

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
November 10, 2022**

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove (Chair), Keya Chatterjee, Robb Dooling, Brian Alcorn, Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, Mike Soderman, and Phil Toomajian were present. Commissioner Laura Gentile was absent.

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 October 2022 meeting were accepted. Commissioner Robb Dooling moved and Commissioner Keya Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A amend the agenda with a New Business item related to a fence around Chick-Fil-A, noting that late additions to the agenda are not the norm, but are necessary in this case due to DDOT's lack of notice on this issue. The motion passed 7-0.

The agenda as amended for the November 2022 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent, and the outgoing Commissioners introduced and warmly welcomed incoming, newly elected Commissioners.

Community Presentations:

Capitol Hill Village - Mary Bloodworth, Director of Operations

Ms. Bloodworth from Capitol Hill Village presented on Capitol Hill Village, noting that it is a nonprofit organization that helps seniors stay in their homes safely and happily for as long as they desire, which they accomplish through a volunteer model. Capitol Hill Village covers all of Capitol Hill and are happy to accept any kind of volunteering, including gardening, snow removal, changing lightbulbs, etc. and offer several social events throughout the year that are open to the general public. This is their 15th year and they are the second oldest village in the country with about 400 members throughout Capitol Hill. Ms. Bloodworth reminded residents that it is leaf raking season and encourages everyone to keep sidewalks clear and assist their neighbors in doing so as well. For more information, community members can call (202) 543-1778 or visit www.capitolhillvillage.org.

Rosedale Recreation Center - Henry Moton, Recreation Manager, Department of Parks and Recreation

Mr. Henry Moton, the site manager of Rosedale Recreation Center, reported that the Rec Center offers several children's activities and is currently transitioning into winter ones, including basketball, pickleball, cheerleading, and dance. There are also mentorship programs: Young Ladies on the Rise and Young Men, Future Leaders. The opening hours have been updated to: Monday - Friday, 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm with the fitness room, still free to use for DC residents, open 12:00 pm - 7:30 pm, and Saturday

9:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Mr. Moton is not sure what the timeline is for the pool renovation, but there are funds allocated for repair in 2023.

Consent Agenda

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

- ANC 6A write a letter of support in favor of Biergarten Haus, Inc. t/a Biergarten Haus at 1355 H Street NE (ABRA-083695) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A write a letter of support in favor of DC Culinary Academy, LLC t/a Brine at 1357-1359 H Street NE (ABRA-110889) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A write a letter of support in favor of Rosato, LLC t/a Sospeso at 1344 H Street NE (ABRA-100766) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A write a letter of support in favor of Par Bar, LLC t/a H Street Country Club at 1335 H Street NE (ABRA-076649) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A write a letter of support in favor of Dangerously Delicious DC LLC t/a Pie Shop at 1339 H Street NE (ABRA-087422) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A oppose the license renewal application of Lattice Partners
- LLC t/a Copycat Co. at 1110 H Street NE (ABRA-096474) unless a new settlement agreement is entered into prior to the protest date, and further that the Chairs of the ABL Committee, as well as Committee member Velasquez, and the Chairs of the ANC represent the ANC in this matter.
- ANC 6A write a letter of support in favor of Langston Bar & Grille, LLC t/a Langston Bar & Grille at 1831 Benning Road NE (ABRA-076260) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

- ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for a plan to construct a rear three-story addition; add a partial third floor on the existing house, and renovate the existing house for a home at 223 8th Street NE (HPA22-329) in the Capitol Hill Historic District.
- ANC 6A send a letter of support to the DC council for the Green New Deal for Housing Act Green New Deal for Housing Act (B24-0802) with recommended changes to the Act.

Officer Reports:

1. The November 2022 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Brian Alcorn reviewed the three expenditures accrued in October: \$765.89 for September webmaster services, \$250 for notetaking, \$58.29 for Zoom Pro/Webinar (Checks #2039-2041, respectively). The ANC had \$4,832 in uncashed checks (Checks #2026, #2027, #2035, #2036, #2037) and \$6,241 in cashed checks. The opening uncommitted funds available were \$40,418.81. After disbursements totaling \$1,074.18 and cashed checks, the closing available checking balance is \$34,512.06. The savings account opened at \$100.05, gained no interest, and closed at \$100.05. Petty cash remained at \$25. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent.

2. ANC 6A received notice of its fiscal year 2023 allotment, which will be \$19,605.26. During the October 2022 ANC 6A meeting the Commission voted to adopt a budget of \$22,988.70 reflecting Commission priorities and savings from previous years' disbursements.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach

1. The October 2022 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 28, 2022 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing

1. The October 2022 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended that ANC 6A write a letter of support in favor of Capitol Square Bar and Grill LLC t/a DC Capitol Square Bar & Grill at 1500 East Capitol Street NE (ABRA- 118000) for renewal of its Class C Restaurant License. Commissioner Alcorn proposed a friendly amendment and Commissioner Mike Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A take no action on the Class C ABL renewal for Capitol Square Bar & Grill. This allows time for community members to register their concerns with ABRA. The motion as amended to take no action passed 7-0.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 22, 2022 (4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space

1. The October 2022 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 21, 2022 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning

1. The October 2022 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to the city with recommendations to assist the tenants at the Havana Building at 1219 K Street NE. The LLC that owns the building has filed for bankruptcy and trash and electrical services are no longer operating, resulting in a month's worth of trash and rodents behind the building and DCHA moving residents out of the building. The LLC is claiming that there were no health or safety concerns at this location. Commissioner Chatterjee moved and Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion that ANC 6A amend the motion to include sending letters to bankruptcy court, the Mayor's office, and the bank, giving perspective on this LLC to each and asking for a trustee or nonprofit to take over management of this building. The motion passed as amended 6-0-1. Commissioner Phil Toomajian abstained.
3. Commissioner Dooling moved and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded that motion that ANC 6A provide EDZ with a mandate to further investigate ANC 6A support to sponsor a text amendment for zoning districts NC-9, NC-10, NC-11, NC-12, NC-13, NC-14, NC-15, NC-16 and NC-17 to actively encourage use for the arts. The motion passed 7-0.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 16, 2022 (3rd Wednesday)

Commission Business

New Business:

Commissioner Alcorn moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to Councilmembers Vincent Gray and Robert White, Department of General Services (DGS) Director Keith Anderson and DCPC Chancellor Lewis Ferabee to request urgent support for repairs and improvements to Eastern High School Athletic Facilities. The safety and functionality of certain athletic facilities at Eastern High School are in need of repair or replacement. The synthetic turf football field, for example, is 12 years old and in need of a full replacement, and the football scoreboards and PA systems do not work properly. The location of the school's dumpsters is also a concern. The motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Dooling moved and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the appointment of Ayisha Lockett as members of the Economic Development and Zoning Committee. The motion passed 7-0.

Commissioner Dooling moved and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT to ask for a deadline extension of Chick Fil A's (1401 Maryland Avenue NE) application for the replacement of their fence so the TPS and full ANC may review the application. The motion passed 7-0.

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Alcorn (6A08) reported that the C Street project is continuing to progress and heard a recent update that the completion date is projected to be in January. There is a water leak on the 1600 block of North Carolina Avenue NE impacting the bike lanes there and Commissioner Gove has flagged it with DC Water and the project team. The Commissioner thanks residents for voting in the recent election and is looking forward to representing the newly formed ANC 7D08 in the new year.

Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) was reached out to by Chair Mendelson regarding the renaming of the alley and complete construction for affordable housing. The Commissioner met with the developer of 1770 E Street who was doing outreach with the community and explaining the project.

Commissioner Dooling (6A06) reported an armed carjacking on the 1300 block of D Street NE and reminds neighbors to be aware of their surroundings. The Commissioner expressed gratitude to Councilmember Allen for his work on the criminal code, which now has three different degrees of severity of carjackings. ANCs 6A, 6B, and 6C all voted to support an Open Streets Event on 8th Street SE, which will be a large event that he is looking forward to.

Commissioner Soderman (6A03) reported an uptick in violent crime and attacks and neighbors have reached out to MPD and Councilmember Allen requesting additional MPD cameras. The Commissioner encourages community members to take advantage

of the camera rebate program, and if you do have cameras outside your property, make sure they are capturing not only front porch footage but also a portion of the street.

Commissioner Toomajian (6A02) is grateful to Jen DeMayo and Councilmember Allen for responding to a wet field issue at Sherwood Recreation Center. There is active construction on a long-time vacant property on 10th Street NE. ABL will be discussing Sol Mexican Grill in a coming meeting. The Commissioner is excited to be honoring another ANC 6A02 community member with the Good Neighbor award.

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) noted an uptick in crime and a carjacking on the 1300 block of I Street NE, and a lot of incidents with knives. The Commissioner sent a note to immediate neighbors of a home that was the site of an attempted break-in and encourages residents to always lock their front doors. The Department of Public Works (DPW) is working on a new master map of all water, gas, and electrical lines and is spray painting their planning. This is a good opportunity to perhaps reduce the amount of flooding happening due to closed drains. Queen Vic on H Street NE will be screening and celebrating the World Cup matches.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) reminded the community that First District MPD hosts citizens advisory council meetings with the next one on December 6, 2022. MPD had a successful and heavily attended community engagement event recently with a movie screening in Lincoln Park, and there is another scheduled on November 25, 2022. The National Park Service and Friends of Lincoln Park will be clarifying how repairs can be conducted and intend to bring back the Bark Rangers program. The work of this Commission in supporting the Eliot-Hine Middle School community food bank has gone forward and they are again collecting contributions for Thanksgiving baskets.

Community Comments

Ms. Jen DeMayo reported that the first in-person Brickies since 2019 will be hosted at the Hill Center On December 7, 2022 from 6:00-8:00 pm and community members can look out for announcements about award nominations. Anyone wanting to join the distribution list for Councilmember Allen's bi-weekly newsletter can email Ms. DeMayo at jdemayoof@dcccouncil.gov

MOCRS Jasmine Coilton gave a few updates: the Department of Health will be hosting a multiagency community walk on December 16, 2022 to address rodent concerns on H Street and surrounding neighborhoods; DPW started its leaf collection season; She has been working with DGS on Eastern High School's renovation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.