7:00 pm  **Call to order, Organizational actions**
   1. Call of the roll and announce the presence of a quorum.
   2. Motion to adopt the Commission Rules.
   3. Motion to elect officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer).
   4. Motion to elect members and leaders of the permanent Committees for 2020
      *Economic Development and Zoning Committee* - Brad Greenfield (Chair), Jake Joyce, Missy Boyette, Nick Alberti, Michael Cushman
      *Transportation and Public Safety Committee* - Elizabeth Nelson (Co-Chair), Todd Sloves (Co-Chair), Jeff Fletcher, Marc Brumer, Caitlin Rogger, Maura Dundon, Hassan Christian.
      *Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee* - Mark Samburg (Co-Chair), Nick Alberti (Co-Chair), Roger Caruth, Michael Herman, Justin Rzepka.
      *Community Outreach Committee* - Roni Hollmon (Chair), Gladys Mack, Stephany Thangavelu, Alan Chargin.
   5. Motion to adopt a schedule of monthly meetings, on the second Thursday of each month, for 2020 (except August): February 13, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, September 10, October 8, November 12, and December 10.
   6. Motion to participate in and to authorize the Treasurer to write a $25.00 check to participate in the ANC Security Fund.

7:10 pm  **Approve Previous Meeting’s Minutes, Adopt Agenda**

7:11 pm  **Community Presentations**
   MPD Update: Commander Kane (1D) and Commander Fitzgerald (5D) (Invited)
   Washington Gas Repairs along Maryland Avenue NE - Dwanda Woodward, PPC Leftwich

7:40 pm  **Officer Reports pg. 18**
   1. Approve Treasurer’s Report
   2. Approve 2020 Q1 Quarterly Report

7:50 pm  **Standing Committee Reports:**
   **Community Outreach pg. 21**
   1. Approve December 2019 committee report.
   2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 27, 2020 (4th Monday)

   **Alcohol Beverage Licensing pg. 22**
   1. No report. Committee did not meet in December 2019.
   2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 21, 2020 (3rd Tuesday)

8:00 pm  **Transportation and Public Space pg. 23**
   1. Approve December 2019 committee report.
   2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter to in support of the 2020 Rock N’ Roll Marathon assuming the course route and times remain unchanged from last year.
District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Agenda for January 9, 2020

Second (2nd) Thursdays at 7:00 pm, Miner Elementary, 601 Fifteenth (15th) Street NE
Public Meeting - All Are Welcome to Attend

3. Recommendation: ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting attention to the eleven
items on the priority list. (The list appears in the TPS December 2019 minutes.)
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 27, 2020 (4th Monday, usually 3rd Monday)

8:15 pm
Economic Development and Zoning pg. 29
1. Approve December 2019 committee report.
2. Recommendation: ANC 6A send a letter of opposition to BZA for an application,
pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle X, for special exceptions under the residential
conversion requirements of Subtitle U § 320.2, under Subtitle C § 1504 from the
penthouse setback requirements of Subtitle C § 1502.1, and under Subtitle C § 703.2
from the minimum parking requirements of Subtitle C § 701.5, to permit the
construction of a fourth apartment and the installation of new rooftop mechanical
equipment, in an existing three-unit apartment house at 653 8th Street NE/ 807 G
Street NE (BZA #20190) in the RF-1 Zone, based on the fact that there would be fewer
than 250 square feet on the lot per unit.
3. Recommendation: ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for an application,
pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle X, Chapter 9, for a special exception to permit a penthouse not
permitted pursuant to C-1500.4 (X-901.2), to permit a penthouse that does not
conform with the side building wall and open court setbacks required pursuant to C-
1`502.1(c)(1)(A) and C-1502.1(c)(5)(X-901.2) and to permit a guardrail that does not
conform with the side building wall setbacks required pursuant to C-1502.1(C)(1)(A)(C-
1504.1 and X-901.2) at 906 11th Street, N.E. (BZA #TBD.
4. Recommendation: ANC 6A submit suggested changes to the DC Comprehensive Plan to
create a development zone around the Arboretum, to update the Comprehensive Plan
to address all micro-mobility technologies, including scooters, and the Comprehensive
Plan be updated to maximize the use of the RFK stadium site to benefit the
community as a whole.
5. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 15, 2020 (3rd Wednesday)

8:25 pm
New Business pg. 34
1. Letter of support for pedestrian safety measures enacted by MPD Special Operations
Division and Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) in the
800-1000 blocks of East Capitol Street on October 31, 2019 (Halloween).
2. Request for ANC approval Public Space Construction Permit application #335468 at
800-814 BLOCK OF 13TH STREET NE, WASHINGTON, DC ,1200 - 1299 BLOCK OF WYLIE
STREET NE. Due date 1/28/2020

8:35 pm
Single Member District reports (1 minute each)

8:45 pm
Community Comments (2 minutes each)

8:55 pm
Adjourn
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Miner Elementary School
December 12, 2019

Present: Commissioners Phil Toomajian (Vice Chair), Mike Soderman, Ruth Ann Hudson, Brian Alcorn, Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, Marie-Claire Brown and Stephanie Zimny. Chair Amber Gove was absent.

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Toomajian, who chaired the meeting, called the roll and announced the presence of a quorum.

The minutes for the ANC November 2019 meeting were accepted, and the agenda for the December 2019 meeting was amended to include new business regarding sending a letter to DCRA about a raze permit for 425, 429 and 431 on Thirteenth (13th) Street NE. The amended agenda was accepted without objection.

Community Presentation
Though Dr. Lewis Ferebee, Chancellor of the DC Public Schools (DCPS) was scheduled to speak at the ANC 6A meeting, neither he nor a representative from his office was able to attend. The Commissioners chose to discuss issues related to DCPS instead. Commissioner Toomajian and members of the community shared their experiences from a recent public meeting held by representatives from DCPS discussing the future planned swing space in northeast DC. The DC government had set aside $8 million to be used to construct this site and DCPS had gone as far as to present sites under consideration in 2018. This year, however, it seems that DCPS has scrapped the plan all together. Commissioner Toomajian, along with community members, many of whom are parents of children in DC public schools, expressed great confusion and frustration at this unexpected change, specifically DCPS’s lack of transparency in how this decision came to be. According to those who attended the meeting, representatives from DCPS provided very few details regarding why the plan to install a swing space in northeast DC had been abruptly stopped and what will happen to affected students at SWS at Goding next year.

As a result of this conversation, Commissioner Toomajian moved and Commissioner Mike Soderman seconded the motion that ANC6A send a letter to Mayor Muriel Bowser, Deputy Mayor Paul Kihn, DCPS Chancellor Dr. Ferebee, Council Chair Phil Mendelson, Council Education Chair David Grosso, DC Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen and DC Councilmembers Robert White, Jr., Anita Bonds and Elissa Silverman requesting that 1) DCPS return to the community within 30 days to engage with community members regarding DCPS’s proposal for swing space to house the SWS students; 2) DCPS honor its prior commitment to locate a swing space in NE DC that would serve the SWS, J.O. Wilson, and Browne school communities during their modernizations over the next six years; 3) DCPS facilities staff prepare to accommodate SWS’s children’s needs and other unique attributes of the school, to include its award winning Regio Emilia curriculum and FoodPrints program during the two years that the school will be located in a swing space, and 4) DCPS communicate with the Commission regarding any plans to bus children from the SWS at Goding site to a swing space location, so that any required bus planning can be well-informed to minimize disruption to the school community and to the neighboring residents.

The motion passed 6-0.
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2019

Officer Reports
1. Commissioner Toomajian reported a new Capital Bikeshare dock will be installed at the corner of Eighth (8th) and H Streets NE as well as the expansion of other existing docks at Eighth (8th) & F Streets NE and 10th and Maryland Avenue NE.
2. 65% Designs for the Florida Avenue Project have been released.
3. Disbursements totaled $3,052.46: $465.89 to Irene Dworakowski (check 1892) for agenda/webmaster services; $200.00 (check 1893) for the November 2019 Minutes; $221.01 (check 1894) for FedEx; $1,015.56 to the DC Treasurer (check 1895) for Miner Elementary Security from 11/18 to 6/19 (check 1895; $1 50.00 to the DC Treasurer (check 1896) for Miner Elementary Security for 12/19 and $1,000.00 to Fresh Farm FoodPrints (check 1897) for the Ludlow-Taylor PTO Grant. There is a balance of $1,721.63 in the checking account. There is a balance of $13,733.77 after an interest payment of $.23 in the savings account. The report was approved by unanimous consent.

Community Outreach
1. The November 2019 Committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 16, 2019 (3rd Monday; usually 4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)
Mr. Nick Alberti, Co-Chair of the ABL Committee, reported that the settlement agreement with Biergarten Haus at 1355 H Street NE has been signed.

1. The November 2019 Committee Report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Commissioner Toomajian moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A take no action on license renewal applications for the following establishment: McKenzie Group, LLC t/a Ocean Lounge (ABRA-114106); Bespoke1337, LLC t/a Hill Prince at 1337 H Street NE (ABRA-104782); On the Rocks, LLC t/a On the Rocks at 1242 H Street NE (ABRA-106695); Red & Black, LLC t/a 12 Twelve DC/Kyss Kyss at 1210-1212 H Street NE (ABRA-072734); Fernando Postigo t/a Sol Mexican Grill at 1251 H Street NE (ABRA-092192); Felix Restaurant Group, LLC t/a The Pursuit at 1025 H Street NE (ABRA-113810); Truth DC 78, LLC t/a Truth DC 78 at 1220 H Street NE (ABRA-108602); The Pug LLC, t/a The Pug/Toki Underground at 1234 H Street NE (ABRA073166); Rock and Roll Hotel, LLC t/a Rock N Roll Hotel at 1353 H Street NE (ABRA072777). The motion passed 6-0.
3. Commissioner Toomajian moved and Commissioner Ruth Ann Hudson seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting that trucks be restricted from using both Ninth (9th) and Tenth

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)
1. The November 2019 Committee Report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Toomajian seconded the recommendation that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT regarding DDOT’s response of November 18, 2019 to ANC 6’s pedestrian safety priority list, specifically item #4, requesting additional speed humps on the unit-400 blocks of Tenth (10th) Street NE with a minimum of two humps on the 200 block of Tenth (10th) Street NE. The recommendation passed 6-0.
3. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Soderman seconded the recommendation that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting that trucks be restricted from using both Ninth (9th) and Tenth
(10th) Streets NE, between Maryland Avenue and East Capitol Street. Mr. Toomajian offered a friendly amendment to extend the restriction north to H Street NE. The amended recommendation passed 6-0.

4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 16, 2019 (3rd Monday)

Commissioner Marie-Claire Brown joined the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)
1. The November 2019 Committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Brian Alcorn seconded the recommendation that ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for special exceptions under Subtitle G § 409 and 1200 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle G § 404.1, and under Subtitle G § 1201 from the rear yard requirements of Subtitle G § 405.2 to construct a second floor addition to an existing accessory building at 803 Maryland Avenue, NE (BZA 20171) to accommodate an apartment in the MU-4 Zone provided that the applicant provide sign-off of Green Area Ratio (GAR) compliance either through cite of DC regulations or via an advisory letter from zoning administrator or from the BZA and make best efforts to obtain letters of support from both adjacent neighbors and the neighbors directly across the alley. The recommendation passed 5-0.

3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 18, 2019 (3rd Wednesday)

New Business
1. Commissioner Hudson moved and Commissioner Philips-Gilbert seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DCRA requesting a delay in granting raze permits for 425, 429 and 431 Thirteenth (13th) Street NE until the following requirements have been met: 1. The developer of the project meet with neighbors; 2. The developer shares specific details and plans for the project; 3. The permits are prominently posted at the project site; and 4. The developer provides protection to the adjoining buildings. The motion passed 7-0.

Single Member District Reports
Commissioner Brown (6A01), echoing concerns regarding raze permits mentioned by Commissioner Hudson, shared she has been working with a resident who discovered a developer had registered raze permits under her name for buildings she no longer owns. She also shared that the jersey barriers in front of 901 H Street NE are scheduled to be removed soon and that, by January 2020, the new building should be open for residents and retailers.

Commissioner Hudson (6A05) is working on having additional signage installed at the intersection of C and Thirteenth (13th) Streets NE indicating that C Street NE is one way as reports of cars turning the wrong direction continue.

Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) reported that she testified on the Urban Farming and Land Leasing Act of 2019 regarding the process through which farming contactors are selected as well as making sure the ANC and the city at large have the opportunity to be involved. She thanked Amazing Love Health Services for donating turkeys and Toys for Tots for donating to the Rosedale and surrounding community.

Commissioner Toomajian (6A02) reported on the installation of a new basketball hoop at the Sherwood Recreation Center along with some improved landscaping. He continues to hear requests from residents to have speed humps installed on Ninth (9th) Street NE, which he plans to include in his next proposal of safety improvements sent to DDOT.
Commissioner Alcorn (6A08) thanked the TPS Committee and the Ward 6 DDOT Liaison, Andrew DeFrank for their respective efforts in addressing the ANC’s list of traffic safety improvements. In response to regular unsafe driving on the unit block of Fifteenth (15th) Street NE, he has reached out to residents for suggestions on how they would prefer the problem be addressed. Suggestions range from repainting lane lines, adding planters or even adding back in parking to narrow the street and limit speeding. Lastly, he shared he has been through DCRA Resident Inspector Training which empowers trained residents to issue stop-work orders for after hour construction.

Commissioner Stephanie Zimny (6A06) continues to hear complaints about incidents around the bench and bus stop at Fourteenth (14th) and H Streets NE. She has reached out to both MPD as well as to Mayor Bowser’s office for a solution. Regarding parking problems near Chick-Fil-A and Amazing Love Health Services, she reported that some faculty of Amazing Love Health Services seem to be improperly using DC visitor parking permits in direct violation of a 2016 agreement with Amazing Love with the ANC and the applicable regulations.

Community Comments
Tyler Williams, Ward 6 liaison from the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services, shared DCRA will hold office hours at the Northeast Library on Seventh (7th) Street NE. The Senior Wellness Center can assist with transportation. Regarding concerns about the bench and bus stop by H and Fourteenth (14th) Streets NE, Ms. Williams confirmed that the benches will be removed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.
December 18, 2019

Chancellor Lewis Ferebee
D.C. Public Schools
1200 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Chancellor Ferebee,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on December 12, 2019, our Commission voted 6-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to convey our concerns regarding DCPS’s handling of the modernization planning process for School Within School (SWS) at Goding (920 F Street).

SWS is located within ANC6A and serves a large number of ANC6A residents. SWS is slated for modernization to commence this summer. Last year, DCPS representatives informed the SWS community that DCPS planned to locate a new swing space within NE DC, which would be used as the swing space for local elementary schools SWS, J.O. Wilson, and Browne as each is modernized over the course of the next six years. DCPS conveyed that message to the school community at a public meeting in May 2019 and continued to discuss potential sites for the swing space into the summer. At that meeting, DCPS committed to return to the community to discuss potential swing space locations and how to appropriately retrofit or build the potential locations to the needs of the school at a meeting early in the 2019-2020 school year. No such meeting occurred. Instead, on November 25, 2019, DCPS officials informed the SWS community that DCPS was abandoning its earlier commitment to locate the swing space in close proximity. DCPS did not offer any explanation for abandoning its earlier commitments and did not share its newly-desired swing space location. DCPS officials also stated that DCPS did not anticipate engaging the community regarding where the swing space would be located and did not have a plan to accommodate the school’s significant student population who require physical accommodation. Likewise, DCPS stated that it was not prepared to provide space for SWS’s award-winning FoodPrints program, despite the fact that the program is planned to be a featured component of the modernization of SWS at Goding.

The Commission received public comment from several members of the SWS community at our December 12 meeting. Although the Commission invited you and members of your staff to join us at that meeting, no member of DCPS was able to attend the meeting. The Commission joins the SWS community in its concern that these decisions were ill-informed and have been inade-

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quately communicated to the community. Accordingly, the Commission requests your attention to remedy these issues in a manner that reflects the importance of a community engagement and transparent decision-making process.

Specifically, the Commission voted unanimously to request that: 1) DCPS return to the community within 30 days to engage with community members regarding DCPS’s proposal for swing space to house the SWS students; 2) DCPS honor its prior commitment to locate a swing space in NE DC that would serve the SWS, J.O. Wilson, and Browne school communities during their modernizations over the next six years; 3) DCPS facilities staff prepare to accommodate SWS’s children’s needs and other unique attributes of the school, to include its award winning Reggio Emilia curriculum and FoodPrints program during the two years that the school will be located in a swing space, and 4) DCPS communicate with the Commission regarding any plans to bus children from the SWS at Goding site to a swing space location, so that any required bus planning can be well-informed to minimize disruption to the school community and to the neighboring residents.

Should DCPS, after hearing community input, determine that it is necessary to bus students from the Goding location, the Commission requests a proposed plan for the busing to be provided for discussion with the ANC, the school community, and DDOT, and further requests that DCPS share what lessons it is learned from the problems experienced with inadequate planning for the busing of Capitol Hill Montessori children from their school location earlier this year. The Commission specifically shares the community’s concerns regarding whether the 920 F Street location has sufficient room to accommodate school buses, family drop-off, construction staging, and commuter traffic and requests that any plans to bus children be communicated for public comment well in advance of the new school year.

SWS at Goding is a thriving school that serves many neighborhood children who live in ANC6A and in other adjacent communities. Our Commission looks forward to working with you and with the school community to ensure its continued success and a productive engagement process for the school’s modernization and swing space planning. We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to meeting with you and members of your team at your first availability.

On Behalf of the Commission,

[Signature]

Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Mayor Muriel Bowser
Council Chair Phil Mendelson
Council Education Chair David Grosso
DC Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6
At-large Councilmembers Robert C. White, Jr., Anita Bonds and Elissa Silverman
January 6, 2020

Mr. Jeffrey Marootian, Director
District Department of Transportation
55 M Street, SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Traffic calming measures on 9th and 10th Streets NE

ANC 6A appreciates DDOT’s November 18, 2019 response to ANC 6A’s March pedestrian safety priority list. In this response DDOT states:

“DDOT is willing to install additional speed humps on 10th St. NE between the unit block and the 400 block. For additional speed humps, we request that ANC 6A submit a separate resolution listing the specific blocks of this stretch where they are requesting speed hump installation.”

Therefore, our Commission is officially requesting additional speed humps on the unit-400 blocks of Tenth (10th) Street NE with a minimum of two (2) humps on the 200 block of Tenth (10th) Street NE, if this can be done without increasing traffic on Ninth (9th) and Eleventh (11th) Streets. NE. Further, we request that trucks be restricted from using both Ninth (9th) and Tenth (10th) Streets NE between H Street NE and East Capitol Street NE. These requests were approved by a vote of our Commission 6-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) at a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on December 12, 2019.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at AmberANC6A@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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December 17, 2019

Mr. Clifford Moy, Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St. NW, Suite 210 Washington, DC 20001

Re: Re: BZA Case No. 20171 (803 Maryland Avenue NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting\(^1\) on December 12, 2019, our Commission voted 5-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the Applicant’s request for a special exceptions under Subtitle G § 409 and 1200 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle G § 404.1, and under Subtitle G § 1201 from the rear yard requirements of Subtitle G § 405.2 to construct a second floor addition to an existing accessory building to accommodate an apartment in the MU-4 Zone.

The design has taken measures to ensure that the addition is in the character of the neighborhood and it will not disrupt the privacy, air and light of neighbors. The owner has proven that the special exception criteria have been met through submission of architectural elevations and letters of support from neighbors. The ANC believes that this development will not substantially visually intrude upon the character, scale, and pattern of houses in the neighborhood. Our support is conditioned that the applicant show that the project is in compliance with Green Area Ratio regulations.

Please be advised that Brad Greenfield and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at amberanc6a@gmail.com and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at brad.greenfield@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

[Signature]

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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January 6, 2020

Director Ernest Chrappah
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
1100 4th Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Request to delay granting of raze permits for 425 13th Street NE, 429 13th Street NE, and 431 13th Street NE

Dear Director Chrappah,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on December 12, 2019, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that DCRA delay granting of raze permits for 425 13th Street NE, 429 13th Street NE, and 431 13th Street NE. There is significant community opposition to the razing of these three structures due to the volume and density planned for the replacement structures, and the irreparable impact these buildings will have on the quality of life for the remaining two houses (423 13th Street NE and 427 13th Street NE). The Commission requests that DCRA delay granting these permits until the developer has met with the neighbors and communicated the plans for future construction, and that the immediate neighbors identified in the attached letter are in agreement with these proposed plans. The Commission appreciates that DCRA is willing to consider our request and urges you to respond to this request in a timely manner.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at AmberANC6A@gmail.com, to Vice Chair Phil Toomajian at PhilANC6A@gmail.com, or to Commissioner Ruth Ann Hudson at RuthAnnANC6A05@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

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December 12, 2019

To whom it may concern:

As the owners of 423 13th St NE, 427 13th St NE, and 1301 E St NE we strongly urge that the raze permits for the addresses below (the "Project Sites") be withheld until the raze applicant shares sufficient information regarding planned development and reaches a mutually acceptable agreement with affected neighbors. The Project Sites are:

- 425 13th Street NE (two-story rowhouse and one-story garage)
- 429 13th Street NE (two-story rowhouse and one-story garage)
- 431 13th Street NE (two-story rowhouse and one-story garage)

Development planned for the Project Sites promises to overwhelm and negatively impact our street and immediate community. Although the raze permit applicant has communicated very little regarding the planned development at the Project Sites, he has informed us of his vague intention to construct an 8-unit building in the lot at 425 13th St NE. Given this plan, we can only expect that the planned development for the combined lots at 429th and 431 13th Street will yield an additional 16 or more units. This volume and density of units will have an appreciable impact on our quality of life at both 423 13th St NE and 427 13th St NE and will likely severely affect other non-contiguous neighbors. We understand that no community residents have pledged support for the project to date.

At a minimum, the planned project will inflict the following negative impacts:

- Elimination of access to sunlight and view
- Interference with required sunlight for solar panels
- Parking density and overcrowding
- Municipal trash removal burden
- Disruption to the character and culture of the block

To date, the raze permit applicant has failed to communicate about the planned development and has irresponsibly maintained the Project Sites. For example, the interior garage door at 425 13th St has been left open for several weeks, creating a clear security risk to the neighboring properties through the attraction of potential vandals or squatters. Additionally, toilets and other debris have been left for months in the backyard of 425 13th Street. These concerns and others have been communicated directly to the raze applicant, but remain unresolved. For these reasons, we currently lack sufficient confidence that the raze permit applicant will proceed with this project in a responsible manner.

We are requesting that the approval of the raze permits at the Project Sites be withheld until:

A. the raze permits are posted on each Project Site in a way that allows for reasonable visibility for public notice. They are currently posted on the front windows and require the curious to trespass on private property to be viewed; and

B. the raze applicant has shared sufficient details about the planned development, a proposal to protect the adjoining properties from damages in the process; and

C. we have reached an agreement with the raze applicant that is acceptable to us as the immediate neighbors.
Regards,

423 13th St NE

[Signature]

427 13th St NE

[Signature]

1301 E St NE

[Signature]

Jennifer Helfker
### ANC 6A Treasurer’s Report

**December 2019**

*published 1/8/2020*

**Period Covered:** 12/1/19-12/31/19

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Treasurer: ____________________________ Chairperson: ____________________________

Secretary Certification: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

I hereby certify that the above noted quarterly financial report has been approved by a majority of Commissioners during a public meeting when there existed a quorum.
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Minutes
ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Regular Meeting - December 16, 2019
Eastern Senior High School
1700 East Capitol Street NE, Washington DC

Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm.

No Quorum present.

COC members present: Roni Hollmon (Chair), Stefany Thangavelu
COC members absent: Alan Chargin, Gladys Mack
ANC Commissioners present: none
Community members present: Tyler Williams, Mayor’s Office; Elizabeth Feinstone, Flavors Hook Kids

Elizabeth Feinstone of Flavors Hook Kids DC gave a presentation on the campaign to remove flavored tobacco products in the DC from the market. There was a robust discussion. The Committee requested a copy of the DC Council bill regarding this campaign. The Committee felt the best course of action was for Ms. Feinstone to appear before ANC6A and make her case for a letter of support there. The Committee requests that Commissioner Gove invite Ms. Feinstone to the next ANC6A meeting. Her contact information is feinstonee@gmail.com.

The Committee discussed the District of Columbia Public Schools Family and School Community Fundraising Equity Act of 2019 with Tyler Williams, Ward 6 liaison from the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services. Issues were raised regarding how school organizations that are 501c3s could be taxed. Additionally, concerns were raised that grants received for specific purposes cannot legally be moved around for other purposes. Ms. Williams is going to do some research on the bill.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

The next regular meeting of the ANC 6A COC will be January 27th at 7:00 pm
Eastern Senior High School Parent Center, 1700 East Capitol Street NE
(enter from East Capitol Street)
No report. Committee did not meet in December 2019.
MINUTES
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Capitol Hill Towers, 900 G Street NE
Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm

I. Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

II. Introductions:
A. Committee members in attendance: Chair Elizabeth Nelson, Jeff Fletcher, Marc Brumer, Caitlin Rogger, Maura Dundon
B. Commissioners in attendance: Brian Alcorn (6A08), Mike Soderman (6A03), Amber Gove

III. Old Business
Follow-up discussion of options to narrow driving lane on unit block of 15th Street NE: Mr. Alcorn reported that he is having productive discussions about the various options with Andrew DeFrank of DDOT. Possibilities include diagonal parking, moving a bike lane, and placing planters. No official ANC action is needed at this time.

IV. New Business
A. Request for letter of support for Rock and Roll Marathon, Saturday, March 28, 2020: Diane Romo Thomas of Events DC made the presentation. There are no changes to the course or timing of road closures from what they were in 2019. There will be no sound stages in ANC 6A.

Although there continues to be considerable inconvenience along H Street and the race is not seen as beneficial to the District, the Committee recommends approval as the race is likely to take place with or without support from ANC 6A and the current plans are a vast improvement over what they were prior to last year.

Mr. Brumer made the motion: TPS recommends that ANC 6A send a letter to in support of the 2020 Rock N ’ Roll Marathon assuming the course route and times remain unchanged from last year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fletcher and passed unanimously (8-0), including the three Commissioners present.

B. New public safety priority list for DDOT: Mr. Soderman presented the compiled list of issues as submitted by ANC6A Commissioners. After considerable discussion of the pros, cons and relative urgency of the items on the list, and the addition of new items during the meeting, eleven were selected to be brought to DDOT’s attention (order of appearance is not significant.

1. 100-200 blocks of 11th Street NE; speeding and cars failing to yield to oncoming traffic’; possible solutions speed tables and painting center line to indicate two-way traffic.
2. 10th Street NE, intersections with G Street and F Street, also 9th Street NE, intersections with G Street and F Street; near misses in crosswalks; requesting raised crosswalks.
3. 200 block of 13th Street NE; issue is pedestrian/auto conflicts in cross walk near school; possible solutions no turn on red at C Street, speed tables across 13th Street.
4. 1300-1900 blocks of East Capitol Street; issue is cyclist safety; possible solution protected bike lanes either between cars and curb or in middle of the street.
5. 13th Street and North Carolina Avenue NE; inadequate crosswalks (none on the south side of the intersection) and poor timing of pedestrian crossing; drivers consistently run red lights on
left turn from 13th to East Capitol and across East Capitol on 13th; possible solutions repainting lines and stop bar, adding crosswalk, changing light timing.

6. 600 block of 9th Street NE; issue is speeding near school; possibly solution speed humps or raised crosswalks.

7. 800-1200 blocks of C Street NE; issue is drivers speeding through crosswalks; requesting raised crosswalks.

8. 100 block of 11th Street NE; tree roots are causing tripping hazards on sidewalks; requesting flexible paving.

9. Intersection at 16th Street, C Street and North Carolina Ave NE; crosswalk is easy to overlook; requesting high visibility treatment

10. 1100 and 1200 blocks of East Capitol Street NE on north side of Lincoln Park; drivers speed on East Capitol to catch lights; right-turning drivers from 13th and 12th onto East Capitol do not look left for pedestrians. Requesting raised crosswalks across East Capitol Street at 12th Street and Tennessee Avenue and also raised crosswalks across 12th Street and Tennessee Avenue just north of their intersections with East Capitol Street, as well as any other changes to increase pedestrian visibility.

11. Requesting restriping, with high visibility paint, of all crosswalks within ANC 6A.

Ms. Rogger made the motion: **TPS recommends that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting attention to the eleven items on the priority list.** The motion was seconded by Ms. Gove and passed unanimously (8-0), including the three Commissioners present.

IV. Comments: Ms. Rogger suggested that she would like to see the TPS Committee articulate “guiding principles” for its decision making, particularly where pedestrian/traffic safety is concerned. Others noted that considering each case on its own merits allows flexibility to balance competing interests.

V. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.
January xx, 2020

Mr. Chris Rodriguez, Director
District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA)
2720 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20032

Re: ANC 6A Supports 2020 Rock and Roll Marathon

Dear Director Rodriguez:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting\(^1\) on January 9, 2020, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to express our support for the 2020 Rock and Roll Marathon.

Our support is given in recognition that Events DC is using the same route and timings as in 2019, which greatly reduced the negative impacts on residents on Capitol Hill, including those within ANC 6A. This route requires fewer street closings making it easier for residents to go about their lives on race day. And, if cars must be removed from the race route, there are far fewer residential blocks that will be affected; an important consideration given that parking is already at a premium.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to contact me at amberanc6a@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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Committee Reports
Transportation and Public Space (T&PS)

2020 Rock n Roll 5k
Date: Saturday, March 28th, 2020
Start time: 8:00am
Finish time: 9:00am
Approx participants: 2000

Proposed Route
Start on 22nd St
Right on ramp down to old Lot 7
Continue in old Lot 7
Right under E. Capitol St Bridge
Continue south on RFK Access Road
U-turn just before Barney Cir
Continue north on RFK Access Road
Slight left under E. Capitol St Bridge
Left up ramp from old Lot 7 to 22nd St
Left on 22nd St
Right on E. Capitol and FINISH

Legend
1 Mile Markers

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January xx, 2020

Mr. Jeffrey Marootian
Director
District Department of Transportation
55 M Street, SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

Re: ANC6A Request for Traffic Safety Investigations 2020

Dear Director Marootian:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting\(^\text{1}\) on January 9, 2020, our Commission voted x-x (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send a letter to request that DDOT conduct traffic safety investigations in the following areas identified by our Commission as dangerous for all users, including drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. The items below include the location, issue(s) of concern and suggested remedies, where appropriate. The order of appearance is not significant.

1. 100-200 blocks of 11th Street NE; speeding and cars failing to yield to oncoming traffic; possible solutions speed tables and painting center line to indicate two-way traffic.
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Thank you for giving great weight to the request by ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at AmberANC6A@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Present:
Members: Brad Greenfield (Chair), Tim Drake, Nick Alberti, Michael Cushman, Missy Boyette
Commissioners: Mike Soderman

Brad Greenfield chaired the meeting.

Community Comment
None.

Previously Heard Cases
None.

Old Business
None.

New Business
1. **653 8th Street, NE** (BZA 20190): Application for special exceptions regarding the penthouse setback requirements and parking requirements to permit the construction of a fourth apartment and the installation of new rooftop mechanical equipment.

   There were questions about when the building had been non-residential and when it was converted. The Owner does have letters of support from some neighbors; one neighbor would not provide a letter, but did not indicate opposition. There was an extended discussion focused on the effect of an additional unit on the amount of lot square footage per unit. Committee member Nick Alberti questioned the standard that was being applied to allow a special exception because the property did not meet the zoning standard for density. Several committee members expressed concerns that the relief sought should be a variance, not a special exception. Chair Brad Greenfield expressed the thought that this could be seen as non-conforming, since the density requirement is not being met now, which would lead to the need for special exception relief, although that particular relief is not being sought.

   Mr. Alberti moved that that the Commission oppose the special exception based on the fact that there would be fewer than 250 square feet on the lot per unit. The motion was seconded by Missy Boyette. The motion passed 3-2, with Commissioner Mike Soderman abstaining.

2. **906 11th Street, NE** (BZA # BZATmp940): Application, pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle X, Chapter 9, for a special exception to permit a penthouse not permitted pursuant to C-1500.4 (X-901.2), to permit a penthouse that does not conform with the side building wall and open court setbacks required pursuant to C-1 502.1(c)(1)(A) and C-1502.1(c)(5)(X-901.2) and to permit a guardrail that does not conform with the side building wall setbacks required pursuant to C-1502.1(C)(1)(A)(C-1504.1 and X-901.2) at 906 11th Street N.E.
The applicant is proposing to add a third story and a roof deck with a penthouse. The third story is by right, but the roof deck would be non-conforming regarding setback requirements and the penthouse would need a special exception (proposing interior staircase with penthouse). The property is currently a two-story home with non-conforming roof deck. The owners did not have letters of support, but did speak with neighbors and have worked to address their concerns regarding dumpster location during construction. The development would be similar to a neighbor’s third floor, penthouse, and roof deck.

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to recommend the ANC support the request for relief with no conditions. Mr. Alberti seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0.

3. **410 10th Street, NE**: Discussion of the request for the installation of a solar panel system at 419 10th Street, NE in the Capitol Hill Historic District.

The EDZ Committee noted the project will likely only go through staff review, and will not require public input. The committee agreed that no recommendation was necessary and tabled the matter.

4. **DC Draft Comprehensive Plan Updates**: Solicit public input for ANC6A to provide comments and recommendations to the draft Comprehensive Plan update. The Comprehensive Plan establishes a vision and broad goals to help inform decision-making and provide context for residents, officials, and stakeholders and can help guide and inform more fine-grained planning efforts.

This was a continuation of the discussion that was initiated in November 2019. There was significant discussion among Committee members related to the Comprehensive Plan.

- Mr. Greenfield made a motion to change Comprehensive Plan to create a development zone around the Arboretum. The motion was seconded by Ms. Boyette. The motion passed 6-0.

- Mr. Greenfield made a motion that the Comprehensive Plan include all micro-mobility technologies, including scooters. The motion was seconded by Tim Drake. The motion passed 6-0.

- Mr. Greenfield made a motion that ANC makes a recommendation regarding the RFK stadium site to maximize its benefit to the community as a whole. The motion was seconded by Mike Cushman. The motion passed 5-0; Tim Drake abstained.

Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:

Wednesday, January 15, 2020
7:00-9:00 pm
640 10th St NE
Sherwood Recreation Center, 2nd Floor
January XX, 2020

Mr. Clifford Moy  
Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment  
Board of Zoning Adjustment  
441 4th St. NW, Suite 210  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 20190 (653 8th Street NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting\(^1\) on January 9, 2020, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to oppose the Applicant’s request under Subtitle U § 320.2 to add a fourth unit to a three-unit apartment building in a RF-1 zone as described in the December 13, 2019 Referral Memorandum to ANC 6A. The addition of a fourth unit to this apartment building at 653 8th Street, N.E. (Square 913, Lot 175) would reduce the lot area per unit to far below the standards articulated by Title 11 of the DCMR.

The zoning regulations that apply to this case, as included the Referral Memorandum to the ANC 6A and other government bodies, differs from those referenced in the Case Report that appears on the Office of Zoning’s website. While the Referral Memorandum specifies that Subtitle U § 320.2 applies to this case, the Case Report on the Office of Zoning’s website does not mention U § 320.2 but instead specifies that the applicable code is U § 301.1(h). Notwithstanding the omission of a mention of Subtitle U § 320.2 in the Case Report on Office of Zoning’s website, ANC 6A believes that that Subtitle U § 320.2 does apply to this case and must be considered when determining if a special exception is to be granted.

The subject lot sits in a RF-1 zone. The total land area of the lot is 1140 sq. ft. The existing building currently has three (3) residential units with 380 sq. ft. of lot area per unit. The addition of a fourth unit would result in a twenty-five percent (25%) reduction of lot area per unit, down to 285 sq. ft. per unit. That is well below the standards as articulated in Subtitle U § 320.2 and E § 201.4. In determining whether to grant a special exception in this case the BZA must consider whether the relief sought meets the conditions and intent of those sections of the zoning code.

The Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) may grant a special exception pursuant to Subtitle X § 901.2 where the special exception will (1) ‘be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Zoning Maps’ and (2) ‘meet such special conditions as may be specified in this title’. The intent of the Zoning Regulations and the special conditions that must be met in this case are set forth in Subtitles E § 201.4:

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An apartment house in an RF-1, RF-2, or RF-3 zone, whether existing before May 12, 1958, or converted pursuant to the 1958 Regulations, or pursuant to Subtitle U §§ 301.2 or 320.2, may not be renovated or expanded so as to increase the number of dwelling units unless there are nine hundred square feet (900 sq. ft.) of lot area for each dwelling unit, both existing and new.

This application does not meet the condition that there be 900 sq. ft. of lot area per unit nor does it meet the intent of Subtitle § 201.4 which is to prohibit expansion of a multiunit dwelling in an RF-1 zone which does not have 900 sq. ft. per unit.

As correctly stated in the Referral Memorandum to ANC 6A and others, Subtitle U § 320.2 is a section of the zoning code that applies to this case. A special exception is permitted by Subtitle U § 320.2(m):

An apartment house in an RF-1, RF-2 or RF-3 zone, converted from a residential building prior to June 26, 2015, or converted pursuant to Subtitle A §§ 301.9, 301.10, or 301.11 shall be considered a conforming use and structure, but shall not be permitted to expand either structurally or through increasing the number of units, unless approved by the Board of Zoning Adjustment pursuant to Subtitle X, Chapter 9, and this section (emphasis added).

The phrase ‘this section’ refers to Subtitle U § 320.2 in its entirety. Thus, the increase in the number of units is prohibited since the application does not meet the requirements of U § 320.2(d):

There shall be a minimum of nine hundred square feet (900 sq. ft.) of land area per dwelling unit;

For the reasons stated above that ANC 6A recommends denial of special exception for the application in BZA Case No. 20190.

Please be advised that Brad Greenfield, Nick Alberti and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at amberanc6a@gmail.com and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at brad.greenfield@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
January XX, 2020

Mr. Clifford Moy  
Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment  
Board of Zoning Adjustment  
441 4th St. NW, Suite 210  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. BZATmp 940 (906 11th Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting\(^1\) on January 9, 2020, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the Application, pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle X, Chapter 9, for a special exception to permit a penthouse not permitted pursuant to C-1500.4 (X-901.2), to permit a penthouse that does not conform with the side building wall and open court setbacks required pursuant to C-1502.1(c)(1)(A) and C-1502.1(c)(5)(X-901.2) and to permit a guardrail that does not conform with the side building wall setbacks required pursuant to C-1502.1(C)(1)(A)(C-1504.1 and X-901.2) at 906 11th Street, N.E.

The design has taken measures to ensure that the addition is in the character of the neighborhood and it will not disrupt the privacy, air and light of neighbors. The owner has proven that the special exception criteria have been met through submission of architectural elevations and letters of support from neighbors. The ANC believes that this development will not substantially visually intrude upon the character, scale, and pattern of houses in the neighborhood.

Please be advised that Brad Greenfield and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at amberanc6a@gmail.com and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at brad.greenfield@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

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January xx, 2020

The Honorable Mayor Muriel Bowser  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mayor Bowser,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting\(^1\) on January 9, 2020, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send a letter to Mayor Bowser expressing our gratitude for and support of the measures taken by MPD's Special Operations Division and DC's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency to improve pedestrian safety on October 31, 2019 (Halloween).

For the last several years, ANC6A has received numerous resident requests for additional pedestrian safety measures on East Capitol Street (west of Lincoln Park). This area of Capitol Hill, including the 800 to 1000 blocks that fall within the boundaries of ANC6A, is a popular spot for trick-or-treaters, due to the wide avenue and extensive efforts of residents of the area to provide an entertaining and safe Halloween experience for Capitol Hill's many children. Nationally, Halloween is the most dangerous day of the year for children, representing a tenfold increase in child pedestrian deaths relative to other days of the year. This year our ANC embarked on a collaborative effort with ANCs 6B and 6C to engage with MPD and other agencies to identify and deploy additional safety measures.

In response, MPD's Special Operations Division, with support from DC's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency closed vehicle traffic in the 800 to 1000 blocks of East Capitol heading east and west and carefully managed the intersections at 9th and 10th streets for north/southbound traffic. The result was a much safer and more pleasant Halloween experience for residents and visitors alike. ANC6A is grateful to MPD Special Operations and HSEMA for proactively seeking to improve the safety of our residents on Halloween. We look forward to further collaborative efforts in this regard and would welcome opportunities to engage in advance planning and discussions regarding additional procedures and safety measures.

Here are a sample of comments from residents:

"My wife and I appreciated that East Capitol Street was closed to traffic on Halloween. There are a lot of people and it overcrowds the sidewalks. Not having cars around allows parents like me to feel more comfortable with walking on the road. While we were not out for the floodlights to be turned on - we thought it was a good idea to have them as it helps increase visibility. In future years, if the cross streets - 10th, 9th Streets - could also be closed to traffic, it would make the experience better. Many commuters probably were unaware of the road closures ahead of time - would it be possible to put a traffic sign up warning them of the road closure?"

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"Overall, it was a much better and safer experience with the streets closed. Thanks for organizing!"

"I just wanted to write to thank everyone involved in closing East Capitol Street to car traffic tonight. It made such a positive difference in our trick-or-treating experience to not have to worry about cars buzzing past. I hope closing the street on Halloween night becomes an annual tradition on Capitol Hill -- it adds so much to the spirit of community in our neighborhood.
Thank you!"

"We thought it was great Amber. Thanks for pushing for that. Ideally they would close the whole road but hopefully this is a start."

"Thank you for organizing the partial street closure and MPD presence in E. Capitol Halloween night. I thought it made a huge difference for the safety of the trick or treaters and parents. East Cap was still crowded, but more manageable because the sidewalk overflow could step into the street without fear of being run over, and having traffic control on the cross streets was a big improvement. The flood lights also helped parents keep track of kids and kept the whole situation more in check. It was a great idea and I would love to see it carried forward in future years."

"East Capitol closure was amazing, and I fully support a continuation with both more organized DDOT/MPD closure, and advance notice to the public so drivers can choose to stay away, and people on foot can come. In-street programming could be part of it too."

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at AmberANC6A@gmail.com or to Vice Chair Phil Toomajjan at PhilANC6A@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
January xx, 2020

Mr. Matthew Marcou  
Assistant Director for Public Space Regulation  
District Department of Transportation  
55 M Street SE, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Public Space Application #335468 - 808-812 13th St. NE, steps and meters removed from Wylie Street elevation

Dear Associate Director Marcou and Public Space Committee Members:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on January 9, 2020, our Commission voted x-x-x (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support a public space construction application #335468 from Thomas Kadida, with the understanding that there will be neither steps nor utility meters on the Wylie Street NE elevation of 808-812 13th St. NE.

Thank you for giving consideration to our ANC’s feedback on this public space issue. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at amberanc6a@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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