

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Zoom Meeting
December 12, 2024**

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove, Chair, Dave Wethington, Roberta Shapiro, Robb Dooling, and Steve Moilanen were present. Commissioner Mike Velasquez was absent.

The meeting convened virtually via Zoom at 7:00 pm.

Chair Amber Gove called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. The minutes for the ANC November 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

Introduction of New ANC 6A Commissioners

The following incoming Commissioners will start in 2025 and introduced themselves:

- Paul Spires (ANC 6A01) is currently the Chair of the Community Outreach Committee and is a native Washingtonian. Mr. Spires lives on the 1100 block of I Street and is hoping to popularize Sunday morning meetups across ANC 6A.
- Jeff Giertz (ANC 6A06) lives on the 1400 block of F Street NE and has been in the neighborhood for ten years. Mr. Giertz is looking forward to continuing to elevate community concerns of crime and transportation and generally hoping to make the neighborhood a better place.
- Stephen Kolb (ANC 6A07) lives on the 200 block of 10th Street NE and has lived there for more than 15 years and is hoping to address traffic, noise, and pedestrian and cyclist safety.

Officer Reports:

1. The December 2024 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Steve Moilanen reviewed the expenditures accrued in November: \$771.19 for webmaster services and \$250 for notetaking (checks #2135 and #2136, respectively). The opening uncommitted funds available were \$30,629.53. After accounts payable totaling \$4,337.75 the closing available checking balance is \$26,291.78. 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.
2. Commissioner Roberta Shapiro moved and Commissioner Dave Wethington seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the Fiscal Year 2024 4th Quarter Report. The motion passed 5-0.
3. Commissioner Moilanen moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A renew service agreements for package prep/web services and notetaker for FY2025. The last time the rates were updated was early 2020, and the Commission recommended that Commissioner Moilanen negotiate a reasonable increase as part of the agreement renewal. The motion passed 5-0.

**Standing Committee Reports:
Community Outreach (COC)**

1. The November 2024 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Due to low monthly meeting attendance, the Committee may reschedule to quarterly meetings or to a different day of the week.
3. Next meeting: December 30, 2024 (5th Monday; usually 4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)

1. No report. ANC did not meet in November 2024.
2. Next meeting - December 17, 2024 (3rd Tuesday; usually 4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

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

New Business

1. Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion that ANC 6A authorize Commissioners Gove, Dooling, and Wethington to finalize its Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024. Commissioner Robb Dooling is working on collecting several committees' input for the report.

Commission Business

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Moilanen (6A07) is grateful to ANC 6A Commissioners for being great colleagues and takes solace in the work of groups such as these in the face of upcoming unease.

Commissioner Robb Dooling (6A06) reported that abandoned vehicles continue to be an issue; several have been removed but then more come in, especially on Linden Court. The Commissioner's advice for incoming Commissioners is to look at the abundant resources and archives on the website, which go back through 2003, when advocating for issues. Commissioner Dooling looks forward to attending Committee meetings and supporting the ANC as a community member.

Commissioner Wethington (6A05) noted that there is a community meeting with DPR and DGS on December 17, 2024 at 6:30 pm at Rosedale Recreation Center about Kingsman Dog Park to kick off the construction phase of the renovation project. There have been notices about sidewalk repairs to brick sidewalks and the Commissioner urges community members to be mindful of 'no parking' signs. The Commissioner praised his fellow Commissioners and committee leaders and members, noting that their knowledge, as well as archives on the website, will be great sources of information for incoming Commissioners.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) reported that there is a string of lights out at Lincoln Park and hopes Councilmember Allen's office will be able to assist. The graffiti on the playground got removed and the retaining wall is still under repair. There are still several vacant properties in the Commission and the Commissioner hopes for better inspections from the Department of Buildings. Sidewalk repairs will be happening along East Capitol Street from December 11 - December 20, 2025 and neighbors should be mindful of 'no parking' signs. The Commissioner recommends having a 'captain block' for outreach and communications.

Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) is happy to report that, after a year, Adams Market on the corner of 15th and F Streets NE finally got a 15-minute no parking loading zone in front of the store. Also, after a year, repairs have started on the outside of Sherwood Recreation Center and the Commissioner hopes they will be done by the end of the year. Crime continues to be a problem, especially in the alley between 11th and 12th Streets and F and D Streets NE, and MPD has promised to increase patrols in the area. The Commissioner continues to hear neighbor complaints of lack of maintenance of medians, where both DPR and DGS claim this responsibility falls to the other agency. The Commissioner is looking forward to providing testimony to DDOT and continuing to express concerns about sidewalk safety. The Barbara, a building of short-term rentals on Maryland Avenue NE, had a move-out cycle and a large amount of furniture, clothing, and other household items were left outside.

Community Comment

Ms. Jen DeMayo from Councilmember Allen's office thanked everyone that joined the 18th annual Brickie Awards. This past Tuesday there was a hearing on the SAFE Act, which would give the Attorney General new tools to force large building owners to make safety improvements when there have been serious incidents. Testimony can be submitted until December 20, 2025. Next Tuesday is the council's final legislative meeting in this 2-year council period. At this meeting, the council will be considering how to address cars using fake license plates, how to better regulate delivery drivers, and proposed changes to how the district works with children and minors who have been convicted of a crime. Ms. DeMayo thanks all the outgoing Commissioners and is appreciative of all their work; she welcomes incoming Commissioners and looks forward to collaborating.

The Commission wishes everyone happy holidays.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.