

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
November 21, 2024**

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove, Dave Wethington, Roberta Shapiro, Robb Dooling, 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 October 2024 meeting minutes were accepted and the agenda was accepted by unanimous consent.

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

Community Presentation

Lead Free DC (LFDC) - Sean Moore, Communications Manager, Lead Free DC (Contractor)

Mr. Sean Moore, Communications Manager from Lead Free DC (LFDC), gave an update on the program and on upcoming events in ANC 6A over the next year. LFDC is DC Water's plan to eliminate all lead service lines in DC; there have been and will continue to be free lead pipe replacements throughout the district. The health effects of lead are significant and there is no safe level of it - it is a powerful neurotoxin which can lead to brain damage; children are the most vulnerable to exposure. DC Water replaces known lead service lines and verifies the material or service lines associated with historic records or missing information. As of November 21, 2024, 7,252 lead service lines have been replaced, and the organization is prioritizing environmental justice and vulnerable populations. LFDC is also expanding its outreach team. There are an estimated 42,000 lead lines to replace across the district, previously estimated at 28,000, which likely changes the original 2030 goal. There is a new dashboard demonstrating progress: <https://www.dewater.com/lead-free-dc-construction-dashboard> and an updated inventory map: <https://geo.dewater.com/Lead> LFDC is specifically referencing the "public space" of service lines which contain lead or galvanized pipes. Lead pipes typically have white oxidation, side wall thickness of ¼ inch, and bulbous forms near the connectors. Copper, the replacement, is redder in color and lead-free. There are three replacement programs: CIPERR (free replacements during construction projects) , LPRAP (only the portion of the water service line on private property is lead and DC will pay for discounted replacements), and VFRP (both the public and private portions of the water service line are lead and no capital improvement projects are planned in the neighborhood; DC Water will pay for all work in public space and homeowner pays for work on private property). The LFDC Prioritization Model uses data from the service line inventory, vulnerable population data, and socio-economic data to calculate a score for each block. Blocks with higher scores are prioritized for replacement. 98 blocks have been selected for FY 2025 in ANC 6A - this includes 1,859 premises of which 18.7% right of entry authorizations have been signed. The anticipated construction period is November 2024-November 2026. DC Water must have resident's permission to replace the service line on their property, so Mr. Moore encourages homeowners to sign and return the ROEs and be on the lookout for the outreach team doing door-to-door canvassing to spread awareness. Mr. Moore can be reached at sean.moore[at]dewater.com or lead[at]dewater.com; the hotline is (202) 787-4049 and

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 tavern license at Dirty Water, 816 H Street NE (ABRA-125771).

Officer Reports:

1. The November 2024 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Steve Moilanen reviewed the expenditures accrued in October: \$250 for notetaking and \$771.19 for webmaster services subscription (checks #2134 and #2133, respectively). The opening uncommitted funds available were \$30,879.53. After accounts payable totaling \$3,566.56 the closing available checking balance is \$27,312.97. The savings account opened at \$100.05, gained no interest, and closed at \$100.05, and petty cash remained at \$25. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach (COC)

1. The October 2024 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting: November 25, 2024 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)

1. The October 2024 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Mike Velasquez seconded the motion that ANC6A protest the application for a new Class C restaurant license with sidewalk café, alcohol carry out and delivery endorsements at Alero H Street at 1301 H Street NE (ABRA-130290) unless a settlement agreement is reached and that Mr. Lockett represent ANC 6A in negotiations. The Commissioners added a friendly amendment to add Commissioner Dooling to represent ANC6A in these negotiations. The motion passed 6-0.
3. Commissioner Velasquez moved and Commissioner Roberta Shapiro seconded the motion ANC6A protest the application for a new Class C restaurant license with sidewalk café, entertainment, and cover charge endorsement at DC Capitol Square Bar and Grill at H Street at 14021 H Street NE (ABRA-129985) unless a settlement agreement is reached and that Mr. Lockett represent ANC 6A in negotiations. The original application has a number in the address (it should be 1402 H Street, which does have sufficient outdoor seating space), and ABCA will be issuing a new agreement. Commissioner Shapiro noted that the settlement agreement should be respectful of residential neighbors; the owners are verbally in agreement and understand but nothing is written into the agreements yet. Commissioner Velasquez is checking on current H Street establishments' agreements to make sure that these new agreements are consistent. The motion passed 6-0.
4. Next meeting - December 17, 2024 (3rd Tuesday; usually 4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

1. No report. TPS did not meet in October 2024.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 16, 2024 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

1. No report. EDZ did not meet in October 2024.
2. No EDZ meeting in November 2024. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 18, 2024 (3rd Wednesday)

New Business

1. Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Dave Wethington seconded the motion that ANC 6A write a letter to the Mayor, City Manager, the Directors and Deputy Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the Department of General Services (DGS), and the City Council inquiring:
 - 1) Why the work on capital improvements of various outdoor space at Sherwood has not begun as scheduled;
 - 2) Why routine maintenance to repair dangerous failures in the recently replaced playground surface have not been made;
 - 3) Why the recumbent swing has not been replaced months after being removed;
 - 4) Why Sherwood seems to be excluded from special programming such as movies, holiday events, etc. frequently offered at other sites;
 - 5) Why congregating with alcohol and drug consumption is allowed on the recreational center property on a continuing basis; and
 - 6) What are the plans and timelines for addressing the above five issues.Staff, Commissioners, and community members have consistently advocated for better conditions and improvements at Sherwood and received little to no response from DPR or DGS. The motion passed 6-0.
2. Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A authorize Commissioner Dave Wethington or EDZ Co-Chairs Joal Mendonsa or Michael Cushman to testify to the DC Council Committee of the Whole regarding B25-1003: 2024 Vacant to Vibrant Act. <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/B25-1003T>. The motion passed 6-0.

Commission Business

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) reported that a third of the track at Sherwood Recreation Center was fenced off and spot repairs were done to the playground, but the Commissioner is concerned that the playground surfacing was not properly done and will quickly degrade and has asked DPR to do an inspection. The new site manager of Sherwood reached out and would like to work together in the future. The Commissioner had a meeting regarding the alley between F and G Streets and 10th and 11th Streets, where there has been concerning behavior including illegal parking and the sale of drugs. Lieutenant Gainer came out and talked to neighbors about what can be done to remedy the situation, including increasing the lighting, which DDOT did very quickly. The proprietors of Adams Market will soon have a one-car loading zone in front of their property.

Commissioner Moilanen (6A07) is grateful for Commissioner Shapiro's continued advocacy for Sherwood and is excited about progress being made. The Commissioner also expressed gratitude to MPD for a decrease in violent crime, more than 50% down in ANC 6A. The Commissioner voted in-person for the first time and applauds everybody working the election at Sherwood in particular. Finally, the Commissioner is grateful for everyone that tuned into the Washington Spirit game and loves that his son has female athletes to look up to.

Commissioner Velasquez (6A02) read an email from a constituent to Commander Hall, who thanked MPD for its continued presence and impact on crime reduction. A letter sent to the chief of police from this Commission and 350 residents has yet to be acknowledged. A resident was recently confirmed as judge for DC district court.

Commissioner Robb Dooling (6A06) compiles the annual report as the Commission secretary and asks that Commissioners send updates by November 27, 2024. Last year's can be found here: https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC-6A-Annual-Report-2023_final.pdf. The Commissioner appreciates the opportunity to vote early at Sherwood, who had an ASL interpreter as they have for 8 past elections.

Commissioner Wethington (6A05) thanks MPD for hosting movie nights in Lincoln Park as they do a great job. Hill Family Biking is doing a ride for children 2-6 years old on Saturday morning, November 23, 2024.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) noted that the Friends of Lincoln Park will be hosting an event on Saturday, November 23, 2024 with yoga, music, and food after Hill Family Biking. MPD has been a great partner in community engagement. The Eliot-Hine community pantry is putting together baskets for neighbors and the Commissioner encourages neighbors to look at the pantry pages. There will be rebalancing of bus stops due to the Better Bus project and notices of intent will be issued when a bus stop will be impacted.

Community Comment

Ms. Jen DeMayo from Councilmember Allen's office reported that Councilmember Allen recently introduced a few new bills, one of which would add shade to playgrounds and other outdoor public spaces where it makes sense to install solar panels. Another bill would give community youth sports leagues priority booking for spaces run by DPR and DCPS. The Brickies are coming up on December 5th at Arena Stage; the nominating process is closed. Final office hours of the year at the Pretzel Bakery, Friday December 13, 2024.

Mr. Marcus Manning, MOCR, gave a few updates: last Wednesday, Mayor Bowser announced four community-based organizations that have been awarded ten million dollars for safe passage of students to and from school. The mayor also activated the season's first hypothermia alert and encourages people to call 311 or the hotline at (202) 399-7093. DPW is operating leaf cleaning season and have a leaf tracker so community members can see which streets have been visited and which are upcoming.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.