

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
December 8, 2022**

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove (Chair), Keya Chatterjee, Robb Dooling, Brian Alcorn, Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, Mike Soderman, Laura Gentile, and Phil Toomajian 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 6A November 2022 meeting were accepted. The agenda for the December 2022 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

Consent Agenda

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

Community Outreach (COC)

- ANC 6A honor Edna Jane "EJ" Truax with the ANC 6A Good Neighbor Award at the December 2022 ANC 6A meeting.

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

- ANC 6A recognize a change in the membership of the ABL Committee, reflecting the departures from the Committee of Ian Stanford (as of 11/1/2022) and Mona Hatoum (as of 12/1/2022), and the upcoming departure of Mike Velazquez (as of 1/1/2023), resulting in an ABL Committee membership consisting of incumbent members Erin Sullivan, Kara Hughley, Joe Krisch, and Mike Velasquez as of 12/1/2022, and Sullivan, Hughley, and Krisch as of 1/1/2023.
- ANC 6A write a letter of support in favor of Daruwalla, LLC t/a Daru at 1451 Maryland Avenue NE (ABRA-113870) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the application of Bespoke 1337, LLC t/a Hill Prince at 1337 H Street NE (ABRA-104782) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the application of Hoost, LLC t/a Nomad Hookah Bar at 1200 H Street NE (ABRA-087558) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the application of The McKenzie Group, LLC t/a Ocean Lounge at 1220 H Street NE (ABRA-114106) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the application of The Pug, LLC t/a The Pug/Toki Underground at 1234 H Street NE (ABRA-073166) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.

- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the application of Another Round LLC t/a The Haymaker Bar at 1015 H Street NE (ABRA-084689) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A write a letter of support in favor of The New Elroy Bar, LLC t/a The Elroy at 1423 H Street NE (ABRA-112289) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A oppose the license renewal application of On the Rocks, LLC t/a On the Rocks at 1242 H Street NE (ABRA-106695) unless a settlement agreement is entered into prior to the protest date.
- ANC 6A write a letter of support in favor of Bronze DC, LLC t/a Bronze DC at 1245 H Street NE (ABRA-121843) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A oppose the application of Fernando Postigo t/a Sol Mexican Grill at 1251 H Street NE (ABRA-092192) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A oppose the application by RMC Group Lounge, LLC t/a Cru Lounge at 1360 H Street NE (ABRA-122943) for a Class C Restaurant License unless a settlement agreement is entered into prior to the protest date, and further that the Chair of the ABL Committee and the Chairs of the ANC represent the ANC in this matter. Further, that if a settlement agreement is entered into prior to the protest date, ANC 6A write a letter of support in favor of the applicant's request for a stipulated license.
- ANC 6A oppose the application by Noble Convenience, LLC t/a Noble Convenience and Tobacco at 1305 H Street NE (ABRA-122919) for a Class A Liquor Store License unless a settlement agreement is entered into prior to the protest date, and further that the Chair of the ABL Committee and Commissioner Robb Dooling and the Chairs of the ANC represent the ANC in this matter.

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT opposing Chick-Fil-A's application for a taller fence because the DC code does not allow fences greater than the current 42 inches in public space, and exceptions are only for high-security sites such as embassies.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting that ANCs receive 30 days notice to review public space applications because ANCs meet only once a month.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT recommending the installation of an all-way stop at the intersection of 16th and East Capitol Streets NE and SE, and in that letter it should state that safety reasons necessitating the action are to mitigate crashes, and improve pedestrian, bicycle and student safety in the immediate area.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting traffic calming or speed lights for the 300 to 700 blocks of 19th Street NE, and in making that recommendation we would also reference various open TSIs for that stretch.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT recommending the creation of a reasonably-sized loading zone on a portion of the 1500 block of East Capitol Street NE (north side), recommend loading zone restrictions apply 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Monday

through Saturday, and allow the prevailing residential parking permit (RPP) designation with exceptions at all other times, recommend the ANC include in its letter a recommendation to install Zone 6 RPP signs with a 2-hour exception for any remaining curbside parking that is presently ambiguously signed and that is not used for a loading zone.

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

- ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for the request for special exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle C § 305 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the subdivision requirements of Subtitle C § 302.1, special exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle E § 205.5, Subtitle E § 5201, and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4, area variance zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle X § 1002 from the building height requirements of Subtitle E § 303.1, area variance zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle X § 1002 from the front setback requirements of Subtitle E § 305.1, area variance zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle X § 1002 from the rear yard requirements of Subtitle E § 306.1, and use variance zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle X § 1002 from the matter-of-right uses of Subtitle U § 301 to construct two new, semi-detached, four-story, 4-unit, apartment houses at 1717 E Street NE (BZA #20821) in the RF-1 zone with the caveat that the owner make best efforts to get a letter of support from the neighbor at 1709 E Street NE. *BZA Case scheduled for 12/14/2022.*

Officer Reports:

1. The December 2022 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Brian Alcorn reviewed the three expenditures accrued in November: \$765.89 for November webmaster services, \$250 for notetaking, \$58.29 for Zoom Pro/Webinar (Checks #2042-#2044, respectively). The ANC had \$5,656.76 in uncashed checks (Checks #2026, #2027, #2035, #2036, #2037, #2040, #2042) and \$1,481.78 in cashed checks. The opening uncommitted funds available were \$35,409.50. After disbursements totaling \$1,074.18 and cashed and uncashed checks, the closing available checking balance is \$28,658.06. 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. The Commission is grateful for the careful work of Commissioner Alcorn as treasurer.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach

1. The November 2022 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. COC will not meet in December 2022.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 23, 2023 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing

1. The November 2022 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 27, 2022 (4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space

1. The November 2022 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 19, 2022 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning

1. The November 2022 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Phil Toomajian seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for the request for special exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle U § 203.1, Subtitle U § 320.1, and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the matter-of-right uses of Subtitle U § 301 to permit a youth residential care facility for up to 15 persons in an existing, three-story, detached building at 1022 Maryland Avenue NE (BZA #20554) in the RF-1 zone. *BZA Case scheduled for 12/14/2022.* Commissioner Toomajian offered a friendly amendment to send a letter of support with conditions that the group resume its regular meetings as permissible by health standards and encourage the 6A03 Commissioner to be present and included in these meetings, all of which the group is willing to do. The motion passed 8-0.
3. Though this matter was on the consent agenda, several community members expressed concerns about construction and relief being sought at 1717 E Street and requested a delay on the decision. Commissioner Sondra Philips-Gilbert has spoken to several community members and supports the project, which will increase property value and better the community; the Commissioner is very impressed with the interactive work of the developer.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 21, 2022 (3rd Wednesday)

Commission Business

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Keya Chatterjee (6A01) has spoken to Ralph Williams' family; Mr. Williams was fatally hit by a car in an intersection on K Street NE that the Commission has flagged for safety issues several times. The funeral will be on December 15, 2022 and the family would love to see community members there. The Bladensburg project is taking comments and the Florida Avenue project has started. There are continuing issues at the Havana and the building is not secured; many families have been moved out but there are still several concerns. The Bladensburg Safety Study is here:

<https://engage.dc.gov/BladensburgSafetyStudy>

Commissioner Laura Gentile (6A04) reported a vacant property on 15th Street with people going in and having parties during the day; there is now a vacant sign on it. A constituent raised concerns about Corbin Place and 13th Street, which is a dangerous intersection for pedestrians and cyclists one block from Maury Elementary School that the Commission has flagged for DDOT in the past. The Commissioner will try again for a 4 way stop sign at 14th and Tennessee Avenue and offered a heartfelt farewell to all outgoing Commissioners and appreciates their time, support, and advice.

Commissioner Dooling (6A06) reported another carjacking on the 500 block of Tennessee Avenue NE and has lost track of the number of carjackings in this area. There is still a 24-hour camera running in the Azeeze Bates apartments. The Tennessee Avenue listserv shared that there is a WhatsApp group for neighbors to connect and share their safety concerns. The Commissioner encourages community members to fill out the Bladensburg Safety Survey and is grateful to outgoing Commissioners for their time and devotion to our community.

Commissioner Mike Soderman (6A03) noted that there was a community safety event organized by the residents from 9th and 8th Streets and Constitution and Massachusetts Avenues that brought together the community with MPD and Councilmember Allen to discuss the increase in carjackings and violent crime in the neighborhood. The Commissioner is grateful to the Commission and Committees and has enjoyed seven years of service.

Commissioner Toomajian (6A02) reported a walk along H Street with DOH and that an individual responsible for several robberies and carjackings in the area has been arrested. The Commissioner offered condolences to the Williams family on K Street, recognizing the tremendous work of Commissioners Chatterjee and Dooling in that area to advocate for safer streets. The Commissioner noted that it has been a privilege to be a part of this Commission and is proud of the tremendous strides ANC 6A has affected, in safety, school and playground renovations, and community improvement, and is so grateful to the dedicated members that make this positive change possible.

Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) has enjoyed working with everyone on the Commission and Committees and is grateful for the support and knowledge gained over ten years of representing the Rosedale community.

Commissioner Alcorn (6A08) joined neighbors from the 300 and 400 blocks of 19th Street and Will Handsfield of DDOT to view road safety shortcomings and discuss potential solutions. Today marked another milestone at RFK Stadium with the removal of the last row of spectator seats, and the community will have plenty of opportunity to weigh in on next steps. The Commissioner is grateful for the fulfilling and at times challenging work he has had the privilege to be a part of over the past four years, and to all those involved with the ANC.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) is proud of the work and dedication of the Commission and their constant commitment to the safety and betterment of the community and looks forward to continuing this work.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.