



**District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
Agenda for January 13, 2022**



Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Thursdays at 7:00 pm  
*Virtual Meeting via Zoom*

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Public Meeting - All Are Welcome to Attend

- 7:00 pm     **Call to order**
- 7:01 pm     **Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes**
- 7:02 pm     **Community Presentations**
- ANC Redistricting Process - Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen
  - DC Water Lead Free DC Initiative - Emanuel D. Briggs, Manager, Community Outreach, Office of Marketing and Communications
  - Jamal Weldon, Program Manager, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services (DMHHS) Encampment Response Program
- 7:45 pm     **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, Parliamentarian).
  4. Motion to elect members and leaders of the permanent Committees for 2022.  
*Economic Development and Zoning Committee* - Brad Greenfield (Chair), Jake Joyce, Tim Drake, Michael Cushman, Sam DeLuca, Daniel McPhetters, Roberta Shapiro.  
*Transportation and Public Safety Committee* - Maura Dundon (Chair), Jeff Fletcher, Caitlin Rogger, Hassan Christian, Andrew Burnett, Shaun Lynch.  
*Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee*- Mona Hatoum (Co-Chair), Ian Stanford (Co-Chair), Erin Sullivan, Joe Krisch, Kara Hughley.  
*Community Outreach Committee*- Roni Hollmon (Chair), Gladys Mack, Stephany Thangavelu, Marc Friend, Jason Gresh, Sarah Bell.
  5. Motion to adopt a schedule of monthly meetings, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, September 8, October 13, November 10, and December 8.
  6. Motion to participate in and to authorize the Treasurer to write a \$25.00 check to participate in the ANC Security Fund.
- 8:00 pm     **Consent Agenda** **pg. 42**
1. **Community Outreach Committee (COC)**
    - A. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A approve a resolution to increase the funding of Cure the Streets, the DC Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) and violence interrupters at large.
  2. **Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)**
    - A. **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A send a letter of opposition to BZA for special exception zoning relief under Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 902.1 from the lot occupancy



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requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, and special exception zoning relief under Subtitle E § 5201, Subtitle E § 205.5, and Subtitle X § 902.1 from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4 to construct a third story and rear addition, and convert to a flat, an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit at 647 16th Street NE (BZA Case #20612) in the RF-1 zone.

- B. **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for special exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1 to construct a one-story, rear addition to an existing, attached, two-story with basement, principal dwelling unit at 909 Kent Place, NE (BZA Case #20652) in the RF-1 zone on condition that the applicant make best efforts to get letters of support from the neighbor to the west and a neighbor to the rear of the property. BZA Case scheduled for 03/23/2022 and 03/16/2022.

- 8:05 pm **Officer Reports** **pg. 50**  
1. Approve Treasurer’s Report  
2. Approve 2022 Q1 Quarterly Report
- Standing Committee Reports:**
- 8:15 pm **Community Outreach** **pg. 53**  
1. Approve December 2021 committee report.  
2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A approve a resolution in support of the Restore Act.  
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 24, 2022 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday)
- 8:25 pm **Alcohol Beverage Licensing** **pg. 61**  
1. No report. Committee did not meet in December 2021.  
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 25, 2022 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)
- 8:30 pm **Transportation and Public Space** **pg. 62**  
1. Approve December 2021 committee report  
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 27, 2022 (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday; usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)
- 8:35 pm **Economic Development and Zoning** **pg. 64**  
1. Approve December 2021 committee report.
- Old Business
2. **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A send a letter of support to HPRB for the construction of an existing one-story garage to be rebuilt and expanded into a two-story carriage house, and the third-floor addition and roof deck at main house at 308 11th Street NE (HPRB Case #20-390). Case likely to appear on agenda for January 27, 2022 HPO meeting.  
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 19, 2022 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)
- 8:50 pm **New Business** **pg. 71**  
1. **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A send a letter to Mayor Bowser requesting that the building at 1219 K Street NE (The Havana) be cited for a number of housing code violations;



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requesting follow up to ensure timely abatement; requesting information about this property from multiple relevant agencies across DC government; and requesting meaningful violence prevention efforts for the area within and surrounding 8th Street NE and 13th Street NE, between K Street NE and Florida Avenue NE.

2. **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A send a letter to Mayor Bowser and the D.C. Department of Health requesting additional locations for free at home rapid tests in or around ANC6A in Northeast DC and consider expanding vaccination requirements for restaurants, gyms, and bars to include a third/booster shot.

9:00 pm     **Single Member District reports** (1 minute each)

9:10 pm     **Community Comments** (2 minutes each)

9:20 pm     **Adjourn**



## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2021



### Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Minutes Virtual Meeting via Zoom December 9, 2021

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

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

Commissioner Keya Chatterjee moved and Commissioner Mike Soderman seconded the motion to amend the ABL portion of the agenda to include the nomination of Chair and Co-Chair of the ABL Committee. The motion passed 5-0-1; Commissioner Robb Dooling abstained and Commissioner Sondra Philips-Gilbert was not yet present.

Commissioner Amber Gove called the meeting to order and announced the presence of a quorum. The minutes for the ANC November 2021 meeting were accepted, and the agenda for the December 2021 meeting was accepted as amended by unanimous consent.

#### **Community Presentations:**

**DC Department of Behavioral Health (DBH): Update on DBH's Covid 19 response related to increased Pandemic-related Depression, Suicide Prevention and Gun Violence Trauma impacting our City's youth - Lanada Williams, Program Coordinator, Community Services Administration and Patricia Thompson, Ombudsman Program Officer**

Lanada Williams and Patricia Thompson from DC Department of Behavioral Health gave an overview on DBH, noting that the department provides prevention, intervention, and treatment services for those with mental or substance use disorders through community based outpatient and residential services. DBH's healthcare system focuses on high-quality service, data-driven and culturally appropriate care, community engagement, and combating the stigma associated with mental health and substance use disorders. DBH has noted the huge impact the pandemic has had on mental health and subsequently on suicide and gun violence, recognizing that there has been disproportional negative impact on Black and LGBTQ+ youth. DBH is working on expanding community access to technology and computers, providing free access to naloxone kits, offering services in nontraditional settings such as schools and jails, and training police officers. Ms. Williams noted the 24-hour Access Helpline - (888) 793-4357 - as well as same-day urgent care clinics for children and adults among other services across all eight wards. For more information, Ms. Williams can be reached at [lanada.williams\[at\] dc.gov](mailto:lanada.williams@dc.gov); anyone in need of services can call the 24 hour helpline or 911 and ask to be referred to mental health services.

**Redistricting - Declan Falls, Community Outreach Specialist, Office of DC Council Chairman Phil Mendelson**

Mr. Falls gave a quick update on redistricting and noted that the office has received numerous voicemails, emails, letters, and community input. There will be an upcoming virtual town hall meeting via Facebook Live at 5:00 pm on 12/13 and community members can submit questions for it through email ([dfalls\[at\]dccouncil.us](mailto:dfalls@dccouncil.us)), Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram and are also welcome to ask questions live during the meeting. The new map in question can be found here: [Redistricting Map \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com). Mr. Falls will be bringing several Commissioner and community questions back to the office for Chairman Mendelson's review.



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Commissioner Brian Alcorn moved and Commissioner Sondra Philips-Gilbert seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DC Councilmembers and the Committee of the Whole reiterating ANC 6A's December 2, 2021 recommendations for a redistricting map to keep all of ANC 6A within Ward 6, in light of the Committee of the Whole's recommended map.

The new map continues to raise concern over dividing Wards 6 and 7 along residential 15<sup>th</sup> St NE as well as over school zoning (three schools would move into Ward 7) and racial equity, as the proposed map would move 52% of ANC 6A's Black residents to Ward 7. ANC 7E04 Commissioner Natasha Dupee spoke about the importance of racial parity and access to economic development and the document created that supports these principles in Wards 6 and 7. Ms. Dupee is seeking support from Commissioners in Ward 7 and ANC 6A and ANC 6B. Commissioner Gove offered a friendly amendment of adding a brief cover letter including the previous two sent letters and language around the new map not supporting Wards' 6 and 7 shared interests. Language will also be included that in lieu of a full Commission vote that is not timely possible, individual Commissioners will be signing the letter. Community member Nechothia Bowens is assisting with a QR code project that will increase redistricting information available to those it will impact most. The motion passed as amended 7-0.

### Officer Reports:

1. The December 2021 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Alcorn reviewed the 6 expenditures accrued in November: \$765.89 for webmaster services (Check #1994)\$250.00 for November meeting minutes (Check #1995), \$58.29 for Zoom Pro/Webinar (Check #1996), \$62.50 for December 2, 2021 ANC 6A special meeting minutes (Check #1997), \$4,452.00 for a year of meeting ads in Capitol Community News (Check #1998), and \$100.00 for FedEx printing of flyers on redistricting (n/a). ANC 6A had \$2,098.36 in uncashed checks (Checks #1988-1993) and a completed transaction of \$224.27 for printing of checks. (Check #1987). The opening uncommitted funds available were \$39,865.50 and after these disbursements totaling \$5,688.88 and the cashed and uncashed checks, the closing uncommitted funds are \$31,854.19. Commissioner Alcorn will seek reimbursement for the \$100.00 flyer expense and asked to pre-clear the December 2021 expense for meeting minutes. The savings account opened at \$100.05, gained no interest, and closed at \$100.05. The Treasurer's report and pre-approval of the minutes expense was approved by unanimous consent without objection.

### Standing Committee Reports:

#### Community Outreach

4. The November 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
5. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve a grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 to Christ City Church to provide 150 \$20.00 gift certificates for families who live in ANC 6A to secure food for the holiday season. Church Elder Sarah Bell spoke on behalf of the church and noted that the gift certificates will be specifically food-related. The Church has partnered with Miner Elementary School and has been active in this community for 7 years. The goal is to provide these families with an entire holiday meal, free health services, and to connect community with resources. The church does not anticipate any other incoming funds. If community members would like to assist or to receive baskets, they can contact Ms. Bell at momto4bells[at]gmail.com. Commissioner Alcorn noted that the Commission will require some follow-up paperwork from the church a grant recipient. The motion passed 7-0.
6. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Alcorn seconded the motion that the 2021 draft of the revised ANC 6A Bylaws and the newly developed Standard Operating Procedures and Codes of Conduct be sent to ANC 6A for adoption. Commissioner Laura Gentile gave an overview of the process of getting these new Bylaws, noting that almost a year of work and review has gone into it. Kris Garrity, Mark Friend, Roni Hollmon, Marc Samburg, Maddie Gitomer, Commissioner Mike Soderman,



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Marie-Claire Brown, and everyone else that helped were recognized for their involvement and service. Commissioner Alcorn proposed the friendly amendment of noting in the Bylaws language that officers will be elected from the Commission. The new bylaws will be effective January 1, 2022 and the Commission will let OANC know what edits were made to encourage adoption and efficiencies. The motion passed as amended 7-0.

7. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 13, 2021 (2nd Monday; usually 4th Monday). This will be a public safety symposium.

### Alcohol Beverage Licensing

8. The November 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
9. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion that ANC 6A protest the application of Thompson Retail Group, LLC, t/a Milk & Honey, at 1116 H Street NE (ABRA #119672) for a Class C Restaurant License unless a Settlement Agreement is finalized prior to the protest deadline and that the Co-Chairs of the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee as well as the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ANC be authorized to represent the ANC in this matter. The motion passed 7-0.
10. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A write a letter of support to ABRA for the Stipulated License application of Thompson Retail Group, LLC t/a Milk & Honey's application in the event that a Settlement Agreement is finalized prior to the protest deadline. The motion passed 7-0.
11. Commissioner Chatterjee moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ABL member Ian Stanford be appointed to serve as Co-Chair of the Committee along with Mona Hatoum. The motion passed 7-0.
12. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 28, 2021 (4th Tuesday).

### Transportation and Public Space

3. The November 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 14, 2021 (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday; usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

### Economic Development and Zoning

1. The November 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to HPRB for the proposed construction of a two-story accessory building at the rear of the property that will not increase the number of dwelling units at 820 Constitution Avenue, NE (HPRB Case #22-036). HPRB Case scheduled for 12/16/2021. The lot adjacent to 12 adjoining properties and the homeowner reached out to all 12, 9 of which signed letters of support. The building is an extension of the home with an open area on the first level, stairs, a loft level and a bathroom. The homeowners received consent from the Capitol Hill Restoration Society. The motion passed 7-0.
3. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for special exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the rear yard requirements of Subtitle E § 306.1, and an area variance pursuant to Subtitle X § 1002 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, to construct a 2-story rear deck on the rear of their existing single-family rowhome in the RF-1 Zone at 628 9th Street, NE (BZA Case# 20651) on condition that the lot occupancy remains at the same level as is included in the plans submitted (81.5%). BZA Case scheduled for 3/23/2022. The homeowners will replace a dilapidated one-story deck and are undergoing an interior renovation and would like to simultaneously do the rear deck renovation. The existing house is 73% over lot occupancy and will increase to 81.5% with the new deck. The motion passed 7-0.



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4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 15, 2021 (3rd Wednesday)

### Single Member District (SMD) reports

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) expressed gratitude for Commissioner Dooling for sharing notes to other Commissioners for the H Street meeting during which business owners came to a consensus on the need to slow down traffic on H Street NE. They expressed interest in slowing the speed limit and more cameras, and would like to know the impact of the incoming bus lane. She reported that a few other speed bumps were installed in her SMD.

Commissioner Soderman (6A03) reported that the missing speed bump on the 200 block of 10<sup>th</sup> Street was installed and is working on getting raised crosswalk for the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and 10<sup>th</sup> Street NE; there has been some improvement but still there is a high amount of traffic. He would like the Department of Public Works (DPW) to attend an upcoming meeting as there have been repeated issues with garbage trucks hitting buildings. Finally, there have been multiple complaints in the Commissioner's SMD of illegally parked vehicles in alleys and the Commissioner recommends using a secure location for package pick-up and setting up notifications to minimize package theft, especially during the holiday season.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) noted that with the support of ANC 6A's grant, 69 Thanksgiving baskets were shared with families in need through Eliot-Hine. The Commissioner spoke to two third-grade classrooms about being a Commissioner and reported that the TSI process has changed again (formerly TSA). The Commissioner advises all residents to use the 311 app or website to submit requests for traffic safety investigation of no more than one block. Anything prior to November 1, 2021 that was in process might need to be resubmitted. Finally, the Commissioner had a community walk with the DDOT director along the 1300 block of North Carolina Avenue NE and the Director reiterated support for protected bike lanes in this area.

Commissioner Gentile (6A05) reported a recent uptick in crime - carjacking, package theft, and homicide - and she has reached out to MPD to set up safety walks. The next one is December 14, 2021 at 5:00 pm on the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and D Streets NE; Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen will be participating. The Commissioner will submit a TSI for the Tennessee Avenue and E Street NE intersection as well as 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Tennessee Avenue NE.

Commissioner Philips-Gilbert (6A07) has been working on redistricting and has a meeting on December 16, 2021 with Kevin Pham about the abandoned black van on 18<sup>th</sup> and D Streets NE.

Commissioner Dooling (6A06) stated that DDOT will be installing speed bumps in front of Miner Elementary School. He thanked Commissioner Gentile for hosting several safety walks and reported two armed carjackings in his SMD. The Commissioner is still addressing the removal of several parking spaces without public notice on Maryland Avenue NE.

Commissioner Alcorn (6A08) has participated in the First District MPD Citizens Advisory Council in which MPD indicated that there have been many "jump-in" car thefts. DDOT installed a push-button signaled crosswalk on 19<sup>th</sup> Street NE. Finally, the Commissioner reminded all Commissioners to look at the letter shared by Commissioner Dupee.

### Community Comments

COC Chair Roni Hollman noted that the special exception for grants is set to expire on January 7, 2022 and would like to know if this will be extended.



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Kevin Pham shared some announcements including the delayed DPW leaf collection program; round one of collection is scheduled for completion by December 19, 2021 and round two by January 5, 2022. If your area is not cleaned within 14 days of the schedule, please call 311. The Mayor is hosting an [annual senior holiday celebration](#) on December 15, 2021 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. Mr. Pham will be meeting with various district agencies about the unsafe black vehicle located at 18<sup>th</sup> and D Streets NE mentioned by Commissioner Philips-Gilbert.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.





# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Community Presentations





# Commission Correspondence of December 9, 2021 Meeting



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December 20, 2021

Via email to:

Chairperson Phil Mendelson	Councilmember Brianne Nadeau
Councilmember Elissa Silverman	Councilmember Brooke Pinto
Councilmember Anita Bonds	Councilmember Mary M. Cheh
Councilmember Christina Henderson	Councilmember Janeese Lewis George
Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie	Councilmember Charles Allen
Councilmember Robert C. White	Councilmember Vincent C. Gray
	Councilmember Trayon White, Sr.

Re: ANC 6A's Comments regarding the Committee of the Whole Ward Redistricting Map

Dear Councilmembers,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on December 9, 2021, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send the following comments and recommendations regarding the Committee of the Whole Ward Redistricting Map ("Map").

The Map does not meet the needs of all of our ANC 6A constituents for the reasons outlined by our prior letters. See [November 11 Comments on the Subcommittee on Redistricting](#) and [December 3 Comments on the Subcommittee on Redistricting Report](#) (also attached). In collaboration with some of our Ward 7 Commissioners, we also assert that this Map also does not support increasing equity and access to economic development opportunities for our Ward 7 neighbors. Accordingly, we urge the Committee of the Whole to amend this Map to meet these considerations. We additionally urge Councilmembers to move the Ward 6/7 border to East Capitol Street, an option outlined in our December 3 letter.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at 6A04@anc.dc.gov.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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December 11, 2021

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. 20651 (628 9th Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on December 9, 2021, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for the owners of 628 9th Street, NE. Specifically, the applicant requests a special exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the rear yard requirements of Subtitle E § 306.1, and an area variance pursuant to Subtitle X § 1002 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, to construct a 2-story rear deck on the rear of their existing single-family rowhome in the RF-1 Zone, on condition that the lot occupancy be the modest amount contained in the proposed project (80% lot occupancy).

The design has taken measures to ensure that the modification does not negatively impact the privacy of neighbors, or their light and air. 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. The applicant has demonstrated that there are special considerations and hardships that warrant the granting of a variance. The neighborhood in question has houses with extremely small yards, making common property uses violate existing lot occupancy regulations. The property has an existing deck that is in a dilapidated condition, and just bringing it up to building code would require an increase in lot occupancy above 70%. Because of these conditions, our ANC believes that a lot variance is warranted under these unusual circumstances.

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On Behalf of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amber K. Gove".

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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December 11, 2021

Ms. Marnique Heath, AIA Chair  
Historic Preservation Review Board Office of Planning  
1100 Fourth Street, SW, Suite E650  
Washington, DC 20024

Re: HPA 22-036 (820 Constitution Avenue, NE)

Dear Ms. Heath,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on December 9, 2021, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the proposed construction of a two-story accessory building at the rear of the property that will not increase the number of dwelling units to a single family row house in the Historic District. The design has taken measures to ensure that the addition is not visible from the street, and it will not disrupt the historic character of the neighborhood.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC 6A. Please be advised that Brad Greenfield and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at [6A04@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6A04@anc.dc.gov) or Mr. Greenfield at [brad.greenfield@gmail.com](mailto:brad.greenfield@gmail.com).

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Made this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021

by and between

**Thompson Retail Food Group, LLC t/a Milk & Honey (ABRA-119672)**  
1116 H Street, NE  
Washington DC 20002

and

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A**

### Preamble

Through this Agreement, both parties aim to create an environment whereby Applicant may operate as a viable contributing business in the ANC 6A community, while concurrently curtailing any adverse effects a business such as Applicant's could have on the surrounding neighborhood.

Applicant is encouraged to work regularly with ANC 6A, neighborhood associations, and residents to ensure the business operations do not adversely affect the surrounding neighborhood. All parties believe the statements and provisions contained in this Agreement are reasonable and must become wholly integrated into the day-to-day operation of the establishment.

### Witnesseth

Whereas, Applicant's premises is within the boundaries of ANC 6A; and,

Whereas, the parties desire to enter into an agreement governing certain requirements and understandings regarding the issuance of a Class C Restaurant License at the subject premises; and,

Whereas the parties wish to state their mutual intention and commitment to promote the success, peace, order, quiet, and equity of the community. Both parties recognize the importance of commercial districts (and limited commercial operations within residential districts) and their adjacent neighborhoods that are safe, clean, and "pedestrian friendly."

### The Parties Agree As Follows:

1. **Public Space Cleanliness and Maintenance.** Applicant will maintain the public space (minimally the front sidewalk up to and including the gutter in front of the subject premises, and the alleyway behind the subject premises) adjacent to the establishment in a clean and litter-free condition by:
  - a. Picking up trash and recycling, including beverage bottles and cans, and all other trash a minimum of twice daily (once immediately before business hours and again between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.).
  - b. Maintaining regular trash, garbage, and recycling removal service, regularly removing trash and

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- c. recycling from the trash and dumpster area, and seeing that the trash and dumpster area remain clean.
- c. Depositing trash, garbage, and recycling only in rodent-proof dumpsters, and seeing that dumpster covers fit properly and remain fully closed except when trash, recycling, or garbage is being added or removed.
- d. Exercising due diligence to prevent and/or rid vermin infestation in and around the establishment, including following, minimally, the recommendations and guidelines of the Vector Control Division of the Department of Public Works.
- e. Assisting in maintenance of the curbs in front of the establishment to keep them free of trash and recycling, removing snow and ice from the sidewalk, and complying with all applicable D.C. laws and regulation in these respects.
- f. Generally tending to tree boxes directly in front of the subject premises, if any.
- g. Promptly removing or painting over any graffiti written on the exterior walls of the property.
- h. Requiring the owner and employees not to park on public space between the building and the curb.
- i. Not locating trash bins, chairs, tables, or other equipment on public space without a valid space permit.

### 2. Business Operations and Practices.

- a. Applicant will not, directly or indirectly, sell or deliver alcohol to any intoxicated person or to any person who appears to be intoxicated.
- b. Applicant agrees to take all necessary steps to prevent patron rowdiness, including refusing admission/service to rowdy and/or unruly persons.
- c. Applicant agrees to ensure that no patron shall bring an open container of an alcoholic beverage into the establishment from outside sources, and shall exit the establishment with an open container of an alcoholic beverage.
- d. Applicant will not provide or sell alcoholic beverages “to go” except as authorized by DC law.
- e. Applicant agrees not to promote or participate in bar or pub “crawls” or any other event of this nature unless the event has been reviewed and approved by the ABC Board.
- f. The licensed establishment will be managed in person by Applicant or a board-licensed manager.
- g. Applicant, and all employees that are designated to serve alcoholic beverages, shall attend and complete an alcoholic beverage server training course/seminar.
- h. Applicant shall post a notice kept in good repair and visible from point of entry a sign that states:
  - i. Proper ID is required to be served and that the establishment will check IDs at all times prior to serving alcoholic beverages to patrons;
  - ii. It is illegal to sell alcohol to anyone under age 21;
  - iii. Patrons are requested not to litter, loiter, or make excessive noise in the neighborhood as they arrive or depart;
  - iv. Warning: Drinking alcoholic beverages during pregnancy can cause birth defects; and
  - v. The establishment requests that customers do not contribute to panhandlers.
- i. Applicant shall make every effort to prohibit and prevent criminal activity on or in front of the establishment premises, to include:
  - i. Calling appropriate emergency services if illegal activity is observed;
  - ii. Keeping a written record of dates and times (a “call log”) when emergency services are called for assistance; and
  - iii. Applicant will maintain a detailed incident log. An incident is defined as any activity by patrons of the establishment inside or immediately outside the establishment that could lead to an ABRA investigation. Each incident will contain the date, time, and location of each incident with a concise summary. Guests and staff involved or witnesses of the incident will be identified and listed. If there is a medical or police response, that information will also be noted.
- j. Upon request of the Board, Applicant’s call log and incident log shall be provided to the Board.

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- k. Applicant will utilize and maintain high-intensity floodlights on the exterior of its premises so as to fully light any abutting alleyway from dusk until dawn, consistent with District of Columbia light pollution regulations, 12-K DCMR § 409.
  - l. Applicant shall provide valet parking services only with valet parking companies as defined, licensed, and in compliance with D.C. Municipal Regulations Title 24 Chapter 16. Applicant will not engage in valet parking that results in vehicles parked in residential parking spaces.
3. **Music / Dancing / Entertainment.**
- a. Applicant agrees to ensure that sounds originating from within the establishment are mitigated by installing adequate soundproofing.
  - b. No sound, noise, music, or voices emanating from the licensed establishment shall be of such intensity that it may be heard in any premises other than the licensed establishment. This restriction does not apply to: (1) sound, noise, music, or voices heard in any premises which are located within a C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-M, or M zone, as defined in the zoning regulations for the District, and (2) sound, noise, music, or voices occasioned by the normal opening of entrance and exit doors for the purpose of ingress and egress.
  - c. In order to mitigate noise on a sidewalk café or summer garden the following steps will be taken:
    - i. Applicant shall not offer any type of entertainment or pre-recorded music on the summer garden and/or sidewalk café;
    - ii. A fence or other barrier will enclose the entire perimeter;
    - iii. No fewer than two signs will be clearly posted to remind guests to keep their voices at normal speaking volume;
    - iv. Staff will monitor the outdoor area to make sure guests do not raise their voices above normal speaking tones; and
    - v. Potted plants, trees, fountains, or other types of noise mitigation techniques will be incorporated into the decor.
  - d. The hours of operation for a sidewalk café and/or summer garden are limited until 11:00 pm Sunday through Thursday evenings and 12:00 am on Friday and Saturday evenings. The sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages must end at that time and the patio must be cleared of all patrons and staff.
  - e. Applicant may offer facilities for dancing for patrons only with an entertainment endorsement and may have recorded and background music without an entertainment endorsement. "Entertainment" means live music or any other live performance by an actual person, including live bands, karaoke, comedy shows, poetry readings, and disc jockeys. The term "entertainment" shall not include the operation of a jukebox, a television, a radio, or other prerecorded music.
  - f. All CT license holders with an entertainment endorsement must have an ABRA-accepted security plan in place.
  - g. The kitchens for all CR license holders shall remain open and operational up until at least one hour prior to closing.
4. **Cooperation with ANC 6A.** Applicant is encouraged to work with ANC 6A, the Single Member District (SMD) ANC Commissioner within whose boundaries the establishment is located, the Chair of the ABL Committee, and other Commissioners whose SMDs are adjacent to the location of the establishment to address concerns arising from violations of this agreement.
5. **Modifications.** This Agreement may be modified and such modification implemented by Applicant only by mutual agreement of the parties in writing and the subsequent approval of the modification by the ABC Board pursuant to DC Official Code § 25-446 or as required by District law.





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### 6. Miscellaneous.

- a. Applicant shall retain a copy of this Settlement Agreement in the establishment and have it available for review upon request.
- b. Applicant will operate in compliance with all applicable DC laws and regulations. Any reference to specific laws and regulations in this Settlement Agreement is meant for informational purposes only. ANC 6A does not intend for a violation of any DC law or regulation to also be considered a violation of this Settlement Agreement.
- c. Applicant is encouraged to participate in a Business Improvement District if one exists.
- d. If any provision of this agreement, or any portion thereof, is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect.

### 7. Enforcement.

- a. If any party hereto believes in good faith that the applicant is in violation of this agreement, written notice specifying the alleged violation shall be delivered to the applicant. The applicant shall have ten (10) days after receipt of such written notice to come into compliance with this agreement or respond to said alleged notice of default. In cases where the defaulting Party reasonably requires more than ten (10) days to come into compliance, the defaulting Party shall, within ten (10) days, make substantial efforts toward compliance and pursue those efforts until the default is corrected.
- b. Applicant and the ANC 6A Commission agree to enter into this agreement. If the applicant should breach the conditions of this agreement and fail to come into compliance or make substantial efforts toward compliance as provided by Section 7(a) of this agreement, it is understood by all parties that the ANC 6A and/or its committees, or others may immediately petition the Alcohol Beverage Regulatory Administration (ABRA) to investigate violations of this agreement and take appropriate actions per 23 D.C.M.R.
- c. This Settlement Agreement is binding on the applicant and its successors and will continue in force for any and all subsequent license holders at this location.

### In Witness Whereof

The parties have affixed hereto their hands and seals.

#### Applicant:

By: Ali Azima Date: 12-13-2021

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

#### Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Representative:

By: Mona Hataoum Date: 12/13/2021

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Modified February 2021



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District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
P. O. Box 75115  
Washington, DC 20013



December 13, 2021

**By Email**

Mr. Donovan Anderson, Chairperson  
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board  
2000 14th Street NW, Suite 400 South  
Washington, DC 20009

Mr. Anderson,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on December 9, 2021, our Commission voted to support the stipulated license application of Thompson Retail Group, LLC, t/a Milk & Honey, at 1116 H St. NE (ABRA #119672) for a Class C Restaurant alcohol beverage license.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Mona Hatoum at [monahatoum@gmail.com](mailto:monahatoum@gmail.com).

On behalf of the Commission,

Mona Hatoum  
Co-Chair, ANC 6A ABL Committee

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<sup>1</sup> ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on, [anc-6a@googlegroups.com](mailto:anc-6a@googlegroups.com), and [newhilleast@groups.io](http://newhilleast@groups.io), at [www.anc6a.org](http://www.anc6a.org), on Twitter (@ANC6A) and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.



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# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

## Bylaws

### Revision History

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Reason for Changes</b>
Laura Gentile	December 12, 2021	Update of 2013 Bylaws



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### ARTICLE I. History & Mission

The name of this unincorporated elected body shall be the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A. Hereinafter the word “Commission” shall be used to refer to ANC 6A.

### ARTICLE II. Object

Section 1. The Commission has the duties and powers described in [PL 93-198](#) and [DCL 1-21](#) as amended.

### ARTICLE III. Members

Section 1. The Commission shall be composed of those persons duly elected to represent the Single Member Districts (SMDs) within the Commission area.

Section 2. All members shall have equal voting rights followed by the principle of one person, one vote. There shall be no voting by proxy.

### ARTICLE IV. Officers

Section 1. The Commission shall elect an Executive Committee comprising the Commission’s Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer from among its members.

Section 2. The election of officers shall take place at a meeting of the Commission in January of each year.

Section 3. Each candidate for office shall be nominated by a member of the commission. Commissioners may nominate themselves. Seconds are not required.

Section 4. When nominations are closed, the voting shall take place as determined by the Commission at that time. No secret ballots are allowed.

Section 5. The officers shall be elected to serve for one year or until their successors are elected. Their terms of office shall commence at the close of the meeting at which they are elected. In the event of a vacancy, the officer filling the vacant position shall only serve out the remainder of the term of the officer he or she replaced.

Section 6. A simple majority shall be required for election of officers. If there is not a simple majority after the first ballot, there shall be an election between the candidates receiving the most votes. In the event of a tie vote, the term shall be divided equally between the tied candidates. A coin toss or drawing of straws shall be used to determine the order in which the candidates serve.



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Section 7. If there is a vacancy among any officers except the Treasurer, the Commission shall hold an election during the next meeting of the Commission. If there is a vacancy in the Treasurer position, the Commission may hold a special meeting to elect a new Treasurer.

Section 8. The Chair shall serve as a convener of the Commission and shall chair the Commission meetings.

Section 9. The Chair shall have the power to call special meetings of the Commission and of the Executive Committee.

Section 10. In the Chair's absence, or when the Chair wishes to give up the chair, the Vice-Chair shall act as the Chair.

Section 11. The Secretary, or Designee, shall ensure that minutes are kept for all meetings of the Commission and that copies are distributed to all members of the Commission. The Secretary, or Designee, shall also ensure that notice is given for all Commission meetings as required by District law.

Section 12. The ANC 6A website ([www.anc6a.org](http://www.anc6a.org)) shall serve as the central repository for all Commission records.

Section 13. The Treasurer shall be responsible for developing an annual fiscal year budget, preparing quarterly financial reports, keeping the Commission's financial records and accounts, and for executing its expenditures in accordance with DC law.

Section 14. All checks must be signed by two officers, one of whom must be either the Treasurer or the Chair.

Section 15. When officers are elected, the Commission will identify one officer who will serve as the Parliamentarian. This role will typically be filled by the Secretary but may be filled by another officer. The Parliamentarian will advise the Chair regarding adherence to Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 16. The officers shall have the assistance of the Commission staff in carrying out their duties as may be required.

### **ARTICLE V. Meetings**

Section 1. Each January, the Commission shall decide on a schedule of meeting times and places for the next twelve (12) months. The Commission, however, may modify the schedule if necessary. In case of an emergency, the Chair may reschedule the meeting time or location.



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Section 2. No official action may be taken by the Commission unless a quorum is present and a majority of those voting “yea” or “nay” vote in favor of the action.

Section 3. A quorum is a majority of the current Commission members. However, a quorum cannot be formed unless a majority of the SMDs have Commissioners.

Section 4. Special meetings of the Commission can be called by the Chair, the Executive Committee, or by written request of three Commission members. The purpose of a special meeting shall be stated in the notice and no other topic may be discussed at that meeting. Reasonable notice shall be given in writing.

Section 5. All meetings of the Commission shall be accessible to the public.

Section 6. The Commission is committed to non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, class, national origin, sex, age, religion, ethnic identity, ethnicity, immigration status, language, culture, housing status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, economic status or disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and shall conduct itself, and its meetings, in accordance with this commitment.

Section 7. As outlined in the DC Code, the Commission shall set aside a portion of each public meeting to hear the views of residents within the Commission area and other affected persons regarding problems or issues of concern within the Commission area and proposed District government actions that affect the Commission area. This will include previously considered comments that were not handled or addressed at the respective committee-level meeting.

Section 8. Any Commissioner may add an item to the agenda of a regular meeting provided that the Commissioner submits the item to the Chair at least eight (8) days in advance of the meeting.

Section 9. At least seven (7) days in advance of the Commission meeting, the Secretary, or Designee, will post the draft agenda to the ANC 6A website and update as needed as additional materials become available.

Section 10. Financial Conflicts of Interest

a) Commissioners shall not use their official position or title for any purpose other than their official duties as a Commissioner, nor in any manner that the Commissioner knows or should know is likely to have a direct and predictable effect on their financial interests or the financial interests of a person closely affiliated with the Commissioner. No Commissioner shall substantially participate in a Commission matter that the Commissioner knows or should know is likely to have a direct and predictable effect on their financial interests or the financial interests of a person closely affiliated with the Commissioner.



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b) When a Commissioner becomes aware of a potential conflict of interest, the Commissioner is required to notify the Chair of the matter and nature of conflict at the start of the discussion of that item. The Commissioner will then be recused from the votes on that matter. If the Commissioner is the Chair, the Vice Chair will assume responsibility during the issue in question, as the Chair will be recused from the votes on that matter.

### **ARTICLE VI. Executive Committee**

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of a) the Chair; b) the Vice-Chair; c) the Secretary; and, d) the Treasurer.

Section 2. The Executive Committee of the Commission shall have the authority to establish special committees.

Section 3. The Executive Committee of the Commission shall have the power to propose a meeting agenda and make recommendations for the operation of the Commission, which include setting a consent agenda prior to Commission meetings.

Section 4. A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the Chair or by a majority of the Committee.

### **ARTICLE VII. Other Committees**

Section 1. In addition to the Executive Committee, there shall be two other categories of committees: standing committees and special committees:

- Standing Committees are those created permanently by majority vote of the Commission. Such committees can also be dissolved by majority vote of the Commission.
- Special Committees are those created temporarily by the Executive Committee. These Committees dissolve if members do not provide updates to the Commission for more than three (3) months, do not meet for more than six (6) months, or if a majority of the Commission determines that their objective has been achieved. their objective is achieved.

Section 2. In accordance with District law, the position of Chair of each Commission Committee shall be open to any resident of the Commission area. The Chair of each Committee shall be appointed by the Commission.

Section 3. The Chair of the Commission shall ensure that items requiring Committee action are to be referred to the appropriate Committee chair(s) on receipt.



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Section 4. Committee recommendations for Commission action shall be placed on the agenda for the first Commission meeting after they are adopted, unless the Commission objects.

Section 5. Committee Chairs shall serve for up to one year or until their successors are elected. In the event of a vacancy, the Committee Chair filling the vacant position shall only serve out the remaining term of the Chair who was replaced.

Section 6. Committee membership and chairs are approved annually at the first Commission meeting of the year. See Appendix A for a description of the Standing Committees.

Section 7. Committee members can be appointed at any time throughout a year. Potential Committee members must notify their SMD Commissioner and the Committee Chair that they would like to join the Committee, and must attend a meeting of that Committee prior to the consideration of their nomination by the Commission.

Section 8. All Committee meetings shall be announced on the ANC 6A website at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting except in case of an emergency or for other good cause.

### **ARTICLE VIII. Standing Rules**

Section 1. The Commission may adopt rules to implement the requirements of these Bylaws and to enhance the efficiency and operation of the Commission. The rules may be adopted or amended by majority vote at any Commission meeting.

Section 2. The Commission shall adopt standing rules for handling constituent recommendations. The rules shall designate one person to ensure that constituent recommendations are referred to the proper Commissioner, Committee, or government agency for action.

### **ARTICLE IX. Parliamentary Authority**

Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of the Commission except where they are not consistent with District law.

### **ARTICLE X. Amendment of Bylaws**

Section 1. Revision of these Bylaws requires a two-thirds vote of Commissioners present at a meeting of the Commission and "voting yea or nay." Each Commissioner shall have at least two (2) weeks prior notice that an amendment(s) is being proposed to the Bylaws. The notice shall include the suggested change(s).

Section 2. These Bylaws shall be consistent with all applicable federal and District of





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Columbia law. Any provision of these Bylaws inconsistent with federal or District of Columbia law shall be ineffective to the extent necessary to maintain consistency with law, and shall not invalidate any other provisions of these Bylaws.

Section 3. The Commission shall file an up-to-date copy of the Bylaws and all amendments thereto with the DC Council and the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions within thirty (30) days of their adoption.



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# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

## Standard Operating Procedures

### Revision History

Name	Date	Reason for Changes
Laura Gentile	December 12, 2021	Original



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This Standard Operating Procedures document includes procedures, general guidelines, and other information to assist ANC 6A's efforts to conduct organized, efficient, and effective meetings, and to support the community.

### I. Address Information

The official mailing address of ANC 6A is:  
P.O. Box 75115  
Washington, DC 20013

### II. Declaration of Purpose

#### *Mission*

As elected officials, Commissioners are responsible for representing the interests of their community, including those who are historically underrepresented and underserved by government decision-makers.

The mission of the Commission is to represent all residents of 6A, while paying special attention to historic ramifications of systemic racism that have profound consequences on our community. The Commission recognizes and remembers all those who have been historically underserved and/or marginalized, including the Indigenous People on whose lands DC currently sits—the Nacotchtank, Piscataway, Doeg-Tauxenant, and Pamunkey Nations and Tribes—who have stewarded these lands for millennia, as well as the enslaved Africans and Black Americans, separated from their families and native lands by force, and made to labor to build this city and much of our region and the latest impact these histories have today. The Commission also recognizes that, as a result of gentrification, DC has one of the highest rates of displacement of native residents.<sup>1</sup> In addition, DC has one of the highest rates of incarceration in the nation.<sup>2</sup> Further, residents of ANC 6A have varying relationships with law enforcement and government.<sup>3</sup>

The Advisory Neighborhood Commission system traces its origins to the Adams Morgan Organization (AMO), which was founded in 1972 by neighborhood advocates.<sup>4</sup> During DC's transition to Home Rule, the AMO served as a powerful model of how local self-government could thrive. As community members serving on behalf of neighbors, Commissioners and Committee members (ANCs) must recognize that doing the right thing does not always mean acting on the wishes

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/in-the-district-gentrification-means-widespread-displacement-report-says/2019/04/26/950a0c00-6775-11e9-8985-4cf30147bdca\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/in-the-district-gentrification-means-widespread-displacement-report-says/2019/04/26/950a0c00-6775-11e9-8985-4cf30147bdca_story.html)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/profiles/DC.html>

<sup>3</sup> <https://dccouncil.us/police-reform-commission-full-report/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/724d1a6c62184eb1a2122262365a2314>



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of the loudest voices. While ANCs must listen to all voices, ANC decisions and deliberations should always be made on behalf of all of the neighbors, including those that, for many reasons, are not contributing or unable to contribute during discussions.

And while ANCs must ensure that the voices of neighborhood residents are considered and heard, this does not necessarily mean that their individual views will be followed. In a similar vein, although government agencies are obligated to give “great weight” with respect to ANC recommendations and comments, they are not obligated to act in direct concert with those recommendations and comments. Government agencies must weigh the voices of all ANCs against the broader needs of the community and goals of the government.

ANC 6A values and promotes inclusiveness, diversity, and an environment that values respect, fairness, and integrity. ANC 6A acts in accordance with these values by treating fellow commissioners, committee chair and members, and the public with dignity, civility, and respect.

### **ANC Oath**

Prior to assuming their official duties, each Commissioner must take the following oath:

*“I (name), having been duly elected as a Commissioner of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners of the District of Columbia do solemnly swear or affirm that: I, will support and defend the Constitution of the United States; that I will perform such duties as may be assigned to me as a member of said Commissions to the best of my ability without fear or favor; that I will exercise my best judgment and will consider each matter before me from the viewpoint of the best interest of the District of Columbia, as a whole; and that I will faithfully discharge said duties.”*

### **III. Meetings - Accessibility & Scheduling**

- A. All Commission meetings shall be held at locations that are designed to reasonably accommodate the residents of the Commission area, depending on the issues to be considered by the Commission.
- B. Each participant is entitled to equal rights and treatment, no participant will be denied these rights because of race, color, creed, class, national origin, immigration status, sex, age, religion, ethnic identity, ethnicity, language, culture, housing status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, economic status or disability, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).



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- C. The Commission will strive toward full accessibility for all of its residents.
- D. Whenever feasible and financially viable, the Commission will strive to make online participation available for all ANC meetings.
- E. In scheduling meetings, the Commission shall consider the occurrence of religious holidays that may affect levels of participation by both Commissioners and the community.

#### IV. Committees

- A. Committees consider matters on behalf of the Commission in order to make recommendations for action by the Commission.
- B. Committee meetings are designed to allow for extended dialogue about proposed projects and issues. Commissioners and community members are encouraged to participate in these meetings. Commissioners are entitled to vote on committee business when in attendance at committee meetings. Commissioners in attendance are counted as members of a quorum, but do not increase the number of members required for a quorum to be present.
- C. At Committee meetings, the Chair will outline, to the extent possible, clarify, and share the amount of time per agenda item at each meeting, including times specifically reserved for community member feedback.
- D. Prospective Committee members are typically recommended for membership by their SMD Commissioner after consultation with the Committee Chair. The Commission will take into consideration the diversity of representation in the residents that it may appoint to Committees. Committee Chairs, and/or the Commissioner for the specific SMD, may recommend the removal of any committee member who has three or more unexcused absences without good cause within a 12-month period.
- E. Committees or Committee members may not represent the Commission before any agency or forum unless authorized by the Commission to do so. Authorization to present a report or finding by citizens who are not members of ANC 6A may be granted by a majority vote, and must be accompanied by a letter of authorization.
- F. The Executive Committee, Standing Committees and Special Committees are created as defined in the Bylaws. See Appendix A for a description of the Standing Committees.



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- G. If so desired, a Standing Committee may, by majority vote of the Committee, recommend to the Commission that its official name be changed.

### V. Meeting & Public Procedures

#### VI.

- A. Commissioners may raise or propose agenda items for inclusion in Commission meetings eight (8) days in advance of the meeting. In order to allow for extended discussion or review, it is preferred that such items be raised and reviewed by the relevant Committee before they are advanced to the full Commission.
- B. Anyone wishing to make a presentation before the Commission is encouraged to make a request through their SMD Commissioner or the Chair at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting.
- C. The appropriate Committee Chair or SMD Commissioner is responsible for preparing resolutions, motions, reports and/or letters under whose jurisdiction the action falls.
- D. Materials for Commission meetings are included in the agenda package which is posted to the ANC 6A website 24 hours in advance of the meeting.
- E. Materials for Committee meetings are posted to the ANC 6A website 24 hours in advance of the respective meeting and updated as necessary.
- F. At the start of each meeting, the Commission may choose to vote to amend the agenda to include new, urgent items that were not included in the agenda in advance of the public notification.
- G. The Chair is responsible for setting the agenda and number of presenters at each meeting and, as such, with consent of the Commission, may choose to place limits on discussion time and number of presenters in the interests of managing the agenda.
- H. Unless the Commission authorizes other individuals to do so, the Chair is responsible for signing all official correspondence on behalf of the Commission, including motions, resolutions, reports, and related documents.

### VII. Commission & Committee Meetings

- A. Commission and Committee meetings are official sessions to be conducted with the greatest of decorum and respect. As such, Commissioners should be addressed by their official title and last name. Both types of meetings are open



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to the public except when discussing personnel issues.

- B. The Commission Chair or Vice Chair will ensure that any items referred to the appropriate Committee are placed on the agenda for the next monthly meeting. The Chair reserves the right to defer to SMD Commissioners on matters that may be deemed time-sensitive or emergency in nature.
- C. For both Commission and Committee meetings, the Chair may open the floor to the public for its input on issues and place limits on discussion time and number of respondents.
- D. As outlined in Section V.A. of this document, to the extent possible, issues should be routed through Committees to allow for appropriate discussion and public notice prior to being raised before the full Commission.

### VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. The purpose of the consent agenda is to group routine Commission business items and reports into one agenda item. The consent agenda can be approved in one action, rather than filing motions on each item separately.
- B. If a Commissioner makes a motion to support an item at a Committee meeting and place it on the consent agenda, and if that motion passes unanimously, the item is placed on the consent agenda for the full Commission meeting. If, at the Committee level, any Committee member or Commissioner in attendances votes “no” on the motion, the item cannot be placed on the consent agenda.
- C. Any Commissioner may request to have an item removed from the consent agenda prior to the full Commission meeting by sending a written request to the Chair.
- D. At the beginning of the Commission’s full monthly meeting, after adopting the minutes from the previous meeting and the agenda for the present meeting, the Chair will move to adopt the consent agenda as drafted. If the motion passes, there will be no more discussion of the items on the consent agenda during the full Commission meeting.

### IX. Reports & Minutes

- A. Committee Reports. Committee Chairs will distribute reports to all Commissioners at least five (5) days in advance of the next regularly scheduled meeting in order to provide sufficient time for review. Commissioners should contact Committee Chairs with their comments as soon as possible to enable



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incorporation into the report prior to the next meeting.

- B. Commission Meeting Minutes. The Commission staff will prepare and share draft minutes from the previous month's meeting with the Secretary, or Designee, for review at least five (5) days before the next meeting. Following review, the Secretary, or Designee, will distribute to all Commissioners at least three (3) days before the next meeting to give Commissioners sufficient time to review and provide input.
- C. Financial Reports. The financial report will be emailed as a pdf file for inclusion in the agenda package at least three (3) days in advance of the next regularly scheduled meeting in order to give Commissioners sufficient time for review. Commissioners should contact the Treasurer with any comments as soon as possible to enable incorporation into the report prior to the next meeting.

### X. Use of Confidential Information

Commissioners may not<sup>1</sup>:

- A. Willfully or knowingly disclose or use confidential or privileged information acquired by reason of their position unless authorized or required by law to do so; or
- B. Divulge information in advance of the time prescribed for its authorized issuance or otherwise make use of or permit others to make use of information not available to the general public.

### XI. Dispute Resolution

- A. The Office of ANC ([oanc@dc.gov](mailto:oanc@dc.gov)) is the primary point of contact for any concerns or complaints about commissioners, questions or concerns regarding the operational procedures of Commission, and related issues.
- B. The ANC 6A Bylaws is the governing document for the Commission.
- C. Robert's Rules of Order is the official document governing parliamentary proceedings of the Commission.
- D. Applicable federal and District of Columbia law supersedes any rule, regulation or parliamentary procedure.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://dccouncil.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/PR24-0001b.pdf>





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### APPENDIX A: ANC 6A COMMITTEES

The Committees described below serve as forums to address issues that need more discussion and cannot be accommodated at a full Commission meeting due to time constraints. With the exception of the Executive Committee, ANC 6A Committee membership and chair positions are open to all ANC 6A residents. Committee Chairs are selected by vote of the Commission and serve for one year. The number of times that a Chair may be reelected is not limited.

The following roles and responsibilities are common to each Committee:

- Draft correspondence, which could include resolutions and letters, for Commission action;
- Coordinate public meetings, as necessary, to gather input for the Commission's consideration;
- Coordinate with the appropriate SMD Commissioner(s) on SMD-specific issues; and
- Promote membership and maintain a list of its members.

The roles and responsibilities that are unique to each committee are included below:

#### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING (ABL) COMMITTEE

The ABL Committee advises the Commission on issues related to the DC government's Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA). The ABL provides the community with the first opportunity to engage in all alcohol license issues in ANC 6A. As part of this effort, the Committee:

- Tracks applications for new licenses, license changes, and license renewals for ABRA-licensed establishments within ANC 6A;
- Works with appropriate SMD Commissioner(s) to negotiate and maintain settlement agreements on behalf of the ANC with ABRA-licensed establishments within ANC 6A;
  - *Settlement agreements that address noise, safety, and/or trash management are required for each request for a new or renewal ABC license with ABRA.*
- Assists Commissioners and community members in addressing concerns pertaining to ABRA-licensed establishments within ANC 6A; and
- As appropriate, represents ANC 6A in ABRA proceedings.

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE (COC)

The COC serves as a conduit for broader community outreach within the Commission. The Committee provides a sounding board for the community and advances specific concerns to the ANC. As part of this effort, the Committee:

- Holds presentations and offers forums and workshops of interest to the ANC 6A community;
- Works with the ANC to manage applications and make recommendations for grant funding; and



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- Manages the social media for ANC 6A, in collaboration with the administrator.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ZONING COMMITTEE (EDZ)**

The EDZ Committee reviews, analyzes and publicly discusses proposed projects that are requesting relief from zoning regulations through the Board of Zoning Administration (BZA) or have an impact on the historic nature of Capitol Hill. As part of this effort, the Committee:

- Identifies appropriate issues related to job creation and business development [including housing development and policy as well as project development];
- Work with developers and other project proponents to encourage the inclusion of affordable housing and multi-family units wherever possible;
- Makes recommendations to the Commission to support or oppose requests for zoning relief;
- Researches and reports findings and provide recommendations to the Commission; and
- Tracks and notifies the Commission of all relevant hearing dates.

### **TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SPACE COMMITTEE (TPS)**

The TPS Committee reviews, analyzes and publicly discusses public space permit applications, DDOT and other public transportation or public space related proposals. The Committee also identifies areas of concern and works with the Commission and residents to facilitate the process with DDOT and other city agencies to remedy transportation and public space issues when determined appropriate. As part of this effort, the Committee:

- Hears from public space permit applicants, reviews applications and makes recommendations to the Commission for support or disapproval of public space permit applications;
- Develops transportation and public space related letters and resolutions for the Commission's consideration; and
- Tracks Traffic Safety Assessments (TSAs) and DDOT 311 requests and works with residents and the Commission to ensure requests are adequately fulfilled by DDOT and other city agencies.



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### APPENDIX B: GUIDELINES FOR ANC 6A GRANT APPLICATIONS

ANCs may award grants to organizations for public purposes as described in Section 310.13 of the DC Code. The Commission reserves the right to fund or not fund any legal grant application at its sole discretion, without explanation.

**Monetary Amounts:** When the Commission adopts an operating budget within sixty (60) days of receiving notice of its next fiscal year allotment from the District Government, it will include a line item amount for the Commission to support community grants during that fiscal year.

**Public Notice of Availability of Funding:** At the beginning of the fiscal year, the Commission will provide the Community Outreach Committee (COC) with a bifurcated allocation for grantmaking, subject to the availability of funding. Prior to the third quarter of the fiscal year, the Commission will perform a second analysis and, if additional funds are available, will inform the COC. The COC Chair shall publish the grant application form and the timeline for consideration to the ANC 6A website with grant applications being accepted at least twice a year. The COC may issue additional notices of grant opportunities based on the availability of funding.

#### I. Process

##### A. Eligibility

Only 501(c)(3) organizations based within the geographic boundaries of ANC 6A or those organizations which directly serve the community of ANC 6A may apply for funding. The applicant must propose to provide services, public in nature, that will benefit persons who live, work, learn, play or gather within the Commission boundaries and that do not duplicate those services already performed by DC government.

##### B. Applications

Applicants must include a written grant application; detailed description of the proposed project and public benefits; and detailed budget, statement of the total costs of the project, and other sources of funding.

Applications must be received by the COC Chair at least seven (7) days prior to action for approval/denial of application. A representative of the potential grantee organization must appear at the COC meeting when the grant request is first made, and then must appear at the Commission meeting when the grant application is considered.



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### II. Community Support

In an effort to support applications by 501(c)(3) organizations of all sizes and types, the COC is permitted to provide technical assistance regarding specific grant applications. On an annual basis, the COC shall consider ways to encourage non-traditional organizations, new organizations, and minority-led organizations to apply for grants.

### III. Financial Reporting Requirements

#### A. Required Documentation

Payment of grant awards will be supported by documentation, including vouchers, grant request letter or proposal, completed grant application form, receipts from the recipient organization detailing its expenditures, minutes of the meeting in which the Commission approved the grant and any other supporting information that may be required by the OANC or the DC Auditor.

#### B. Timetable for Financial Reporting

All funds granted must be used in a manner consistent with the grant application approved by the Commission. Within sixty (60) days after a grantee receives the grant award, the grantee must forward to the Commission a statement as to the use of the funds as described below:

- 1) For grantees that have expended all funds -- provide receipts totaling the grant amount.
- 2) For grantees that have not expended all funds - provide a status report. Every month thereafter, the applicant should submit a status report until the funds are exhausted.

#### C. Failure of Grantee to Comply

Should a grantee fail to comply with Commission requirements or should it become known to the Commission that the grantee failed to comply with DC or federal requirements related to receipt and use of a grant the Commission may, at its sole discretion, refuse to provide future funding to the grantee.



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# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

## Code of Conduct

### Revision History

Name	Date	Reason for Changes
Laura Gentile	December 12, 2021	Original



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### ANC 6A Code of Conduct

The ANC 6A Code of Conduct provides guidance and standards for ethical and respectful conduct between Commissioners, Committee members, local residents, and others who may participate in Commission meetings and activities.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

ANC 6A is committed to providing a safe, productive, and welcoming environment for all individuals who participate in its meetings, based on the full range of dimensions of diversity, including but not limited to: age, citizenship, disability, ethnicity, gender or gender identity, genetic information, national origin, physical appearance, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status or other characteristic (“personal characteristics”).

### Public Participation in Meetings & Communication Forums

Commission and Committee meetings and related forums (e.g., ANC listserv) allow for the collegial exchange of ideas and discussion of issues related to the ANC 6A community. Civil discourse that includes and acknowledges a diversity of opinions and experiences is vital. Inappropriate behavior of any kind, including personal attacks, will not be tolerated. All ANC 6A meetings and related online communication forums -- including online listservs and chats/Q&As associated with virtual meetings -- are intended to be safe spaces. Commissioners, Committee members, community members, and anyone else who may participate in an ANC meeting is expected to:

- Be respectful
- Listen actively
- Respect diversity, including communication differences
- Respect privacy of participants
- Be aware of language diversity
- Handle disagreement constructively

Personal attacks will not be tolerated.

## 2. KEY PRINCIPLES FOR COMMISSIONERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### 2.1 Integrity

Commissioners and Committee members will not place themselves under any obligation to any individual or organization that might reasonably be thought to influence them in the performance of their duties. Commissioners will not take any actions on a matter where they have a financial or personal conflict of interest.



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### 2.2 Leadership

Commissioners and Committee members will promote and support the key principles by example and to maintain and strengthen the public's trust and confidence in the integrity of the Commission.

### 2.3 Selflessness

Commissioners and Committee members have a duty to make decisions in the public interest.

### 2.4 Impartiality

Commissioners will make decisions on merit and in accordance with the ANC Oath of Office when carrying out public business. This means fairness to all; impartial assessment; considering only relevant matters and paying particular attention to those who have been historically under-represented and discriminated against by the government.

### 2.5 Accountability

Commissioners and Committee members are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and should consider issues on their merits, taking into account the views of others within the community and seeking out voices who do not have the power or accessibility to be present at every meeting.

### 2.6 Honesty

Commissioners and Committee members will abide by the Bylaws and guidelines outlined in the Standard Operating Procedures and the Code of Conduct.

## 3. GUIDE TO ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

3.1 If a Commissioner is unsure about the ethical issues around an action or decision, they should consider these five points:

- Is the decision or conduct lawful?
- Is the decision or conduct consistent with the Commission's Bylaws, Standard Operating Procedures, or Code of Conduct?
- What will the outcome be for the Commissioner, the Commission, and the community, especially for those underrepresented?
- Do the outcomes raise a conflict of interest or lead to private gain or loss at public expense?
- Can the decision or conduct be justified in terms of the public interest and would it withstand public scrutiny?

### Seeking advice



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3.2 Commissioners have the right to question any instruction or direction given to them that they think may be unethical or unlawful. If a Commissioner is uncertain about an action or decision, he or she may choose to seek advice from the ANC 6A Chair, the OANC, or any relevant Governmental organization.

#### 4. GENERAL CONDUCT OBLIGATIONS

##### General conduct

4.1 Commissioners must not conduct themselves in a manner that is likely to bring the Commission into disrepute. Specifically, Commissioners must not act in a way that

- contravenes the Commission's relevant administrative requirements and policies;
- is improper or unethical;
- is an abuse of power or otherwise amounts to misconduct;
- causes, comprises or involves intimidation, harassment or verbal abuse; or, involves prejudice in the provision of a service to the community.

4.2 Commissioners must act lawfully and honestly and must exercise a reasonable degree of judgment.

##### Fairness and equity

4.3 Commissioners must consider issues consistently, promptly and fairly. Commissioners must deal with matters in accordance with established procedures, in a non-discriminatory manner.

4.4 Commissioners must take all relevant facts available into consideration and have regard to the particular merits of each matter.

##### Harassment and discrimination

4.5 ANC 6A commits to create a community dedicated to the principles of equity and anti-discrimination and focused on supporting those who have been historically underrepresented and underserved by government decisionmakers.

4.6 Commissioners will not harass, discriminate against, use any language that is disparaging or support others who harass and discriminate against colleagues or members of the public. This includes, but is not limited to harassment and discrimination on the grounds of race, color, gender, sexuality, class, disability, religion, age, homelessness, national origin, or familial status.

4.7 Commissioners and Committee members are expected to speak up if they witness any injustice, discrimination or exclusion of anyone else.

4.8 Each Commissioner and Committee member shall attend, at least annually, an anti-racism training or presentation which may be offered by the DC Office of Human





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Rights or community-based organizations located in or serving ANC 6A. Documentation of such training shall be submitted to the Chair on an annual basis prior to the first meeting of the year. The Commission will consider paying for the cost of a trainer or training course. Any training would need to be pre-approved by the OANC.

### Public Comment

4.9 Commissioners in the course of their duties may provide comment regarding issues within their specific SMDs. However, only Commissioners that have been designated through official action by the Commission may publicly comment on or otherwise represent the official position of the Commission.

While it is recognized that Commissioners and Committee members, as residents of the community, have the right to publicly comment and enter into public debate on the political and social issues, they will take care to clarify that their views are personal and not representative of the official Commission.

Commissioners and Committee members will work to hear from as many constituents as possible, in particular those from communities that have been traditionally excluded or marginalized from government services and opportunities.

## **5. ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND COMMISSION RESOURCES**

5.1 The Chair and the Secretary, or Designee, must provide full and timely information to Commissioners to enable them to carry out their duties. Such information shall be made available to the public through the ANC 6A website unless prohibited by Federal or DC law, ANC 6A Bylaws, or if it contains personally identifying information of a constituent who has not provided permission.

5.2 Commissioners who provide any information to a particular Commissioner in the performance of their civic duties must also make that information available to other Commissioners who may request it.



## Consent Agenda



### Community Outreach Committee (COC)

- A. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A approve a resolution to increase the funding of Cure the Streets, the DC Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) and violence interrupters at large.

### Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

- A. **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A send a letter of opposition to BZA for special exception zoning relief under Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 902.1 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, and special exception zoning relief under Subtitle E § 5201, Subtitle E § 205.5, and Subtitle X § 902.1 from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4 to construct a third story and rear addition, and convert to a flat, an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit at 647 16th Street NE (BZA Case #20612) in the RF-1 zone.
  
- B. **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for special exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1 to construct a one-story, rear addition to an existing, attached, two-story with basement, principal dwelling unit at 909 Kent Place, NE (BZA Case #20652) in the RF-1 zone on condition that the applicant make best efforts to get letters of support from the neighbor to the west and a neighbor to the rear of the property. BZA Case scheduled for 03/23/2022 and 03/16/2022.



### ANC 6A RESOLUTION NO. 2022-00X

*Resolution regarding ANC 6A support increasing the funding of Cure the Streets, the DC Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) and violence interrupters at large*

**WHEREAS**, ANC 6A has led on criminal justice reform including passing a resolution in July 2021 support for all 90 recommendations of the DC Police Reform Commission.<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, on December 13, 2021 a representative of Cure the Streets (CTS), under the auspices of the DC Office of the Attorney General (OAG), spoke to ANC 6A Community Outreach Commission on the importance of violence interrupters in addressing gun violence.

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, there was a 14% increase in homicides, the highest overall number since 2003.

**WHEREAS**, Recommendation Section IV2(b) of the DC Police Reform Commission states “The Council should fund the strategic expansion of violence interruption initiatives, enabling these programs to serve more neighborhoods that experience elevated and/or quickly rising rates of gun violence. This expansion should occur in tandem with increasingly rigorous efforts to assess their effectiveness, understanding that programs of this kind can take five to seven years to mature and bear fruit. Expansion should also involve a concerted effort to reach more deeply into communities, forging new or stronger partnerships, including with faith-based organizations that for decades have been at the forefront promoting peace.”

**WHEREAS**, The report further states “in communities with elevated rates of gun violence, those risks also include violence by police—actual uses of force and the ever-present threat of police violence that many Black residents feel. Even as gun violence is increasingly understood as a public health problem occurring in epidemic proportions, it continues to drive and erroneously justify aggressive policing strategies and tactics that range from officers routinely pressuring boys and young men of color to lift their shirts and show their waistband, to adrenaline-fueled, confrontational encounters like the one that ended Deon Kay’s life at age 18.”

**WHEREAS**, the Report quotes sociologist Patrick Sharkey who has studied the steep decline in crime that followed the peak of violence in the 1990s, research that has captured attention nationally. In his retrospective look at cities around the country, Sharkey found that for every 10 new organizations formed to address violence and build stronger communities, there was a nine percent drop in the murder rate.

**WHEREAS**, according the DC Police Commission Report, there was an estimated 31.5% reduction in gun homicides citywide in Oakland; a 30% reduction in shootings in Philadelphia neighborhoods with some of city’s the highest levels of gun violence; 55% fewer deaths and hospital visits, and 43% fewer crimes in Richmond, California; and as much as a 50% reduction in gun injury rates in targeted New York City neighborhoods.

**WHEREAS**, the District now has a permanent agency to support community-based solutions to violence, the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) and a DC gun violence prevention coordinator (GVPC), a senior-level official reporting directly to the city administrator, and a gun violence emergency operations center (EOC).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://dccouncil.us/police-reform-commission-full-report/>



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**WHEREAS**, In DC today there are a variety of violence interruption initiatives. There are credible messengers funded through the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services who act as mentors and mediators to promote positive youth development and prevent violence. There are roving leaders affiliated with the Department of Parks and Recreation, and more than 40 faith organizations working through the East of the River Police Clergy Partnership to keep the peace. There are violence interrupters based in hospitals funded by the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG). The District also has two signature violence interruption initiatives: CTS operating in ten neighborhoods, and ONSE violence interrupters active in 25 sites.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC 6A urges the DC Council and Mayor to substantially increase funding of Cure the Streets, the DC Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) and other violence interrupter programs in the FY 2023 budget.

Attested by:

Amber Gove

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

January xx, 2022

This Resolution was approved by a vote of X-X-X on January 13, 2022 at a public meeting of ANC6A at which a quorum was present.



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January XX, 2022

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

Re: BZA Case No. 20612 (647 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on January 13th, 2022, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to oppose the request for the owners of 647 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NE. Specifically, the applicant seeks special exception zoning relief under Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 902.1 from The lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, and special exception zoning relief under Subtitle E § 5201, Subtitle E § 205.5, and Subtitle X § 902.1 from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4 To construct a third story and rear addition, and convert to a flat, an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.

The applicant owns an adjoining property to 647 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NE, and as shown in the attached photographs, the owner has allowed the properties to become trash-filled eyesores. Both properties have inadequate fencing and maintenance, which visually intrudes upon the character of the neighborhood, as shown in the attached photographs. Compounding these issues, the applicant failed to participate in the ANC review process, twice committing to attend zoning subcommittee meetings to review the project, and then failing to attend. This resulted in questions and comments about the project not being able to be addressed. Because of the poor condition of the other property, the applicants failure to participate in the ANC process forced us to assume the existing problems with these properties will continue.

ANC 6A asks that the Board of Zoning Adjustments afford great weight to the opposition of our community to the request for relief, and reject the applicants request for zoning relief.

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](mailto:amberanc6a@gmail.com) and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at [brad.greenfield@gmail.com](mailto:brad.greenfield@gmail.com).

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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January XX, 2022

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

Re: BZA Case No. 20652 (909 Kent Place, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on January 13th, 2022, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for the owners of 909 Kent Place, NE. Specifically, the applicant seeks special exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1 to construct a one-story, rear addition to an existing, attached, two-story with basement, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.

The design has taken measures to ensure that the addition is not visible from the street, 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 conditional on the development addressing potential drainage issues.

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](mailto:amberanc6a@gmail.com) and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at [brad.greenfield@gmail.com](mailto:brad.greenfield@gmail.com).

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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# Officer Reports - Treasurer



## ANC 6A Treasurer's Report January 2022

Period Covered 12/1/2021-1/13/2022

### Checking Account:

Opening Account Statement \$ 39,641.23

### Credits

None

### New Disbursements:

Irene Dworakowski (Webmaster/Agenda/Meetings December 2021 Services)	Check #2002	\$	765.89
Robb Dooling (Zoom Reimbursement)	Check #2003	\$	58.29
ANC Security Fund	Check #2004	\$	25.00

Total New Disbursements \$ 849.18

### Uncashed Checks

#1996, #1999, #2001 \$ 408.29

### Cashed Checks

\$ 10,628.75

Closing Available Checking Balance \$ 27,755.01

### Savings Account:

Balance Forward \$ 100.05

Receipts: Interest \$ -

Total Funds Available \$ 100.05

Closing Available Savings Balance \$ 100.05

### PETTY CASH SUMMARY

Balance Forwarded \$ 25.00

Total Funds Available \$ 25.00

Ending Balance \$ 25.00



# Officer Reports - Treasurer



## ANC 6A Quarterly Financial Report FY22 Q1

<b>Balance Forward (Checking)</b>		<b>\$23,198.77</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
District Allotment	\$5,445.56	
Interest	\$0.00	
Other	\$60.00	
Transfer from Savings	\$13,600.60	
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>\$19,106.16</b>
<b>Total Funds Available During Quarter</b>		<b>\$42,304.93</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>		
1. Personnel	\$0.00	
2. Direct Office Cost	\$0.00	
3. Communication	\$7,699.67	
4. Office Supplies, Equipment, Printing	\$276.00	
5. Grants	\$3,000.00	
6. Local Transportation	\$0.00	
7. Purchase of Service	\$237.37	
8. Bank Charges	\$48.27	
9. Other	\$1,049.25	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>\$12,310.56</b>
<b>Ending Balances: Checking</b>		<b>\$29,994.37</b>
<b>Savings</b>		<b>\$100.04</b>

Approval Date by Commission: \_\_\_\_\_

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.*



# Officer Reports - Treasurer



## ANC 6A Transactions FY22 Q1: Checking

Check	Date	Payee/Payor	Cat	Income	Expenses	Date Approved
	10/30/2021	check 1853 unrecorded 02/2019	9		\$450.00	
	10/30/2021	Unrecorded BOA deposit (02/2021)	D-O	\$60.00		
	10/31/2021	Unrecorded BOA fees to close acc	9		\$599.25	
	10/31/2021	Unrecorded BOA transfer to open	D-T	\$13,600.60		
	10/18/2021	District Allotment	D-A	\$5,445.56		
1987	10/25/2021	US Postal Service	4		\$176.00	10/14/2021
1988	10/25/2021	Irene Dworakowski	3		\$765.89	10/14/2021
1989	10/25/2021	Anna Tsauro	3		\$200.00	10/14/2021
1990	10/25/2021	Robb Dooling	7		\$58.29	10/14/2021
	11/2/2021	Bank Fee/Check Printing	8		\$48.27	11/2/2021
1991	12/8/2021	Irene Dworakowski	3		\$765.89	11/10/2021
1992	12/8/2021	Anna Tsauro	3		\$250.00	11/10/2021
1993	12/8/2021	Robb Dooling	7		\$58.29	11/10/2021
1994	12/9/2021	Irene Dworakowski	3		\$765.89	12/9/2021
1995	12/9/2021	Anna Tsauro	3		\$250.00	12/9/2021
1996	12/9/2021	Robb Dooling	7		\$58.29	12/9/2021
1997	12/9/2021	Anna Tsauro	7		\$62.50	12/9/2021
1998	12/9/2021	Capital Community News	3		\$4,452.00	12/9/2021
1999	12/9/2021	FedEx	4		\$100.00	12/9/2021
2000	12/9/2021	Christ City Church	5		\$3,000.00	12/9/2021
2001	12/19/2021	Anna Tsauro	3		\$250.00	12/9/2021

### ANC 6A Transactions FY22 Q1: Savings

Date	Payee/Payor	Cat	Deposit	Transfer/Fee
10/1/2021	Interest Earned	D-A		
11/1/2021	Interest Earned	D-A		
12/1/2021	Interest Earned	D-A		



## Committee Reports

### Community Outreach Committee (COC)



#### Minutes

### ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Regular Meeting - December 13 2021 Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

Quorum present.

**COC members present:** Roni Hollmon (Chair), Stephanie Thangavelu, Gladys Mack, Sarah Bell and Marc Friend

**COC members absent:** Jason Gresh

**Commissioners present:** Amber Gove, Mike Soderman

**Panelists:** Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen; Laura Marks, Chief of Staff, Ward 6 Councilmember; AUSA Magdalena Acevedo (5th); Christopher Wade, Community Outreach Specialist (1st and also covering 5th), Captain Tatjana Savoy, MPD 1D; Pranav Namda, Moms Demand Action; Ms. Thompson El, Co Chief, Cure The Streets; Naïké Savain, DC Justice Lab; Gary Zottoli, Defund MPD/Metro DSA

**Community members present:** Nicholas, Anonymous 1, Ijanezicki, Brainic, AAG Lauren Haggerty, Airt, Micheala F, Amy Daniels (USAID/Brazil) Carolyn's IPAD, Colleen Moss, Chris Laskowski, Kate Mitchell, Ameen, Kris Garrity, Amailia D, Lisa G, Roxanne Garris, Maureen Benitz, Sam Deluca

Councilman Allen gave an update on public safety. There is no one piece of legislation or budget to address the spectrum of issues involved in public safety. There are immediate interventions to be used when a neighborhood is experiencing violence. But there should also be focus on long-term issues. Most importantly, the global "we" needs to ask "why": Why did someone choose to have a gun in their hand in the first place? Why did the trauma exist? Why did the conflict exist that led to the harm and violence being done? If those questions are not asked, we stay on the same merry go round and continue to perpetuate a lot of the harm that takes place. In the last 2 years there has been an increase in gun violence, not just in DC, but around the region and the country. There is dialogue between the Chief of Police, violence prevention leadership, the Attorney General and the US Attorney's office which includes much discussion about statistics and metrics which are important factors; if you or a neighbor are the victim of a crime, it does not matter the statistics are. One area to be examined is a category called instant conflict. For example, two guys were playing flag football, jawing back and forth, and then it escalated and a gun is involved. Why could that situation not be deescalated before it got to that point? We have all the tools in the world once the trigger gets pulled to come in and intervene after the fact; in what ways are we trying to get ahead of things with early intervention? This area is where Mr. Allen believes the work is right now and where he would like to put resources. DC has had record investments in its violence prevention work, both through the Office of Neighborhood Safety Engagement and the Attorney General's Cure The Streets program.

Committee Member Marc Friend requested to hear more about youth legislation that has been introduced, especially since the Committee is looking at root causes and identifying how to support



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youth for whom this is their first crime and how can we really support them to set up for a better future.

Mr. Allen responded that there is pending and recent legislation. Areas under examination include: How do you ensure that, when a young person encounters law enforcement or the criminal justice system, that encounter is age appropriate and that the youth understands what is going on. We know that, for young people in particular, restorative justice models have a huge impact. The DC Attorney General's office is focused on this approach. Being able to use restorative justice, which brings the victim and the one who did the harm together to say what do justice and accountability look like. In many cases they can work together to find what justice and accountability mean. Using this process, we can look at the metrics afterwards and determine if this approach had an impact. In most of our restorative justice efforts, you can see a really successful program where young people do not go back and reoffend because that young person understands what harm was caused. For those not familiar with the DC criminal justice system, the DC elected Attorney General is the one who, for the most part, prosecutes children. The US Attorney's office, which is Federal, prosecutes most adults. Most cases are prosecuted in either DC Superior Court or District Court, both of which are Federal. DC local laws get prosecuted in Superior Court by federally appointed judges. After conviction, a DC resident gets put out into the Federal Bureau of Prisons and gets sent out across the country, disconnected from community and family; that creates another problem for reentry. Mr. Allen believes that the District as a government need to take back control of its system, but it will not happen overnight. One other program he addressed was the Youth Rehabilitation Act. If you have a process where a judge is asked to have a crystal ball on the front end to predict which youth shows promise (called a set aside), you are not going to get it right all the time. So DC completely changed that system to have the judge make the set aside on the back end, which creates a much stronger incentive for a young person to do rehabilitation and restorative justice work. What has been found, using data and evidence, is when a young person uses this method and is successful, they are likely not to ever reoffend. That allows that person to open the door to jobs and education.

Chair Roni Hollmon asked whether DC is really a sanctuary city if undocumented children who come into contact with the justice system are then picked up by ICE. Ms. Naike Savain of Dc Justice Lab gave the background on the issue. Councilman Allen said that the incident occurred because of a data breach and that the issue has now been resolved. He has worked with a coalition to determine how to stop ICE from getting into databases and DC jail. The Council has looked at legislation to ensure young people's information is not shared with other law enforcement agencies and are protected. Ms. Savain stated that there was legislation that was added to restrict when officers can come on school property to arrest young people.

Commissioner Amber Gove asked Mr. Allen what follow up or changes he or the Council are considering around the rise in traffic and getting the drivers that persist in speeding and endangering our community.

Mr. Allen answered that his daughter is in 4th grade and there is only one crosswalk between home and her school and while he trusts his daughter, he does not trust drivers. She has asked many times to walk to school by herself and he just cannot allow it. In that same crosswalk with his 5 year old, a car whipped around because they did not want to wait and had to come to a screeching halt after almost crushing us. DDOT has to design intersections, crosswalks, raised crosswalks, speed humps, speed tables, other tools to slow traffic and design them in a way that you cannot get up to fast.



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And then we need a system that has accountability. Mr. Allen sits on the Transportation Planning Board which includes elected officials from the District, Maryland and Virginia. DC has no tools or mechanisms to make Maryland or Virginia residents accountable for reckless driving and speeding in the District. It has been difficult to get consensus from Maryland and Virginia to have some type of reciprocity. Even DC has not made that a priority. The Council passed the Vision Zero law and are trying to get the Mayor to implement the whole thing. The Council is looking at further legislation

Commissioner Soderman stated that he believes that we do need to look at traffic calming from an engineering aspect and modifications that we can get into our streets, that reciprocity with our neighboring states is needed and that we need to have more enforcement. When you have people who are endangering us and know they are not going to get pulled over and they're not going to get a ticket for breaking the law, they are just going to keep doing it. All members of his four-person family have had near death experiences while either walking or biking in our community. He believes we need a multi prong approach and fair and equitable enforcement of our traffic laws.

Councilman Allen said he agreed but one of the questions the city has is who should write the citation. There are lots of studies and data collected that talk about the ways in which traffic stops are going to be disproportionate and inequitable. How do we want to see that stop made?

Chair Hollmon read the following question from the Q and A as follows: How is the community being educated on the causes of violence, and the psychodynamics of these issues, i.e. , the social political necessity of black criminality, poverty and crime, wealth and crime?

Mr. Allen responded that it is a huge question and he thinks conversations like these are a part of the way that happens. There may be some diversity of perspective on this panel but every single person on this panel wants to see a safe city. How we define justice, how we define accountability. He believes that public safety and justice are yoked together. We know we have a criminal justice system that disproportionately impacts our black neighbors and low income communities. These are not always comfortable conversations. The ANC and all of its constituents have significant roles to play. There is a police reform commission, for example, which laid out a wealth of recommendations around what that can look .

Gary Zottoli with the Defund MPD Coalition, which is a black led organization with 29 member organizations stated that over the last year, aside from the protests, the organization has been doing canvassing operations. They have been going door to door in Wards 4 and 5. The plan is to inform residents about what the Defund MPD Coalition is trying to do; which is push back against the constant increases to MPD's budget and find a way to reasonably reduce their budget. They are manning tables at public events, fairs, markets and political education events. They are also looking at looking at printing information to be placed in businesses and other community public spaces to inform the community about alternative policing programs, homeless services, behavioral services, domestic violence services, etc.

Naïké Savain, counsel for DC Justice Lab, which is a black-led policy advocacy organization, hopes to try to create community-driven data-supported evidence and racially just policies in DC. This is a major challenge. There is a powerful, deeply entrenched narrative that violations of the law must be met with punishment, prosecution, police and armed enforcement. There is less understanding or a collective sort of acknowledgement that policing is violence, state sponsored violence, that the



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community is okay with because it is violence done on our behalf. It is very difficult to get people to engage in this conversation about the socio-political necessity of black criminality. MPD is in control of all of its data. In September 2021, they released data for the last five years and there were over 60 violations of the law including among MPD officers. Those violations did not necessarily result in arrest or prosecution; the vast majority resulted in suspension and those officers are still on the street. Part of the challenge is unlearning the idea that “criminals” are just inherently bad rather than someone who made a mistake or made a bad decision at some point. She thanked Councilmember Allen for talking about investment, about root causes and for asking those questions. The community is not educated about what leads to people violating the law and what that actually means. People need to acknowledge that we are trading long term success for short term visible decision making. More police on the street is short term but it does not necessarily change our long term safety.

Christopher Wade, Community Outreach Specialist for the US Attorney’s Office, responded that it was a great question. The question reminded him of what he heard from a youth recently, that he felt 30% safe. The question is why. The US Attorney’s Office offers a program in schools called Youth Corps, which introduces 5th and 6th graders on the criminal justice system, the roles of the judge, the jury, the lawyers; the concept behind the program is to teach them conflict resolution. The US Attorney’s Office also provides a presentation on knowing your rights for returning citizens, who have had contact or experiences with law enforcement. It was discovered that the Office needed a youth program as well. Part of that program was a youth focus group to determine what they needed, Mr. Wade encouraged the focus group members to get to know the police, the community, to attend meetings like this and how to report if you have an encounter that you feel is inappropriate. Finally, the US Attorney’s Office has a Community Violence working group made up of community partners.

Pranav Namda of Moms Demand Action stated that he appreciated hearing these perspectives. What is driving the narrative that crime is surging and what is the impact of spreading this message that is used to push for more policing, more incarceration, more prosecution and the impact of those harmful and violent mechanisms. The idea that to fight violence we use systems of violence needs to be challenged.

Chair Hollmon read a question in Chat: Does Councilmember Allen believe policing is violence?

Councilmember Allen responded that it was not as black and white as that and gave two examples. While walking home with his daughter, he encountered a First District MPD officer standing at the intersection talking to people, that is not violence. Then he talked about Antwan Gilmore, who was sleeping in his car, was surrounded, then awoken, was startled, drove away, shot at and killed. That is violence. He also addressed an additional Chat question: Does he believe every crime has to be prosecuted? He gave an example of restorative justice. A child had stolen an iPad, the victim said she did not want the child prosecuted but wanted him to learn carpentry with her husband instead. Part of the distinction that is part of that hard conversation is interactions with the police are different for someone who looks like me versus Mr. Gilmore who was black.

Commissioner Soderman said that one thing that can be agreed on is the housing issue for all needs to be squared away in the city. There need to be the proper support services (mental health, substance abuse, financial) available. He asked how many vocational schools are left in the city? He





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offered examples of vocations that do not have any schools offering these trades, which can train those who are not college bound to be able to make a living wage so that they can live within our community and raise their families. He stated that the community needs to have reasonable and fair enforcement of the law because someone “does not look like me” should not be a factor as far as our encounters with law enforcement goes. We also need to have an adequate police force as long as all the other things.

AUSA Magdalena Acevedo stated that this has been a great conversation. She wanted the community to know that AUSA is not a part of the MPD. As mentioned by Mr. Wade, the US Attorney’s office has a number of justice initiatives, working on justice, working on whether everyone who does have a criminal case is treated fairly or whether that criminal case continues moving forward. There are several courts where the goal is not conviction but to provide services. They have an East of the River court, mental health court and there are large graduations when people receive the services that they need and are stabilized back into the community. There are times they receive files from the police and do not prosecute. They look to see not only if a crime was committed, but whether it would serve justice to continue and whether the person’s rights were violated in any way during the arrest. Since MPD and some other agencies use body-worn cameras, they can just review the film and decide if it’s something we want to support. If it is something that we can use as a teachable moment with MPD, we do that instead. She then gave an update on the January 6 prosecutions. As of the date of this meeting, they had charged 710 people in 46 states. In addition, they have done trainings on human trafficking, domestic violence, to child sex exploitation.

Mr. Wade shared that he is now able to conduct virtual classes with young men in the juvenile detention center. The purpose of the program is that when they are released, they do not go back to what they were doing. The program offers mock interviews to help with workplace development based on what their interests are and identifies what they want to do, what the barriers are and how we can overcome those barriers. He is looking forward to coordinating with Commissioner Soderman.

Commissioner Soderman stated that many people coming back to the community cannot get a job; if a person does the time, it should not count against them forever. How can that be fixed?

Councilmember Allen responded that it is a really hard question. The term collateral consequences is used to describe this. For many of the jobs people cited tonight you need a license. Previously, DC licenses could be denied for moral turpitude. DC changed the law last year which should open up pathways and have a meaningful impact.

Lashonia Thompson-El of Cure The Streets thanked everyone who had spoken. She supported the model of restorative justice. Ms. Thompson-El gave an overview of Cure The Streets, which has 6 sites in the city and requested that she be invited back to the Committee to make a presentation about her women’s reentry group, Through The Wire, at some future date.

Chair Hollmon read a Q&A question from Sam Deluca which reads as follows: When I attend events like this, I always hear everyone involved talk about the importance of restorative justice, the importance of breaking the cycle of violence, the limits of the police and preventing crime rather than reacting, etc. However the funding for non-police programs, everyone always says it supports, is a tiny drop in a bucket, there’s a disconnect here. How do you attend to address this and find reality in line with the rhetoric?



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Lashonia Thompson-El said that she wanted to say that the funding for Cure The Streets was increased and once expansion is complete, they will have a total of 10 sites with 5 in Ward 8.

Councilman Allen stated that he has put a million dollars into the DC budget into the restorative justice programs at the US Attorney's Office, put millions more in to expand the Leadership Academy with the neighborhood safety engagement office and expanded the pathways cohorts for the young men and women who come into that program. But it is a fight for every budget.

Chair Hollmon read a Chat question as follows: To what extent, if at all, does the AUSA consult the victims or families before deciding not to prosecute?

AUSA Acevedo responded they very much so attempted to contact all the victims or family in cases of violence, from simple assault up to homicide. Every other week, one of her duties is to contact victims of domestic violence from the day before. AUSA spends many hours speaking to the victims, not just about whether to prosecute or not, but what other services we can provide them to make them feel safer, to cover funeral costs, to connect them to other neighborhood associations.

Pranav Namda wanted to raise the point that a lot of time people coming out of jail are in the same state and that is important to recognize that many people come out worse. It is the trauma of being incarcerated especially for young people. He does not think any child is being served behind bars.

Gary Zottoli shared some of his life story and said that investment needs to be made in a city that looks out for each other that makes sure people have the things they need to remove the incentives that cause them to commit crime. Effort needs to be made to ensure people can afford to live in DC.

Naïké Savain shared some of the Chat conversations that had centered around police overtime and also said there are several pieces of legislation that would be helpful to move forward including the Restore Act.

Mr. Friend recommended ANC 6A approve a resolution in support of the Restore Act. Chair Hollmon seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Mr. Friend recommended ANC 6A approve a resolution to increase the funding of Cure the Streets, the DC Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) and violence interrupters at large. Commissioner Soderman seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Meeting adjourned 9:07 pm



**ANC 6A RESOLUTION NO. 2022-00X**

*Resolution regarding ANC 6A support for the Restore ACT*

**WHEREAS**, ANC 6A has led on criminal justice reform including passing a resolution in July 2021 indicating support for all 90 recommendations of the DC Police Reform Commission<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, DC Justice Lab has twice presented to the ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee on public safety reforms including most recently at the December 13th, 2021 Community Outreach Committee meeting on public safety.

**WHEREAS**, Of the 40,000 people who are arrested in DC each year, almost one-third are not prosecuted, yet these individuals still bear a criminal record. This is fundamentally unjust.

**WHEREAS**, An individual who has been arrested, cited, charged, and/or convicted in the District faces a uniquely challenging record sealing process. According to the Collateral Consequences Resource Center’s Reintegration Report Card, DC’s scheme ranks 40th in the nation, and the organization states that “ D.C. record relief laws are among the least generous in the Nation.”

**WHEREAS**, This onerous process has serious implications for individuals seeking employment and housing and disproportionately impacts Black residents who comprise 86% of people arrested in the District, 92% of people in jail, and 95% of people in prison serving DC Code sentences ([ACLU, 2019](#); [CCE, 2020](#))m yet only make up 46% of DC population..

**WHEREAS**, The RESTORE Act (the “Act”) was developed by DC Justice Lab and Councilmember Christina Henderson and is co-sponsored by Judiciary Chairperson and Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen and supported by the majority of DC Councilmembers.

**WHEREAS**, The Act was developed in consultation with returning citizens, defense attorneys, prosecutors, and local and national justice reform organizations. It carefully considers the practicalities of litigation and sequestration. It also accounts for due process considerations such as the need for access to exculpatory evidence in related criminal cases.

**WHEREAS**, the Restore Act provides clear definitions of record expungement and record sealing; provides a clear definition of the purposes for which a request to access or disclose records may be made; creates a framework for expungement upon written motion for non-convictions; facilitates automatic sealing for non-convictions; empowers the court, in its discretion, to seal records of felony convictions; eliminates disqualifying convictions as a barrier to seeking and obtaining relief; and places time limits on the court’s determination of motions to seal.

**WHEREAS**, If enacted, the Act would dramatically simplify the process for sealing or expunging a criminal record and significantly expand the number of people eligible for this relief.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://dccouncil.us/police-reform-commission-full-report/>



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**WHEREAS**, This legislation would have a widespread positive impact on the employment and housing prospects of the one in seven individuals currently living with publicly -available criminal records in Washington, D.C.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC 6A urges the DC Council to pass the RESTORE Act as soon as possible.

Attested by:

Amber Gove

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

January xx, 2022

This Resolution was approved by a vote of X-X-X on January 13, 2022 at a public meeting of ANC6A at which a quorum was present.



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No report. ABL did not meet in December 2021.



## Committee Reports Transportation and Public Space (T&PS)



### Minutes

#### ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 7:00 pm Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- I. Call meeting to order: 7:05 pm
- II. Introductions & Announcements.  
Committee members present: Maura Dundon (Chair), Jeff Fletcher, Caitlin Rogger  
Commissioners present: Keya Chatterjee, Robb Dooling, Amber Gove, Mike Soderman
- III. Old Business
  - A. Update on speed hump installation near Miner Elementary School. (TSI No. 21-00433855)  
Andrew DeFrank, Community Engagement Specialist, District Department of Transportation (DDOT) stated that this matter has been referred to the Safe Routes to School team. There is no work order in yet.
  - B. Update on traffic calming at N.W. corner of Lincoln Park (11th Street/Massachusetts Avenue/East Capitol Street) (TSA# 21-00095472).  
Andrew DeFrank and Will Handsfield of DDOT discussed flexi-posts that have been installed on 11th Street between Massachusetts Avenue and East Capitol Street as a traffic-calming and safety measure. Commissioner Soderman stated that this is not a permanent fix. TPS Chair Maura Dundon observed some driver confusion with the new traffic pattern. Mr. DeFrank stated that drivers become accustomed to the pattern and that it was similar to other successful solutions DDOT has installed to “channelize” traffic. Chair Gove engaged the DDOT representatives about additional improvements, including enlarging the pedestrian islands and removing lanes of traffic. Mr. Handsfield stated that his team can remove lanes of traffic. Mr. DeFrank stated that larger projects (like the scale of Maryland Avenue) are more complicated “capital projects.” He stated that there is no specific process to initiate a capital project but a resolution from the ANC and working with DC Councilmembers would be a possible step for the ANC. There was additional discussion about the role of the National Park Service (NPS) in a Lincoln Park project. NPS does not control the roadways and medians around Lincoln Park, according to Mr. DeFrank.

Mr. DeFrank also discussed DDOT’s new TSI process. He stated that residents may now fill out 311 forms online and do not have to initiate TSIs using the old form. The 311 should be limited to a specific block or intersection. After the 311 is filed, DDOT reviews the issue. DDOT then replies to the resident about its determination (about 130 business days after the 311 is filed). The 311 is formally closed at that point (regardless of whether DDOT decides to take action or not.) If DDOT decides to take action involving parking or traffic control, it must then go through the Notice of Intent (NOI) process, which includes giving notice and opportunity to comment to the public and affected ANC. Other actions, such as speed humps, right and left turn hardening, can be taken by DDOT without an NOI. The 311 requests are all now tracked on the DDOT dashboard, at

<https://dcgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=6ad1d55bdcb2460c9afb3b6e79ee061c&folderid=453ee9fa70854c898c9f5095096c702c>.



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There was discussion about the new system and ways to improve it for increased utility, such as automatic copies being sent to the ANC representative for the Single -Member District in which the 311 issue is located.

#### IV. New Business

- A. Presentation on 8th St. NE bus lanes (Yohannes Eagle Bennehoff, Transportation Planner, DDOT)  
Mr. Bennehoff attended the meeting to discuss DDOT's plans to facilitate bus transportation on 8th Street NE (from Florida Avenue to East Capitol Street) as part of the DDOT Bus Priority Program. He clarified that DDOT is in the initial stages of project development and has not yet determined a design concept. Various options are under consideration, including dedicated bus lanes, bump-outs for boarding, "queue jumps" for busses to reduce congestion, and traffic signal priority for buses.

Mr. Bennehoff presented a PowerPoint describing the project. He stated that DDOT is actively reaching out to neighbors along 8th Street NE and welcomes all input emailed to: [buspriority@dc.gov](mailto:buspriority@dc.gov). DDOT will return to present to the ANCs when they have a design concept.

- B. Maryland Avenue Project - Removal of parking and bike lane on 1400 block of Maryland Avenue NE; joint punch-list letter with ANC 6C.

Will Handsfield (DDOT) was present to discuss the removal of the bike lane and resident parking on the 1400 block of Maryland Avenue NE. He stated that he will work with the ANC and residents to restore parking and offered to schedule a meeting with residents in January 2022.

Residents of the block commented on the need to restore parking for elderly and disabled residents. Commissioner Robb Dooling supported the need to restore the parking, which had been removed without notice.

TPS Chair Dundon stated that ANC 6C was not yet ready with the punch-list of items for the Maryland Avenue project, and that it would be added to a future agenda.

- C. Traffic calming at 8th Street NE/Constitution Avenue NE/Massachusetts Avenue NE (TSI# 21-00515696)

This item was tabled because information about the TSI was not available.

- D. Traffic calming at corner of 14th Street and Tennessee Avenue NE and at corner of E Street and Tennessee Avenue NE. TSI forthcoming.

This item was tabled because information about the TSI was not available.

#### V. Additional Community Comment

A resident commented that she is unable to get action on a request she submitted about no -parking signage around Miner Elementary School. Commissioner Amber Gove stated that school zone parking is overseen by the Department of Public Works (DPW) and she would assist the resident in contacting DPW.

#### VI. Adjourn meeting



## Committee Reports Economic Development and Zoning Committee



### MINUTES

ANC 6A Economic Development & Zoning Space Committee Meeting  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm

#### **Present:**

Members: Brad Greenfield (Chair), Mike Cushman, Sam DeLuca, Jake Joyce, Roberta Shapiro,  
Commissioners: Laura Gentile (6A05), Sondra Phillips-Gilbert (6A07), Michael Soderman (6A03)

Brad Greenfield chaired the meeting.

#### **Community Comment**

None

#### **Previously Heard Cases**

Mr. Greenfield summarized previously heard cases.

- 820 Constitution Avenue NE -- Historic review of the proposed construction of a two-story accessory building at the rear of the property. Committee recommended approval with no conditions and Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) subsequently approved.
- 628 9<sup>th</sup> Street NE—Committee recommended and ANC affirmed request for lot occupancy variance and exception to rear yard set aside.
- 248 Street NE-Previously heard case recommended by this Committee and by ANC. Subsequently project did receive BZA approval.

#### **Announcements**

Office of the DC Attorney General previously acted as in-house counsel for Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) and Zoning Commission. The BZA and Zoning Commission have elected to take over these roles internally. Attorney General's Land Use Office will be redeployed to assist ANCs with land use issues, especially affordable housing. ANC 6A, 6B, 6C will collaborate on a session to advise and learn about this change. The session is scheduled for January 26, 2022.

#### **Committee Procedures**

Chairman Brad Greenfield noted that the formal notice of this meeting had gone out one day late and that therefore this meeting would be treated as an informal meeting and any recommendations would have to be proposed as actual motions for consideration by the full ANC.

Mr. Greenfield also noted that, due to poster supply constraints, posters announcing this meeting had only gone up on Monday prior to the meeting. He emphasized that the applicants were cooperative and compliant in posting. Therefore, Mr. Greenfield moved to suspend the EDZ Committee's poster requirement for this meeting only and to proceed with the informal EDZ meeting. Commissioner Mike Soderman seconded the motion.

Committee Member Mike Cushman opposed the motion and expressed concerns that the community should consistently receive adequate notice and have opportunities to respond to proposed project. He expressed concerns that community input could be disadvantaged by inconsistencies in the notice process.

Mr. Greenfield responded that because the EDZ recommendations would be informal, community members would have approximately two months to respond prior to the ANC meeting at which the





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recommendations would be considered and additional time before the BZA meeting. A discussion followed in which several Committee Members/Commissioners affirmed their support for moving forward with informal consideration of the properties on the agenda, noting the significant amount of time available for additional community comment.

**The motion to suspend the poster requirement for this meeting and to proceed with an informal EDZ meeting was called and passed 7-1.**

Mr. Cushman then asked to make a motion that someone other than Mr. Greenfield take the notes for the meeting. Committee Member Roberta Shapiro noted that she had already been asked to assume the minute-taking task. **Mr. Greenfield accordingly tabled the proposed motion.**

### Old Business

1. **647 16<sup>th</sup> Street NE (BZA Case #20612):** Request for special exception zoning relief under Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 902.1 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, and special exception zoning relief under Subtitle E § 5201, Subtitle E § 205.5, and Subtitle X § 902.1 from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4 to construct a third story and rear addition, and convert to a flat, an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone. BZA Case scheduled for 02/09/2022.

The request was tabled in November 2021 because neither the owner nor any representative of the project was present to represent the request for relief. It appeared that no one was available to represent the project at this meeting as well. An effort was made to ensure that a “call in” participant in the meeting was not a representative of 647 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

Once assured that no representative was present, Mr. Greenfield put forth a motion for the Committee to oppose the relief request. Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert seconded. It was noted that the owner would have the opportunity to ask the ANC and BZA for a delay of the request for relief and could come back to the Committee for future consideration.

A discussion ensued in which several Committee Members, the relevant Commissioner and neighbors expressed concerns about the project based on the current status of the property, including trash, rodents, dumping, lack of fencing, etc. It was reported that there were prior citations by the City for these issues. Accordingly, questions were raised about the ability of the applicant to manage the project in a manner that was respectful of the neighbors and the community given the ongoing maintenance issues and the lack of engagement with the Committee. Mr. Greenfield noted that the applicant had failed to participate in two EDZ meetings and still had a BZA case pending; as a matter of precedent the EDZ should oppose relief requests in that situation. Questions were also raised as to how a property, which is now a symmetrical duplex, could accommodate the proposed modifications on one side, given the differences in scope and scale on the two sides of the current structure that would result.

**Mr. Greenfield moved and Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert seconded the motion that the ANC oppose the request for relief.. The motion to recommend opposing the request for relief for 647 16<sup>th</sup> Street was called and was approved unanimously by a vote of 8-0.**

Committee Member Jake Joyce requested that the letter summarizing the Committee’s recommendation document the major concerns expressed and rationale for the recommendation.

### New Business



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Mr. Greenfield requested permission to swap the order of consideration of the requests, allowing 909 Kent Street NE to be considered first, leaving the final, open block of time for 308 11<sup>th</sup> Street NE.

1. **909 Kent Place, NE (BZA Case #20652):** Request for special exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1 to construct a one-story, rear addition to an existing, attached, two-story with basement, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone. BZA Case scheduled for 03/23/2022 and 03/16/2022.

Mr. Shawn Buehler, the architect, represented the project on behalf of the owners, Chelsea and Kevin Blake. He provided a brief PowerPoint overview of the project which consists of a modest first floor only extension to the rear of the existing single-family house and which would bring lot occupancy to 67.5%.

Mr. Buehler noted that both adjacent neighbors had signed notification letters re: the proposed project. He noted that the house to the west extends beyond the proposed addition and the neighbor to the east has signed a letter of support. Mr. Buehler noted that there were no known neighbor issues and that there would be no deleterious impacts on adjacent properties in terms of lighting, privacy, or overall use and enjoyment. He noted that neighbor privacy might even be improved due to exclusive use of rear facing windows and as a result of removal of the deck with conversion of the yard to being at grade.

Committee questions focused on the type of facing materials proposed for the addition (hardie board) and also the materials used on adjacent properties (aluminum and hardie siding). Questions also focused on whether there were letters of support from the neighbors to the west and to the rear.

There were no community members with questions or comments.

Mr. Greenfield put forth a motion to recommend approval of the project with a best effort to obtain letters of support from the neighbor to the west and from at least one neighbor to the rear. He clarified that the “best effort” standard required only a reasonable attempt but not actually securing these letters as a condition for the recommendation. Ms. Shapiro seconded the motion.

**The motion to recommend the relief sought for 909 Kent Place NE, on the condition that best efforts to acquire neighbor letters of support, was approved unanimously 8-0.**

2. **308 11<sup>th</sup> Street NE (HPRB Case #20-390):** Historic review of the construction of an existing one-story garage to be rebuilt and expanded into a two-story carriage house, and the third-floor addition and roof deck at main house. The case is likely to appear on the agenda for January 27, 2022 Historic Preservation Office (HPO) meeting.

This case is a request for historic review approval of a property which previously came before the EDZ for a recommendation to the ANC and BZA. Despite some community concerns, the EDZ had recommended approval of the relief sought, which was approved by the ANC and BZA.

Jennifer Fowler, the architect, was present to represent the homeowners and made a presentation on behalf of the project. It was also noted that there were community members present who had asked to address the project.



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Ms. Fowler noted that the project had received BZA approval but that they were waiting for the formal written order which frequently takes some time to be issued. She indicated that tonight's presentation focused on the pending Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) review of the project, which consists of replacement of the current one-story garage with a two-story garage/carriage house and, also, a partial third floor addition to the main house. Ms. Fowler noted that the plans for the third-floor addition had recently been revised, narrowing the addition on the south side. She also noted that the addition plans had been modified so that the addition does not begin until the "dogleg," which is located more towards the rear of the house. The planned addition would extend over the existing sunroom space (which would be reconstructed). Also, the addition would be narrowed, allowing space between the wall of the addition on the south and the neighboring building (306 11<sup>th</sup> Street). She noted that there is no change in the footprint of the main house. The third-floor addition, reached by a spiral staircase is intended as a small bedroom or flex space with a half bath, and with a 16-foot deep roof deck recessed from the front of the house. The rebuilt sunroom and addition would be sided with hardie board and have new windows. She also noted that she believed recent changes in requirements would allow a more open deck railing design, versus parapet walls.

Ms. Fowler noted that the project currently was under a "stop-work order" and that she had been brought on to help get the project through the process, including permitting the previously excavated cellar space. She noted that the main house is currently gutted.

Ms. Fowler stated that there were no changes to the garage/carriage house design as previously presented. She noted that the alley façade was brick faced and included two frosted glass windows as previously requested by neighbors.

In response to a question re: the view from the east side of 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Ms. Fowler indicated that there would be a partial view of the addition from an upper floor window across the street, but that the flag study indicated no visibility from street level, except possibly some limited visibility from C Street over the alley [located to the south of 306 11<sup>th</sup> Street]. In response to a question re: the visibility of the deck railing, Ms. Fowler noted that the railing should not be visible as it is only approximately three feet tall and would be recessed into the attic space, further lowering the profile. She also indicated that she did not believe a person standing at the railing would be visible.

Ms. Fowler provided examples of other third story/deck additions in the neighborhood, including two in 200 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Street, as well as several two story carriage houses, including one, further to the north, on the west side of the same alley as 308 11<sup>th</sup> Street. She clarified that the remainder of the garages were probably originals on the alley. She noted that the planned brick façade is designed to fit with the current nature of the alley. And that the north and south party walls of the garages will not be demolished.

Questions re: possible tree removal were raised. However, it was pointed out that tree preservation was not part of the HPRB process. The owner of 308 11<sup>th</sup> Street joined the discussion and indicated that the tree is shared and that there that not been any discussion of removal.

Mary Joy Ballantyne (neighbor at 306<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Street) indicated that the tree is a protected "Heritage Tree."

Ms. Ballantyne presented on behalf of a group of approximately 40 neighbors who have concerns about the proposed project. These neighbors average 20 years of residency in community and



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stressed their enjoyment of their largely unaltered historic block. Ms. Ballantyne stressed that the neighbors do not oppose development in general as long as it supports historic nature of the block. She cited the unique historic continuity of the 300 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Street, including the seven identical, contiguous Federal Front Porch homes with no pop-ups and no additions to original garages on east side of alley. She noted the one two story garage is on the west side of alley, replaced an existing 13-foot garage and is not a true full accessory dwelling unit. She stressed the differences between the 200 and 300 blocks of 11<sup>th</sup> Street and stressed the unaltered nature of the houses and garages on the west side on the 300 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

Also, Ms. Ballantyne showed a mockup which neighbors constructed and which she indicated demonstrates that the walls of the proposed addition will be visible from C Street. Ms. Ballantyne showed computer simulations that she asserted demonstrated “scale issues,” specifically the doubling of the height and tripling of volume of the proposed carriage house relative to the historic garages.

Ms. Ballantyne also suggested that no other house in the group of seven would be allowed to have a pop-up addition because 308 11<sup>th</sup> Street is classified as having a “cellar,” while the other six are classified as having “basements.”

Finally, she asserted that the project will do nothing to address affordable housing supply because the project is now being considered as a one-unit single family home. Finally, she noted that the Capitol Hill Restoration Society had recently changed its opinion on this project.

Ms. Ballantyne closed by indicating “we do represent the overwhelming voice of our neighborhood, and we urge the Committee to preserve our unique historical integrity of this block, by not recommending support the project as proposed.”

Questions and discussion followed including questions about the precedent set by existing two-story carriage house on the west side of the alley. Ms. Ballantyne responded that there were differences in the east and west sides of the alley and that the existing two-story garage was also further north on the alley compared to the seven historic garages on the east side.

A related question was raised why there was no opposition when the two-story carriage house on the west side of the alley when it was approved in 2018. Ms. Ballantyne suggested that they may not have received notification re: the project on the west side of the alley. Mr. Cushman reinforced his concerns about how important the notice provisions are. Mr. Greenfield noted that this case was heard before the EDZ and the ANC at the time, and they would also have gotten mailed notices that are part of the BZA process.

A concern was raised about several changes in the project, e.g., from two units to now one, and whether the plans would change again.

A question was raised requesting clarification re: the assertion that of the seven contiguous homes only 308 11<sup>th</sup> Street could add an additional floor because of the cellar vs. basement distinction. Ms. Ballantyne confirmed this was her understanding. Ms. Fowler emphasized that the measurements leading to this distinction for 308 11<sup>th</sup> Street were certified by a licensed surveyor and that there was a determination letter from the Zoning Office.

A question was raised re proximity of other homes with third floors cited by Ms Fowler.. Ms. Fowler noted several homes were nearby, on the 200 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Ms. Fowler also added



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that it was her understanding that CHRS had found the project compatible and noted that the Computer Simulation offered by Ms. Ballantyne was inaccurate.

Neighbors to the north echoed opposition based on historic perspective and stressed that this is the last chance to preserve the historic symmetry and character of the group of seven homes.

Two neighbors emphasized that they believed that the addition would be visible from their homes and that people bought in the historic district with the understanding that they would have to abide by limitations.

Several committee members and commissioners praised the design of the project, and the attempt to fit the design to the current homes on the block, with the obvious exception of the height.

In further discussion, some committee members indicated that they were more comfortable with the garage than with the addition to the main house, especially given the precedent of the carriage house further down the block. However, some members felt that the setback mitigated concerns about the main house addition and indicated that there were precedents of for such additions in adjacent blocks. It was also noted that the structure was not higher than allowed and was not visible from the sidewalk.

Commissioner Laura Gentile, the Single Member District (SMD) Commissioner for this district, added that there had also been individuals who had contacted her in support of the project.

Mr. Cushman urged that garages be deemed eligible for historic review and designation. A general discussion of how alleys are viewed currently versus historically ensued.

Ms. Shapiro requested clarification re: voting on the project as a whole versus voting on the garage and main house addition separately. Mr. Greenfield said that it would need to be voted on as one issue but that theoretically there could be recommended alternations to one part of the project or the other. Mr. Cushman clarified that the EDZ also could vote to offer no opinion.

**Mr. Greenfield offered a motion that the ANC support the request for HPRB relief. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Soderman. The motion was approved 5-2.**

**Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:  
Wednesday, January 19, 2022  
7:00-9:00 pm  
Zoom information to be posted on ANC 6A Website**



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January XX, 2022

Ms. Marnique Heath, AIA Chair  
Historic Preservation Review Board  
Office of Planning  
1100 Fourth Street, SW, Suite E650  
Washington, DC 20024

Re: HPA 20-390 (308 11<sup>th</sup> Street, NE)

Dear Ms. Heath,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the design of the proposed construction of an existing one-story garage to be rebuilt and expanded into a two-story carriage house, and the third-floor addition and roof deck at main house in the Capitol Hill Historic District at 308 11<sup>th</sup> Street, NE. The design has taken measures to ensure that the addition is not visible from the street, and it will not disrupt the historic character of 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 [philanc6a@gmail.com](mailto:philanc6a@gmail.com) and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at [brad.greenfield@gmail.com](mailto:brad.greenfield@gmail.com).

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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January X, 2022

Mayor Muriel Bowser  
1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Re: ANC 6A Requests for Violence Prevention and Questions on The Havana, 1219 K St NE

Dear Mayor Bowser,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>11</sup> on January 12, 2022, our Commission voted x-x-x (with x Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that the building at 1219 K St NE (The Havana) be cited for a number of housing code violations with follow up to ensure timely abatement; to request information about this property from relevant agencies across DC government; and to request meaningful violence prevention efforts for the area within and surrounding 8th St NE and 13th St NE, between K St and Florida Ave NE.

The frequency of gunfire on K St NE has increased dramatically in the past year, resulting in children being afraid to walk to their in-boundary school, J.O. Wilson, at 7th and K St NE. Over 20 rounds were fired into two homes at 9th and K St NE around 6 pm on December 15, 2021. One to two rounds of gunfire occur multiple times a week in this corridor. In addition to the MPD-assigned cameras and lights placed in the community, we request a public health approach to this health and safety crisis, and request the assignment of violence prevention coordinators to this corridor. The violence we are experiencing is due to the failure of multiple DC agencies and we would like to avoid a singular, reactive, or harmful over-reliance on law enforcement. Instead, we would like to see a cross agency effort to get at the root cause of the violence and support the community until we experience reduced violence.

We also request that efforts be undertaken to abate unsafe and unsanitary living conditions at the Havana, which we believe to contribute to incidents of crime and gun-violence in the vicinity, and that the owner must be cited for housing code violations. There are a number of laws and regulations that are regularly violated and multiple agencies are failing residents by allowing the deplorable conditions at the Havana to persist. We understand that 100% of the residents of the Havana's are recipients of different housing voucher programs, with at least some residents self-reporting that they receive Rapid Re-Housing vouchers. The building residents have reported horrific living conditions since the spring of 2021, which have been reported to DC agencies and which we detail further below. The building is a five-story, 50-unit structure, but the fifth floor is "vacant," and has not been secured by the owner. That top floor has become the site of illegal and unsalutary activities, including drug use, vandalism, and open defecation. At least two shooting incidents in the last 8 months have involved individuals at the address. For example, on April 20th 2021, on two separate occurrences that same night multiple rounds of gunfire were aimed at the Havana, with at least one person coming out from the Havana and returning fire. In

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addition, MPD has alerted us that a missing person was tracked to the Havana on the fifth floor that is supposed to be vacant. There is no question that the property is a public nuisance, and that the District should take immediate action to remediate the conditions for the safety of the residents and the surrounding community.

On September 3, 2021, representatives from MPD, DCRA, DC FEMS, DPW, DDOT, ONSE, and other agencies, coordinated by Kevin Pham from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations, participated in a walk through of the neighborhood surrounding this property and were alerted to the dangerous conditions by neighbors and residents. At that time, a resident relayed a number of the issues documented below, which constitute housing code violations, to a representative from DCRA. Since that time, we understand that DPW may have issued a citation to the owner of the Havana for the piles of trash and mattresses that had accumulated at the parking garage entrance, but we are not aware of DCRA conducting any further inspections or issuing any citations, and unfortunately, the situation has deteriorated. The Fire Marshall has regularly posted violation citations since the spring of 2021, and based on the September meeting, the Fire Marshall clearly had not coordinated with DCRA to alert the agency of any operational deficiencies or housing violations. After multiple requests from the ANC Commissioner Chatterjee, Councilmember Allen, and MPD Captain Savoy, DCRA was finally scheduled to do an inspection on January 4, 2022. However, that inspection was canceled because of inclement weather and was supposed to occur a week later, but it has not yet been scheduled to our knowledge.

The housing provider is receiving 100% of his rents from DC and Federal voucher programs and continuously fails to maintain the building to ensure the residents' safety and dignity. These are substandard living conditions in a brand new building, and based on resident feedback, no one would pay their own money to live there. We support the City's efforts to house its vulnerable residents and welcome them in our neighborhood, but we urge your administration to examine the consequences of permitting a private housing provider to fill a 50-unit apartment complex exclusively with voucher holders without comprehensive supportive services to the residents and assistance to a building owner who is overwhelmed and not able or willing to maintain a safe environment. Just a few blocks from the Havana, we have a relatively well-maintained affordable housing building at The Baldwin at 1300 H St NE, developed by an experienced affordable housing developer and property manager, Dantes Partners/Faria Management. One model is working and the other is not.

Below is a list of tenant-expressed concerns with associated regulations in the appendix to this letter.

1. Lack of secure exterior doors and an insecure vacant floor
  - a. The unoccupied 5<sup>th</sup> floor, which has been locked but which non-residents use all manner of tools to unlock and do whatever they will in, including urination, defecation, sex, and drugs.
  - b. Smells of urine and feces when heat is turned on (coming from the 5<sup>th</sup> floor) and lack of heating altogether in some units, with temporary space heaters provided.





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- c. Defecation in stairwells.
- d. Unlocked front and back doors & general use of premises by non-residents, including high school-aged youth, for unlawful/unsanitary purposes.
2. Other health and safety concerns
  - a. Gunfire inside the building and outside the building
  - b.
  - c. Missing persons tracked to the fifth floor of the building
  - d. Individuals sleeping/passed out in hallways and common areas
  - e. Drugs frequently left in common areas
  - f. Broken/unusable elevator
  - g. Overflowing trash and lack of adequate trash containers to service demand.
  - h. Illegal parking in rear of building, which is not managed and blocks entrances, trash removal, and adjacent property access.

The residents of the Havana are some of the District's most vulnerable, but the City is funneling scarce affordable housing resources to a slumlord, endangering the very people voucher programs are intended to help. While the City enriches this individual, the Havana's residents and the surrounding community must endure the health and safety consequences of living in and around a public nuisance.

Given these serious concerns, we are writing to request that immediate action is taken and to request answers to the following questions:

1. Why is it possible for the building to be rented when an entire floor is uninhabitable and cannot be safely maintained?
2. How many times in the last 12 months has MPD responded to calls associated with the site, and for what purposes?
3. How many, if any, arrests or search warrants have been associated with the location?
4. How many times in the last 12 months has FPD responded to calls associated with the site and for what purposes?
5. From what city agencies has the owner received fines and citations, what are the dollar amounts, and have they been paid?
6. Why has it taken 5+ months to get DCRA to inspect the premises?
7. How much money did the District pay the housing provider in 2021? What is the monthly voucher rate he's currently receiving? What types of vouchers are being used and in what quantities?
8. How many buildings in the city are entirely voucher-occupied?
9. Do the agencies responsible for issuing vouchers exercise any oversight over the housing conditions of the housing providers who receive vouchers? If not, why not? If so, how do voucher recipients avail themselves of the agency's services and what are the standard operating procedures when such a complaint is received?
10. Are housing providers who receive vouchers subject to any greater scrutiny or conditions beyond those to which a non-voucher provider is subject? If not, why not?



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Many thanks for your attention to these matters.  
Sincerely,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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Christine Davis, Interim Director of DPW  
Laura Zeilinger, DHS  
Robert Contee, Police Commissioner  
Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6  
Councilmember Elissa Silverman, At-Large  
Councilmember Robert White, At-Large  
Councilmember Brianne Nadeau, Ward 1  
Councilmember Anita Bonds, At-Large  
Council Chair, Phil Mendolson  
Representative Eleanor Holmes-Norton



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### Appendix 1: Relevant Housing Code Provisions from Title 14 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations:

- 700.2 Every premises accommodating one (1) or more habitations shall be maintained and kept in repair to provide decent living accommodations for the occupants.
- 705.5 Each exterior door, when closed, shall fit reasonably well within its frame and shall be equipped with a lock which will permit easy egress without a key but will prevent entrance to the multi-unit dwelling without a key unless the door is opened from the inside, electrically or otherwise, by one (1) of the tenants or by an employee of the building owner.
- 800.1 All premises occupied for residential purposes shall be kept in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition, including, but not limited to, the requirements of this chapter.
- 800.2 Floors, floor coverings, and other walking surfaces shall be clean and free of dirt, dust, filth, garbage, human or animal wastes, litter, refuse, or any other insanitary matter.
- 800.6 Other portions of each premise which are not specifically listed in this section shall be kept clean, and in a safe and sanitary condition.
- 800.8 The owner of any premises shall maintain the premises free of any condition that may render the premises unhealthy or unsanitary for the occupant, the neighborhood or the community at large pursuant to An Act To provide for the abatement of nuisances in the District of Columbia by the Commissioners of said District, and for other purposes, approved April 14, 1906 (34 Stat. 114, ch. 1626; D.C. Official Code §§ 42-3131, *et seq.* (2010 Repl. & 2011 Supp.)).
- 800.9 Premises maintained in violation of this chapter create a danger to the health, welfare or safety of the occupants and public, and, constitute a public nuisance.
- 1205.1 The owner of any apartment building or a house consisting of five (5) or more floors which contains one (1) or more elevators shall maintain the elevators in good working order.



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January XX, 2022

Mayor Muriel Bowser  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mayor Bowser

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>12</sup> on January 13, 2022, our Commission voted **X-X-X** (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send a letter in support of expanding COVID-19 Rapid Test Pick Up Site locations to include a location in or around ANC6A in Northeast DC and to encourage you to consider expanding the vaccination requirements for DC restaurants, bars, and gyms to include requiring a third/booster shot.

Our Commission greatly appreciates your leadership to expand availability of free at-home PCR and rapid antigen tests to District residents across all Wards in D.C. ANC6A residents have made extensive use of the Rosedale Recreation Center, Rosedale Library, and NE Branch PCR test pick up locations in our area. The PCR test at home program has been a great success and is heavily used by our residents. Our Commission is similarly grateful for the rapid antigen at-home program you recently unveiled. This valuable initiative has already become popular with many of our residents. Unfortunately, none of the current pick up site locations for rapid antigen tests are within 2.5 miles of the center of our ANC, which makes accessibility to the program more challenging for our community members. We ask that you include Rosedale, the NE Branch or another nearby location in Northeast DC to help expand access to the program for residents of our ANC and other nearby neighborhoods in Northeast DC.

Our Commission likewise applauds your recent announcement that COVID-19 vaccinations will soon be required for patrons of District restaurants, bars, and gyms. We are eager to support the requirements that all residents have received two doses of the vaccine by February in order to enter these establishments and we encourage you to consider broadening the District's vaccination requirements. In particular, as booster eligibility has now been expanded to cover residents 12 years old and up, we encourage you to consider expanding the two shots of the vaccine by February 15 mandate to require a third/booster shot of the vaccine by later this spring for those who are eligible to receive it.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at [AmberANC6A@gmail.com](mailto:AmberANC6A@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

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