



**District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
Agenda for February 9, 2022**



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

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- 7:00 pm **Call to order**
- 7:01 pm **Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes**
- 7:02 pm **Community Presentations**
- Vacant/Blighted Properties in ANC 6A - Mark-Anthony Tynes, Account Manager, Office of the Director, The Department of Buildings
- 7:30 pm **Consent Agenda** **pg. 11**  
**Community Outreach (COC)**  
**Recommendation:** ANC 6A appoint Angelique Dorazio-Sanders and Clare Dougherty (Gentile), Elizabeth Corinth (Shapiro), Stephanie Myers (Gove) and Gail Sullivan (Chatterjee) as members of the Community Outreach Committee (COC).  
**Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter to the Department of Public Works (DPW) in support of curbside composting and additional compost drop off facilities.
- Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)**  
**Recommendation:** ANC 6A take no action with regard to the application of Naomi's Ladder II, LLC t/a Smokin' Pig at 1208 H Street NE (ABRA-104866) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
- 7:35 pm **Officer Reports** **pg. 13**  
  1. Accept Treasurer's Report
  2. Approve 2023 Q1 Quarterly Report.
- 7:45 pm **Standing Committee Reports:**  
**Community Outreach (COC)** **pg. 17**  
  1. Accept January 2023 committee report.
  2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 27, 2023 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday)
- 7:50 pm **Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)** **pg. 19**  
  1. Accept January 2023 committee report.
  2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A oppose the application of VYB Enterprises, LLC t/a Vybrations Restaurant and Lounge at 1123 H Street NE (ABRA-123389) for a Class C Restaurant License unless a settlement agreement is entered into prior to the protest date, and that the Chair of the ABL Committee, the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC, and Commissioner Velasquez represent the ANC in this matter.
  3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 28, 2023 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)



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- 8:05 pm    **Transportation and Public Space (TPS)**    **pg. 21**  
1. Accept January 2023 committee report.  
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 21, 2023 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday; usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)
- 8:10 pm    **Economic Development and Zoning**    **pg. 23**  
1. Accept January 2023 committee report.  
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 15, 2023 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)
- 8:15 pm    **New Business**    **pg. 25**
- **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A authorizes Commissioners Gove, Chatterjee or Shapiro to testify at the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) performance oversight hearing, requesting: 1) improved responses to rising traffic violence, 2) increased transparency in the traffic safety investigation process, and 3) increased automated traffic enforcement and—through the Department of Public Works (DPW)--booting and towing of chronically violating vehicles. (Gove, Chatterjee and Shapiro)
  - **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A appoint Erin Blumenthal (6A02) as a member of the Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee. (Velasquez)
  - **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A appoint Ayisha Lockett (6A06), Jeremiah Foxwell and Joal Mendonsa (6A01) as members of the Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ) Committee. (Dooling/Chatterjee)
- 8:30 pm    **Single Member District reports** (1 minute each)
- 8:45 pm    **Community Comments** (2 minutes each)
- 9:00 pm    **Adjourn**



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2023



## Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Minutes Zoom Meeting January 12, 2023

**Present:** Commissioners Amber Gove (Chair), Keya Chatterjee, Robb Dooling, Mike Velasquez, Roberta Shapiro, Steve Moilanen, and Laura Gentile were present.

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

Commissioner Amber Gove called the meeting to order. The minutes for the ANC 6A December 2022 meeting were accepted. The agenda for the January 2023 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

### Organizational Actions

1. Call of the roll and announce the presence of a quorum.
2. Commissioner Laura Gentile moved and Commissioner Keya Chatterjee seconded the 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) The motion passed 7-0.
3. Commissioner Roberta Shapiro moved and Commissioner Mike Velasquez seconded the motion to elect officers: Chair - Amber Gove; Vice Chair - Keya Chatterjee; Secretary - Robb Dooling; Treasurer - Steve Moilanen; Parliamentarian - Laura Gentile). The motion passed 7-0.
4. Commissioner Robb Dooling moved and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion to elect members and leaders of the permanent Committees for 2023.  
*Economic Development and Zoning Committee* - Brad Greenfield (Chair - 6A06), Tim Drake, Michael Cushman (6A04).  
*Transportation and Public Space Committee* - Shaun Lynch (Co-Chair), Caitlin Rogger (Co-Chair - 6A07), Jeff Fletcher (6A07), Hassan Christian.  
*Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee*- Erin Sullivan (Chair - 6A06), Kara Hughley (6A05), and Joe Krisch (6A01)  
*Community Outreach Committee*- Adina Wadsworth (Chair - 6A07), Jessica Clark, Kelsey Grimes. The motion passed 7-0.
5. Commissioner Gentile moved and Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion to adopt a schedule of monthly meetings, on the second Thursday of each month, for 2023 (except August): February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14 and January 11, 2024. The motion passed 7-0.
6. Commissioner Chatterjee moved and Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion to participate in and to authorize the Treasurer to write a \$50.00 check to participate in the ANC Security Fund . The motion passed 7-0.
7. Commissioner Gentile moved and Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion to amend the Bylaws to include the Geographic boundaries of the Commission Area, as defined in [DC Act 24-440 \(https://lims.dccouncil.gov/downloads/LIMS/48953/Signed\\_Act/B24-0700-Signed\\_Act.pdf\)](https://lims.dccouncil.gov/downloads/LIMS/48953/Signed_Act/B24-0700-Signed_Act.pdf): 7th Street along Florida Avenue NE, to its intersection with 15th Street NE, H Street NE, Maryland Avenue NE, and Benning Road NE; then south along 15th Street NE; then west along East Capitol Street to its intersection with 13th Street, NE; then west along a projected line extending East Capitol Street from the east through Lincoln Park to the intersection of East Capitol Street and 11th Street NE; then west along East Capitol Street; then north along 8th Street NE; then west along D Street NE; then north along 7th Street NE, to the point of beginning. The motion passed 7-0.



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## Consent Agenda

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

### Alcohol Beverage Licensing

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

### Transportation and Public Space

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

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

## Standing Committee Reports:

### Community Outreach

3. No report. Committee did not meet in December 2022.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 23, 2023 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday)

### Alcohol Beverage Licensing

1. The December 2022 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 24, 2023 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)

### Transportation and Public Space

1. The December 2022 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 17, 2023 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

### Economic Development and Zoning

1. No report. Committee did not meet in December 2022.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, January 18, 2023 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

## Commission Business

### Single Member District reports

Commissioner Velasquez (6A02) is excited to join the Commission and learn from the returning Commissioners and appreciates everyone that volunteered for Officer positions. The Commissioner met with the MOCRS Jake Stolzenberg and they are planning a neighborhood walk. The Commissioner has received some requests relating to the 90 and 92 bus lines: a trash can closer to a bus stop and real time arrival information on the east side of the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> and H Streets. The Commissioner will be meeting with HIPS along with several other Commissioners to discuss support for workers along K Street NE. There is a request from the manager of AVEC Apartments to discuss activity on 8<sup>th</sup> and H Streets. DPW recently completed graffiti removal on Linden Place. Vibe Lounge has asked for live outdoor entertainment until 12:00midnight during the week and 1:00 am during the weekends. There is a request for zoning change at 775 H Street NE. The Commissioner will be meeting with Councilmember Allen to discuss the installation of curb cuts at the AutoZone property. The Commission can be reached at [mikevANC6A\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:mikevANC6A@gmail.com), or (202) 656-4682. Community members can make an appointment here: <https://calendly.com/mikevanc6a02>



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Commissioner Moilanen (6A07) is looking forward to working with the Commission. There is continued discussion about installation of a security camera at 9<sup>th</sup> and Constitution Streets NE. The Commissioner acknowledged the passing of a great neighbor, William Outlaw, after whom Outlaw Way on 10<sup>th</sup> Street is named.

Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) is building a list of community member emails and is up to about 90. In speaking with the community, the Commissioner has heard several public safety concerns, specifically about pedestrian and traffic safety. There have also been several frozen and broken pipes and the Commissioner will be doing a neighborhood walk with the MOCRS, who has already assisted in some DPR requests around Sherwood that hopefully will be ongoing. The Commissioner will be meeting with the president of School within School @ Goding (SWS) and is trying to find community liaisons for the Sash a Bruce House.

Commissioner Gentile (6A05) is following up on a variety of constituent concerns: a large hornets' nest on the 200 block of 14<sup>th</sup> Place on the brink of dropping; speed bumps on the 1200 block of D Street; 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> C Street improved lighting; a 4-way stop sign at the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Tennessee Avenue. 322 15<sup>th</sup> Street appears to be vacant but is potentially getting developed; however, there have been several complaints that the property was not properly shut down, then reports of broken pipes and rushing water.

Commissioner Dooling (6A06) reported that two new speed humps were installed on the 600 block of 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE; speed humps are still needed near Miner Elementary School. There is a littering issue around Chick-Fil-A; the Commissioner has worked with DPW to get a trash can which was just installed. The Commissioner is grateful to the Maryland condominium board for hosting several neighborhood cleanups in the area and looks forward to continuing the work this year. The Commissioner is still volunteering to moderate the ANC 6A official and community Google groups; links to join the Google Groups are available at [anc6a.org](http://anc6a.org). In citywide news, the Commissioner has worked in conjunction with Commissioner Erin Palmer on a sign-on letter to promote transit equity and will share the letter with the Commission.

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) witnessed a hit and run at 12<sup>th</sup> and H Streets, which has been the site of several incidents. There is inadequacy in the data used to determine where to allocate MPD attention and funds, and the community needs to be aware of several unsafe areas regardless of official data. The Commissioner will keep pressure and urgency on making H Street safer.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) flagged a few things: First District police officers continue to have their monthly Citizens Advisory meetings, where they repeatedly report that most carjackings are crimes of opportunity with people leaving keys in the car. The Commissioner encourages community attendance at these meetings. The C Street project is nearing completion and if community members notice something strange in the project construction, they can notify the project manager, whose contact information can be found at [www.cstne.com](http://www.cstne.com). DDOT should be reaching out about the Commission's chosen safety locations for investigation. The Commissioner reported a great community clean-up last weekend and hopes for more regular scheduled clean-ups in the future.

### Community Comment

Jake Stolzenberg, Ward 6 Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) representative, who can serve as a conduit between the community and various DC government departments, can be reached at (202) 341-3659.



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Jen DeMayo from Councilmember Charles Allen's office reported that Councilmember Allen will be chairing the Transportation and the Environment Committee. The Councilmember's community office hours will be resuming soon. There will be another neighborhood clean-up in the spring and are hoping to make it a big community event. If anybody would like to be added to the bi-monthly email newsletter from the office, they can reach out to Ms. DeMayo at [jdemayo\[at\]dccouncil.gov](mailto:jdemayo@dccouncil.gov).

ANC 7D08 Commissioner Brian Alcorn spoke to offer an opportunity to get to know ANC 7D and work together on projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Community Presentations





# Commission Correspondence of January 12, 2023 Meeting



District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
PO Box 15020  
Washington, DC 20003



January 19, 2023

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

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

**Re: ANC6A Support for traffic calming on the 900 Block of K St NE and request for information regarding the fatal crash on K Street NE**

Dear Director Lott and Commander Bryant:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on January 12th, 2023 our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support resident requests for traffic calming at 9th and K Street NE and to request more information about the response to the fatal crash that killed an ANC6A resident, Mr. Ralph Williams.

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

The MPD report indicated that Mr. Williams was hit in the middle of the day, around 1:30 pm. The crash occurred a few feet away from an intersection where the driver should have been at a full stop. Eyewitnesses have told us that Mr. Williams' car was rear ended at a high enough speed to cause airbags to deploy on the car that crashed into him. Our view is that no driver

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should be going so fast that they cannot stop for any object in front of them on a residential road – especially when that object is a person standing next to a car with lights on.

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

Since the time of the crash, the DDOT Vision Zero Team met with the ANC Transportation and Public Space committee on December 19, 2022. The community expressed shock at the time it was taking to install an illuminated stop sign or a stop sign camera, and the DDOT representatives there promised the immediate installation of an illuminated stop sign or stop sign camera. At the time of sending this letter, neither has been installed, and instead a temporary police camera from 10th and K Street NE was moved to 9th and K Street NE. While we appreciate the presence of a camera at the intersection, we urge DDOT to install a permanent solution immediately. That step alone, however, we do not view as sufficient to save lives.

Sadly, DDOT seems reluctant to put in speed humps and/or raised crosswalks, because of recent traffic counts showing heavy use of the road, but vertical traffic calming is exactly what is needed at this intersection. K Street NE is primarily a residential street and includes J.O. Wilson Elementary School in the 600 block of K Street; this section of K Street should not be so heavily used for through traffic. Our ANC has sent two letters to DDOT asking that West Virginia Avenue be made one way to reduce speeds and the amount of traffic flow on K Street NE, but we have received no response to those letters to date.<sup>2</sup>

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

***We request that DDOT implement interventions on four time scales:***

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<sup>2</sup> <https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-support-for-NOI-21-136-PSD.pdf>

<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-re-Support-for-traffic-calming-800-block-WV-NE-and-K-Street-NE.pdf>

<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-support-for-NOI-21-136-PSD.pdf>



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

We are concerned to see that K Street NE is not on the list of prioritized TSIs for 2023. The TSIs that community members entered in November 2022, after Mr. Williams was killed, were all closed by DDOT last week without action and with the only explanation being that the new TSI system would be data led. A fatality should be an important data point in deciding what interventions are most urgent. Our commission urges immediate action at 9th and K Streets NE to prevent any other constituents from being killed.

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

On behalf of the Commission,

*Amber K. Gove*

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



## Consent Agenda



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#### Community Outreach (COC)

**Recommendation:** ANC 6A appoint Angelique Dorazio-Sanders and Clare Dougherty (Gentile), Elizabeth Corinth (Shapiro), Stephanie Myers (Gove) and Gail Sullivan (Chatterjee) as members of the Community Outreach Committee (COC).

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February XX, 2023

Timothy W. Spriggs  
Acting Director  
Department of Public Works  
Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center  
2000 14th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20009

### **Re: ANC 6A Support for Zero Waste, Curbside Composting and Additional Staffed Composting Drop Off sites**

Dear Director Spriggs:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on February 9, 2023 our Commission voted X-X-X (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the efforts to achieve Zero Waste, including curbside composting and additional staffed compost drop off sites. These environmentally -friendly initiatives provide residents with a convenient and efficient way to reduce waste, while also helping to combat climate change.

Due to the long waiting list to join the volunteer composting site run at Lovejoy Park in ANC 6A and the distance to the Eastern Market drop-off point, ANC 6A considered applying to the Department of Public Works (DPW) for an additional drop-off compost site at the H Street farmers market. We ran into a few obstacles, however, including the requirement for an all-volunteer operation, the requirement to store equipment year round, and the need for a year-round permit. Since the farmers market is closed for three months in the winter, the new all-volunteer composting program was not feasible for us.

We were excited, however, to learn during our discussions that DPW will pilot a curbside composting program soon for 12k households. We also learned that there are ten sites in DC where DC pays contractors to run drop-off sites for composting. We are writing to support both of these programs, and to urge DPW to increase the number of contractor-supported compost drop off sites and expand to DC-wide curbside composting as soon as possible. By diverting food scraps and yard waste from landfills and incinerators, we can reduce the emissions of methane and other greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. Additionally, the compost that is created through this process should be used to help to improve soil health and fertility, which in turn can support local agriculture and food security.

Curbside composting would make it easy for residents to participate in this beneficial process. With a simple collection service, we can ensure that compostable materials are properly handled and processed without the need for residents to travel to Eastern Market, join the year-long waitlist to compost at Lovejoy Park, or invest in their own composting equipment.

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Another benefit of more curbside composting and compost drop off sites would be addressing the rodent epidemic, which is partly due to food waste and partly due to the impacts of climate change on extending the rat breeding season. Expanding composting programs will divert food waste away from landfills and allow for more rodent proof handling of food waste than the default of having it in combined with other trash in bags and bins.

Finally, we hope that the curbside composting program can be implemented alongside educational efforts to explain how composting works, why it is beneficial, and to reinforce the rules around trash and recycling. Many neighbors do not know their correct trash collection location and need a reminder that trash should be bagged in a closed bin and only put out the night before pick-up and that recycling should NOT be bagged. The initiation of a popular new curbside program is a great opportunity to clarify the correct trash, recycling, and composting locations and procedures. DPW should require anyone applying to be in the curbside compost program to self-certify that they understand where their trash collection point is, that they only put out bins the night before, and that they bag their trash but not their recycling.

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

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



# Officer Reports - Treasurer



## Treasurer's Report February 2023

| A                   |  | B                  |  | C                |           |
|---------------------|--|--------------------|--|------------------|-----------|
|                     |  |                    |  | <b>Period</b>    |           |
|                     |  |                    |  | February 1, 2023 |           |
| <b>Assets</b>       |  |                    |  |                  |           |
| <b>Type</b>         |  | <b>Description</b> |  |                  |           |
| Cash                |  | Checking Account   |  | \$               | 35,931.00 |
| Cash                |  | Savings Account    |  | \$               | 100.05    |
| <b>Liabilities</b>  |  |                    |  |                  |           |
| <b>Type</b>         |  | <b>Description</b> |  |                  |           |
| Current Liabilities |  | Accounts Payable   |  | \$               | 2,140.07  |
| <b>Balance</b>      |  |                    |  |                  |           |
|                     |  |                    |  | \$               | 33,890.98 |

| A                        | B                                     | C                    | D           | E         | F        |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Individual/Organization  | Expense                               | Link to Invoice      | Amount      | Check No. | Status   |
| Office of the DC Auditor | Security fund payment                 | TBD                  | \$ 50.00    |           | Unpaid ▼ |
| Anna Tsaur               | Notetaking services   Janury '23      | <a href="#">LINK</a> | \$ 250.00   |           | Unpaid ▼ |
| Anna Tsaur               | Notetaking services   December '22    | <a href="#">LINK</a> | \$ 250.00   |           | Unpaid ▼ |
| Irene Dworakowski        | Adminstrative services   December '22 | <a href="#">LINK</a> | \$ 765.89   |           | Unpaid ▼ |
| Irene Dworakowski        | Adminstrative services   January 23'  | <a href="#">LINK</a> | \$ 765.89   |           | Unpaid ▼ |
| Robb Dooling             | Zoom Premium   Dec '22-January 23     | TBD                  | \$ 58.29    |           | Unpaid ▼ |
|                          |                                       | Unpaid               | \$ 2,140.07 |           |          |



### ANC 6A Quarterly Financial Report FY23 Q1

|   |            |                    |
|---|------------|--------------------|
| <b>Balance Forward (Checking)</b>           |            | <b>\$37,197.80</b> |
| <b>Receipts</b>                             |            |                    |
| District Allotment                          | \$6,235.48 |                    |
| Interest                                    | \$0.00     |                    |
| Other                                       | \$2,500.00 |                    |
| Transfer from Savings                       | \$0.00     |                    |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                       |            | <b>\$8,735.48</b>  |
| <b>Total Funds Available During Quarter</b> |            | <b>\$45,933.28</b> |
| <b>Disbursements</b>                        |            |                    |
| 1. Personnel                                | \$0.00     |                    |
| 2. Direct Office Cost                       | \$0.00     |                    |
| 3. Communication                            | \$8,161.68 |                    |
| 4. Office Supplies, Equipment, Printing     | \$216.00   |                    |
| 5. Grants                                   | \$0.00     |                    |
| 6. Local Transportation                     | \$0.00     |                    |
| 7. Purchase of Service                      | \$233.16   |                    |
| 8. Bank Charges                             | \$0.00     |                    |
| 9. Other                                    | \$0.00     |                    |
| <b>Total Disbursements</b>                  |            | <b>\$8,610.84</b>  |
| <b>Ending Balances: Checking</b>            |            | <b>\$37,322.44</b> |
| <b>Savings</b>                              |            | <b>\$100.04</b>    |

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

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Certification: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby certify that the above noted quarterly financial report has been approved by a majority of Commissioners during a public meeting when there existed a quorum.*



## Officer Reports - Treasurer



### ANC 6A Transactions FY23 Q1: Checking

| Check | Date       | Payee/Payor                        | Cat | Income     | Expenses   | Date Approved |
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| 2034  | 10/14/2022 | Anna Tsaur                         | 3   |            | \$250.00   |               |
| 2035  | 10/14/2022 | Robb Dooling                       | 7   |            | \$58.29    |               |
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| 2040  | 11/20/2022 | Irene Dworakowski                  | 3   |            | \$765.89   |               |
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## Committee Reports Community Outreach Committee (COC)



### Minutes

ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
Regular Meeting - Jan. 23, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

Quorum present.

COC members present: Adina Wadsworth (Chair), Kelsey Grimes

COC members absent: N/A

Commissioners present: Keya Chatterjee, Amber Gove, Mike Valesquez, Roberta Shapiro, Rob Dooling, Steve Moilanen

Panelists: Rachel Manning, Food Waste Drop Off, DPW; Katie Wolff, Fresh Farms; Commissioner Moilanen

A round of introductions were made.

**COC member nominees introduced and submitted for appointment by ANC 6A:** Angelique Dorazio-Sanders (Gentile); Elizabeth Corinth (Shapiro); Clare Dougherty (Gentile); Stephanie Myers (Gove); and Gale Sullivan (Chatterjee). A vote was called to send these nominees to the February 2023 ANC 6A for approval. It passed unanimously.

**Panel discussion #1:** Rachel Manning from the Department of Public Works (DPW) Food Waste Drop Off composting program presented a plan to expand from 8 standing sites (one in each ward) operated by paid contractors to 10, with the added two operated by unpaid volunteers. She listed the requirements and eligibility for site applicants and discussed the operational and management requirements. For instance, a site must be operational on either a Saturday or Sunday year-round, staffed for at least 4 hours. Volunteers are required to set up, break down and store equipment (tents, tables, banners—all provided by DPW.) The existing sites currently in each ward are operated by paid contractors; who would also be charged with collecting full bins from volunteer sites.

Commissioner Keya Chatterjee pointed out that asking volunteers to store and manage the equipment is a “big ask,” especially when there is no funding.

Commissioner Roberta Shapiro pointed to Lovejoy Park as an example as a community-led composting effort that could be a model.

Community Member Sarah Walsh asked if the H Street Farmers’ Market could move to a year-round operation (as opposed to being closed during the winter months of January through March).

Panelist Katie Wolff, of Fresh Farms, did not think that would work because most farmers take those months off from selling produce (they are not growing much.) Neighborhoods complain when farmers’ markets are not selling farm goods.



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Panelist Rachel Manning suggested there could be a way to have permitted compost volunteers operate at the H Street Farmers' Market site during the three months the market is not open.

Commissioner Shapiro suggested we seek out an area business to sponsor a site (Jenkins Hardware? AutoZone?).

Commissioner Chatterjee pointed out that it is not possible to submit an application by the January 31, 2023 deadline at this point, but that a letter of support from the ANC supporting a compost site would be worthwhile.

Commissioner Chatterjee moved that COC recommend ANC 6A send a letter to the Department of Public Works (DPW) in support of curbside composting and additional compost drop off facilities. Commissioner Gove seconded the motion. Commissioner Chatterjee will author the letter. The motion passed unanimously.

**Panel discussion #2:** Commissioner Steve Moilanen led a discussion on how to honor a recently deceased long-time member of our community, Mr. William Outlaw.

Commissioner Dooling suggested there could be a plaque placed on a sidewalk, tree or pocket park, or a history marker for a walking tour.

Commissioner Gove suggested a "lighter lift" might be naming a regular community clean-up effort after Mr. Outlaw: "The Outlaw Community Clean-up". If it became part of the vernacular, it would have impact. She suggested reaching out to Councilman Charles Allen through his staff member Jen DeMayo. The COC agreed to put the issue on the February 2023 agenda to discuss further.

**Community Comments:** A community member inquired as to how one became a member for the COC. Commissioner Gove suggested, if she were interested, to read the ANC website for Standard Operating Procedures and contact her SMD Commissioner (Gove) to ask for a nomination.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.



## Committee Reports

### Alcoholic Beverage and Licensing (ABL)



#### Minutes

### Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Tuesday, January 24, 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 EST on January 24, 2023, on a publicly posted Zoom event.

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

Commissioners Present: None

Establishment Representatives Present: Sean Morris (Vybrations Restaurant and Lounge)

- I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes
  - Chair Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
  - The agenda was approved without objection.
  - The minutes from the December 27, 2022 meeting of the Committee were approved without objection.
  
- II. Community Comment
  - Chair Sullivan asked if any members of the community in attendance wanted to make any comments unrelated to the “New Business” items on the agenda. There were no comments.
  
- III. New Business
  - Discussion of application by VYB Enterprises, LLC t/a Vybrations Restaurant and Lounge at 1123 H Street NE (ABRA-123389) for a Class C Restaurant License.
    - Mr. Sean Morris appeared on behalf of Vybrations Restaurant and Lounge. He indicated that the proprietors had been planning to attend the meeting but were unable to do so due to a family conflict, and that he would provide an overview and answer questions on behalf of his clients.
    - Mr. Morris indicated that Vybrations will be a food-focused restaurant with a vegan menu, and that there will be local live music on occasion playing R&B, jazz and Latin jazz. He stated that there would be no outside promoters, and that the proprietors would work with the ANC on the hours for the outside roof deck.
    - In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Morris clarified that it will be a seated restaurant, and the applicants are doing significant work to the space, but they do not plan to enclose the outside. He also indicated that to his knowledge the proprietors have no relationship with the proprietors of the past establishments in that space, and that the expectation is that the space will be quite different from anything that has been there before, and that at least one of the proprietors is a resident of ANC 6D, so they understand the residential character of the neighborhood.
    - With respect to trash, Mr. Morris indicated that they are intending to contract with a private commercial company who will pick up at least three times a week.
    - With respect to security, Mr. Morris indicated that they are planning to contract security and also hire off-duty MPD officers.



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### Alcoholic Beverage and Licensing (ABL)



- Mr. Morris stated that the proprietors do not have any other restaurants in DC, but they have one in Waldorf called Shark Bar, and he is not aware of any violations there.
- Chair Sullivan read a statement on behalf of Commissioner Mike Velasquez who was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Morris indicated that he spoke with Commissioner Velasquez prior to the meeting and that the proprietors share the sentiments expressed in his statement. He stated that the proprietors are willing to meet with neighbors informally as well.
- Chair Erin Sullivan opened the discussion for community comment, and neighbors raised questions and concerns about parking, private security, the relationship of the proprietors with prior owners, noise and soundproofing (particularly on the roof), food delivery, promotions, smoking, and whether the venue will operate as an entertainment venue as opposed to a restaurant. Neighbors also expressed disappointment that the proprietors were not in attendance at the meeting, especially since this venue has been a point of contention in the neighborhood and they are concerned about a repeat. A neighbor also invited the proprietors to attend the local community meeting.
- Mr. Morris offered to be a first point of contact for neighbor concerns and provided his phone number and email address during the meeting. He also indicated that the proprietors want to enter into a dialogue with respect to the roof deck hours and they are willing to restrict music on the roof in keeping with the character of the community.
- Committee member Joe Krisch moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC protest the license application of Vybrations Restaurant and Lounge, unless a settlement agreement is reached between the ANC and the license applicant prior to the protest deadline, and that the Chair of the ABL Committee and the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC and Commissioner Velasquez represent the ANC in this matter.
  - Committee member Hughley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- The Committee members discussed that even though the vote was unanimous, they would ask Commissioner Velasquez to put this item on the regular agenda for discussion at the ANC meeting.
- Discussion of application by Naomi's Ladder II, LLC t/a Smokin' Pig at 1208 H Street NE (ABRA-104866) for renewal of its Class C Tavern License.
  - Chair Sullivan indicated that there was no representative from Smokin' Pig in attendance tonight, and that she reached out to ABRA as the establishment has been closed recently; ABRA confirmed that their license is currently active.
  - Committee member Krisch moved that the Committee recommend that the ANC take no action with regard to the license renewal application of Smokin' Pig.
    - Chair Sullivan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.



## Committee Reports

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



#### MINUTES

#### ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting

Public Meeting - All are welcome

Tuesday, January 17th at 7:00 pm

- I. Call meeting to order.
- II. Introductions & Announcements  
Committee members present: Shaun Lynch (co-chair), Caitlin Rogger (co-chair), Jeff Fletcher  
Commissioners present: Amber Gove, Keya Chatterjee, Laura Gentile, Steve Moilanen, Mike Velasquez.
- III. Old Business  
None posted.
- IV. New Business:
  - A. Traffic Safety Investigations (TSI) process (Amber Gove, Kelly Jeong-Olsen, DDOT)  
Commissioners and Committee Members agreed to move this agenda item in the agenda to allow the District Department of Transportation.(DDOT) representative, Kelly Jeong-Olsen, to present.  
  
Ms. Jeong-Olsen presented an overview of DDOT's rationale in updating the Traffic Safety Input process, now known as Traffic Safety Investigations (TSI 2.0 in colloquial parlance), including the view that earlier TSI requests were disproportionately distributed and, moreover, that the previous process did not allow DDOT sufficient space to prioritize according to their technical expertise and existing policy priorities.  
  
The new process was explained and several questions were posed by commissioners, committee members, and attendees. Nine locations had been selected by DDOT from the existing set of TSIs from the ANC 6A geographic area for investigation.  
  
The TSI process was revisited toward the end of the meeting. Committee Co-Chairs Shaun Lynch and Caitlyn Rogger agreed, on recommendation from Commissioner Gove, to create a Google form to solicit feedback from residents and Commissioners concerning the nine locations under investigation and to circulate it ahead of the February 2023 TPS Committee meeting. Co-chair Rogger agreed to follow up with an attendee who expressed concerns that his question had not been answered.
  - B. 11th Street traffic safety concerns (Mike Velasquez)  
Commissioner Velasquez introduced concerns from neighbors and Commissioners about a range of traffic safety issues on 11th Street NE from East Capitol Street to Florida Avenue NE, including speed, a lack of stop signs, and drivers speeding up to the traffic light at 11th and C Streets NE. Several neighbors spoke up in favor of traffic calming measures on 11th Street NE, ranging from speed humps to lower speed limits to speed cameras.  
  
Commissioner Velasquez commented that while he would not make a motion at this time, he and Commissioner Shapiro (not present) would work closely with DDOT on bringing traffic calming measures to 11th Street.
  - C. Proposal of a 4-way stop sign at 14th Street and Tennessee Avenue NE (Laura Gentile)



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



Commissioner Gentile introduced concerns around traffic risks at 14th Street NE and Tennessee Avenue NE to pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. She noted the width of the intersection and the problems introduced by only having a two-way stop, when drivers often assume it will be a four-way stop and proceed quickly after stopping.

Commissioner Gove proposed tackling the concerns as part of the Safe Routes to School Program, given Kingman Academy was adjacent to the intersection.

Commissioner Gentile agreed to this approach and it was noted that as much information as possible would be helpful in working with DDOT's Safe Routes program.

An attendee also suggested tackling the issue as part of the advisory bike lane program.

D. Neighbor concerns regarding ineffective speed table on the 1200 block of D Street. (Laura Gentile)

Commissioner Gentile introduced concerns that the single speed table introduced on the 1200 block of D Street was not effective as it was not paired with a second table (apparently because the other would be too close to the alley) and the single table is low (apparently because it is on a bus route). She reported neighbors are keen for additional traffic calming as this intervention has not been effective under these constraints. Commissioner Gentile agreed for the matter to be minuted and noted she would keep working on the issue.

V. Additional Community Comment: None

VI. Adjourn meeting



## Committee Reports Economic Development and Zoning Committee



### MINUTES

#### ANC 6A Economic Development & Zoning Committee Meeting Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm

#### **Present:**

Members: Brad Greenfield (Chair), Mike Cushman, Ayisha Locket

Commissioners: Roberta Shapiro, Mike Velasquez, Amber Gove

Brad Greenfield chaired the meeting.

#### Introductions of Committee Members and Commissioners

#### Community Comment

None

#### Previously Heard Cases

Mr. Greenfield summarized previously heard cases.

#### Old Business

None

#### New Business

1. 1000 - 1016 H Street NE (BZA #20880): Request for Special Exception relief pursuant to Subtitle C § 703 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the minimum vehicle parking requirements of Subtitle C § 701.5, special exception relief pursuant to Subtitle C § 909 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the access requirements of Subtitle C § 904.5, and special exception relief pursuant to Subtitle H §§ 910.1 and 1202; and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the development standards of Subtitle H § 901 to construct a new, detached, five-story with cellar and penthouse, 80-unit apartment addition, to existing mixed-use buildings in the NC-16 Zone. *BZA Case scheduled for 03/15/2023.*

Meredith Moldenhauer and Gozde Tanyeri (architect) presented the project. Ms. Moldenhauer described the location of the project on H Street, which is in the NC-16 zone. The proposal is to construct a new five story, 80 unit apartment building. The development would have eight parking spaces and one loading zone. The special exception is required because the loading is off of a ten foot alley. They are providing eight parking spots, with 13 required by zoning regulations. The FAR is 3.38, with 3.5 permitted in the zone, and a height of 55 feet, which is also allowed by right. The existing facades of the buildings are being preserved.

Chair Jeff Greenfield asked if the project complied with H Street design standards, which Ms. Moldenhauer confirmed it did. Although it complies with design standards, it does not have ground floor retail. Committee Member Mike Cushman, Commissioner Mike Velasquez, Commissioner Amber Gove and Mr. Greenfield all noted that they wanted the project to include ground floor retail. Ms. Moldenhauer noted that ground floor retail is not a requirement; it was considered by the developer, but rejected for economic reasons.

Ms. Moldenhauer confirmed that all facades on the existing buildings was being preserved. Ms. Tanyeri said that 10% of the units would be IZ. Ms. Moldenhauer confirmed that residents would not



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be able to get residential parking permits. Ms. Tanyeri said that the building would consist of one and two bedroom apartments.

Questions from the Committee included whether the alley could be expanded, whether the development would get the facade FAR bonus, how much of the building would be IZ, how trash would be collected, whether the address would be on H Street, transportation amenities (including electric bike charging), if there is a roof deck, if there was a shadow study done yet, if the developer would be interested in trading parking spaces for additional IZ units, support for a dedicated transit lane on H Street, if the building will be condominiums or rentals, the impact on the church next door, who the developer is, the design of the building, and if there had been additional outreach to the community. Community comments included concerns about the impact on parking in the neighborhood, construction time, and concerns about trash collection.

Ms. Moldenhauer committed to get a trash collection plan and a shadow study to be reviewed at the February 2023 EDZ meeting. The EDZ also requested a further consideration and discussion of having ground floor retail and potentially increasing the parking relief in exchange for additional IZ units.

**Mr. Greenfield tabled the consideration of this project. It will be on the agenda for the February EDZ meeting.**

**Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023  
7:00-9:00 pm  
Zoom information to be posted on ANC 6A website**





## New Business



- **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A authorizes Commissioners Gove, Chatterjee or Shapiro to testify at the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) performance oversight hearing, requesting: 1) improved responses to rising traffic violence, 2) increased transparency in the traffic safety investigation process, and 3) increased automated traffic enforcement and—through the Department of Public Works (DPW)--booting and towing of chronically violating vehicles. (Gove, Chatterjee and Shapiro)
- **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A appoint Erin Blumenthal (6A02) as a member of the Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee. (Velasquez)
- **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A appoint Ayisha Lockett (6A06), Jeremiah Foxwell and Joal Mendonsa (6A01) as members of the Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ) Committee. (Dooling/Chatterjee)



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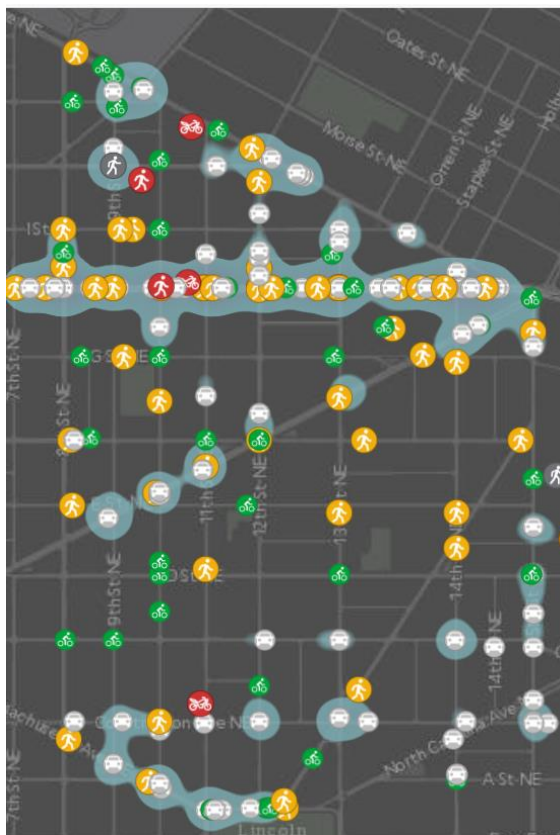
Members of the Council and representatives of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), my name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I represent Single Member District 6A0X. Today I am testifying on behalf of ANC 6A, located in northeast Capitol Hill.

We thank you for this opportunity and also want to express our gratitude to DDOT for their recent work on several traffic calming initiatives in our area, including the C Street NE project, which has dramatically slowed drivers and improved safety for people walking, rolling, and driving. We invite you to visit this transformational project, which we expect will become a standard by which other DDOT traffic calming initiatives are measured.

Our testimony today consists of three requests. In your oversight of DDOT, we ask that you seek: 1) improved responses to rising traffic violence, 2) increased transparency in the traffic safety input (TSI) process, and 3) increased automated traffic enforcement and--through the Department of Public Works (DPW)--booting and towing of chronically violating vehicles.

1) **Improved and Expedited Measures to Mitigate Traffic Violence.** Our ANC is bounded by Florida Avenue NE and includes H Street NE. As shown in DDOT's [Vision Zero Dashboard](#) see attached exhibit), these streets have been identified as High Injury Network Corridors. Since 2017, more

than 225 crashes resulting in injuries have been recorded in our portion of H Street, accounting for nearly a third of the incidents in our Commission area. Furthermore, many more crashes go unreported and never make it into the database.



While DDOT has initiated projects to improve safety on both the H Street and Florida Avenue corridors, those projects are moving extremely slowly. [According to DDOT](#), these corridors “were evaluated in 2015, continue to see high rates of injury, and are funded in the FY2023 budget to receive safety treatments *in the next few years.*” **The next few years is not soon enough.** We urgently request that DDOT increase the pace on the Florida Avenue traffic calming project and the H Street NE transit lane. On top of crashes on these two streets, our ANC also lost a constituent and neighbor to traffic violence, on the Friday after Thanksgiving 2022, on K Street NE, two blocks from J.O. Wilson Elementary School. After the crash, we were promised a stop sign camera at the nearest intersection and requested speed bumps. To



date, none of those interventions have been completed.

- 2) **Increased Transparency in the TSI Process.** Prior to January 2023, residents could file Traffic Safety Investigation (TSI) requests through 311 and receive specific follow-up from DDOT including study results and planned mitigation efforts. On January 6, 2023, without resident or ANC input, DDOT implemented a new system in which Traffic Safety Investigation requests were renamed to Traffic Safety Inputs with 200 to be selected each quarter using a multivariate priority setting model. While we applaud a more data- and equity-driven approach to priority setting, we have several significant concerns with the new DDOT process:
- First, the criteria and the process for setting these priorities are only superficially transparent; that is, the specifics of the formula underlying the conceptual criteria are not provided;
  - Second, the TSI dashboard and response process is misleading and confusing to residents. New TSIs are automatically and immediately “closed” following submission.<sup>1</sup> We were also unable to locate several TSIs on the dashboard, despite having the Service Request Number;
  - And, finally and most significantly, the DDOT prioritization and investigation process excludes the concerns of the ANCs, despite a statutory mandate to consider the ANC’s input with “Great Weight.”

Accordingly, we consider the new DDOT process to be flawed and needing revision. Specifically, DDOT’s process needs to be revised to clearly lay out a process for notification and inclusion of ANC concerns throughout the selection and investigation process. This should be in addition to any required Notice of Intent processes.

- 3) **Increased Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE).** In addition to the design-based safety improvements resulting from DDOT’s own actions and those in response to TSIs, we request improvements to the Automated Traffic Enforcement program that is now under the purview of DDOT.
- **Speed cameras work...** [Research](#) indicates that enforcement and fines for speeding changes driver behavior. A research [review](#) conducted by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) indicates that speed cameras are “effective in reducing speed and speed-related crashes”.
  - **...but only if drivers are assured of swift, certain and fair enforcement.** While DPW has increased the rate at which eligible vehicles are booted and towed, there are still a large number of chronically violating vehicles that are operated by drivers with impunity. We request increased enforcement and impoundment of these vehicles before their drivers can further endanger vulnerable road users.
  - **Chronically violating vehicles have also been linked to gun violence.** The lookout vehicle in the shooting death of 15 year-old Andre Robertson Jr. had \$11,470 in speeding citations at the time of his murder; while the vehicle linked to the non-fatal shooting of a child in the 1600 block of East Capitol Street NE had \$2,800 in speeding tickets. Both of these incidents occurred in school zones, during the day, with other

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<sup>1</sup> The email response received seconds after filing a TSI reads: “Your input will be part of DDOT’s quarterly prioritization model which will be used to identify locations to advance through traffic study, design, and construction.”



## New Business



children present. We know where the bad drivers are--how many more deaths will it take to get their vehicles off of our streets?

- **DDOT has largely ignored our ATE requests.** Our Commission has previously [requested](#) additional locations for automated traffic enforcement-- of the 13 locations requested, only one camera has been installed (1300 block of H Street NE). We request systematic deployment of ATE, particularly in high-injury corridors, school zones and near parks, senior and recreation centers.
- **ATE cannot catch all dangerous drivers.** Drivers who use fake temporary or intentionally obscured tags represent a further menace to vulnerable road users as they can act without repercussions. We ask that DPW increase their booting and towing of these vehicles and that MPD be authorized to call DPW for booting and towing when they ticket a chronically violating vehicle.
- **Let's innovate-- again.** We applaud the Council for increasing registration fees for heavy (and therefore more deadly) vehicles. We encourage the Council to think creatively about other mechanisms for improving safety, including mandatory speed limiters for chronically violating vehicles, similar to how ignition locks with breathalyzers are used for repeat drunk driving offenders. As of 2022, the European Union [requires](#) speed limiters in all new vehicles, a measure anticipated to save over 25,000 lives and avoid at least 140,000 serious injuries by 2038. A pilot program that would require installation of a speed limiting device on chronically violating vehicles could go a long way toward improving safety for all users and helping us to get closer to achieving the goal of zero road deaths.

Thank you for your time and consideration and for giving great weight to the testimony and recommendations of ANC 6A.

This testimony was reviewed and voted upon at a publicly noticed meeting.