

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Zoom Meeting
November 10, 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 October 2021 meeting were accepted, and the agenda for the October 2021 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

Community Presentations:

Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Update on Fall Activities and the Ready to Play Strategic Plan Process - Christopher Dyer, Community Engagement Manager

DPR's Community Engagement Manager Christopher Dyer presented on DPR, which is the #1 ranked park system in the country and hosts programming and events year-round in 244 sites across all 8 Wards. Sherwood, Lovejoy, Kingman, and Rosedale parks are all in ANC6A in addition to several pocket parks. DPR offers both virtual and in-person programming and winter programs launched on 11/8; these include cultural arts, sports and fitness, and social recreation with some geared specifically to seniors. Anyone interested can visit <http://dprprograms.com> for additional information or to register for a program. DPR also issues permits to host organized activities for 10+ participants; more information at <http://dpr.dc.gov/permits> or (202) 673-7647. Mr. Dyer also provided an updated on Ready2Play, noting that community feedback is needed on the draft of 4 goals, 13 strategies, and 85 specific actions; the draft will be released in early 2022 and dictates development across the city for the next 20 years. Mr. Dyer reminded community members that off-leash dogs are only permitted in designated facilities and listed several prohibited activities including bonfires, open flames, consumption of alcohol, and smoking. DPR will be adding "no smoking" signs on the G St side of Sherwood and will be following up on the installation timeline of these signs and some other maintenance requests with Commissioner Phil Toomajian. For any DPR-related needs, contact Mr. Dyer at [Christopher.dyer\[at\]dc.gov](mailto:Christopher.dyer[at]dc.gov) (202)702-9453.

DC Redistricting Process - DC Councilmember-at-Large Elissa Silverman

Councilmember-at-Large Elissa Silverman gave an update on redistricting, including an update on the three chosen maps the DC Council is gathering input on. The three maps were chosen from 200+ submitted maps and have been released publicly. The Commissioners noted that all three proposed maps would put a portion of this commission area into Ward 7. Ms. Silverman recognized how active this community has been throughout the process, which has included 11 hearings and more than 150 testimonials. From here, the Subcommittee will receive input from all affected Councilmembers, review gathered testimonials, and work to make one map that reflects the public's desires and adheres to the law and redistricting principles. The Subcommittee vote on a final map will happen by November 18, 2021, then move to the Committee of the Whole with two legislative votes on December 7 and December 21, 2021. Ms. Silverman addressed a few common concerns including parking and police districts; written into the bill is that parking will remain the same - current Residential Parking Permit (RPP) stickers will remain in effect after boundaries are redrawn. Police districts also will not

change, and neither will school boundaries. The main principles the subcommittee considers in redistricting are equal representation in all Wards and not diluting the voices of Black residents, compact and contiguous boundaries, and keeping communities of interest together. Several Commissioners and community members stated that the proposed maps go against these principles, specifically that they will decrease equality and the number of Black constituents in Ward 6 and that communities of interest, like Capitol Hill neighborhoods and 15th Street, will be broken up. Many alternatives were proposed, including more holistic approaches to changes across all Wards and pushing the western boundary of Ward 6. More redistricting and demographic information can be found at <https://www.elissasilverman.com/redistricting>

New Business:

1. Commissioner Brian Alcorn moved and Commissioner Sondra Philips-Gilbert seconded the motion ANC 6A send a letter to the DC Council Redistricting Committee requesting that the Committee ensure that the current ANC6A boundaries are retained in the Redistricting Process, and that ANC 6A remain a part of Ward 6. The recommendation includes in Ward 6 the geographies that are currently covered in 6A07, 6A08, 6B9, and 6B10 which would all be moved to Ward 7 in maps 1 and 2; it also includes 7D01 which was redistricted 20 years ago and removed from Ward 6. The letter contains multiple statements of reason, positive impacts toward neighborhood cohesiveness and natural geography, and respect for political geography. A demographic number on page 37 is wrong, and should be 5,584. The motion passed 8-0.
2. Commissioner Mike Soderman moved and Commissioner Keya Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to the Chair of the DC Council Committee on Health, the Director of the DC Department of Health Care Finance and the Director of the DC Department of Behavioral Health in support for bridge funding for DC Mental Health Access in Pediatrics. Dr. Ellie Hamburger, a primary care pediatrician, spoke about the need for the program as pediatricians are not usually trained in mental health and rely on DC MAP to provide psychiatric help to patients who need it. Commissioner Chatterjee offered a friendly amendment of including the importance of this program specifically to Black youth and for preventing gun violence. The motion passed as amended 8-0.

Officer Reports:

1. The November 2021 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Alcorn reviewed the 4 expenditures accrued in October: \$250.00 for October meeting minutes, \$765.89 for webmaster services, \$58.29 for Zoom Pro/Webinar for each month (Checks #1991-1993) and \$48.27 for check printing. The ANC received the Q4 OANC allotment of \$5,445.56 and had \$1,024.18 in uncashed checks (Checks #1988-1990) and \$176.00 in a cashed check (Check #1987). The opening uncommitted funds available were \$34,419.94 and after these disbursements totaling \$1,122.45, the credit and the cashed and uncashed checks, the closing uncommitted funds are \$37,542.87. 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.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach

1. The October 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 29, 2021 (5th Monday; usually 4th Monday). The meeting will include a community discussion of 2021 draft of ANC 6A Bylaws.

Alcohol Beverage Licensing

1. No report. ABL did not meet in October 2021.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 22, 2021 (4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space

1. The October 2021 committee report were approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT expressing the need for expansion of electric vehicle charging throughout the District; urging both public and private solutions to electric vehicle charging for residents without off-street parking, including measures to facilitate extending charging cables from residences to the curb, with all due consideration for safety and ADA compliance. Commissioners Robb Dooling and Soderman suggested blocks in their SMDs for installation of charging stations. The motion passed 8-0.
3. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Laura Gentile seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT supporting TSA 21-00448727 for the 300 block of 18th Street NE, including consideration of speed humps and raised crosswalks. The motion passed 8-0.
4. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Philips-Gilbert seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT supporting TSAs 21-00428331 & 21-00428369 for the 1500-1900 blocks of Benning Road NE, including a full traffic safety investigation; consideration of speed humps, raised crosswalks, signal timing, and all other traffic calming measures; and that DDOT consider extending the planned H Street dedicated bus lanes to this corridor as a traffic calming measure as well as to improve transit. Commissioner Gove will add to the letter that this is a shared space with 5D and 7D and hopes that DDOT consider them as well. The motion passed 8-0.
5. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting that 20 MPH speed limit signs be placed on all collector streets in ANC6A that do not yet have signs. The Commissioners will identify all such areas in their SMDs and compile a list. The motion passed 8-0.
6. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Toomajian seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting the installation of a contraflow bike lane on the 1100 block of F Street NE. The motion passed 8-0.
7. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT supporting TSA 21-00119585 for the intersection of 13th Street NE and Wylie Street NE, including installation of raised crosswalks for the entire intersection. The motion passed 8-0.
8. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 15, 2021 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning

1. The October 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 from the rooftop and upper floor requirements of Subtitle E § 206.1 to construct a third story addition to an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit at 327 Tennessee Avenue, NE (BZA Case #20607) with the caveat that the owners make best efforts to get letters of support from the neighbors at 324, 326 and 328 14th Street. (Hearing scheduled for 02/02/2022) The property owners reported 7 letters of enthusiastic support from neighbors. The motion passed 8-0.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 17, 2021 (3rd Wednesday)

Ad Hoc By Laws Committee

1. No report. BLC did not meet in October 2021.

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Toomajian (6A02) reported that the promise of speedbump installation at 8th and F Streets and 8th and G Streets did not come to fruition. The vaccine is now available for children 5-11 nationwide and there are a variety of ways and locations people can receive it such as at the DC Health-hosted clinic at Payne Elementary.

Commissioner Dooling (6A06) is working with Councilmember Allen and the Department of Health on a problem near Chick-Fil-A and is grateful to neighbors that have submitted related 311 requests. Atlas Theater is hosting a performance of BIPOC deaf individuals December 2-12, more information at www.atlasarts.org. The Commissioner reminded everyone that community members can submit redistricting testimony until November 12, 2021 and urges the community to speak to the unique characteristics of 15th Street and why it is important to keep the area united.

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) reported a few successes in getting speed bumps and raised cross walks. There have been 3 shootings - 3 nights in a row - one at 12th and H Streets in a drive-by, and 25 rounds shot on 13th Street and Florida Avenue. There is continued concern about 1200 K Street NE, which is occupied by people receiving vouchers but has not been inspected for compliance and has no locks on the door. The Commissioner would like to send a letter to housing services to ensure compliance. The Commissioner had a great meeting with owner of The Pug about the potential of getting a bus lane on H Street and they will be gathering H St business leaders on December 7, 2021 in person at The Pug.

Commissioner Soderman (6A03) noted that there are higher than usual amounts of thefts and suggests that community members find safe package drop off locations. Multiple constituents are reaching out about traffic calming, including the 200 block of 10th Street which was supposed to receive a second speed hump; the goal is to have raised crosswalks and speed humps on every block requested by the community.

Commissioner Gentile (6A05) has submitted requests for improvement at Kingman dog park and will follow up with Mr. Dyer. The Commissioner walked around the neighborhood with MOCRS to identify traffic issues needing addressing; she saw speeding on 14th Street and will try to get a stop sign in that vicinity. There is an abandoned car on the 400 block of 15th Street for which a constituent has submitted two (2) 311 tickets. Finally, the Commissioner reported several trash cans full of household trash .

Commissioner Gove (6A04) will send contact information for the booting and towing contact person to Commissioner Gentile. The Commissioner is working with Maury and the community on holding parking spots at Maury for teachers. The Commissioner has also been in contact with EventsDC who plan to include dog amenities at the Fields at RFK in the following fiscal year.

Commissioner Philips-Gilbert (6A07) testified on November 3 and 5, 2021 and met with Will Handsfield from DDOT to discuss the E Street roundabout. They walked other streets in her SMD that have been submitted in TSAs. The Commissioner is also addressing illegal vending and abandoned cars, noting a black truck on 18th Street. The Commissioner met with the new Rosedale Center community manager, discussed Christmas basket details, and will walk the Center to note needed repairs.

Commissioner Alcorn (6A08) thanks community members for their honest interest in redistricting and appreciates their feedback. The Commissioner recognizes residents in 18th and D Street area for getting a community settlement with Master Liquor as issues over security and parking were amicably resolved.

Community Comments

COC Chair Roni Hollmon reminded the ANC to have contingency plans for committees in the case of redistricting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm.