. Finally, the Commissioner reminded everyone that the ANC 6A Google group has 1,600 people and to be cognizant about this when community members contact the group.

### **Community Comments**

Jen DeMayo of Councilmember Charles Allen's office noted that the Councilmember starting Office Hours again and will be experimenting with outdoor setups. On October 15, 2021 they will be at the Southwest library from 4:00-4:30 pm and on October 22, 2021 in Lincoln Park from 4:00-5:30 pm. There are three others scheduled for the mornings in the fall. Ms. DeMayo will be following up with Commissioner Philips-Gilbert about Mamie "Peanut" Johnson Way.

Community member Alex Kelly inquired about the appeals process for the decision of the North Carolina Avenue one-way after the Notice of Intent is distributed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 pm