



**District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Agenda for January 11, 2024**



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 edit the ANC 6A Standard Operating Procedures (page 8) language to change the name of the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee.
 3. Motion to amend the ANC 6A Standard Operating Procedures (page 6) Item VII.B to state “if a Commissioner or Committee Member 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.”
 4. 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>)
 5. Motion to elect officers: Chair - Amber Gove (6A04); Vice Chair - Keya Chatterjee (6A01); Secretary - Robb Dooling (6A06); Treasurer - Steve Moilanen (6A07).
 6. Motion to elect members and leaders of the permanent Committees for 2024.
Economic Development and Zoning Committee Mike Cushman (6A04) and Joal Mendonsa (6A01) - Co-Chairs; Ayisha Lockett (6A06).
Transportation and Public Safety Committee - Shaun Lynch (6A01), Chair; Caitlin Rogger (6A07); Jeff Fletcher (6A07); Mark Sussman (6A04); Paul Angelone (6A05).
Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee- Mike Velazquez - Interim Chair (6A02); Joe Krisch (6A01); Erin Blumenthal (6A02); Monica Martinez (6A03).
Community Outreach Committee - Paul Spires (6A01) Chair; Adina Wadsworth (6A07); Gail Sullivan (6A0); Elizabeth Corinth (6A03); Angelique Dorazio Sanders (6A05); Clare Dougherty (6A05).
 7. Motion to adopt a schedule of monthly meetings, on the second Thursday of each month, for 2024 (except August): February 8, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12 and January 9, 2025.
 8. Motion to participate in and to authorize the Treasurer to write a \$50.00 check to participate in the ANC Security Fund.
- 7:20 pm **Consent Agenda**

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Transportation and Public Space

1. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting immediate consideration of design changes ahead of existing construction plans to address persistent safety issues at the intersections of Florida Avenue NE, 12th Street NE, K Street NE and Montello Avenue NE.
2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter of support to HSEMA for the 2024 Capitol Hill Classic Race.
3. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A authorize Commissioners Shapiro and Gove to draft testimony with Commission and community input for the DDOT Performance Oversight Hearing.

7:25 pm	Officer Reports 1. Approve Treasurer’s Report	pg. 48
7:30 pm	Standing Committee Reports: Community Outreach 1. No report. Committee did not meet in December 2023. 2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 23, 2024 (4 th Monday)	pg. 49
7:35 pm	Alcohol Beverage Licensing 1. Accept December 2023 committee report. 2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 24, 2024 (4 th Tuesday)	pg. 50
7:40 pm	Transportation and Public Space 4. Accept December 2023 committee report. 5. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 20, 2024 (3 rd Tuesday; usually 3 rd Monday)	pg. 53
7:45 pm	Economic Development and Zoning 1. No report. Committee did not meet in December 2023. 2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 17, 2024 (3 rd Wednesday)	pg. 56
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	



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Meeting Minutes - December 14, 2023



Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Minutes Virtual Meeting via Zoom December 14, 2023

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove, Keya Chatterjee, Roberta Shapiro, Dave Wethington, Robb Dooling, Mike Velasquez, and Steve Moilanen 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 November 2023 meeting were accepted. The agenda for the December 2023 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

Community Presentations

Tommie Jones, Chief of External Affairs, and Michael Watts, Chief of Community Recreation Division, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)

Mr. Tommie Jones is the Chief of External Affairs for DC Parks and Recreation and acts as liaison with the community and Commissioners with Sherwood Recreation Center as a particular focus. He answered several questions from the Commission, responding to claims that a child was kicked out of DPR programming at Sherwood over the summer and clarifying that the student was asked to leave and come back at a different date and time, and DPR's goal is to provide safe, accessible, and open facilities for all residents. DPR works with MPD through the individual commanders and community engagement representatives to identify and engage residents in programming, and they also has a Roving Leaders Division that works in various schools to engage parents and students in DPR programming. DPR will begin discussing summer programming in January, and residents can reach out to [kidscampandcoop\[at\]dc.gov](mailto:kidscampandcoop[at]dc.gov) with questions; there will be a lottery system again. Mr. Jones announced that a design/build firm has been selected for the Kingsman Dog Park renovation, and DPR will be working with the community on a strategy and design for the updates; this should happen in late winter or early spring of 2024. DPR is also looking forward to working with the community of Sherwood Recreation Center to learn about its priorities for the \$1.4 million of capital funding available for the renovation. DPR always welcomes programming suggestions at recreation centers and will work with ANCs and residents to select programs to engage the community. Currently, the center offers yoga, line dancing, tennis, and pickleball, among others. Mr. Jones apologized for the delay in responding to the ANC's official May 2023 letter and promised a response by the end of the week. There are many ways to engage with DPR and get more information:

Upcoming events: www.dpr.events

Information on programing and how to sign up: www.dprprograms.com

Finding a DPR facility: www.dpr.dc.gov/locations

How to host an event at a DPR site: www.dpr.dc.gov/permits

Customer care center: (202) 637-7647 or [dprcustomerare\[at\]dc.gov](mailto:dprcustomerare[at]dc.gov)

Dr. Oye I. Owolewa, Shadow US Representative for Washington, DC

Dr. Owolewa noted that the Office of DC's Representative is located in the John A Wilson Building, not on Capitol Hill, and fights for DC Statehood as the Representative lacks a congressional cote and seat. DC residents pay taxes without voting representation, lack full control over their resources and general autonomy. The lack of DC Statehood impacts healthcare, education and youth services, public safety, environment, and human rights, and Dr. Owolewa addresses these matters. Since 2021, Representative Owolewa has amplified the fight for DC statehood by appearing in publications, introducing DC Statehood



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Resolution into West Virginia House of Delegates, held inaugural Supercar Rally 4 DC Statehood with local Sunset Auto Group, and participated in several other pro-DC Statehood programming, resulting in more attention and support of the topic. In addition to being a Representative, Dr. Owolewa is a healthcare provider and pharmacist and is passionate about equitable access to healthcare; he vaccinated thousands of DC residents during the pandemic, demonstrated and distributed Narcan, and fights to increase DC's vaccine access and resources. In education and youth services, Representative Owolewa is fighting for more enrichment, resources, internships, and programming in DC's schools. In terms of public safety, DC's lack of statehood means DC lacks control over its criminal justice system and incarcerated DC residents are housed all over the country, and Dr. Owolewa fights heavily for the rights of returning citizens. Representative Owolewa reminds us that "today we may lack a vote, but we still have our voice." To get involved with this office, community members can reach the Representative directly at [Adeoye.owolewa\[at\]dc.gov](mailto:Adeoye.owolewa[at]dc.gov) or the office at [info\[at\]repyedc.com](mailto:info[at]repyedc.com).

Officer Reports:

1. The December 2023 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Steve Moilanen reviewed the three expenditures accrued in November: \$765.89 for webmaster services, \$250.00 for notetaking, \$58.29 for Zoom Premium, (checks #2079-2081, respectively). The opening uncommitted funds available were \$40,217.39. After accounts payable totaling \$2,153.66 the closing available checking balance is \$36,989.55. The savings account opened at \$100.05, gained no interest, and closed at \$100.05, and petty cash remained at \$25. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Commissioner Gove moved and Commissioner Moilanen seconded the motion that ANC6A accept a slight increase in price and continue posting meeting notices and information in the Hill Rag. The ANC typically posts meeting notices in the Hill Rag, and the cost of this is increasing slightly in 2024. These ads could include calls for volunteers and information about grants, and this is an effective way to support a local publication and continue to post about the ANC non-electronically. The motion passed 7-0.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach (COC)

3. The November 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
4. No meeting in December 2023
5. Next meeting: January 22, 2024 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

1. No report. ABL did not meet in November 2023.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 19, 2023 (3rd Tuesday; usually 4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

1. The November 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 18, 2023 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

1. No report. EDZ did not meet in November 2023.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 20, 2023 (3rd Wednesday)

New Business

1. Commissioner Chatterjee moved and Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion that ANC6A resolves to oppose Washington Gas' PROJECTpipes Phase 3 Application, authorize the Chair, Vice Chair, and/or



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- their designee(s) to represent ANC 6A on this matter, and forward copies of our resolution to the DC Council, the Office of the Peoples Council, and the Office of Mayor Bowser. The motion passed 7-0.
2. Discussion of methods for cooperation between Ward 6 ANCs on the processing of Ward 6 Cannabis applications under the Emergency Regulations and on gathering of data and community feedback for any future regulatory modifications.

This is a complicated and new issue with little clarity; any ANC in a Ward where a cannabis establishment submits an ABCA settlement agreement will be able to protest, so collaboration among Ward 6 ANCs will be crucial. There will be an ABL meeting on Monday to discuss further, but there is a lot of confusion, specifically about the process and the 400-ft rule, and the outcome of new cannabis laws will hugely impact H Street businesses.

Commission Business

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Velasquez (6A02) reported that Pursuit Wine Bar on H Street NE will sadly be closing, and there is an unsettling trend of several businesses closing. The Commissioner got a call from a constituent at 1005 H Street NE saying “the ANC declared my building vacant” and is looking for additional information to investigate.

Commissioner Dooling (6A06) is getting an interpreter next month and noted that there is a play currently at Atlas theater, ISM II, in ASL as well as spoken English: <https://www.atlasarts.org/events/voca/>. The Commissioner noted that while the ANC may be the most easily visible governmental agency in many communities, policies are set by other agencies; for example, no RPP on commercial blocks is a DDOT policy. The Commissioner very much looks forward to the H Street bus priority project in 2024.

Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) was informed that, weather permitting, by the end of the month, DDOT will install a stop sign at the corner of 11th and F Streets and a bump at 11th and E Streets. There was a community representation meeting with Sasha Bruce House, who are in the final stages of scoping out a contract structural repair for the outside of the building. The Commissioner attended the COC meeting and also attended the Stuart-Hobson production of The Addams Family and was very impressed. Finally, the Sherwood playground is finally getting resurfaced.

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) is excited about the upcoming bicycle lane installation on K Street NE and is ready to help community members transition through this change. The Commissioner has heard many concerns about establishments closing and public safety but has also witnessed neighbors come together and support these businesses.

Commissioner Dave Wethington (6A05) noted a study by the deputy mayor for education of DC which looks at Maury and Miner Elementary Schools and researches the socioeconomic differences in the school populations, making suggestions to bridge the gaps.

Commissioner Moilanen (6A07) was reflecting on his first year as a Commissioner and noted that none of the policies we live by are self-executing and require repeated advocacy and attention and the Commissioner is grateful to everyone that continuously works to make things better.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) encourages residents to attend meetings and look at the study on Miner and Maury Elementary Schools as the school boundaries get reconsidered to rebalance students and reduce racial segregation. The Commissioner expressed continued frustration at DGS, in this case for failing to



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replace filters at Eliot-Hine leading to the heat not working in the newly renovated school. The Commissioner appreciates this community and all of their immense commitment and work.

Community Comment

Two DC residents spoke in support of the K Street bike lane and are grateful for any way to slow traffic near JO Wilson Elementary School.

Zack Learman, a lawyer with experience in cannabis legislature, is representing UpnSmoke, a dispensary with several locations across DC, one of which is on 15th Street NE. The establishment wants to maintain open communication and address any concerns; Mr. Learman will work with Commissioner Dooling to meet or extend any protest deadlines. He can be reached at [zlearman\[at\]mandijapluc.com](mailto:zlearman[at]mandijapluc.com).

MOCR Jake Stolzenberg referenced DC sports teams moving away from downtown but noted that the Mayor's goal is to continue to have a thriving downtown DC. Mr. Stolzenberg has participated in several core walks around Ward 6 and is aware of several issues around ANC 6A including those in alleyways on H Street.

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm.



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Meeting Minutes - January 4, 2024



Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Minutes Virtual Meeting via Zoom Special meeting: January 4, 2024

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove, Keya Chatterjee, Dave Wethington, Robb Dooling, Steve Moilanen, Roberta Shapiro, and Mike Velasquez were present.

The meeting convened virtually via Zoom at 8:00 pm.

Commissioner Amber Gove called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. The agenda for the January 2024 special meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL)

- The Committee recommended and Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion that ANC 6A protest the application of Upspoke III LLC at 712 15th Street NE (ABCA-126868) for a Medical Cannabis Retailer License unless a settlement agreement is reached prior to the protest deadline, and that the Chair of the ABL Committee and Committee Member Blumenthal and Commissioner Dooling and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ANC represent the ANC in this matter.

Mr. Zack Learman, representing UpnSmoke, is working with the applicant to make sure they are meeting all requirements and complying with all rules and regulations, such as restricting access to the cannabis and cash onsite. The establishment has existed and been a good neighbor in the community for over two years. There are several safety and security features at the establishment including cameras and a security guard checking IDs and medical marijuana qualifications upon entry. Mr. Learman will share a copy of the application with the Commission. The motion passed 6-1; Commissioner Velasquez opposed.

- The Committee recommended and Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion that ANC 6A protest the application of Za Partners LLC t/a Granny Za's at 1383-1385 H Street NE (ABCA-126762) for a Medical Cannabis Retailer License unless a settlement agreement is reached prior to the protest deadline, and that the Chair of the ABL Committee and Committee Member Blumenthal and Commissioner Dooling and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ANC represent the ANC in this matter.

Ms. Meredith Kinner, representing Granny Za's, will be sending the full security plan and application to Commissioner Dooling. Granny Za's had been operating under a basic business license on H Street NW, but that building is being sold and they are moving to H Street NE. The owner is an entrepreneur and was raised in Potomac, MD and currently lives outside of Las Vegas; he is a part-owner of another cannabis establishment in New York. There may be delivery or educational tasting endorsements, but there is no plan for a summer garden. The cannabis being sold will be vacuum sealed and no consumption is allowed on the grounds or outside of the establishment. Ms. Kinner will research whether these establishments can cross-promote with local restaurants to bolster other H Street businesses and knows that parking will be a forthcoming issue. The protest deadline is January 8, 2024. The motion passed 7-0.

- The Committee recommended and Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion that ANC 6A draft a new standard settlement agreement(s) for alcohol license holders and medical cannabis license holders located within the ANC, and that the ANC seek the assistance of the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners in drafting the new settlement agreement(s). The motion passed 7-0.



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The meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.



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2023 Commissioners

- 6A01 - Keya Chatterjee, Vice Chair
- 6A02 - Mike Velasquez
- 6A03 - Roberta Shapiro
- 6A04 - Amber Gove, Chair
- 6A05 - Laura Gentile, Parliamentarian (Jan.-Aug. 2023)
- 6A05 - Dave Wethington (Sep. 2023-)
- 6A06 - Robb Dooling, Secretary
- 6A07 - Steve Moilanen, Treasurer

2023 Committees, Committee Chairs, and Members

Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee (ABL)

Chair: Erin Sullivan

Members: Erin Blumenthal, Kara Hughley, and Joe Krisch

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

Chair: Adina Wadsworth

Members: Jessica Clark, Elizabeth Corinth, Clare Dougherty, Kelsey Grimes, Stephanie Myers, Angelique Dorazio Sanders, and Gail Sullivan

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

Chair: Brad Greenfield

Members: Michael Cushman, Tim Drake, Jeremiah Foxwell, Ayisha Lockett, and Joal Mendonsa

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

Co-Chairs: Caitlin Rogger and Shaun Lynch

Members: Paul Angelone, Hassan Christian, Jeff Fletcher, and Mark Sussman



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Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee (ABL)

Meetings and Attendance

During FY 2023, the ANC 6A ABL Committee held ten regularly scheduled public meetings, generally on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except for holidays and the month of August. All meetings were conducted virtually on Zoom, began at 7:00 pm, were properly noticed, and were open to the public for comments and questions.

FY 2023 ANC 6A ABL Committee Meetings took place in October, November, and December 2022 as well as January, March, April, June, August, September, and October 2023.

Liquor License Applications

At each of its meetings, the ABL Committee has considered any new and/or renewal applications for alcoholic beverage licenses from business establishments within ANC 6A. Representatives from the business are invited and usually have chosen to attend the ABL meetings to provide an overview of their business and answer questions from the Committee and from any interested community members in attendance.

As of November 1, 2023, the ABL Committee has voted on and made the following recommendations to the ANC based on votes taken at its meetings from October 2022 through September 2023. Meeting reports can be found at <https://anc6a.org/minutesreports/>

Copies of settlement agreements can be found at: <https://anc6a.org/settlementvoluntary-agreements/>

- Recommended that the ANC write a letter of support for the application of Biergarten Haus, Inc. t/a Biergarten Haus at 1355 H Street NE (ABRA-083695) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- Recommended that the ANC write a letter of support for the application of DC Culinary Academy, LLC t/a Brine at 1357-1359 H Street NE (ABRA-110889) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- Recommended that the ANC write a letter of support for the application of Rosato, LLC t/a Sospeso at 1344 H Street NE (ABRA100766) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- Recommended that the ANC write a letter of support of the application of Par Bar, LLC t/a H Street Country Club at 1335 H Street NE (ABRA-076649) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- Recommended that the ANC write a letter of support for the application of Dangerously Delicious DC LLC t/a Pie Shop at 1339 H Street NE (ABRA-087422) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- Recommended that the ANC protest the application of Lattice Partners LLC t/a Copycat Co. at 1110 H Street NE (ABRA-096474) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License unless a settlement agreement was finalized by the protest deadline.
- Recommended that the ANC write a letter of support for the application of Capitol Square Bar and Grill LLC t/a DC Capitol Square Bar & Grill at 1500 East Capitol Street NE (ABRA-118000) for renewal of its Class C Restaurant License.



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- Recommended that the ANC write a letter of support for the application of Langston Bar & Grille, LLC t/a Langston Bar & Grille at 1831 Benning Road NE (ABRA-076260) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- Recommended that the ANC write a letter of support for the application of LMW, LLC t/a Little Miss Whiskey's Golden Dollar at 1104 H Street NE (ABRA-079090) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- Recommended that the ANC write a letter of support for the application of Daruwalla, LLC t/a Daru at 1451 Maryland Avenue NE (ABRA-113870) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- Recommended that the ANC 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.
- Recommended that the ANC 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.
- Recommended that the ANC 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.
- Recommended that the Committee pursue updating the Settlement Agreement with The Pug, LLC t/a The Pug/Toki Underground at 1234 H Street NE (ABRA-073166) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License - without prejudicing its application for renewal.
 - A settlement agreement was negotiated, signed and submitted to ABRA/ABCA.
- Recommended that the ANC 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.
- Recommended that the ANC take no action with regard to the application by The New Elroy Bar, LLC t/a The Elroy at 1423 H Street NE (ABRA-112289) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- Recommended that the ANC protest the application of On the Rocks, LLC t/a On the Rocks at 1242 H Street NE (ABRA-106695) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License. unless a settlement agreement was entered prior to the protest deadline.
 - A settlement agreement was negotiated, signed and submitted to ABRA/ABCA..
- Recommended that the ANC write a letter of support for the application of Bronze DC, LLC t/a Bronze DC at 1245 H Street NE (ABRA-121843) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- Recommended that the ANC protest 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.
- Recommended that the ANC protest 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 finalized prior to the protest deadline. Recommended that the ANC also write a letter of support for a stipulated license for Cru Lounge once the Settlement Agreement was finalized.
 - A settlement agreement was negotiated, signed and submitted to ABRA/ABCA..
- Recommended that the ANC protest the application by Noble Convenience, LLC t/a Noble



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Convenience and Tobacco at 1305 H Street NE (ABRA-122919) for a Retailer's Class A Liquor Store License unless a settlement agreement is finalized prior to the protest deadline.

- A settlement agreement was negotiated, signed and submitted to ABRA/ABCA.
- Recommended that the ANC take no action with regard to the renewal application of Wasted Inc. t/a Cru Hemp Lounge at 816 H Street NE (ABRA-117958).
- Recommended that the ANC protest the application of VYB Enterprises, LLC t/a Vybrations Restaurant and Lounge at 1123 H Street NE (ABRA-123389) unless a settlement agreement was entered into prior to the protest deadline.
 - No settlement agreement was reached, and therefore the ANC protested the license application, as did several neighborhood groups. However, Vybrations Restaurant and Lounge withdrew its application before the protest was heard or any mediation took place.
- Recommended that the ANC take no action with regard to the renewal application of Naomi's Ladder II, LLC t/a Smokin' Pig at 1208 H Street NE (ABRA-104866).
- Recommended that the ANC protest the application of Hiraya Kapamilya, LLC t/a Hiraya Kapamilya at 1250 H Street NE (ABRA-124137) unless a settlement agreement was entered prior to the protest deadline.
 - A settlement agreement was negotiated, signed and submitted to ABRA/ABCA.
- Recommended that the ANC protest the application of Old City 1 LLC t/a Old City 1 Café at 1307 H Street NE (ABRA-124035).
 - After further presentation by the establishment at the ANC meeting, the ANC did not protest the application.
- Recommended that the ANC take no action with regard to the renewal application of Gallery O, LLC t/a Gallery O on H at 1354 H Street NE (ABRA-094849).
- Recommended that the ANC not support the request of KitchenCray H LLC t/a KitchenCray at 1301 H Street NE (ABRA-113864) for a stipulated license with entertainment endorsement.
- Recommended that the ANC protest the application of KitchenCray H LLC t/a Kitchen Cray at 1301 H Street NE (ABRA-113864) for a substantial change to its existing license unless a settlement agreement was entered prior to the protest deadline.
 - The ANC voted to not take a position on this application.
- Recommended that the ANC protest the application of Providencia, LLC t/a Providencia at 1321 Linden Court NE (ABRA-125122) unless a settlement agreement was entered prior to the protest deadline.
 - A settlement agreement was negotiated, signed and submitted to ABRA/ABCA.
- Recommended that the ANC take no action with regard to the application of TPK, LLC t/a The People's Kitchen at 815 H Street NE (ABRA-124821).
- Recommended that the ANC protest the application of B.A.R. LLC t/a Bloom at 1402 H Street NE (ABRA-125601) unless a settlement agreement was entered prior to the protest deadline.
 - A settlement agreement was negotiated, signed and submitted to ABRA/ABCA.
- Recommended that the ANC protest the application of Jerk at Nite, Inc. t/a Jerk at Night at 1100 H Street NE (ABRA-126009) unless a settlement agreement was entered prior to the protest



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deadline.

- Recommended that the ANC take no action with regard to the renewal application of Mochi, Inc. t/a DC Supermarket at 539 8th Street NE (ABRA-074927).
- Recommended that the ANC take no action with regard to the renewal application of DSAY Corporation t/a Adams Market at 700 F Street NE (ABRA-077168).



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Community Outreach Committee (COC)

Meetings and Attendance

During FY 2023, ANC 6A COC Committee held eight regularly scheduled public meetings, generally on the fourth Monday of each month, except for holidays and the month of August. All meetings were conducted virtually on Zoom, began at 7:00pm, were properly noticed, and were open to the public for comments and questions.

FY 2023 ANC 6A COC Committee Meetings took place in October and November 2022 as well as January, February, March, May, July, and September 2023. Meeting reports can be found at <https://anc6a.org/minutesreports/>

Presentations

ANC 6A heard presentations on the following COC topics:

- Public education
- Safety of sex workers with HIPS (Honoring Individual Power and Strength, 906 H Street NE)
- Cooperation with the attorney general's office
- Public safety in general
- Composting in the city
- Future of the fields at RFK
- Commemorating two outstanding community members (Edna Jane "EJ" Truax and the late William Outlaw)

The COC did not receive any grant applications and, thus, did not allocate any funds in FY 2023.



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Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

Meetings and Attendance

During FY 2023, ANC 6A EDZ Committee held nine regularly scheduled public meetings, generally on the third Wednesday of each month, except for holidays and the month of August. All meetings were conducted virtually on Zoom, began at 7:00pm, were properly noticed, and were open to the public for comments and questions.

FY 2023 ANC 6A EDZ Committee Meetings took place in October and November 2022 as well as January, February, March, April, June, July, and September 2023. Meeting reports can be found at <https://anc6a.org/minutesreports/>

ANC 6A EDZ-Related Actions from January 2022 to October 2023

January 2022: ANC 6A expressed its concerns about the situation facing the tenants at the Havana Building at 1219 K Street NE. In this case, the landlord was extremely derelict, and allowed the building to become a public safety concern both for the residents, and the surrounding community. This building is 100% occupied by residents who use D.C. vouchers. While the Havana was an extraordinary case of dereliction of the responsibilities of a landlord, it also highlighted some of the deficiencies in the existing voucher system and oversight of landlords who house low-income residents who receive assistance from the D.C. government.

November 2022: ANC 6A held discussions about expanding the arts use on H Street and expressed support for the Green New Deal for Housing Act. EDZ also held extensive discussions and hearings about the introduction of a new Racial Equity Tool from BZA. EDZ had training from the Office of the Attorney General on its use and how we should apply it to ANC 6A. We leveraged this tool as part of the review of 721 H Street.

December 2022: ANC 6A supported the request for zoning relief for 1717 E Street NE. The developer sought extensive relief, including area variances. The need for extensive zoning relief was caused by the existence of a large, antiquated sewage pipe directly under the property, which DC Water had an easement for. This easement caused an extraordinary situation that warranted the relief, in the view of the ANC.

December 2022: ANC 6A supported the special exception request for the Sasha Bruce Youthworks. This facility provides necessary services to our city and community, and ANC 6A strongly supported their efforts. As part of the ANC's support, a community advisory council was established to help with interactions between the facility and the community.

March–April 2023: ANC 6A conducted extensive reviews and discussions with the developer of a project at 1000–1016 H Street NE. This was proposed as an 80-unit building, with no ground floor retail, despite it being the standard for other buildings on H Street. Several meetings were held on the



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matter. The developer eventually added a small amount of ground floor retail, and the ANC supported, although it was far from enthusiastic support due to the relatively small amount of ground floor retail. The negotiations improved the project and how it serves the community through the increase of ground floor retail, which will activate that neighborhood more than just residential units would.

April 2022 and July 2023: A much more collaborative and positive interaction was involved in ANC 6A’s review of the project at 1207 H Street (AutoZone). The developer in this case took pains to consult with the ANC and the community extensively throughout the process and updated the design in several ways to address community concerns. The developer, Mr. Chris Miller, is to be commended for outreach and collaboration on this development, and his approach should be an example to other developers of how to engage an ANC and a community.

September 2023: ANC 6A supported the special exception request for the Slutty Vegan restaurant that is being established on H Street at 1244/1246 H Street, NE. As a new fast-food establishment, zoning requires the community to review establishments, and ANC 6A held extensive discussions to ensure there would be no negative impacts on the community.

Special Exception Applications to the Board of Zoning Adjustment

ANC 6A supported the following requests for special exception zoning relief:

Month	Address	BZA	Details
Nov 2022	223 8th Street NE	20827	Addition
Dec 2022	1717 E Street NE	20821	Two new, 4-story, 4-unit apartment buildings
Dec 2022	1022 Maryland Avenue NE	20554	Health care facility in existing 3-story building
Mar 2023	1000 – 1016 H Street NE	20880	New 5-story, 80-unit mixed-use apartment building
Apr 2023	1000 – 1016 H Street NE	20880	New 5-story, 80-unit mixed-use apartment building
Apr 2023	214 Warren Street NE	20881	Addition
May 2023	424 10th Street NE	20907	Addition
May 2023	1112 8th Street NE	20911	Addition
Jul 2023	1207 H Street NE	20943	New 6-story, 175-210 unit mixed-use apartment building
Jul 2023	1216 Constitution Avenue NE	20956	Addition
Sep 2023	1244/1246 H Street NE	20960	Side and Rear Addition
Sep 2023	1371/1375 H Street NE	20967	Construct a new, attached, six-story mixed-use building



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ANC 6A supported the following requests for area variance relief:

Month	Address	BZA	Details
Mar 2023	915 Maryland Avenue NE	20891	HPA #23-104. ADU addition above garage
Apr 2023	912 Maryland Avenue NE	20847	Rear addition

In October 2022, ANC 6A supported the Green New Deal for Housing Act (B24-0802).

In May 2023, ANC 6A supported a map amendment from NC-16 to NC-17 for 721 H Street NE (ZC 23-05).



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Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

Meetings and Attendance

During FY 2023, ANC 6A TPS Committee held eleven regularly scheduled public meetings, generally on the third Monday of each month, except for holidays and the month of August. All meetings were conducted virtually on Zoom, began at 7:00 pm, were properly noticed, and were open to the public for comments and questions.

FY 2023 ANC 6A TPS Committee Meetings took place in October, November, and December 2022 as well as January, February, March, April, May, June, July, and September 2023.

Applications to the Transportation and Public Space Committee

ANC 6A did not object to the following applications for the use of public space:

- Public Space Permit Application #441079 (DCRA permit B2107610), February 21, 2023;
- Public Space Notice #10994457, April 18, 2023;
- Public Space Notice #10994461, April 18, 2023;
- Public Space Permit Application #441662, May 15, 2023;
- Public Space Notice #11005761, June 20, 2023.

ANC 6A did object to the following applications for the use of public space:

- Chick-fil-A Public Space Permit Application requesting a six-foot high fence on the public right-of-way adjacent to the business, November 21, 2022.

Presentations

ANC 6A heard presentations on the following TPS topics:

- DDOT presentation on DDOT's Electric Vehicle Curbside Charging Program, November 21, 2022;
- DDOT presentation on the final design for traffic calming and bike lanes on the 1300-block North Carolina Avenue NE, December 19, 2022;
- DDOT presentation on DDOT's Traffic Safety Investigation (TSI) 2.0 dashboard and the rationale for updating the TSI process, January 17, 2023;
- DDOT presentation on the 30% designs for the [8th Street NE Bus Priority Project](#), February 21, 2023;
- Outreach Chair of the Capitol Hill Classic presented course and logistical details for the [42nd Annual Capitol Hill Classic 10K, 3K, and Fun Run](#), February 21, 2023;
- DDOT presentation on the final design for the [8th Street NE Bus Priority Project](#), April 18, 2023;
- DDOT presentation on [NOI-23-49-TSD](#) for 11th Street NE and Constitution Avenue NE Traffic Signal to Stop Sign Conversion, April 18, 2023;
- DDOT presentation on the updates to the [H Street NE Bus Priority Project](#), May 15, 2023;
- DDOT presentation on status of the [Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project](#), June 20, 2023;
- DDOT presentation on Maury Elementary School Parking Zone Application, June 20, 2023;



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- DDOT Vision Zero Team presentation on data collection and findings in support of streetscape hardening at 13th Street NE/Constitution Avenue NE and 11th Street NE/East Capitol Street, June 20, 2023;
- DDOT presentation on status of the [Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project](#), July 17, 2023;
- DDOT presentation on the [DC Safe Routes to School Program](#), September 14, 2023;
- DDOT presentation on the [DC Smart Street Lighting Project](#), September 14, 2023;
- DDOT presentation on status of the [Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project](#), September 18, 2023.

Approved Resolutions

The Commission approved resolutions on the following TPS topics:

- [ANC 6A Resolution 2-2023 Call for Greater Transparency and Action to Address Sidewalk Repairs, Sidewalk Gaps, and Pedestrian Infrastructure](#), March 10, 2023.

Testimony Before the Government of the District

The Commission gave the following TPS testimony at Council hearings:

- [Testimony Before the DDOT Performance Oversight Hearing of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment](#), February 27, 2023.

Written Comments or Letters to District Officials

The Commission approved the following written comments to District agencies on their proposed TPS actions:

- [To DDOT Director Lott re: ANC6A Comments on School Parking Zone permits for School-within-School at Goding and Capitol Hill Montessori](#), October 21, 2022;
- [To DDOT Director Lott re: ANC 6A Support for an Open Streets Event on 8th Street NE/SE](#), October 21, 2022;
- [To DDOT Public Space Committee re: ANC 6A Opposition to Public Space Permit #406201, Chick-Fil-A Fence Height Increase](#), December 11, 2022;
- [To DDOT Public Space Committee re: Insufficient Public Space Permit Review Deadlines](#), December 11, 2022;
- [To DDOT Director Lott re: ANC 6A Request for traffic safety measures at 16th and East Capitol Streets NE](#), December 11, 2022;
- [To DDOT Director Lott re: Request for traffic safety measures for 300-700 blocks of 19th Street NE](#), December 11, 2022;
- [To DDOT Director Lott re: Request for loading zone and RPP, 1500 block of East Capitol Street NE](#), December 11, 2022;
- [To DDOT Director Lott and MPD First District Commander Tasha Bryant re: ANC6A Support for traffic calming on the 900 Block of K Street NE and request for information regarding the fatal crash on K Street NE](#), January 19, 2023;
- [To DPW Acting Director Timothy W. Spriggs re: ANC 6A Support for Zero Waste, Curbside Composting and Additional Staffed Composting Drop-Off sites](#), February 25, 2023;



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- [To DC HSEMA Director Chris Rodriguez re: ANC6A Support for the 2023 Capitol Hill Classic Races](#), March 10, 2023;
- [To DC Councilmember Charles Allen re: ANC 6A Support for Ceremonial Council Resolution Honoring William Outlaw](#), March 10, 2023;
- [To DDOT, Support for Public Space Permit #411079, 207 14th Place NE](#), March 10, 2023;
- [To DC Council re: ANC 6A letter of support for the Automated Traffic Enforcement-Effectiveness Amendment Act and the Reckless Driver Accountability Act](#), March 25, 2023;
- [To DDOT Director Lott and DDOT Program Manager Mohammed Dahir re: Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project Safety Issues and Permit Enforcement](#), April 23, 2023;
- [To DDOT Director Lott re: ANC 6A Request for information sharing regarding TSIs and Sidewalk Issues](#), April 23, 2023;
- [To DDOT Ward 6 Community Liaison Abraham Diallo re: ANC 6A NOIs 23-44-TESD, 23-45-TESD, 23-46-TESD, 23-47-TESD](#), May 13, 2023;
- [To DDOT Project Manager Yohannes Bennehoff re: ANC 6A 8th Street Bus Priority Project](#), May 31, 2023;
- [To DDOT Public Space Committee re: ANC 6A Support for Parklets at 1206 and 1238 H Street NE](#), May 13, 2023;
- [To DC Council Committee on Transportation and the Environment Chair Charles Allen re: ANC 6A Support for Completing the DC Streetcar from Benning Road Metro Station to Georgetown as Planned and Promised](#), May 18, 2023;
- [To DDOT Ward 6 Community Liaison Abraham Diallo re: ANC 6A Support for traffic calming 11th Street NE \(from Florida Ave to East Capitol NE\)](#), June 15, 2023;
- [To DDOT Associate Director for Public Space Regulation Elliot Garrett re: ANC 6A Support for Public Space Permit #419662 – 1101 H Street NE](#), June 15, 2023;
- [To DDOT School Parking Zone Program Manager Jason Meggs re: ANC 6A Support for Maury School Parking Zone application](#), July 16, 2023;
- [To DDOT Bicycle Program Specialist Mike Goodno re: ANC 6A Support for Extension of Bike Facilities on K Street NE](#), July 16, 2023;
- [To DDOT Public Space Committee re: ANC 6A Support for Public Space Permit Application #11005761](#), July 16, 2023;
- [To DDOT Director Lott re: ANC 6A Urges Installation of Vertical Traffic Calming and other Safety Measures at Miner Elementary School](#), July 16, 2023;
- [To DDOT Director Lott re: ANC 6A Request for Prioritization of Traffic Safety for the 1400 block of G Street NE](#), July 16, 2023;
- [To DDOT Ward 6 Community Liaison Abraham Diallo re: ANC 6A Support for 11th Street Traffic Calming and Installation of All Way Stop at 11th and F Streets NE](#), July 16, 2023;
- [To DC Council Committee on Transportation and the Environment Chair Charles Allen re: ANC 6A Support for Sidewalk Repair and Maintenance](#), August 5, 2023;
- [To DDOT Director Lott re: ANC 6A Support for Raised Sidewalks and Other Appropriate Traffic Calming at 10th and F Streets NE](#), September 15, 2023;



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- [To DDOT School Parking Zone Program Manager Jason Meggs re: ANC6A Support for NOI 23-162-TOA](#), September 15, 2023.

Accomplishments

ANC 6A accomplishments in TPS issues in FY23 include but were not limited to the following:

- Completion of the C Street and North Carolina Avenue NE traffic safety project and installation of additional traffic calming on C Street from 11th Street to 14th Place NE. Project details can be found at CstNE.com
- Installation of a four-way stop at 11th Street and F Street NE.
- Traffic calming at several locations, including the intersection of 11th Street and E Street NE as well as 15th Street and Tennessee Avenue NE.
- Speed humps at Eastern High School parking lot (supported under prior 6A boundaries), 12th Street NE and F Street NE.
- An agreement between Avec and WC Smith to provide 21 parking spaces for School Within School teachers.

Sidewalk Survey

ANC 6A co-sponsored a sidewalk survey with ANC 6B, ANC 6C, and Capitol Hill Village. The results are summarized below.

- **473** households **responded** to the sidewalk survey.
- **305** respondents reported that they or a member of their household **fell** in the community **over the past two years** – many experienced **multiple falls**.
- **Poorly maintained brick sidewalks** were cited as problems more than 180 times.
- **263 injuries** were reported.
- These falls resulted in **114 medical care service encounters**.
- **105** people who fell were **younger than age 40**.



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ANC 6A Full Commission

Meetings and Attendance

During FY 2023, ANC 6A held eleven regularly scheduled public meetings, always on the second Thursday of the month, except during the August summer recess. All meetings were conducted virtually on Zoom, began at 7:00 pm, were properly noticed, and were open to the public for comments and questions.

FY 2023 ANC 6A Full Commission Meetings took place in October, November, and December 2022 as well as January, February, March, April, May, June, July, and September 2023.

Officers

At its January 12, 2023 public meeting, ANC 6A nominated and elected officers as follows: Amber Gove, Chair; Keya Chatterjee, Vice Chair; Robb Dooling, Secretary; Steve Moilanen, Treasurer; and Laura Gentile, Parliamentarian.

Allotments and Disbursements

ANC 6A received \$10,300.05 during FY 2023. Disbursements for the year were \$16,747.64 for an ending balance of \$32,584.91.

Public Safety Walks

ANC 6A co-hosted the following public safety walks in partnership with DC government agencies and neighborhood organizations. Co-hosts included the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), MPD First District Citizens Advisory Council, Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen, the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, and H Street Main Street.

- Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6pm in front of Miner Elementary School
- Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 6pm at 9th and H Streets NE
- Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 6pm at 13th and D Streets NE
- Friday, September 15, 2023, at 7pm at Bethune Statue in Lincoln Park
- Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 6pm at 14th and Duncan Streets NE

Redistricting

The Commission provided reminders electronically and in meetings to check ballots for 2022 elections after redistricting.

Presentations

ANC 6A heard presentations on the following special topics. **This list does not include topics already covered under "Presentations" under each Committee's own section.** Meeting reports, including presentation summaries, can be found at <https://anc6a.org/minutesreports/>



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- Department of Energy and the Environment on Solar for All; Installation of Residential Pollinator Gardens, October 13, 2022
- Capitol Hill Village and Rosedale Recreation Center, November 10, 2022
- Department of Buildings on Vacant/Blighted Properties, February 9, 2023
- Department of Parks and Recreation on operations; Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen on Ward 6 Updates, March 9, 2023
- Mayor's Proposed FY24 Budget and DC Water's Lead-Free DC Initiative, April 13, 2023
- Department of Energy and the Environment on Electrification, May 11, 2023
- New DC Office of the Taxpayer Advocate, June 8, 2023
- Department of Behavioral Health, July 13, 2023
- Department of Transportation and Public Space, September 14, 2023

Commission Operations

The Commission took the following actions related to its own operations:

- Approving all required quarterly reports and disbursement checks at public meetings;
- Approving a schedule of meetings;
- Electing Officers;
- Adopting By-Laws; and
- Approving ANC Security Fund participation.



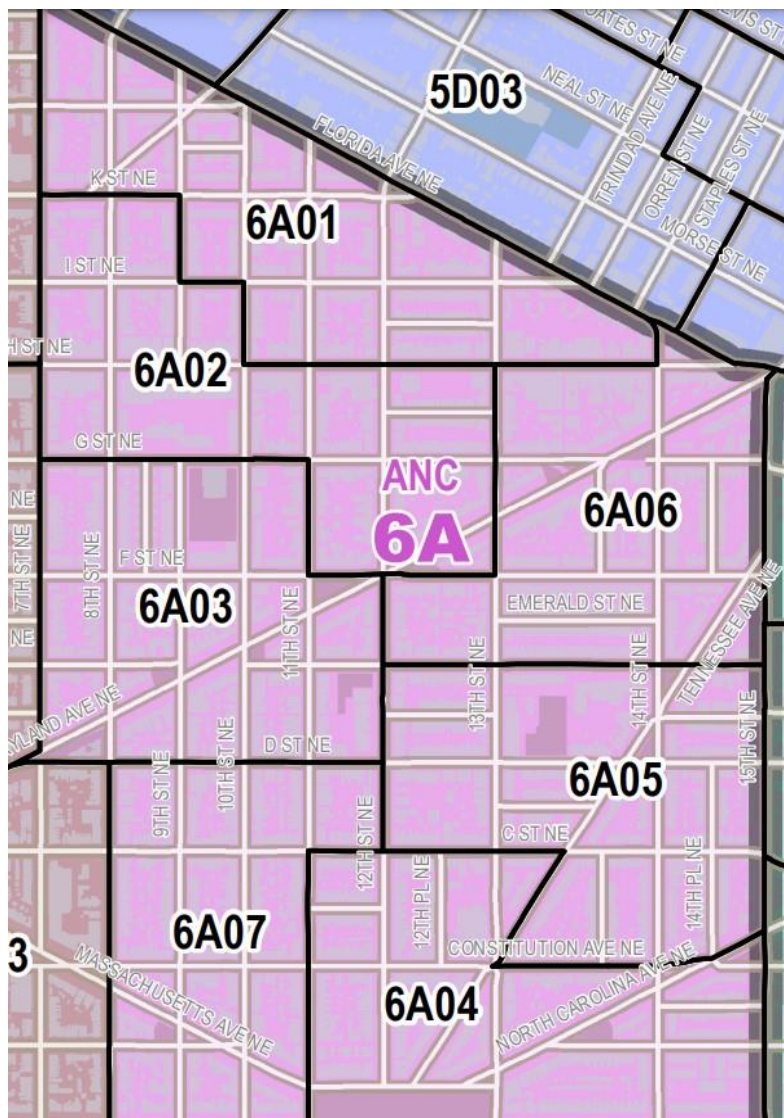
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Commission Area Map

In the 2020 Census Redistricting process, the DC Council approved the 2022-2032 boundaries of ANC 6A as follows:

- Florida Avenue NE from 7th Street NE to the Starburst Intersection.
- 15th Street NE from the Starburst Intersection to East Capitol Street NE.
- East Capitol Street NE from 15th Street NE to 8th Street NE, including the northern half of Lincoln Park.
- 8th Street NE from East Capitol Street NE to D Street NE.
- D Street NE from 8th Street NE to 7th Street NE.
- 7th Street NE from D Street NE to Florida Avenue NE.





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District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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ANC 6A Resolution 3-2023 OPPOSITION TO WASHINGTON GAS' APPLICATION TO THE DC PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF THE PROJECTpipes 3 PLAN

Introduction ANC 6A has been the unfortunate site of some of the implementation of “Project Pipes” with years of work ongoing on Florida Avenue NE. The Washington Gas contractors at this site have damaged the foundations of row houses on Florida Avenue NE and harassed constituents who are on foot and on bicycles. They have dropped metal plates from a height, having them crash down in front of homes; left loose metal plates on the roadway, resulting in neighbors being kept up at all hours with the sound of trucks running over metal plates; left rusty and rotting equipment in our community with no permit for the use of public space; failed to provide safe accommodations for pedestrians and people on bicycles, as required under DC law; and left construction vehicles idling for hours at a time in violation of DC law. The behavior of Washington Gas contractors has endangered the lives of our constituents. The shoddy work has also damaged cars passing through on Florida Avenue NE. We are appreciative of the efforts of DDOT to oversee and ameliorate the impact of this project, but the oversight is insufficient to prevent harm.

The immediate impact of this unnecessary project is bad enough, but on top of that, the global impacts of Project Pipes are harrowing. Global climate change is an existential danger, and it is worsening faster than expected. The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has released its Sixth Assessment Report indicating that “Earth is likely to cross a critical threshold for global warming within the next decade, and nations will need to make an immediate and drastic shift away from fossil fuels to prevent the planet from overheating dangerously beyond that level. . .” (New York Times, Climate Change Is Speeding Toward Catastrophe. The Next Decade Is Crucial, U.N. Panel Says, March 21, 2023) The government of the District of Columbia has been at the national forefront in limiting greenhouse gas emissions that contribute directly to global warming.

The District’s Building Energy Performance Standards require large existing commercial and residential buildings to increase their energy efficiency over time. In 2022, DC passed a law requiring that the District be “carbon neutral” by 2045, which means producing no greenhouse gas emissions that are not offset. At the same time, DC passed legislation requiring that after 2026 all new commercial building construction and major renovations be built to net-zero standards. DC also passed legislation requiring District government-owned or funded new buildings to be built to net-zero standards before 2026.

Moving towards carbon neutrality means there must be a decreased use of methane gas (so-called “natural gas”), particularly for building heat and hot water. However, Washington Gas Light Company



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(Washington Gas or WGL), the monopoly gas utility, is continuing a 40-year accelerated pipeline replacement project, PROJECTpipes, to replace nearly all of the gas infrastructure in the District.

The total PROJECTpipes cost is estimated at \$4.5 billion, which is paid by gas customers in the form of a gas rate surcharge, in addition to expenses already included in the regular rate. Washington Gas is now asking the DC Public Service Commission (PSC) for \$671.8 million for Phase 3 of PROJECTpipes for the next five years, which is expected to cost the average District ratepayer at least an additional \$300 over that time period. Later phases of PROJECTpipes would cost ratepayers considerably more.

As has been shown in a recent report by the DC Department of Energy and the Environment, a significant number of the gas leaks in WGL's system could be repaired at a fraction of the cost of full pipe replacement. When full replacement is truly necessary, as is sometimes the case, potentially WGL's regular pipes maintenance program could adequately meet this need, discontinuing PROJECTpipes entirely. As the District moves forward with electrification, there will be fewer ratepayers to cover the rising costs of gas infrastructure, thereby increasing the financial burden on remaining ratepayers, and disproportionately on low-income, disadvantaged gas customers. In addition, parts of the gas distribution system will be no longer used or useful and will become "stranded" assets, costs for which ratepayers, and possibly even taxpayers, will nonetheless be financially liable. Consumer-quality "natural gas" burned in homes is up to 95% methane.

When methane leaks, as it does regularly from the drilling and pipe network, as well as from household appliances, it adds to global warming at more than 80 times the rate of carbon dioxide in the 20 years after emission. Methane combustion in gas powered appliances produces toxic air pollutants including nitrogen oxides, formaldehyde, benzene, and particulates, as well as both carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide. Washington Gas needs to engage in a robust planning process to redefine its business model as the District of Columbia weans itself off fossil fuels. The DC Public Service Commission must develop a plan to phase out the use of greenhouse-gas producing fuels in coordination with the transition to clean, renewable energy.

WHEREAS: Washington Gas contractors implementing 'Project Pipes' on Florida Ave NE have damaged property and decreased the well-being of our constituents; WHEREAS: Global climate change is an existential danger, and it is worsening faster than expected; WHEREAS: The District of Columbia has committed through legislation to protecting the climate by reducing greenhouse gas emissions to a net-zero level by 2045;

WHEREAS: PROJECTpipes is an exorbitantly expensive and wasteful plan that will keep the District locked into using methane fuels for decades to come; and

WHEREAS: Placing the burden on gas ratepayers to maintain a polluting and dangerous gas distribution system is unacceptable as the District moves away from methane fuels toward electrification;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A of the District of Columbia opposes Washington Gas' PROJECTpipes Phase 3 Application;



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6A calls upon our elected officials to protect the interests of the residents of the District of Columbia over those of the monopoly utility, Washington Gas, and to hold hearings and work to oppose further harmful work under the auspices of 'Project Pipes'. Specifically, we ask our elected officials to ensure that Washington Gas engages in a robust planning process to redefine its business model as the District of Columbia weans itself off fossil fuel and that The DC Public Service Commission develops a plan to phase out the use of greenhouse-gas-producing fuels to bring about a just and equitable transition to clean, renewable energy, consistent with DC law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair, Vice Chair, and/or their designee(s) are authorized to represent ANC6A on this matter. Copies of this resolution will be sent to the DC Council, The Office of the Peoples Council, and the Office of Mayor Bowser.

Attested by:

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

Amber Gove Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

This Resolution was approved by a vote of 7-0-0 on December 14, 2023 at a public meeting¹ of ANC6A at which a quorum was present.

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



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Transportation and Public Space

1. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting immediate consideration of design changes ahead of existing construction plans to address persistent safety issues at the intersections of Florida Avenue NE, 12th Street NE, K Street NE and Montello Avenue NE.
2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter of support to HSEMA for the 2024 Capitol Hill Classic Race.
3. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A authorize Commissioners Shapiro and Gove to draft testimony with Commission and community input for the DDOT Performance Oversight Hearing.



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January XX, 2024

Interim Director Sharon Kershbaum
District Department of Transportation
250 M Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

Mr. Ali Shakeri
Infrastructure Project Management Division
District Department of Transportation
250 M Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project Modification Request at 12th Street NE

Dear Interim Director Kershbaum and Mr. Shakeri:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on January 11, 2024, our Commission voted x-x-x (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request a modification to the Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project plans at the intersections of Florida Avenue NE, Montello Avenue NE, 12th Street NE, and K Street NE to address urgent safety issues. This letter has been written in coordination and collaboration with ANC 5D, which covers the area on the north side of Florida Avenue NE.

Since the project design was completed, the intersection of Florida Avenue NE, Montello Avenue NE, 12th Street NE, and K Street NE has become more dangerous both in terms of traffic violence and gun violence, and we ask that you revisit the plans in that light. This intersection involves four different classifications of roads coming together at different angles and is confusing and dangerous for all road users. This intersection is where Dave Salovesh was killed on a bicycle, and where a driver crashed into the ghost bike placed there in his memory a few months later.

In terms of traffic violence, we have seen several near misses involving vehicles driving southwest from Montello Avenue NE onto K Street NE, that involve drivers almost striking pedestrians alighting from the D4 and D8 buses. The intersection is particularly dangerous because of the unusually long distance between where drivers stop for the red light at Montello Avenue NE and when they get to the crosswalk at the west side of the subsequent intersection at 12th Street NE and K Street NE. That distance means that drivers have picked up a lot of speed by the time they get to the crosswalk and struggle to stop in time for pedestrians. The intersection of 12th Street NE and K Street NE previously had a pedestrian island that is no longer there, making crossing the street even more perilous. We have pointed out these safety issues for years, but the only relief offered has been a three-second Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) at the west side of the intersection that we believe is insufficient.

In terms of gun violence, we have had one neighbor on the 900 block of 12th Street NE experience two carjackings in two years. On March 9, 2023 assailants unloaded two automatic weapons in the alley adjacent to 12th Street NE, in addition to other incidents of gun violence. In each case, the perpetrators of violence have sped north on 12th St NE, knowing that they could disappear down Florida Avenue NE with impunity. Though we have understood from past discussions that DDOT does not consider gun violence in project design, we urge you

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to consider how the built environment in this case is increasing violence. We are asking that you modify our public space so that what DDOT builds decreases the risk of gun violence by creating a human scale that feels safe for pedestrians and slows vehicle speeds.

Our community is asking DDOT to modify the design of the Florida Avenue NE project at this intersection in a way that will slow speeds, reduce noise, and increase public safety. We realize that some of these options would require the D8/D4 buses to take 11th Street NE south rather than 12th Street NE south, but the locations of bus stops would not need to be changed in any options.

Below are six different options that we believe would make the intersection much safer, in order of preference. Options that allow southbound traffic on 12th Street NE should all include a raised crosswalk at the south side of the intersection of K Street NE and 12th Street NE in addition to speed humps on the 800- and 900-blocks of 12th Street NE.

1. Install a mini roundabout or neighborhood traffic circle where the four roads come together.
2. Entirely fill in the small segment of 12th Street NE between Florida Avenue NE and K Street NE, with curb cuts for pedestrians and bicycles, connecting the sidewalk directly to the triangle park between Florida Avenue NE and K Street NE. This would completely block vehicular traffic on Montello Avenue NE from crossing Florida Avenue NE to continue onto 12th Street NE.
3. Enlarge the triangle park between Florida Avenue NE and K Street NE to prevent vehicular traffic from proceeding through to or from 12th Street NE, but allowing said traffic from Montello Avenue NE and Florida Avenue NE to proceed only onto westbound K Street NE.
4. Restore the pedestrian island that previously existed on the west side of the intersection of K Street NE and 12th Street NE and remove the northbound left turn from 12th Street NE onto Florida Avenue NE. This would cause few changes but would still reduce speeds and narrow the crosswalk across 12th Street NE at Florida Avenue NE. It would also mean that eastbound Florida Avenue NE traffic, including cars, cyclists, and pedestrians do not have to contend with northbound cars.
5. Restore the pedestrian island that previously existed on the west side of the intersection of K Street NE and 12th Street NE, but turn 12th Street NE, south of Florida Avenue NE, into a one-way southbound-only street, while adding a contraflow bike lane (without removing parking) to ensure the lane is not inappropriately wide.
6. Restore the pedestrian island that previously existed on the west side of the intersection of K Street NE and 12th Street NE and install a raised crosswalk at the south side of the 12th Street NE and K Street NE intersection.

We understand that the Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project is being implemented as designed, but we are requesting immediate consideration of design changes ahead of existing construction plans to address these persistent safety issues. The 90% design is publicly available, but we have not yet seen a 100% or final design and we hope that leaves room for urgent safety improvements. We are attaching rough drawings of proposed alternatives. Any of these alternatives would be preferable to the status quo.

Finally, we request that DDOT keep the existing crosswalk at Florida Avenue NE and M Street NE. ANC 6A, 6C, and 5D. That crosswalk is a vital way to safely cross the street without walking a long way to the next crosswalks at 6th Street NE or 7th Street NE. People will cross to get to the metro station at that point, and it will be far more dangerous without a crosswalk. If DDOT deems the existing crosswalk to be dangerous, we welcome a signal at



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that intersection. It is critical that DDOT keep the crosswalk and prioritize pedestrian and transit rider safety over unimpeded speed for drivers on Florida Avenue. That area is in ANC6C and all of the adjacent ANCs are unanimous in our view that the two existing crosswalks to M Street NE should be retained.

We respectfully request that the plans be modified at M Street NE and 12th Street NE to protect the safety of our community. 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



12th St NE Traffic Safety at Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting

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12th St NE Traffic Safety Issues

- Persistent pedestrian and cyclist safety issues due to aggressive driver behavior at the intersection of 12th St NE/K St NE/Florida Ave NE/Montello Ave NE
- Persistent excessive traffic speed on 12th St NE, north of H St
- Significant increase in crime at 800- to 1000-block of 12th St NE
 - Carjackings
 - Stolen vehicles
 - Getaway vehicles

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DDOT Traffic Safety Input (TSI) Dashboard for 12th St NE

- 10 TSIs for Future Consideration
- 1 TSI Under Investigation
 - FY23 Q4 TSI Prioritized Location
- 0 Pending Installation
- 0 Completed

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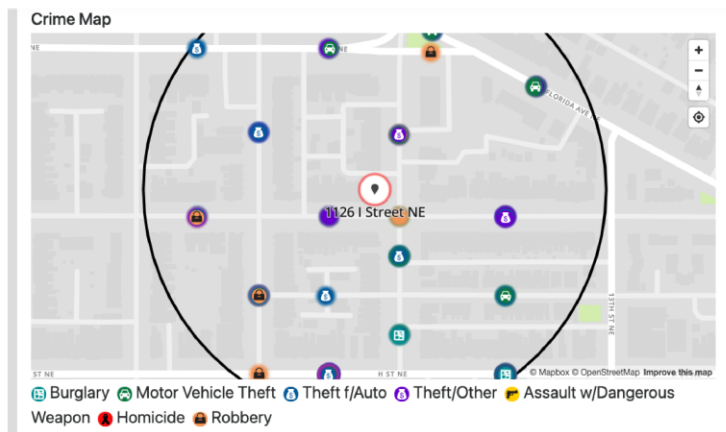
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Calendar Year 2023 Crime Data



Reports within 600 feet of the intersection of 12th St NE and I St NE

- 104 Total Incidents
- 21 Stolen Vehicles
 - 5 on the 800- to 1000-block of 12th St NE
- 23 Thefts from vehicles
- 38 Other Thefts
- 11 Robberies
- 8 Burglaries
- 2 Assaults with a dangerous weapon
- 1 Homicide

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DDOT Road Definitions

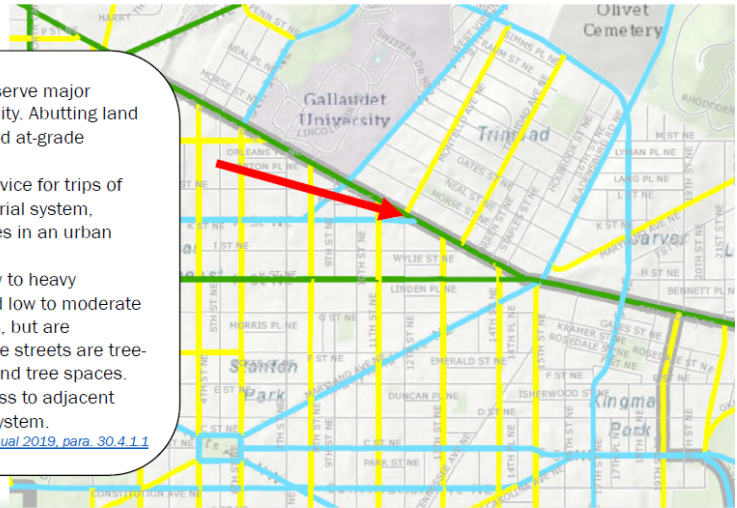
Principal Arterials. Carry moderate to high traffic volume. These serve major centers of metropolitan areas and provide a high degree of mobility. Abutting land uses can be accessed directly by driveways to specific parcels and at-grade intersections with other roadways.

Minor Arterials. Carry moderate traffic volume. These provide service for trips of moderate length. They interconnect and augment the higher arterial system, provide intra-community continuity, and may carry local bus routes in an urban area.

Collector Streets. Carry low to moderate vehicular movement, low to heavy pedestrian movement, moderate to heavy bicycle movement, and low to moderate transit movement. Collector streets are located in neighborhoods, but are consistent with the principles of the functional classifications. The streets are tree-lined, with established cross section distributions for sidewalks and tree spaces.

Local Streets. Carry low traffic volume. These provide direct access to adjacent uses and interconnect with the other portions of the functional system.

[DDOT Design & Engineering Manual 2019, para. 30.4.1.1](#)



DDOT Traffic Calming Measures

- Speed humps, bumps and tables
- Raised crosswalks
- Raised intersections
- Textured pavements
- Gateway/entry treatments
- Bulb-outs/curb extensions
- Chicanes
- Chokers
- Neighborhood traffic circles
- On Street Parking

[DDOT Design & Engineering Manual 2019, para. 40.3](#)



Suggested Safety Improvements

- Convert the entire 12th St/K St/Florida Ave/Montello Ave intersection into a traffic circle
- Block the intersection of 12th St NE south of Florida Ave NE
- Block part of the intersection of 12th St NE south of Florida Ave NE
- Convert 12th St NE to a one-way southbound from K St NE or Florida Ave NE to H St NE
- Add bike lanes to 12th St NE from Florida Ave NE to Maryland Ave NE



Florida Ave NE Streetscape Project





Option 1



Convert the entire 12th St/K St/ Florida Ave/Montello Ave intersection into a [mini roundabout](#) or [neighborhood traffic circle](#)

- Intersection of four different road types
- Long term recommendation
- Major modification to a completed Florida Ave NE Streetscape Project from 11th St to K St



Option 2

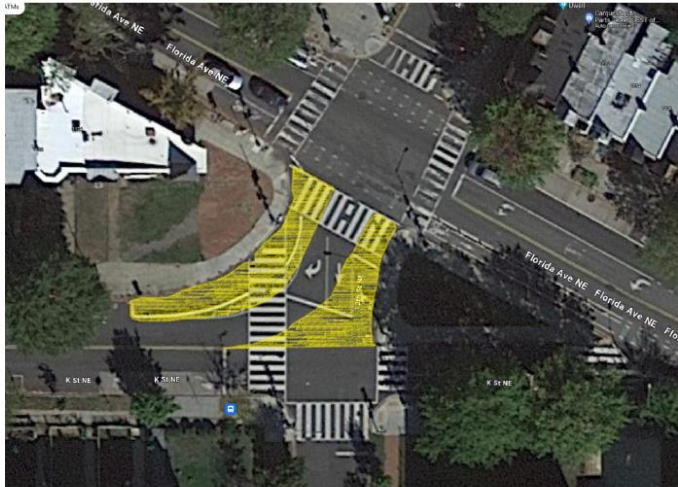


Block all Florida Ave and Montello Ave traffic from access to K St and 12th St

- D4 and D8 Bus (along with all other traffic) southbound on Montello would have to make a right turn onto Florida Ave, then an immediate left onto 11th St to continue toward K St or Capitol Hill
- Modifies design of Florida Ave NE Streetscape Project from 11th St to K St
- Increase in traffic on 11th St NE



Option 3

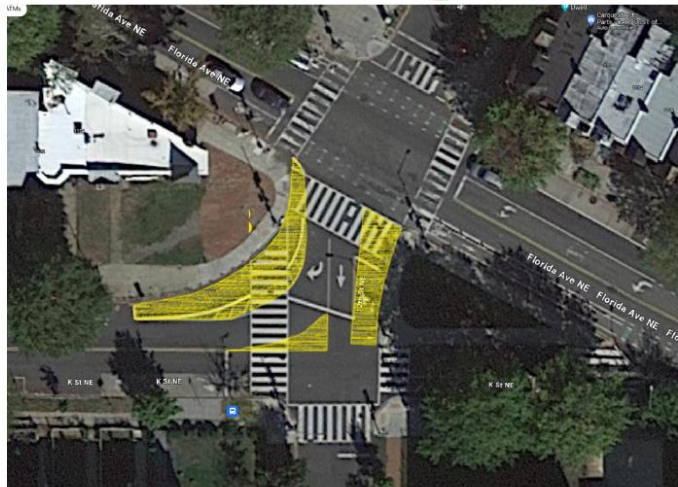


Block all northbound traffic on 12th St NE from accessing westbound Florida Ave NE and westbound K St NE *and* add curb extension on the northwest corner.

- No impact to D4 and D8 Bus
- Traffic on Montello Ave NE or Florida Ave NE can access K St NE
- Modifies design of Florida Ave NE Streetscape Project at 12th St only



Option 4



Block all northbound traffic on 12th St NE from accessing westbound Florida Ave NE and westbound K St NE *and* add curb extension on the northwest corner with restored island.

- No impact to D4 and D8 Bus or to traffic on Montello Ave NE or Florida Ave NE
- Modifies design of Florida Ave NE Streetscape Project at 12th St only



Option 5



Convert 12th St NE to a one-way between Florida Ave NE and H St NE *and* add a contraflow bike lane

- No impact to D4 and D8 Bus or to traffic on Montello Ave NE or Florida Ave NE
- Least impact to design of Florida Ave NE Streetscape Project
- Could increase vehicle speeds without traffic calming
- Recommend continuing bike lanes south of H St to Maryland Ave NE



Recommendation

- To send a letter to DDOT requesting modification of the Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project at 12th St NE.



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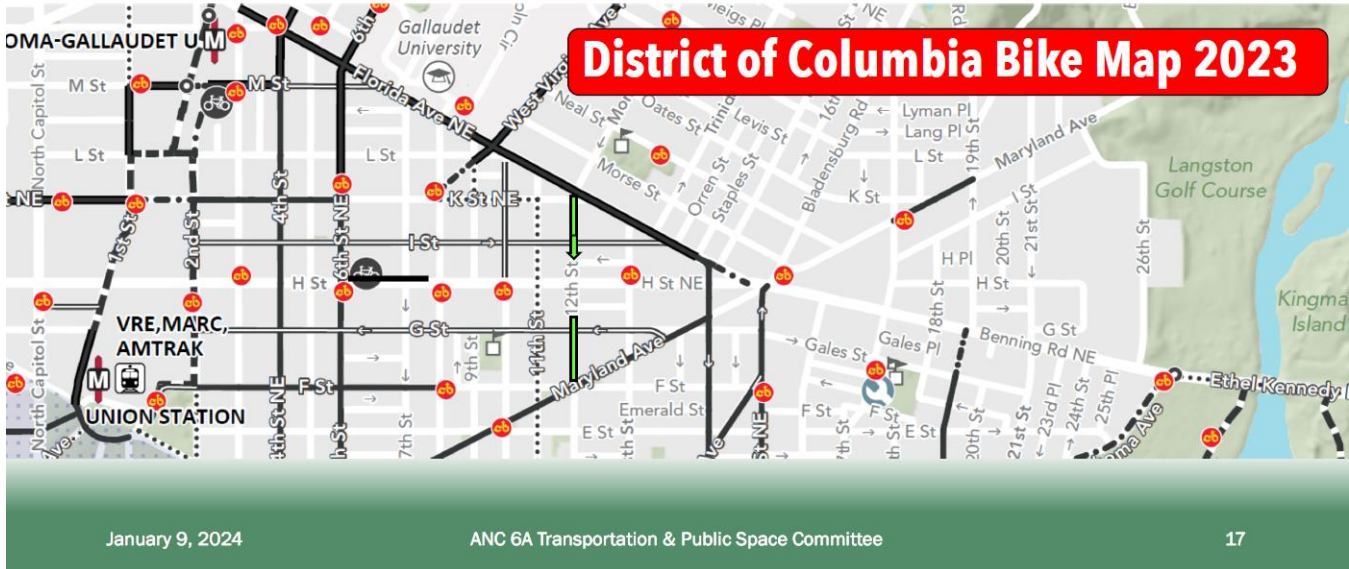
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DC Bike Lanes



Calendar Year 2023 Stolen Vehicles



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Mr. Clint Osborn, Interim Director
District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency
2270 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20032

Re: ANC 6A Support for the 2024 Capitol Hill Classic Races

Dear Interim Director Osborn:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on January 11, 2024 our Commission voted X-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the 2024 Capitol Hill Classic 10K and 3K races and Children's Fun Run.

ANC6A supports this race because it is well-organized and supports the Capitol Hill Cluster School DC Public Schools that serve children from ANC6A and other nearby communities. Each year, the race organizers work closely with MPD to devise safe bump-cross routes to be used during the race to allow drivers to cross when runners are not approaching. We value the close collaboration between race organizers and our community.

Thank you for giving great weight to the views 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

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



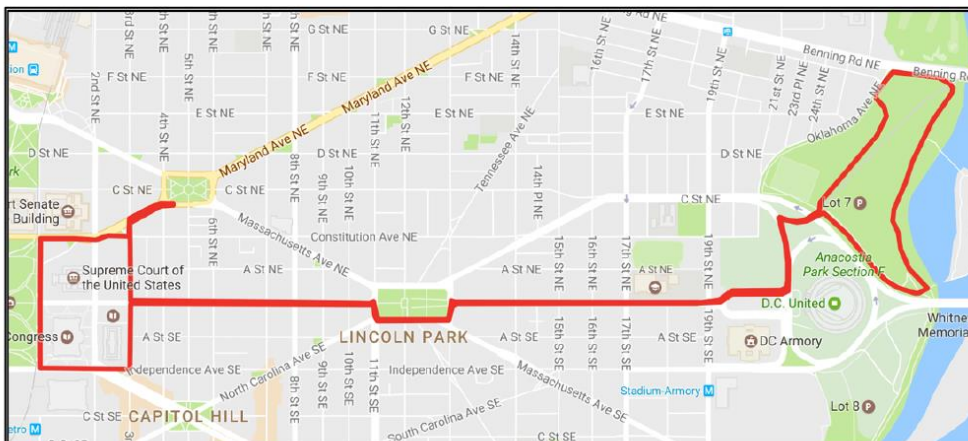
Building pride and community across Capitol Hill, in support of DCPS Capitol Hill Cluster Schools

Stuart Hobson Middle - Peabody Elementary - Watkins Elementary
Capitol Hill Cluster Schools Parent-Teacher Association

2024 Capitol Hill Classic

10K Course

May 19, 2024 • 8:30am

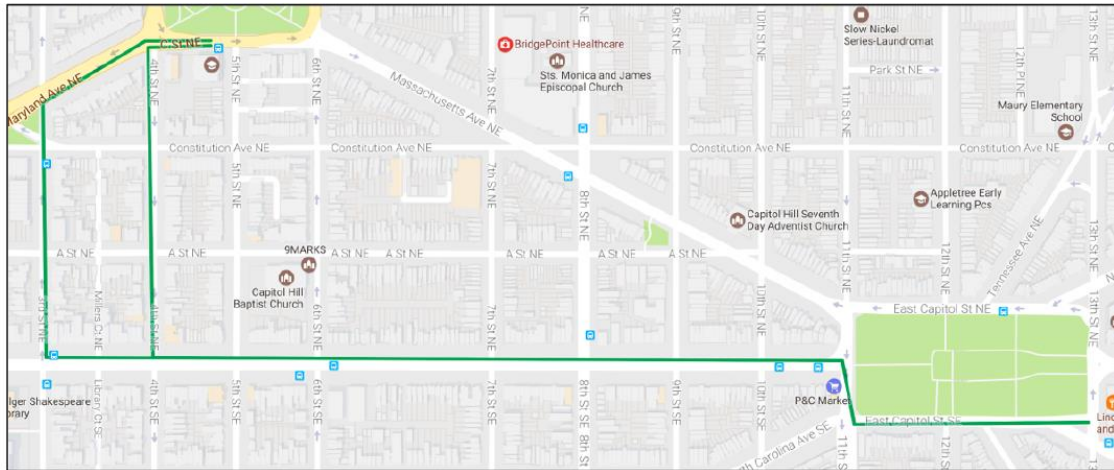




2024 Capitol Hill Classic

3K Course

May 19, 2024 • 10:30am



2024 Capitol Hill Classic

Fun Run
May 19, 2024 11am





Key Details of Note

Attendance

- Estimated 6,000

Start/Finish

- Peabody School, 425 C Street NE and Stanton Park, 5th Street NE & C Street NE

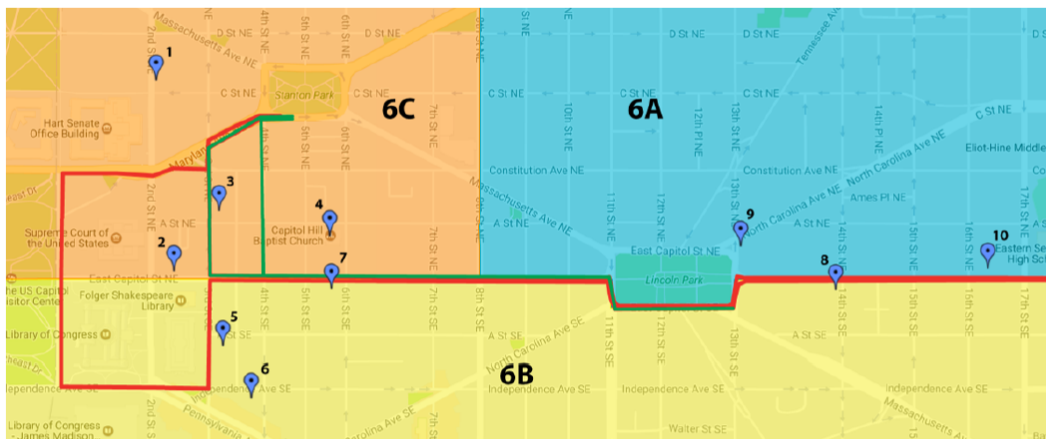
Timings

- *Parking Enforcement Begins: 3.30am*
- *Event set-up: 5:30 am*
- *Races: 10K 8:30 am, 3K 10:30 am, Fun Run 11:00 am*
- *Event breakdown: 12:00pm*

Street closures (includes streets to be closed as well as closing and reopening times)

- *5:30am-noon: C St NE between 4th and 6th Streets NE, as well as 5th St NE between C St and Constitution Ave NE*
- *Rolling closures (according to race times): course as outlined*

2024 Capitol Hill Classic
affected churches along 10K and 3K routes



ANC 6C

1. St. Joseph's Catholic Church
313 2nd St NE, 20002 (6C)
2. Lutheran Church of the Reformation
212 East Capitol St NE, 20003 (6C)
3. Faith Tabernacle United Holy Church
300 A St NE, 20002 (6C)
4. Capitol Hill Baptist Church
525 A St NE, 20002 (6C)

ANC 6B

5. St. Mark's Episcopal Church
118 3rd St SE, 20002 (6B)
6. Capitol Hill Presbyterian
201 Independence Ave SE, 20003 (6B)
7. William Penn House
515 East Capitol St SE, 20003 (6B)
8. Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian RCC
1367 East Capitol St SE, 20003 (6B)

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9. Lincoln Park United Methodist Church
1301 North Carolina Ave NE, 20002 (6A)
10. Mt. Moriah Baptist Church
1636 East Capitol St NE, 20003 (6A, parking in 6B)

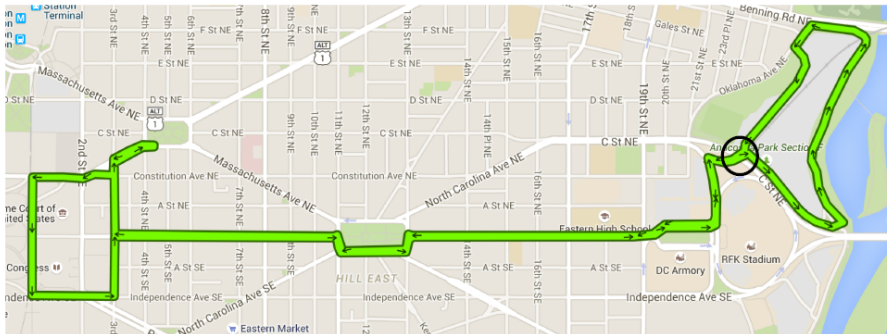


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2024 Capitol Hill Classic 10K Course

race starts at 4th & C St NE at 8:30 AM



Street Closure List (rolling closures)

- C St NE from 5th St NE to 4th St NE
- Maryland Ave from 4th St NE to 2nd St NE/Constitution
- Constitution from 2nd St NE to 1st St NE
- 1st St NE from Constitution to Independence
- Independence from 1st St SE to 3rd St SE
- 3rd St SE from Independence to East Capitol
- East Capitol from 3rd St SE to 22nd St NE, going around the SOUTH side of Lincoln Park
- 22nd St NE from East Capitol to the entrance to RFK parking lots 6 & 7

MPD typically begins shutting down the 10K course, and immediate feeder roads, at 8:00 AM; until the race starts, they will generally allow cars to cross the course but not turn onto it. Once the race starts, the course will be closed to vehicles until the last runners (in 10K or 3K) pass any given location.

Time estimates:

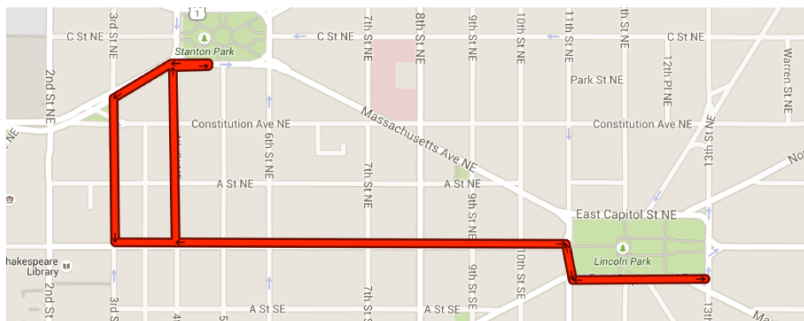
- 9:30-9:45 AM: East Capitol starts reopening (from eastern end)
- 11:00 AM: course west of Lincoln Park begins reopening

NOTE: the 10K course travels in a tunnel under C St NE north of RFK Stadium (circled on map above), meaning that cars can freely cross the course at that point.

<http://capitolhillclassic.com/road-closures/>

2024 Capitol Hill Classic 3K Course

race starts at 4th & C St NE at 10:30 AM



Street Closure List (rolling closures)

- C St NE from 5th St NE to 4th St NE
- Maryland Ave from 4th St NE to 2nd St NE/Constitution
- Constitution from 2nd St NE to 1st St NE
- 1st St NE from Constitution to Independence
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Officer Reports - Treasurer



Treasurer's Report January 2024

		January 1, 2024	December 1, 2023	November 1, 2023
Assets				
Type	Description			
Cash	Checking Account	\$ 39,201.50	\$ 40,217.39	\$ 40,217.39
Cash	Savings Account	\$ 100.05	\$ 100.05	\$ 100.05
Cash	Petty cash	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Liabilities				
Type	Description			
Current Liabilities	Accounts Payable	\$ 8,251.03		
Balance		\$ 31,050.52		

Individual/Organization	Expense	Amount	Check No.	Status
Robb Dooling	Zoom Premium Sept '23	\$ 58.29	2074	Void
Anna Tsaour	Administrative services Sept '23	\$ 250.00	2072	Void
Irene Dworakowski	Administrative services Sept '23	\$ 765.89	2073	Paid
Robb Dooling	Zoom Premium Sep '23	\$ 58.29	2074	Unpaid
Anna Tsaour	Administrative services Sep '23	\$ 250.00	2075	Paid
Anna Tsaour	Administrative services Oct '23	\$ 250.00	2076	Unpaid
Robb Dooling	Zoom Premium Oct '23	\$ 58.29	2077	Unpaid
Irene Dworakowski	Administrative services Oct '23	\$ 771.19	2078	Unpaid
Capital Community News	Hill Rag Advertisements	\$ 4,774.00	2079	Unpaid
Robb Dooling	Zoom Premium Nov '23	\$ 58.29	2080	Unpaid
Anna Tsaour	Administrative services Nov '23	\$ 250.00	2081	Unpaid
Irene Dworakowski	Administrative services Nov '23	\$ 771.19	2082	Unpaid
Robb Dooling	Zoom Premium Dec '23	\$ 58.29	2083	Unpaid
Anna Tsaour	Administrative services Dec '23	\$ 250.00	2084	Unpaid
Irene Dworakowski	Administrative services Dec '23	\$ 771.19	2085	Unpaid
Anna Tsaour	Special Meeting #1	\$ 50.00	2086	Unpaid
Anna Tsaour	Special Meeting #1	\$ 125.00	2087	Unpaid
Irene Dworakowski	Reconciliation	\$ 5.30	2088	Unpaid
		\$ 8,251.03		



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Community Outreach Committee (COC)



No report. COC did not meet in December 2023.



Committee Reports

Alcoholic Beverage and Licensing (ABL)



Minutes

**Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Tuesday, December 19, 2023, 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 ET on December 19, 2023, on a publicly posted Zoom event.

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

Commissioners Present: Robb Dooling, Amber Gove

Establishment Representatives Present: Meredith Kinner (Granny Za), Co-owner of UpnSmoke III LLC and Zack Learman (UpnSmoke III LLC)

Other: Monica Martinez (prospective ABL Committee member)

- I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes
 - Chair Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
 - The minutes from the October 24, 2023 meeting of the Committee were approved without objection.
 - The agenda was approved without objection.

- II. Community Comment
 - Chair Sullivan asked if any members of the community in attendance wanted to make any comments not related to one of the establishments on the agenda. There were no comments.

- III. New Business
 - Welcome new prospective committee members.
 - Monica Martinez, a prospective committee member, introduced herself. Chair Sullivan noted that part of the process for joining a committee is to attend a committee meeting.
 - Discussion regarding revisions to standard ANC 6A settlement agreement.
 - Chair Sullivan indicated that she spoke with Commissioner Chatterjee about updating the standard ANC 6A settlement agreement, and that Commissioner Chatterjee recommended reaching out to the Office of the ANC’s General Counsel.
 - Commissioner Dooling noted that the updated settlement agreement could help lower the perceived barrier for smaller businesses by making it shorter, which would be helpful for the whole neighborhood. In addition, the template could be expanded to include medical marijuana licenses.
 - Commissioner Dooling volunteered to work on the settlement agreement. He recommended sending the draft to the legal counsel at ABCA and the Office of the ANC at the same time.
 - Commissioner Gove noted that there may be a need to ask for a January 4, 2024 special meeting of the ANC to allow enough time to meet the protest deadline for Granny Za’s, which is January 8, 2024.
 - Commissioner Dooling moved to adopt a new settlement agreement to be uploaded to the ANC 6A website, and that he be authorized to draft the agreement and that



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the members of the Committee be authorized to assist him. Commissioner Gove seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- Discussion of application of Za Partners LLC t/a Granny Za's at 1383-1385 H Street NE (ABCA-126762) for a Medical Cannabis Retailer license.
 - Prior to discussing the establishment, Commissioner Dooling shared background from the discussion among the Commissioners last night. He indicated that many existing retailers are within 400 feet of the applicants, but that should not disadvantage establishments who are following the legal process. He noted that these two applicants are 600 feet apart.
 - Chair Sullivan added that there is currently a window for establishments to apply for a medical cannabis license.
 - Ms. Kinner appeared on behalf of the applicant. She provided further context, including that the period that began in November through December 24, 2023 is only for the unlicensed, gifting shops to submit applications. After January 29, 2024, I-71 will sunset, and if the shops are still unlicensed, ABCA will begin to enforce. She also noted the 400 feet between retailers rule, and that there is 600 feet between these two retailers (as all placarded applicants meet the setback requirements), and that 50% of the applicants have to be social equity applicants. Further, she indicated that the establishments must have paid all their business taxes since they've had a business license.
 - Ms. Kinner indicated that Granny Za has been operating since 2021, owned by a single member who is a native of the area. She stated that they have a store on H Street NW, and the owner is selling the building, so they are moving to H Street NE. She shared that they have never had any problems with ABCA or MPD.
 - Commissioner Gove asked about security and trash, and Ms. Kinner indicated that there are stringent requirements for cannabis establishments - products must be stored overnight in a vault, cash kept separately, security equipment protocols, cameras at every window and interior and exterior doors, key fob access, ID requirements, secure cash pick-up when no patients are inside, employees registered with ABCA, etc. She noted that they are also considering an unarmed security guard during busier times.
 - Commissioner Dooling asked if the establishment would be able to extend their protest deadline. Ms. Kinner said she asked and ABCA said no, but she would ask again.
 - The Committee discussed the petition deadline, summarizing that assuming the Committee votes to protest unless a settlement agreement is reached, then the ANC will have a special meeting on January 4, 2024 to vote on both establishments, and they can continue to negotiate the settlement agreements until the protest hearing deadline, noting that it would be helpful to run by ABCA whether filing the protest on January 8th would hurt the establishment's standing in line process.
 - In response to questions from the Committee and the Commissioners, Ms. Kinner explained the typical business operations - at least three employees on the sales floor, three to four in the fulfillment area, and a manager in the front and back of the house. She noted that they would try to limit any lines outside. Ms. Kinner also indicated that she could include the security plan, to the extent not proprietary, as an attachment to the settlement agreement. She also indicated that the establishment



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- applied for a delivery endorsement, and they can use their own employees or a courier service.
- Committee member Blumenthal moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC protest the license application of Granny Za's, unless a settlement agreement is reached between the ANC and the license applicant prior to the protest deadline, and that Commissioner Dooling, the Chair of the ABL Committee and Committee member Blumenthal represent the ANC in this matter. Committee member Krisch seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Discussion of application of UpnSmoke III LLC at 712 15th Street NE (ABCA-126868) for a Medical Cannabis Retailer license.
 - Mr. Learman appeared on behalf of UpnSmoke. He indicated that they have been operating out of this location for two and a half years, and now they are moving forward with the licensure process. He stated that one of the owners is in attendance, and they are a social equity applicant, as they are 50% owned by a returning citizen.
 - He shared that the establishment has had community cookouts and they gave away one hundred hoodies last winter.
 - He shared that with respect to security there are minimum standards - always have a security guard, check IDs at the door, etc. He also stated that there is a load limit for the building that they adhere to, and they have at least four employees there at all times, including the security guard, manager and at least two other employees. He indicated that there have been no incidents or complaints to date.
 - The Committee discussed the establishment avoiding deliveries during school pick-up and drop-off hours. The establishment is not open during morning drop-off, and they agreed to limit deliveries during afternoon pick-up, which is between 3-3:45pm and 5:45-6:30pm.
 - Commissioner Dooling asked the establishment about controls on marketing given the school nearby. Mr. Learman indicated that the establishment's marketing is calculated to not appeal to children, and with respect to signage, they are not changing it but they do plan to paint the building, and they will share the intended color with the ANC. He indicated that the goal is to remove the existing murals and make the exterior more cohesive. He will also send pictures of the current signage.
 - Committee member Blumenthal moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC protest the license application of UpnSmoke III LLC, unless a settlement agreement is reached between the ANC and the license applicant prior to the protest deadline, and that Commissioner Dooling, the Chair of the ABL Committee and Committee member Blumenthal represent the ANC in this matter. Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.



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Transportation and Public Space (T&PS)



Minutes

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting Monday, December 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.
- II. Introductions & Announcements.
Committee members present: Shaun Lynch (Co-Chair), Caitlin Rogger (Co-Chair), Jeff Fletcher, Paul Angelone
Commissioners present: None.
- III. Old Business.
 - A. DDOT update on the [Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project](#). Mr. [Peyton Manning](#) (Florida Ave NE Streetscape Project Outreach Team) and Mr. [Nandlal Gevaria](#) (Project Manager) updated the committee and community on progress on the Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project. The project is now 60% completed, specifically from 2nd Street NE to C Street NE, with landscaping planned for Spring and Fall 2024. Next up is sidewalk work from 7th Street NE to 9th Street NE. The team is currently trying to fix low pressure water issues with DC Water. Utilities work next year may make the roads even rougher. The project team is meeting with Washington Gas and contractors in January and February for work on 7th Street NE to 14th Street NE.
 - i. Co-Chair Lynch noted that Commissioners [Keya Chatterjee](#), [Christy Kwan](#) (6C01), and [Anna Roblin](#) (5D03) would still like to know the status of the midblock crosswalk on Florida Avenue NE between 7th Street NE and M Street NE. Pedestrians cross Florida Avenue to and from that the 90/92 bus stop on the Gallaudet side of the street. Is it still possible to get that back into the plan? Commissioner Roblin later added that her constituents often use that crossing to get to the M Street NE entrance of the NoMa/Gallaudet Metro Station. Mr. Gevaria responded that he discussed it with DDOT and asked them to re-open the study. He is hoping to hear back in mid-Jan because the project team is already working in that area. Some bus service had been paused during the construction of Florida Ave. Mr. Gevaria was unsure which bus (stops) had been halted and agreed to talk to WMATA and report back.
 - ii. Community Member Patrick Bloomstine asked if there are plans to extend protected pedestrian and biking facilities during the construction. Mr. Gevaria responded that the protected bike lanes that have been installed from 2nd to 6th Street will eventually make their way all the way up to H Street. Currently DDOT has plastic jersey barriers on their construction stretch, and the barriers are moved into each area as construction progresses down the street. Areas where Washington Gas is working on will have different protocols.
- IV. New Business.
 - A. Safety concerns with the existing design and approved Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project design at the intersections of Florida Avenue NE/12th Street NE/K Street NE, and Montello Avenue NE. Joal Mendonsa, ANC 6A Economic Development & Zoning Committee member and resident of 6A01 presented concerns with this intersection and recommendations for DDOT to modify the existing and planned traffic pattern. This intersection is two separate intersections of three wide roads. In addition to the persistent pedestrian safety issues, carjackings and other crime, often with getaway vehicles posted nearby, occur frequently along this section of 12th Street NE. Recommended solutions included: 1) extending the triangle park entirely across 12th Street NE to block traffic on Montello Avenue NE and the left-turn traffic from westbound



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Florida Avenue NE from accessing 12th Street NE; 2) extending the triangle park to block said traffic from proceeding south on 12th Street NE, but allowing access to westbound K Street NE; 3) extending the triangle park to only prevent northbound traffic on 12th Street NE from directly accessing Florida Avenue NE; and 4) restore the pedestrian island in K Street NE and convert 12th Street NE into a one-way southbound-only street with a contraflow bike lane. Mr. Mendonsa concluded the presentation stating, “All of these options would be a dramatic improvement over the status quo and offer a substantial improvement to the experience of people living nearby in terms of noise, pollution and, most importantly, safety, while generating very little inconvenience to vehicle traffic that still has many options for getting through the neighborhood. Co-Chair Shaun Lynch noted that all of the options have their pros and cons, particularly for neighbors living north of Florida Avenue NE. Commissioner Roblin (5D03) agreed that the intersection is not safe but has not heard from anyone in Trinidad about it.

- i. Community member Marka Peterson noted in the chat that, as another resident on 12th Street, she would also like to see changes. Cars speed down the street in both directions. She feels nervous when kids attempt to cross the road.
 - ii. Community member Patrick Bloomstine agreed in chat and would appreciate any physical barriers that made it safer to walk to the Cole Community Center, Trinidad Farmers Market, and Union Market.
 - iii. Mr. Gevaria agreed they have challenges with construction at this intersection. Traffic signals are going in during the winter. Sequences are already happening. If there is a redesign required, plans would have to be complete in the next 2-3 months because the team has to complete construction by October 2024. But if you can write to DDOT and ask for modifications, ask them to re-do the design in this particular location. Mr. [Anthony Dinkins](#) at DDOT is the best person to discuss traffic signals, but not road redesign. Traffic signals will require coordination, particularly because they have already been ordered and would need to be reprogrammed. [The first option discussed would require an entirely new signal and left turn lane at the intersection of Florida Avenue NE and 11th Street NE.] [Bethany Turner](#) at DDOT would be a good contact for the redesign.
 - iv. Co-Chair Lynch decided to delay voting on any resolution before commissioners have seen it. He acknowledged that there is not a lot of time to get changes in front of DDOT, but that we do need to get input from commissioners not present at this meeting.
 - v. Committee Member Paul Angelone stated that he used to live at Montello Avenue NE and Morse Street NE. He noted there are lots of cyclists who ride up 12th Street NE and up Montello Avenue NE, and suggested an option for any contraflow bike lane on 12th Street continue up Montello Avenue NE. Another community member, Lauren, supported this idea as well.
- B. Scott Price of [Capitol Hill Village](#) (CHV) presented the CHV Pedestrian Safety Program Sidewalk Safety Project, reviewing sidewalk safety data and goals for 2024 DDOT hearings. He noted that two thirds of CHV members in 2022 said sidewalk safety was a concern. He raised concern that DDOT has a goal to fix pothole complaints in 3 days, and they achieve that 84% of the time, but the goal for sidewalk concerns is 9 months *and* they only achieve that 54% of the time. CHV established an email address, chvpedestriansafety@gmail.com, for people to send photos and addresses of sidewalk hazards for CHV to file for on behalf of residents. CHV filed 256 complaints from April through October 2023. He noted that the DC government has paid out \$1.9M for injuries sustained on sidewalks over two years. In 2022 Ward 6 had double the complaints about sidewalks as it did for potholes. CHV has the support of [Capitol Hill Restoration Society](#) for this effort. CHV has four goals for the 2024 DDOT hearings: 1) reduce DDOTs time to implement sidewalk repairs (from 270 to 90 days in FY25 and from 90 to 45 days



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in FY26); 2) increase DDOT budget for sidewalk repairs; 3) for DDOT to study methods that would reduce the number of sidewalk problems that need to be fixed; and 4) establish a DDOT program to monitor sidewalks like they do streets.

- i. Community Member Patrick Bloomstine asked if there are any plans to switch from brick to pavers? Co-Chair Lynch noted that there is no historical basis for the installation of brick sidewalks, and that converting to brick only began in 1933. Commissioner Shapiro is working on getting DDOT to convert sidewalk to concrete on Capitol Hill.
- ii. Co-Chair Lynch suggested to Mr. Price that DDOT's [Traffic Safety Input \(TSI\)](#) system should be able to be duplicated for sidewalk projects.

V. Community Comment. None.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.



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No report. EDZ did not meet in December 2023.



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