



**District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Agenda for January 12, 2023**



Second (2nd) 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 **Organizational actions**
1. Call of the roll and announce the presence of a quorum.
 2. Motion to adopt the Commission Rules: [Bylaws](https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Bylaws-01012022.pdf) (<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Bylaws-01012022.pdf>), [Standard Operating Procedures](https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-SOP-updated-10162022.pdf) (<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-SOP-updated-10162022.pdf>), [Code of Conduct](https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Code-of-Conduct-01012022.pdf) (<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Code-of-Conduct-01012022.pdf>)
 3. Motion to elect officers: Chair - Amber Gove; Vice Chair - Keya Chatterjee; Secretary - Robb Dooling; Treasurer - Steve Moilanen; Parliamentarian - Laura Gentile).
 4. Motion to elect members and leaders of the permanent Committees for 2023.
Economic Development and Zoning Committee - Brad Greenfield (Chair - 6A06), Tim Drake, Michael Cushman (6A04).
Transportation and Public Safety Committee - Shaun Lynch (Co-Chair), Caitlin Rogger (Co-Chair - 6A07), Jeff Fletcher (6A07), Hassan Christian.
Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee- Erin Sullivan (Chair - 6A06), Kara Hughley (6A05), and Joe Krisch (6A01)
Community Outreach Committee- Adina Wadsworth (Chair - 6A07), Jessica Clark, Kelsey Grimes.
 5. Motion to adopt a schedule of monthly meetings, on the second Thursday of each month, for 2023 (except August): February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14 and January 11, 2024.
 6. Motion to participate in and to authorize the Treasurer to write a \$50.00 check to participate in the ANC Security Fund.
 7. Motion to amend the Bylaws to include the Geographic boundaries of the Commission Area, as defined in [DC Act 24-440](https://lims.dccouncil.gov/downloads/LIMS/48953/Signed_Act/B24-0700-Signed_Act.pdf) (https://lims.dccouncil.gov/downloads/LIMS/48953/Signed_Act/B24-0700-Signed_Act.pdf): 7th Street along Florida Avenue NE, to its intersection with 15th Street NE, H Street NE, Maryland Avenue NE, and Benning Road NE; then south along 15th Street NE; then west along East Capitol Street to its intersection with 13th Street, NE; then west along a projected line extending East Capitol Street from the east through Lincoln Park to the intersection of East Capitol Street and 11th Street NE; then west along East Capitol Street; then north along 8th Street NE; then west along D Street NE; then north along 7th Street NE, to the point of beginning.



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7:20 pm	Consent Agenda Alcohol Beverage Licensing Recommendation: ANC 6A take no action with regard to the application of Wasted Inc. t/a Cru Hemp Lounge at 816 H Street NE (ABRA-117958) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License. Transportation and Public Space Recommendation: ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT and MPD expressing grief for the loss of our neighbor Ralph Williams to a car crash on the 900 block of K Street NE in November 2022, in an area where ANC 6A has repeatedly expressed concerns about traffic safety. ANC6A requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- More information about the incident;- A response on DDOT and MPD short and long-term plans to address the safety issues previously identified by ANC6A; and- Immediate traffic calming measures	pg. 18
7:25 pm	Officer Reports	
7:30 pm	Standing Committee Reports: Community Outreach 1. No report. Committee did not meet in December 2022. 2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 23, 2023 (4 th Monday)	pg. 22
7:35 pm	Alcohol Beverage Licensing 1. Accept December 2022 committee report. 2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 24, 2023 (4 th Tuesday)	pg. 23
7:40 pm	Transportation and Public Space 1. Accept December 2022 committee report. 2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 17, 2023 (3 rd Tuesday; usually 3 rd Monday)	pg. 24
7:45 pm	Economic Development and Zoning 1. No report. Committee did not meet in December 2022. 2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 18, 2023 (3 rd Wednesday)	pg. 27
7:50 pm	New Business	
7:55 pm	Single Member District reports (1 minute each)	
8:05 pm	Community Comments (2 minutes each)	
8:15 pm	Adjourn	



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Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Minutes

Virtual Meeting via Zoom
November 10, 2022

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove (Chair), Keya Chatterjee, Robb Dooling, Brian Alcorn, Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, Mike Soderman, Laura Gentile, and Phil Toomajian were present.

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

Commissioner Amber Gove called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. The minutes for the ANC 6A November 2022 meeting were accepted. The agenda for the December 2022 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

Consent Agenda

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

Community Outreach (COC)

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

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

- ANC 6A recognize a change in the membership of the ABL Committee, reflecting the departures from the Committee of Ian Stanford (as of 11/1/2022) and Mona Hatoum (as of 12/1/2022), and the upcoming departure of Mike Velazquez (as of 1/1/2023), resulting in an ABL Committee membership consisting of incumbent members Erin Sullivan, Kara Hughley, Joe Krisch, and Mike Velasquez as of 12/1/2022, and Sullivan, Hughley, and Krisch as of 1/1/2023.
- ANC 6A write a letter of support in favor of Daruwalla, LLC t/a Daru at 1451 Maryland Avenue NE (ABRA-113870) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the application of Bespoke 1337, LLC t/a Hill Prince at 1337 H Street NE (ABRA-104782) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the application of Hoost, LLC t/a Nomad Hookah Bar at 1200 H Street NE (ABRA-087558) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the application of The McKenzie Group, LLC t/a Ocean Lounge at 1220 H Street NE (ABRA-114106) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the application of The Pug, LLC t/a The Pug/Toki Underground at 1234 H Street NE (ABRA-073166) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the application of Another Round LLC t/a The Haymaker Bar at 1015 H Street NE (ABRA-084689) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A write a letter of support in favor of The New Elroy Bar, LLC t/a The Elroy at 1423 H Street NE (ABRA-112289) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.



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- ANC 6A oppose the license renewal application of On the Rocks, LLC t/a On the Rocks at 1242 H Street NE (ABRA-106695) unless a settlement agreement is entered into prior to the protest date.
- ANC 6A write a letter of support in favor of Bronze DC, LLC t/a Bronze DC at 1245 H Street NE (ABRA-121843) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A oppose the application of Fernando Postigo t/a Sol Mexican Grill at 1251 H Street NE (ABRA-092192) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- ANC 6A oppose the application by RMC Group Lounge, LLC t/a Cru Lounge at 1360 H Street NE (ABRA-122943) for a Class C Restaurant License unless a settlement agreement is entered into prior to the protest date, and further that the Chair of the ABL Committee and the Chairs of the ANC represent the ANC in this matter. Further, that if a settlement agreement is entered into prior to the protest date, ANC 6A write a letter of support in favor of the applicant's request for a stipulated license.
- ANC 6A oppose the application by Noble Convenience, LLC t/a Noble Convenience and Tobacco at 1305 H Street NE (ABRA-122919) for a Class A Liquor Store License unless a settlement agreement is entered into prior to the protest date, and further that the Chair of the ABL Committee and Commissioner Robb Dooling and the Chairs of the ANC represent the ANC in this matter.

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT opposing Chick-Fil-A's application for a taller fence because the DC code does not allow fences greater than the current 42 inches in public space, and exceptions are only for high-security sites such as embassies.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting that ANCs receive 30 days notice to review public space applications because ANCs meet only once a month.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT recommending the installation of an all-way stop at the intersection of 16th and East Capitol Streets NE and SE, and in that letter it should state that safety reasons necessitating the action are to mitigate crashes, and improve pedestrian, bicycle and student safety in the immediate area.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting traffic calming or speed lights for the 300 to 700 blocks of 19th Street NE, and in making that recommendation we would also reference various open TSIs for that stretch.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT recommending the creation of a reasonably-sized loading zone on a portion of the 1500 block of East Capitol Street NE (north side), recommend loading zone restrictions apply 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Monday through Saturday, and allow the prevailing residential parking permit (RPP) designation with exceptions at all other times, recommend the ANC include in its letter a recommendation to install Zone 6 RPP signs with a 2-hour exception for any remaining curbside parking that is presently ambiguously signed and that is not used for a loading zone.

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

- ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for the request for special exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle C § 305 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the subdivision requirements of Subtitle C § 302.1, special exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle E § 205.5, Subtitle



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

Officer Reports:

1. The December 2022 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Brian Alcorn reviewed the three expenditures accrued in November: \$765.89 for November webmaster services, \$250 for notetaking, \$58.29 for Zoom Pro/Webinar (Checks #2042-#2044, respectively). The ANC had \$5,656.76 in uncashed checks (Checks #2026, #2027, #2035, #2036, #2037, #2040, #2042) and \$1,481.78 in cashed checks. The opening uncommitted funds available were \$35,409.50. After disbursements totaling \$1,074.18 and cashed and uncashed checks, the closing available checking balance is \$28,658.06. The savings account opened at \$100.05, gained no interest, and closed at \$100.05. Petty cash remained at \$25. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Commission is grateful for the careful work of Commissioner Alcorn as treasurer.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach

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

Alcohol Beverage Licensing

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

Transportation and Public Space

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

Economic Development and Zoning

1. The November 2022 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Phil Toomajian seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for the request for special exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle U § 203.1, Subtitle U § 320.1, and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the matter-of-right uses of Subtitle U § 301 to permit a youth residential care facility for up to 15 persons in an existing, three-story, detached building at 1022 Maryland Avenue NE (BZA #20554) in the RF-1 zone. *BZA Case scheduled for 12/14/2022.* Commissioner Toomajian offered a friendly



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amendment to send a letter of support with conditions that the group resume its regular meetings as permissible by health standards and encourage the 6A03 Commissioner to be present and included in these meetings, all of which the group is willing to do. The motion passed 8-0.

3. Though this matter was on the consent agenda, several community members expressed concerns about construction and relief being sought at 1717 E Street and requested a delay on the decision. Commissioner Sondra Philips-Gilbert has spoken to several community members and supports the project, which will increase property value and better the community; the Commissioner is very impressed with the interactive work of the developer.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 21, 2022 (3rd Wednesday)

Commission Business

Single Member District reports

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

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

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

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

Commissioner Toomajian (6A02) reported a walk along H Street with DOH and that an individual responsible for several robberies and carjackings in the area has been arrested. The Commissioner offered condolences to the Williams family on K Street, recognizing the



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tremendous work of Commissioners Chatterjee and Dooling in that area to advocate for safer streets. The Commissioner noted that it has been a privilege to be a part of this Commission and is proud of the tremendous strides ANC 6A has affected, in safety, school and playground renovations, and community improvement, and is so grateful to the dedicated members that make this positive change possible.

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

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.



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PO Box 15020
Washington, DC 20003



December 11, 2022

Public Space Committee
District Department of Transportation
250 M Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Insufficient Public Space Permit Review Deadlines

Dear Public Space Committee,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on December 8, 2022, our Commission voted 8-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request at least 30 days to review Public Space Permit Applications. On Public Space Permit Application #406201, regarding a fence height increase that would have a large negative effect on cross-block sight lines and neighborhood security, ANC 6A received notification on November 9, 2022 and the stated “Review Due Date” was only 23 days later, December 2, 2022. This 23-day deadline also fell before the December 8, 2022 ANC meeting. Using these timelines as routine deprives the public of the opportunity to review Public Space Applications. We respectfully request Public Space Permit review deadlines of at least 30 days to allow ANC’s great weight.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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Public Space Committee
District Department of Transportation
250 M Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

Re: ANC 6A Opposition to Public Space Permit #406201, Chik-Fil-A Fence Height Increase

Dear Public Space Committee

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on December 8, 2022, our Commission voted 8-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to oppose the request of the Chik-Fil-A at 1401 Maryland Avenue NE to increase the height of their fence per Public Space Permit Application #406201. We also note that Chik-Fil-A's existing fence is already 42 inches tall, the DC Code does not allow fences taller than 42 inches in public space, and DDOT's Public Space Committee states that exceptions are only for high-security sites such as embassies. In addition, a taller fence would have a significant negative impact on sightlines and security around the intersections of 14th Street and Maryland Avenue NE as well as 14th Street and G Street NE. As background information, four ANC 6A Commissioners and five committee members engaged in a productive conversation with Chik-Fil-A representatives at our regularly scheduled and properly noticed ANC 6A Transportation and Public Space Committee meeting on November 21, 2022. This meeting established that landscaping is a better alternative to increasing the height of the fence. The Chik-Fil-A representatives agreed to explore this option.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, Commissioner Dooling can be contacted at 6A06@anc.dc.gov and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at brad.greenfield@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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Everett Lott, Director
District Department of Transportation
250 M Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Request for traffic safety measures for 300-700 blocks of 19th Street NE

Dear Director Lott,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on December 8, 2022, our Commission voted 8-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request coordinated traffic calming and speed mitigation measures for the 300-700 blocks of 19th Street, NE. This Commission has both observed and heard testimony from neighbors that speeding along 19th Street, NE between C Street and Benning Road-- the 300 through 700 blocks--is a major hindrance to pedestrian, student, and bicyclist safety in the immediate area. Motor vehicle traffic, including a variety of heavy trucks and buses, is constant and often heavy. It also contains a significant volume of "cut through" commuter traffic during peak hours. Unlike neighboring local streets, there are very few speed mitigants along this portion of the 19th Street corridor, and those that exist are poorly coordinated to facilitate a reasonable standard of safety for all road users. We ask that your Department consider taking a coordinated approach to address these safety concerns, including replacing automated traffic signals along much of this corridor with all-way stops, speed tables and raised crosswalks. The Commission and community members have submitted a variety of Traffic Safety Investigation (TSI) requests to bring additional visibility to these concerns. (See TSIs 22-00160589, 22-00560087, 22-00560096, 22-00560105, 22-00560113).

I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, Commissioner Alcorn, whose single-member district includes some of the relevant area can be contacted at 6A08@anc.dc.gov, and Commissioner Philips Gilbert whose single-member district contains some of the relevant area can be contacted at 6A07@anc.dc.gov should you have any questions.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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Everett Lott, Director
District Department of Transportation
250 M Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

Re: ANC 6A Request for traffic safety measures at 16th and East Capitol Street NE

Dear Director Lott,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on December 8, 2022, our Commission voted 8-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request the installation of an all-way stop at the intersection of 16th and East Capitol Streets, NE/SE.

The Commission wishes to emphasize this action is critical to mitigating frequent vehicle crashes at this intersection, to improve safety for people walking and riding, including students, and to align with the Safe Routes to School Expansion Regulation Amendment Act of 2021 (DC B24-0565) just passed by the Council of the District of Columbia. The intersection of 16th and East Capitol Streets NE/SE stands out as one of the three remaining uncontrolled intersections along the busy East Capitol corridor in our community either missing an all-way stop or an automated traffic signal. The other intersections are 7th and 5th and East Capitol Streets NE/SE, respectively. This Commission has heard testimony from neighbors and has regularly seen how the current arrangement at 16th and East Capitol creates unsafe situations for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists throughout the day. Additionally, Traffic Safety Investigation requests (TSIs) have been submitted (see TSIs 22-00560137 and 22-00190899).

There are several contributing factors requiring additional traffic control at this intersection. There is a significant volume of traffic that uses 16th Street southbound as a bypass to a bottleneck intersection at 17th and East Capitol NE/SE. This bypass traffic will likely increase once 17th Street is narrowed to one lane in a planned redesign. Presently, 16th Street between Constitution and East Capitol NE - two blocks - has no speed humps, raised crosswalks or speed tables. The northeast corner of 16th and East Capitol has poor sightlines looking east for oncoming traffic. This causes southbound 16th Street motorists to advance in the intersection, where they may be met with East Capitol Street traffic speeding west - or blocking the bicycle lane moving into the intersection. We have two schools within a one-block radius of this intersection - Eastern Senior High School and Capitol City Public Charter School.

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Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, Commissioner Alcorn can be contacted at 6A08@anc.dc.gov.

On behalf of the Commission,

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Everett Lott, Director
District Department of Transportation
250 M Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Request for loading zone and RPP, 1500 block of East Capitol Street NE

Dear Director Lott,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on December 8, 2022, on December 8, 2022, our Commission voted 8-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request installation of a small, time-limited loading zone and re-installation of missing Residential Parking Permit signage along the northern curblane of 1500-1510 East Capitol Street, NE. Our community has a small concentration of retail businesses on the northeast corner of 15th and East Capitol Streets NE. For about 96 feet along the northern East Capitol Street curblane, from 1500 to 1510 East Capitol Street, NE, the DDOT parking signage is either missing or ambiguous. Lately, this has led to a regular situation where non-District registered vehicles are parked in this area long-term owing to a lack of enforceable parking regulation. Vehicles regularly in this area include a large and tall panel van, which itself uniquely blocks pedestrian and bicycle sight lines on this busy corner that also includes a Metrobus stop for the B2 bus, a Capitol Bikeshare station and a sidewalk cafe. The area is generally a busy nexus of neighborhood pedestrian, student and multimodal transportation users.

This Commission has heard from residential neighbors that parking is tight in the neighborhood. We have also heard from businesses it would be beneficial to have a 15-30 minute short-term loading zone near these businesses to serve their stocking/delivery needs. Presently deliveries to these East Capitol Street businesses seem to take place on the Unit block of 15th Street, blocking the bus bay, which obviously upsets Metrobus' ability to use a dedicated bus bay when a delivery truck is there. Deliveries also frequently block dedicated bicycle lanes. As there is about 96 feet of ambiguously signed area to work with along the northern curblane of 1500-1510 East Capitol Street, NE, this Commission recommends DDOT create a reasonable size loading zone in this area, with enforceable, short-term loading zone use to restrictions apply from 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Saturday. We also recommend DDOT replace the missing RPP signage in this area for any portion not designated to be used as a loading zone, to help alleviate our residential parking pressures.

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I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov and Commissioner Alcorn, whose single-member district includes the relevant area can be contacted at 6A08@anc.dc.gov should you have any questions.

On behalf of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amber K. Gove".

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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December 11, 2022

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. 20554 (1022 Maryland Avenue, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on December 8, 2022, our Commission voted 8-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for Special Exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle U § 203.1, Subtitle U § 320.1, and Subtitle X § 901.2 from The matter-of-right uses of Subtitle U § 301 to permit a youth residential care facility for up to 15 persons in an existing, three-story, detached building in the RF-1 zone. Sasha Bruce Youthworks does vital work for our community and the city. In the time they have been at 1022 Maryland Avenue, they have established themselves as good neighbors, and we are proud to have them in our neighborhood. The expansion of their use special exception to allow for a capacity of 15 persons does not represent an expansion of operations, and we do not expect it to cause any disruption to our neighborhood. The owner has proven that the special exception criteria have been met through submission of architectural elevations and letters of support from neighbors. In keeping with their commitment to transparent communication and community engagement, ANC 6A requests that Sasha Bruce Youthworks resume community meetings with the new 6A02 Commissioner.

Please be advised that Commissioner Toomajian, Brad Greenfield and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. Commissioner Toomajian can be contacted at 6A02@anc.dc.gov. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at brad.greenfield@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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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. 20821 (1717 E Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on December 8, 2022, our Commission voted 8-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for Special Exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle C § 305 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the subdivision requirements of Subtitle C § 302.1, special exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle E § 205.5, Subtitle E § 5201, and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4, area variance zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle X § 1002 from the building height requirements of Subtitle E § 303.1, area variance zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle X § 1002 from the front setback requirements of Subtitle E § 305.1, area variance zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle X § 1002 from the rear yard requirements of Subtitle E § 306.1, and use variance zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle X § 1002 from the matter-of-right uses of Subtitle U § 301 to construct two new, semi-detached, four-story, 4-unit, apartment houses in the RF-1 zone.

While the scope of the relief being sought is quite large, the developer faces extenuating circumstances that warrant the variance relief. The easement on the property from DC Water makes a substantial portion of the property unusable for building. The project as it is conceived is the best effort to create a viable development on the lot under the circumstances. We believe that it has met the threshold for variances. 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 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. We would also note that the developer has been a positive participant in the community. The property is currently an abandoned lot, and this development will be a substantive improvement for the neighborhood.

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Commission Correspondence of December 8, 2022 Meeting



Please be advised that Commissioner Philips Gilbert, Brad Greenfield and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, Commissioner Philips Gilbert at 6A07@anc.dc.gov, and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at brad.greenfield@gmail.com.

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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Alcohol Beverage Licensing

Recommendation: ANC 6A take no action with regard to the application of Wasted Inc. t/a Cru Hemp Lounge at 816 H Street NE (ABRA-117958) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.

Transportation and Public Space

Recommendation: ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT and MPD expressing grief for the loss of our neighbor Ralph Williams to a car crash on the 900 block of K Street NE in November 2022, in an area where ANC 6A has repeatedly expressed concerns about traffic safety. ANC6A requests:

- More information about the incident;
- A response on DDOT and MPD short and long-term plans to address the safety issues previously identified by ANC6A; and
- Immediate traffic calming measures



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January XX, 2022

Director Everett Lott
District Department of Transportation
250 M Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

Commander Tasha Bryant
First District
Metropolitan Police Department
101 M Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Support for traffic calming on the 900 Block of K St NE and request for information regarding the fatal crash on K Street NE

Dear Director Lott and Commander Bryant:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on January 12th, 2023 our Commission voted X-X-X (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support resident requests for traffic calming at 9th and K Street NE and to request more information about the response to the fatal crash that killed an ANC6A resident, Mr. Ralph Williams.

On November 25, 2022, the day after Thanksgiving, Ralph Williams was killed on K Street NE, in front of his home, where his car was rear-ended. Mr. Williams was pinned between his car and the car of the driver that rear-ended him, and died from his injuries. Mr. Williams is survived by his wife, Linda, his three children and his eight grandchildren. Our community has grieved alongside the Williams family, and we wish to offer our condolences again to Mr. Williams' family.

The MPD report indicated that Mr. Williams was hit in the middle of the day, around 1:30 pm. The crash occurred a few feet away from an intersection where the driver should have been at a full stop. Eyewitnesses have told us that Mr. Williams' car was rear ended at a high enough speed to cause airbags to deploy on the car that crashed into him. Our view is that no driver should be going so fast that they cannot stop for any object in front of them on a residential road – especially when that object is a person standing next to a car with lights on.

We request that MPD share all documentation of the crash response, and specifically let ANC 6A know what citations the driver received after rear-ending Mr. Williams' car and killing Mr. Williams.

Since the time of the crash, the DDOT Vision Zero Team met with the ANC Transportation and Public Space committee on December 19, 2022. The community expressed shock at the time it was taking to install an illuminated stop sign or a stop sign camera, and the DDOT representatives there promised the immediate

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installation of an illuminated stop sign or stop sign camera. At the time of sending this letter, neither has been installed, and instead a temporary police camera from 10th and K Street NE was moved to 9th and K Street NE. While we appreciate the presence of a camera at the intersection, we urge DDOT to install a permanent solution immediately. That step alone, however, we do not view as sufficient to save lives.

Sadly, DDOT seems reluctant to put in speed humps and/or raised crosswalks, because of recent traffic counts showing heavy use of the road, but vertical traffic calming is exactly what is needed at this intersection. K Street NE is primarily a residential street and includes J.O. Wilson Elementary School in the 600 block of K Street; this section of K Street should not be so heavily used for through traffic. Our ANC has sent two letters to DDOT asking that West Virginia Avenue be made one way to reduce speeds and the amount of traffic flow on K Street NE, but we have received no response to those letters to date.¹

In addition to our unanswered letters on West Virginia Avenue NE, almost a year before Mr. Williams was killed, on March 14, 2022, Commissioner Chatterjee, 6A01 submitted a new TSI (22-00115945) for 9th and K Street NE, that was resolved with “pedestrian safety improvement chevron marking,” at an intersection where more than paint and plastic is needed to slow drivers and encourage stopping. As noted in the TSI, this intersection is just two blocks from the elementary school that 6A01 is zoned for, J.O. Wilson Elementary School, and is a thoroughfare for children walking to school and home.

We request that DDOT implement interventions on four time scales:

- 1- Please immediately, within the next 3-6 weeks, install a stop sign camera at 9th and K Street NE, to encourage drivers to come to a full stop.***
- 2- Please install vertical traffic calming on K Street NE within the next 3-6 months, as soon as it is warm enough to do so.***
- 3- Please implement the pocket parks at 8th and K Street NE and 9th Street and Florida Avenue NE, with special attention to whether pedestrians and people on bicycles can access those spaces without being killed. The 30% design, unfortunately removed rather than added crosswalks, and we ask that this project include vertical traffic calming both on K Street NE, 9th Street NE, and West Virginia Avenue NE.***
- 4- Please share a plan with our ANC in 2023 for traffic calming measures that will be installed in the coming years for the area where high speeds are a large issue: on K Street NE from JO Wilson Elementary School to 10th Street NE, on West Virginia Avenue NE, and on 9th Street NE. This should include engineering the road to slow drivers by narrowing the width of the road with bike lanes, permanent bulb-outs, and any other interventions that will slow drivers and encourage stops at intersections.***

¹ <https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-support-for-NOI-21-136-PSD.pdf>
<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-re-Support-for-traffic-calming-800-block-WV-NE-and-K-Street-NE.pdf>
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We are concerned to see that K Street NE is not on the list of prioritized TSIs for 2023. The TSIs that community members entered in November 2022, after Mr. Williams was killed, were all closed by DDOT last week without action and with the only explanation being that the new TSI system would be data led. A fatality should be an important data point in deciding what interventions are most urgent. Our commission urges immediate action at 9th and K Streets NE to prevent any other constituents from being killed.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov and Commissioner Chatterjee can be contacted at 6A01@anc.dc.gov.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



Committee Reports

Community Outreach Committee (COC)



No report. Committee did not meet in December 2022.



Committee Reports

Alcoholic Beverage and Licensing (ABL)



Minutes

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Tuesday, December 27, 2022, 7:00 pm Virtual Meeting—Held on Zoom

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee (“Committee”) of ANC 6A was held commencing at 7:00 pm EST on December 27, 2022, on a publicly posted Zoom event.

Committee Members Present: Erin Sullivan, Kara Hughley, Joe Krisch

Commissioners Present: None

Establishment Representatives Present: None

- I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes
 - Chair Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
 - The agenda was approved without objection.
 - The minutes from the November 22, 2022 meeting of the Committee were approved without objection.
- II. Community Comment
 - Co-Chair Sullivan asked if any members of the community in attendance wanted to make any comments. There were no comments.
- III. New Business
 - Discussion of application by Wasted Inc. t/a Cru Hemp Lounge at 816 H St. NE (ABRA-117958) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
 - Chair Sullivan noted that the name is similar to the Cru Lounge that was discussed at the last meeting, but they are unaffiliated. She stated that she was not aware of any issues or complaints with respect to the establishment, and that she raised at the last ANC meeting that the protest deadline is prior to the next ANC meeting, and no commissioners raised any concerns. She also shared that there is a settlement agreement in place with Cru Hemp Lounge from the summer of 2021.
 - Committee member Krisch moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC take no action with regard to the license renewal application of Cru Hemp Lounge.
 - Chair Sullivan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.



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Transportation and Public Space (T&PS)



MINUTES

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting

Public Meeting - All are welcome

Monday, December 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm

- I. Call meeting to order.
- II. Introductions & Announcements
Committee members present: Maura Dundon (Chair), Jeff Fletcher, Caitlin Rogger
Commissioners present: Amber Gove, Keya Chatterjee
- III. Old Business
 - A. 9th/K Streets NE pedestrian fatality. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Vision Zero team will discuss the fatal car crash that killed a pedestrian in November 2002. Commissioner Chatterjee led the discussion about the tragic car crash on the 900 block of K Street N.E. that killed Ralph Wilson when he was rear-ended while unloading his car. Commissioner Chatterjee noted that this block has been a longstanding concern ANC 6A has raised to DDOT, due to speeding cars that blow through the stop sign. Commissioner Chatterjee discussed neighborhood requests for traffic calming such as raised crosswalks and lights around the stop sign, but noted that narrowing the street would likely be necessary for traffic calming.

Charlie Wilson from DDOT expressed his condolences for the tragedy and stated that he shares the ANC's concerns. Mr. Wilson relayed that an illuminated stop sign would be installed in the coming weeks. He also noted that a request to lengthen the 6th Street bike lane could be helpful for traffic calming. Commissioner Chatterjee noted that ANC 6A had already supported calming for the entire area, including lengthening the bike lane as well as turning West Virginia Avenue NE one-way as a traffic-calming measure for the area. However, this was declined by DDOT without an explanation. Commissioner Chatterjee wants faster progress, and DDOT are the experts. Mr. Wilson replied that he would "take it back" to DDOT.

In response to a question from the community in the Zoom Q&A, Mr. Wilson explained that the illuminated stop sign could not be immediately installed due to supply chain issues.

Commissioner Chatterjee asked whether a speed camera would be more helpful than an illuminated stop sign. Mr. Wilson stated that both increase "yield behavior" but that the camera results in more full stops. However, he added that traffic calming will require changes to features of the roadway, not just the stop sign illumination or speed camera.

Will Handsfield from DDOT stated that K Street's classification as a minor arterial could be reconsidered due to changed traffic patterns. A different classification could have an impact on the traffic calming measures available.

In response to a Q&A from the public about traffic enforcement, Mr. Wilson stated that he believes road design and automated/self-enforcement measures are more effective for safety. In response to a Q&A about synchronized stop lights increasing speeds, Mr. Wilson stated that this may not have been a factor since the accident happened mid-block and that the crash did not have speed as a factor. Commissioner Chatterjee stated that she believed speed was a factor, and Chair Dundon asked Mr. Wilson why he believed speed was not a factor. Mr. Wilson



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replied that the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) had informed DDOT that speed was not a factor.

A member of the public commented on the fact that construction on Florida Avenue NE means more bikes will take K Street NE

Commissioner Chatterjee made the motion:

That ANC6A send a letter to DDOT and MPD expressing grief for the loss of our neighbor Ralph Williams to a car crash on the 900 block of K St. NE in November 2022, in an area where ANC6A has repeatedly expressed concerns about traffic safety. ANC6A requests:

- *More information about the incident*
- *A response on DDOT and MPDs short and long-term plans to address the safety issues previously identified by ANC6A*
- *Immediate traffic calming measures*

Commissioner Gove seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A member of the public inquired about the enactment of Vision Zero 2020 which set a 20 MPH speed limit, as well as issues related to correct speed signage. Mr. Wilson confirmed that the 20 MPH signage is not yet funded but noted that some arterials have had their speeds reduced.

- B. 1300 block of North Carolina Avenue NE project (traffic calming/protected bike lanes). Will Handsfield from DDOT will discuss final design.

Mr. Handsfield presented close-to-final plans for the protected bike lane on the 1300 block of North Carolina Avenue NE. Mr. Handsfield noted that a bid package is out and contracts are being finalized for the work. He did not have a concrete date for when the work would begin, but estimated early spring for a start.

Commissioner Gove requested a written response to the ANC 6A response to the DDOT Notice of Intent, including the ANC request for a mid-block crossing light (HAWK) at the raised crosswalk, which was not included in the design. Mr. Handsfield replied that there will be a written response. DDOT determined that the raised crosswalk and narrowing was sufficient for safety and the HAWK was not necessary. Commissioner Gove also asked that the letter include the DC Fire and Emergency Service (FEMS) “sign-off” on the plans. Mr. Handsfield explained that DDOT discusses projects with the Fire and EMS Department (FEMS), but does not get a formal “sign-off.” The DDOT letter will include an explanation of this.

A member of the public asked about Americans with Disability Act (ADA) compliance of the North Carolina Avenue NE protected bike lane. Mr. Handsfield stated that he could not comment because the member of the public is a plaintiff in an ADA lawsuit against DDOT regarding bike lanes. Mr. Handsfield declined to answer ADA compliance questions from other members of the public for the same reason, but that questions about legal compliance could be directed to the DDOT General Counsel. Commissioner Gove stated that requests for handicapped parking spaces had been granted for North Carolina Avenue NE.

In response to a question from the public, Mr. Handsfield explained that Residential Parking Permit (RPP) spots were not changing, except for loading spaces that were added. In response to another question, Mr. Handsfield stated that trash pickup will not be impacted.



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Mr. Handsfield answered additional questions from the public, including:

- In response to a comment that the new bike lane will not be used because it is not fully connected, that the scope of the project was the 1300 block and that the future could provide more connections.
- In response to a question about EMS/police access, Mr. Handsfield stated that police and EMS effectively get to incidents in DC on similar blocks.
- In response to a question about cost, the costs are not yet available because bidding is not finished.

IV. New Business: None

V. Additional Community Comment: None

VI. Adjourn meeting



Committee Reports Economic Development and Zoning Committee



No report. Committee did not meet in December 2022.



New Business

