



District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Agenda for March 11, 2021



Second (2nd) Thursday) at 7:00 pm

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Public Meeting - All are welcome.

- 7:00 pm **Call to order**
- 7:02 pm **Approve Previous Meeting's Minutes, Adopt Agenda**
- 7:05 pm **Community Presentations**
Andrew DeFrank, District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Community Engagement Specialist
- 7:20 pm **Officer Reports.....pg. 10**
1. Approve Treasurer's Report
2. FY 2021 Budget Check-In
- 7:35 pm **Community Outreach.....pg. 11**
1. Approve February 2021 committee report.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, March 22, 2021 (4th Monday)
- 7:45 pm **Alcoholic Beverage Licensing.....pg. 12**
1. Approve February 2021 committee report.
2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter to ANC 6A ABRA licensees via mail to physical addresses and/or e-mail regarding recent amendments to ANC 6A's template settlement agreements as well as ANC 6A's intent to cease enforcement of anti-loitering provisions in existing settlement agreements, and further authorize expenditure up to \$150.00 for the costs of paper, printing, and postage.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, March 23, 2021 (4th Tuesday)
- 7:55 pm **Transportation and Public Space.....pg. 14**
1. Approve February 2021 committee report.
2. **Recommendation:** TPS 6A and 6C Committees recommend to their respective ANCs that ANC 6A and 6C send a joint letter to DDOT requesting a comprehensive review of safety and traffic concerns on H Street NE from North Capitol to 15th Street NE. Our Commissions have received valuable and informative input from H Street businesses and Mr. Chaffin, which we attach for your consideration.
3. **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A co-sign a letter with ANC 6C to Mayor Bowser, the DC Council, DDOT, and DCOP regarding solutions for H Street NE.
4. **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A designate ANC 6A Chair Amber Gove, or another Commissioner authorized by the Chair, to provide testimony on behalf of ANC 6A at the March 23, 2021 roundtable "Transportation in the District After the Pandemic", sponsored by the DC Council.



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5. **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting an extension on the review date for Public Space Permit Application #361713 for 424 11th Street NE, replacement of retaining wall, until after the April 8, 2021 ANC meeting, to provide adequate time for public notice and review. TPS does not meet next to consider the application until March 15, 2021 and DDOT's deadline for recommendation is April 8, 2021. ANC 6A next meets to consider TPS recommendations on the evening of April 8, 2021.
6. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, March 15, 2021 (3rd Monday)

- 8:15 pm **Economic Development and Zoning.....pg. 21**
1. Approve February 2021 committee report.
 2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter to BZA opposing the Application for a special exception pursuant to subtitles E § 205.5, 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4, to construct a two-story with basement addition to an existing, nonconforming, two-story with basement, principal dwelling unit at 1637 D Street, NE (BZA Case #20414) in the RF-1 Zone.
 3. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter of conditional support to BZA for a special exception for constructing a second dwelling unit at 135 13th Street, NE (BZA Case #20471) in the RF-1 Zone with the caveat that the owners make best efforts to get a letter of support from 1326 North Carolina Avenue NE.
 4. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter of conditional support to BZA for a special exception under the new building development requirements of Subtitle H § 910.1; and an Area Variance from the loading berth requirements of Subtitle C § 901.1 to permit the construction of a new mixed-use residential building at 1101 H Street, NE (BZA Case #20455) in the NC-17 zone with the caveat that the trash management and traffic management plan be provided before the March 2021 ANC 6A meeting; the trash management plan is responsive to the neighborhood's concerns; that there be Resident Parking Permit (RPP) restrictions added to the condo bylaws and sales documents; and that the plans include 39 indoor bike parking spaces and the 8 outdoor bike parking spaces.
 5. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, March 17, 2021 (3rd Wednesday)
- 8:25 pm **Ad Hoc By Laws Committee.....pg. 35**
1. Approve February 2021 committee report.
 2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, March 25, 2021
- 8:30 pm **New Business.....pg. 38**
1. **Suggested Motion:** ANC6A send a letter to WMATA expressing support for the continued operation of bus transit, particularly lines used by transit-dependent neighbors and residents of 6A and Ward 6. (Gove).
- 8:40 pm **Single Member District reports (1 minute each)**
- 8:50 pm **Community Comments (2 minutes each)**
- 9:00 pm **Adjourn**



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Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Minutes WebEx Meeting February 11, 2021

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

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

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

Officer Reports

3. The February 2021 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Brian Alcorn reviewed the two expenditures accrued in January: \$200.00 for meeting minutes (check #1959) and \$765.89 for webmaster services (check# 1960). Existing obligations total \$4,122.67 and include \$575.00 in issued checks not deposited (checks #1920, #1922, and #1957), \$2,000.00 for an outstanding grant to Ludlow-Taylor (check #1954), and \$1,547.67 in issued checks deposited (checks #1956 and #1958). The opening uncommitted funds available were \$30, 883.81 and after these disbursements totaling \$965.89 and existing obligations of \$4,122.67, the closing uncommitted funds are \$25,795.25. The savings account opened at \$100.05, gained no interest, and closed at \$100.05. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent without objection.

Standing Committee Reports: Community Outreach

3. The January 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 22nd, 2021 (4th Monday). The Mutual Aid Grant will be on the agenda.

Alcohol Beverage Licensing

4. The January 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
5. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Robb Dooling seconded the motion that ANC 6A authorize the Co-Chairs of the ABL to negotiate and sign a settlement agreement with representatives of the new establishment seeking a Class C Tavern license for operations at 1378 H Street, NE. The only differences to the standard settlement agreement are a slight extension to summer garden hours due to the location's balcony as well as a provision that the establishment's kitchen be open until one hour before closing. The motion passed 7-0.
6. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Mike Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A authorize the Co-Chairs of the ABL to submit to ABRA on behalf of the ANC a letter of support for a stipulated license for the new establishment seeking a Class C Tavern license for operations at 1378 H Street NE, upon completion of a settlement agreement and upon receipt and review of a satisfactory placard for said establishment consistent with the discussion during the January 2021 ABL meeting. The motion passed 7-0.
7. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the revised template settlement agreements as reflected in the ABL's January 2021 meeting



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package. The revisions account for changes to DC law, ensure consistency across agreements, and remove any contradictions. The motion passed 7-0.

8. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Laura Gentile seconded the motion that ANC 6A determine whether to remove from template settlement agreements requiring establishments to ask loiterers to move away from premises and authorize the Co-Chairs of the ABL to make any corresponding changes required. The motion to allow ANC6A itself to determine whether to remove this language passed 7-0. Commissioner Keya Chatterjee moved and Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion to remove language from template settlement agreements requiring establishments to encourage loiterers to move away from premises and to authorize the Co-Chairs of the ABL to make any corresponding changes required. Commissioners noted the risk of racial profiling and pre-existing DC loitering laws as motivation to remove this language from template settlement agreements. The motion passed 7-0.
9. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A authorize the Co-Chairs of the ABL to make additional non-substantive changes to the template settlement agreements as needed. The motion passed 7-0.
10. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 23, 2021 (4th Tuesday).

Transportation and Public Space

2. The January 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 16th, 2021 (3rd Tuesday; usually 3rd Monday). This meeting will be in conjunction with ANC 6C's TPS Committee and the main topic will be safety on H Street NE.

Economic Development and Zoning

6. The January 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.

Old Business:

7. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Alcorn seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for a special exception from the minimum vehicle parking requirements of Subtitle C § 701.5 to convert an existing, detached, two-story, carriage house to a principal dwelling unit at 1608 East Capitol Street, NE (BZA Case #20393) in the RF-1 Zone, with the caveats that the applicant make best efforts to get letters of support from 1600, 1606, 1608, 1610 and 1612 East Capitol Street, NE, 1, 3, 5, and 7 16th Street NE, and the dwelling across the alley from 1608 East Capitol Street, NE, that the owner stipulate in the least that residents are not allowed to park in the alley, that a no parking sign be posted on the building, and that the developer reach an accommodation with the neighbor on the window that is in the stairwell looking onto the property at 1608 East Capitol Street. There have been two letters of support from the requested neighbors and the building owner has reached out to all neighbors. The motion passed 7-0.

New Business

8. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of conditional support to BZA for a special exception under the residential conversion requirements of Subtitle U § 320.2, and the roof top and upper floor restrictions of Subtitle E § 206.1, to construct a third story, with rear and side additions, and to construct six residential units to an existing, two-story, detached building at 1300 I Street, NE (BZA Case #20436) in the RF-1 Zone with the caveats that the developer make best efforts to get letters of support from 1310 I Street, NE and 1311 Florida Avenue, NE, and that the developer add a bike rack or other amenities to encourage non-car transportation. This is a house of worship converting into an apartment, which requires a special exception; they will be providing the required three parking spaces. The motion passed 7-0.
9. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 17, 2021, 2020 (3rd Wednesday)



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New Business

1. Commissioner Chatterjee moved and Commissioner Dooling seconded that ANC6A approve the appointments of Kate Robinson and Mona Hatoum to the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee. The motion passed 7-0.
2. Commissioner Gentile moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion to add Matthew Frutig as a member of the Transportation and Public Space Committee. The motion passed 7-0.
3. Commissioner Dooling moved and Commissioner Alcorn seconded that ANC 6A approve an expenditure of \$40.00 (plus tax) per month for a subscription to Zoom Webinars to conduct the ANC's virtual meetings. Commissioner Alcorn noted that ANCs are exempt from sales tax and there is plenty of room in the budget to accommodate this new expense. The rollout of this new platform will likely happen in March and will allow time to notify the community of the change. The motion passed 7-0.

Community Presentations

Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen

Councilmember Charles Allen shared updates on the city's continued Covid-19 response as DC closes in on one year since the city shut down. The past 11 months of the pandemic have exposed city inequities in healthcare, transportation, schooling, etc. and these inequities must be addressed just as much as the pandemic itself. While the city will be receiving more vaccine doses, the demand far outpaces the supply and the current scheduling system is not ideal; Mr. Allen has heard frustrations from many community members and is aware that the current system must be more equitable. A new system is forthcoming in early March where residents will be able to register once and be notified when vaccine doses are available for them, rather than needing to sign onto the registering system at a designated time. There will also be a working recovery committee to research and write proposals to help the District recover, especially in housing and education. Councilmember Allen is working on bringing vaccines directly to senior resident facilities and on inexpensive transportation to vaccination sites. Councilmember Allen also spoke about the Mayor's budget, which will initially be proposed by the beginning of April 2021 and amended and voted on in May 2021. ANCs and community members will have opportunity for input before the vote at the Ward 6 Budget Town Hall. An audit of 2019 revealed a surplus of \$526 million, which Councilmember Allen called an unacceptable error in the face of the devastation the pandemic has brought the District. Even with the previous year's surplus, 2020 will have a budgetary deficit, and Councilmember Allen had proposed a progressive tax on individuals earning \$250,000+ and for these funds to be funneled back into the most underserved communities in the District; this was voted down by his colleagues. The Councilmember explained the upcoming redistricting process and cautioned that Ward 6 boundaries will definitely be different in a year. Councilmember Allen addressed several community members' concerns about affordable housing and rent increases after the eviction moratorium ends and invites community members to reach out to him at [callen\[at\]dccouncil.us](mailto:callen[at]dccouncil.us) for further discussions. Finally, Councilmember Allen noted that he and several other DC representatives adamantly oppose the Capitol fencing, which not only blocks off public spaces such as the outdoor portions of the Botanical Garden but also blocks evacuation routes; interested community members can visit www.dontfencethecapitol.com.

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) wished everyone a happy Black History Month. She had a helpful discussion with several transit-dependent residents at an event organized to celebrate Rosa Parks' birthday.

Commissioner Toomajian (6A02) has been working with senior neighbors to make vaccine appointments. He noted that the School-within-School @Goding (SWS) modernization is slowly making progress and a



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construction kick-off date should be scheduled soon. Several curb extension submissions were approved by DDOT and he is hopeful that this work will happen in the coming months.

Commissioner Soderman (6A03) has been working with seniors to schedule vaccine appointments and is hopeful that the current scheduling system will be improved shortly to accommodate more people and be more equitable. He mentioned a slight uptick in community crime and is working with MPD to increase their presence to work on crime prevention.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) is looking forward to working on H Street safety solutions.

Commissioner Gentile (6A05) spoke about traffic concerns and is working with constituents on a traffic safety assessment for the 300-400 blocks of 11th Street; the commissioner heard from a 15th Street constituent about speeding on C Street NE toward the traffic light. She set up a Google Group for her SMD and will be sending a monthly email and asks for her SMD constituents to send her an email to join.

Commissioner Dooling (6A06) thanks Commissioner Chatterjee for organizing an event for Rosa Parks' birthday. There was another crash on 13th and H Streets where a driver hit a barricade; the front of the car including the license plate came off and the driver drove away. ANC 7E passed a resolution to support the streetcar extension to east of the river and hopes that ANC 6A will support this resolution as well. Finally, several constituents are still waiting for Christmas tree pickup.

Community Comments

Naomi Mitchell, Community Liaison in the office of Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen, recognized community members' frustration in vaccine scheduling inefficacy and noted that those eligible can use not only the portal to schedule an appointment but schedule with pharmacies, their doctor's offices, and community clinics. She knows there are many rumors floating around about the vaccine and there is a virtual community town hall on February 12, 2021 at 11:00 am: interested parties can call 866 495 1091 for vaccine information helpful for those skeptical about the vaccine. On February 16, 2021 at 6:30 pm, DPR is hosting a Ward 6 virtual meeting on Ready2Play, a 20-year master plan about what the community wants for their parks and public spaces. Ms. Mitchell can be reached at [Nmitchell\[at\]dccouncil.us](mailto:Nmitchell[at]dccouncil.us).

A resident of the 1600 block of Gales Street raised concerns about a neighbor's disorderly conduct which is negatively impacting their community.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Community Presentations





Commission Letters of February 11, 2020 Meetings



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



February 13, 2021

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

Re: BZA Case No. 20436 (1300 I Street NE)

Dear Mr. Moy:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on February 11, 2021 our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for the owners of 1300 I Street NE. Specifically, the applicant seeks relief pursuant to Subtitle E § 5207, and Subtitle X § 901.2, for a special exception under the residential conversion requirements of Subtitle U § 320.2, and the roof top and upper floor restrictions of Subtitle E § 206.1, to construct a third story, with rear and side additions, and to construct six residential units to an existing, two-story, detached building the RF-1 Zone.

The design has taken measures to ensure that the addition is not visible from the street, and it will not disrupt the privacy, air and light of neighbors. The owner has proven that the special exception criteria have been met through submission of architectural elevations and letters of support from neighbors. The ANC believes that this development will not substantially visually intrude upon the character, scale, and pattern of houses in the neighborhood. Our support is conditional upon there being a bike rack or other accommodation made to encourage non-car transportation.

Please be advised that Brad Greenfield, Commissioner Dooling and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at brad.greenfield@gmail.com and Commissioner Dooling can be contacted at 6A06@anc.dc.gov.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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February 13, 2021

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

Re: BZA Case No. 20393 (1608 East Capitol Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on February 11, 2021 our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request of the owners of 1608 East Capitol Street, NE (rear). Specifically, the applicant seeks relief pursuant to a special exception from the minimum vehicle parking requirements of Subtitle C § 701.5 to convert an existing, detached, two-story, carriage house to a principal dwelling unit at 1608 East Capitol Street, NE (rear) [BZA Case #20393] in the RF-1 Zone.

Our support is conditional upon there being an accommodation made to the stairwell window of the carriage house facing south to ensure the privacy of the nearby residence at 1608 East Capitol Street NE, that language be included in any lease documents stipulating that there is no parking allowed in the alley, and that a “no parking” sign be posted and maintained on the building by the property’s owners.

Please be advised that ANC 6A Economic and Zoning Committee Chair Brad Greenfield, ANC 6A08 Commissioner Brian Alcorn and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at brad.greenfield@gmail.com and Commissioner Alcorn can be contacted at 6A08@anc.dc.gov.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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Officer Reports - Treasurer



ANC 6A Treasurer's Report February 1 - March 11, 2021

Period Covered 2/1/2021 - 3/11/2021

Checking Account:

Opening Account Statement \$ 29,336.14

Credits:

None

Total Credits \$ -

New Disbursements:

Check Number

Anna Tsaur (Feb Notetaker)	#1962	\$ 200.00
Irene Dworakowski (Feb Agenda/Package)	#1963	\$ 765.89
Robb Dooling (Zoom Meetings Trial Subscription)	#1964	\$ 42.40

Total New Disbursements \$ 1,008.29

Existing Obligations:

Issued Checks Not Deposited	#1920, #1922, #1957, #1959, #1961	\$ 2,736.00
November 2020 Grant	#1965 (Ludlow-Taylor)	\$ 2,000.00

Total Existing Obligations \$ 4,736.00

Closing Funds Available/Uncommitted \$ 23,591.85

Savings Account:

Balance Forward \$ 100.05

Interest 2/28/2021 \$ -

Ending Balance \$ 100.05

Petty Cash Summary:

Balance Forwarded \$ 25.00

Total Funds Available \$ 25.00

Ending Balance \$ 25.00



Committee Reports

Community Outreach Committee (COC)



Minutes

ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Regular Meeting - February 22, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Quorum present.

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

COC members absent: Jason Gresh

Commissioners present: Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, Amber Gove, Keya Chatterjee, Mike Soderman, Robb Dooling, Brian Alcorn

Community members present: Hannah Jacobson Blumfeld, Cyndee Clay, Shakita Chapman, Daour Diawara, Baraq Stein, Chelsea Ricker, Kelly Stevens, 2 call in listeners.

There was a rigorous discussion of the Serve Your City/Mutual Aid grant. Commissioners had many questions that Ms. Blumfeld could not answer. A Motion to pause consideration of the grant request until Maurice Cook, Executive Director of Serve Your City, appears before the March 22, 2012 COC meeting and provides data of targeting of benefits to Rosedale Community was made by Commissioner Gove, seconded by Commissioner Phillips Gilbert and passed 6-4-1.

A presentation by Cyndee Clay and Shakita Chapman from HIPS and the services their organization provides was met with enthusiasm. Many did not know this organization existed and are eager to share with their constituents the services available through HIPS.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

The next regular meeting of the ANC 6A COC will be March 22, 2020 at 7:00 pm



Committee Reports

Alcohol Beverage and Licensing (ABL)



Minutes
Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 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 February 23, 2021, on a publicly posted WebEx event.

Committee Members Present: Nick Alberti (Co-Chair), Mark Samburg (Co-Chair), Mona Hatoum, Kate Robinson

Committee Members Absent: None

Commissioners Present: Amber Gove, Mike Soderman, Robb Dooling

I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

- Mr. Samburg called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm, noted the presence of a quorum, and reminded attendees that the meeting was being recorded. Mr. Samburg moved that the agenda be approved, Mr. Alberti seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

II. New Business

- Introduction of new ABL members.
 - Ms. Hatoum and Ms. Robinson introduced themselves.
- Consideration of a recommendation to send a letter to existing licensees within ANC 6A advising them of the changes to ANC 6A’s template settlement agreement, particularly those related to loitering.
 - Ms. Hatoum noted that this approach would address any gaps created by old settlement agreements requiring establishments to ask loiterers to vacate despite new settlement agreements not requiring establishments to do so.
 - Ms. Hatoum moved that the ANC send a notice of the changes to licensees within ANC 6A. Mr. Samburg seconded.
 - Commissioner Gove asked whether the ABL has contact information for licensees. Mr. Samburg indicated that the ABL does, Mr. Alberti pointed out that the information is out of date and incomplete.
 - Commissioner Soderman suggested that, in light of the lack of complete contact information, a multi-pronged approach including one or more of physical mail, email, and listservs might be appropriate.
 - Mr. Alberti suggested that the ANC could send the letter to establishments’ physical addresses.
 - Ms. Hatoum suggested that, in addition to such a physical letter, the ANC could use the existing email contact information as a second means of transmission and noted that there was no downside to duplication or risk associated with incorrect recipients.
 - Commissioner Dooling indicated his support for the approach suggested by Ms. Hatoum.
 - Mr. Alberti indicated support for additional means of contact, so long as a uniform approach (e.g., letters to physical addresses) was also used.
 - Commissioner Gove requested that the communications include an invitation to establishment representatives to join the ANC 6A Google Group.



Committee Reports

Alcohol Beverage and Licensing (ABL)



- Mr. Alberti proposed that the motion further include a recommendation that the ANC authorize necessary expenditures for the preparation and postage for a physical letter. After discussion, Mr. Alberti recommended an amount of \$100-\$150. Ms. Hatoum accepted the recommendation as a friendly amendment.
- The motion passed, 7-0.

III. Adjourn

- The Committee adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Next meeting date: March 23, 2021, 7:00 pm.

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Committee Reports

Transportation and Public Space (T&PS)



SPECIAL JOINT ANC TPS MEETING TO DISCUSS H STREET NORTHEAST Minutes

Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 pm

Joint Meeting of ANCs 6A & 6C Transportation and Public Space Committees to Discuss Speeding and Safety Issues Along the H Street Northeast Corridor and Proposed Solutions

Via WebEx

Public Meeting - All are welcome. Residents and H Street corridor business owners encouraged to participate and share proposed solutions.

I. Meeting called to order.

TPS 6A Committee Members Present: Marc Brumer (Chair), Andrew Burnett, Hassan Christian, Maura Dundon, Jeff Fletcher, Matthew Frutig, Shaun Lynch.

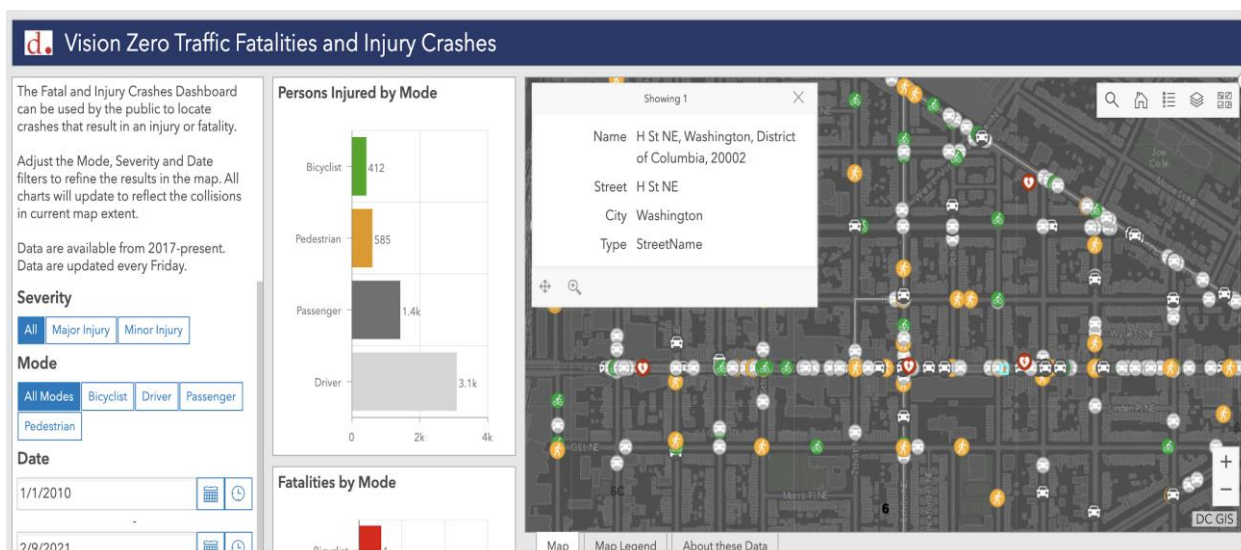
ANC 6A Commissioners Present: Amber Gove (Chair), Keya Chatterjee, Robb Dooling, Laura Gentile, Phil Toomajian.

ANC 6C TPS Committee Members Present: Christy Kwan (Chair), Tony Goodman (Vice Chair), David Abernethy, Mark Kazmierczak, Andrew Turner.

ANC 6C Commissioners Present: Jay Adelstein, Drew Courtney, Mark Eckenwiler, Christine Healey, Joel Kely. (Commissioners Adelstein and Eckenwiler are also members of the 6C TPS Committee).

II. Introductions & Announcements:

Mr. Marc Brumer, ANC 6A TPS Chair, opened the meeting with an overview of the importance of the H Street NE corridor to the neighborhood. H Street is a unique area and community anchor. It is also a vital transportation artery for people to commute to jobs, businesses, and community locations. Many modes of transport use H Street, including cars, buses, street cars, pedestrians, bikes, and scooters. H Street car traffic poses a serious safety concern, with a recent history of serious crashes, injuries, and deaths caused by cars, as indicated by the map included with the meeting agenda:





Committee Reports

Transportation and Public Space (T&PS)



Commissioner Amber Gove, ANC 6A Chair, recognized three pedestrian and bike fatalities on H Street NE: Ms. Jewel Lewis Hall, Mr. Oren Dorrel and Mr. Malik Habib. In honor of these losses, Commissioner Gove acknowledged that the ANCS and their TPS Committees have a lot of work to do to improve safety on H Street NE.

Christy Kwan, 6C TPS Committee Chair, summarized the efforts taken so far by the ANC 6C to improve safety on H St NE in 6C. The 6C boundary on H St runs from North Capitol to 8th Streets NE. ANC 6C has previously weighed in on H Street NE safety issues with DDOT, including H and 3rd Streets (the location of where Mr. Malik Habib was fatally struck) and H and 6th Streets NE. These efforts include a letter sent by ANC 6C to DDOT in February 2020, available at <https://anc6c.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/ANC-6C-H-Street-NE-safety-concerns.pdf>. Safety along the H Street NE corridor will also be impacted by the Union Station Expansion Project. This is a very important issue for 6C in light of the fatalities and safety concerns. Ms. Kwan also noted Mr. Brad Hinds, who was fatally struck from a hit-and-run at H and North Capitol Streets.

III. Community Comment

Mr. Brumer noted that public comment would be limited to 3 minutes per person, if necessary, to allow all participants the opportunity to speak. The public was given the opportunity to submit additional public comment or materials can be submitted for the record in writing via email.

Multiple community members, TPS Committee members, and ANC Commissioners made comments.

Mark Sussman, community member, stated that he represents the 25 H Street NE businesses that he organized, together with some ANC Commissioners on the call, to send a letter to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) requesting safety improvements to H Street NE. The letter made specific requests for dedicated bus/streetcar lanes adjacent to curb, wider sidewalks, and replacing parking with pick up/drop off zones. The letter was sent in January 2021, and is available at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdYckRwMff5Aniyzr5umwdKhPu1dRltZ13S6xZMHn8OX9dIZA/viewform>

Roy Gross, community member and Director of Operations for Atlas Performing Arts Center (1333 H Street NE) described a recent very serious car crash on H Street NE. A car going 70 mph crashed into the entire front of the Atlas Theater. It was 10:15 pm on a Tuesday. On normal nights, there could have been 100 people standing on the sidewalk exiting a show. Debris went into the studio, where there could have been children in dance classes. This could have been a mass casualty event. Mr. Gross stated that his business has requested to Deputy Mayor for Public Health and Safety that the city install bollards, but has not been able to get traction with the Mayor or DC Council. ANC 6A Commissioner Phil Toomajian stated that he had recently visited that area with DDOT and Council representatives, and Councilmember Charles Allen was aware of the bollard request. Mr. Toomajian suggested that Mr. Gross follow up with Councilmember Allen.

Bill Vigen, community member, suggested that restricting left turns onto H Street from 3rd Street NE and making 3rd Street NE one-way could improve safety at that intersection. He stated that he had discussed the idea with the owner of the Beer Cellar on H and 3rd Streets NE and she did not have an issue with the idea and agreed that safety is a concern at the intersection.

Jay Adelstein, ANC 6C Commissioner, noted that ANC 6A had already met with DDOT and Charles Allen and gotten some commitments for the east end of H Street NE. He posed the question of



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whether we should approach H Street NE intersection by intersection, or as a corridor spanning both ANC6s. 6A Commissioner Toomajian responded that DDOT had agreed to install bulb-outs at some 6A intersections in response to 6A requests, but that the intention and purpose is for ANC 6A and 6C to coordinate a corridor-based approach.

Victoria Lord, community member, discussed pedestrian safety issues at the 3rd and H Street intersection. She stated that the problem is the extended green light for traffic moving east on H street (proceeding off the Hopscotch Bridge) which causes confusion for pedestrians. The red lights are differently timed on H Street: there is a red light for pedestrians crossing H Street on 3rd Street for traffic moving west on H Street, at the same time there is a green light traffic moving east on H Street. People who are standing on the corner assume that that red light that is going west is also going east and step out into the street. It is incredibly dangerous.

Joel Kelty, ANC 6C Commissioner, noted that 6C has made many inquiries to DDOT over the years, and they feel they have never gotten adequate responses. There is a need for more direct communication. Mr. Brumer agreed with that sentiment.

Mark Eckenwiler, ANC 6C Commissioner, noted that the DC Council was receiving testimony on DDOT oversight for a DDOT oversight hearing on February 26, 2021. Details, including instructions on signing up or submitting written comments, are at <https://dccouncil.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2.10.2021-2020-2021-Performance-Oversight-Schedule-with-Instructions.pdf>

Tony Goodman, ANC 6C TPS Committee Vice Chair, spoke in favor of a corridor approach coordinating both ANC6s, rather than proceeding intersection-by-intersection.

Alka Patel, community member: Ms. Patel asked about the impact of proposed changes on H Street NE would have on neighboring streets. Commissioner Kelty responded that there would be some negative impact, but the problem is that H Street is both a residential neighborhood and a business area, with business customers that drive from elsewhere and need parking. Keya Chatterjee, ANC 6A Commissioner, stated that a corridor treatment that includes better transport could reduce parking demand. Mr. Brumer noted that a potential area of research would be to identify percentage of H Street customers that arrive by car.

Christy Kwan, ANC 6C TPS Committee Chair, stated that we need to put continued pressure on DDOT. What the ANC6s are putting out there is not being meaningfully considered. ANC 6C has submitted many letters to DDOT and there has not been a satisfactory response despite all the efforts. Mr. Brumer agreed that DDOT has not been responsive to concerns raised about the corridor as a whole.

Commissioner Gove noted (via chat) that there is a planned Safety and Mobility corridor review for Near NW DC (Logan, Shaw, Cardozo, Columbia Heights, Mt Pleasant), and asked what would it take to get a corridor review for H St NE. <https://ddot.dc.gov/release/near-northwest-iii-safety-and-mobility-study%C2%A0public-meetings>.

Gordon Chaffin, community member, stated that the Near Northwest Study is more for quick fixes, whereas our goal is for a comprehensive H Street NE solution. He also stated that he submitted a comprehensive plan for H St NE to DDOT and has received no response. He encourages a whole corridor-based approach.



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Jon Crisafi, community member: Mr. Crisafi (via chat) noted that there is a Livability Study in 2022 coming up for Capitol Hill, which could be the chance to bring up the H St NE corridor.
https://ddot.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddot/page_content/attachments/DDOT%20Livability%20Study%20Priority%20List.pdf

Kim Tomadjoglou, community member, stated that she has been involved in H Street NE traffic and safety issues for a long time, and feels that the DC government does not care about Northeast. There are many safety issues, including a car that flipped over recently near her house. She believes that drivers come from out of the area to smoke marijuana in DC and drive impaired. An urban planner needs to be engaged to improve safety, and the Mayor needs to take it seriously. The community is not supposed to be doing the urban planning.

Talib Shakir, Mayor's Office of Community Relations (MOCRS) Ward 6 Liaison stated that he understands the frustrations and they have tried to work some issues one at a time. The Mayor's office is actively engaged on issues. He agrees that it is better to look at it as one unit/one corridor. He can be reached at talib.shakir@dc.gov.

Mark Kazmierczak, ANC 6C TPS Committee member, stated that he agrees with the whole corridor approach. He asked whether the ANCs/TPS Committees could consider jointly supporting the H St Business letter to DDOT organized by Mr. Sussman (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdYckRwMff5Aniyzr5umwdKhPu1dRltZ13S6xZMHn8OX9dIZA/viewform>).

ANC 6C Commissioner Kelty discussed the need for the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to enforce existing traffic laws, as opposed to handling all traffic violations with red light cameras. Mr. Shakir stated that they have contacted MPD about enforcement and that the focus needs to be on MPD enforcement versus ticketing everyone.

Robb Dooling, ANC 6A Commissioner agreed with the idea of a joint ANC/TPS resolution, possibly supporting the H Street NE business letter.

Shaun Lynch, TPS 6A Committee member, the question raised whether dedicated bus lanes on H Street would have an impact on other streets in the neighborhood.

Roy Gross, community member, stated that he has 20 years of personal experience on H Street as part of the Atlas Theater. His experience is that unless residents and businesses come together, this does not end up going anywhere.

David Abernethy, ANC 6C TPS Committee Member, spoke in favor of a comprehensive H Street study, especially in light of the Union Station Expansion Project.

- IV. ANC 6A and 6A TPS and Commissioners' discussion of action items and next steps.
Drew Courtney, ANC 6C Commissioner, suggested that a joint subgroup be established to draft a letter to DDOT from both ANCs.

ANC 6A Commissioner Gove made the motion: *That the TPS 6A and 6C Committees recommend to their respective ANCs that ANC 6A and 6C send a joint letter to DDOT requesting a comprehensive review of safety and traffic concerns on H Street NE from North Capitol to 15th Street NE. Our*



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commissions have received valuable and informative input from H St businesses and Mr. Chaffin, which we attach for your consideration.

ANC 6A Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously, with all ANC Commissioners and TPS Committee Members present voting yes.

TPS 6A Committee member Maura Dundon made the motion: *That the TPS 6A and 6C Committees recommend to their respective ANCs that ANC 6A and 6C establish a special joint committee on H Street NE Transportation Safety which will draft the letter to DDOT described in the first motion. The TPS Committees recommend that the joint committee membership be: Robb Dooling, Keya Chatterjee, Laura Gentile, and Marc Brumer from 6A; Christy Kwan, Tony Goodman, and Commissioner Jay Adelstein from 6C.*

Mr. Dooling seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously, with all ANC Commissioners and TPS Committee Members present voting yes.

VI. Adjourn meeting

Appendix of Documents Discussed at Meeting

ANC 6C letter to DDOT on safety concerns at 3rd and 6th Streets, February 14, 2020:

<https://anc6c.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/ANC-6C-H-Street-NE-safety-concerns.pdf>

Letter to DDOT from 25 H St NE businesses, January 10, 2021:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdYckRwMff5Aniyzr5umwdKhPu1dRltZ13S6xZMHn8OX9dIZA/viewform>

Information on DC Council DDOT oversight hearing, scheduled for February 26, 2021:

<https://dccouncil.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2.10.2021-2020-2021-Performance-Oversight-Schedule-with-Instructions.pdf>

Near Northwest DC Corridor Review information: <https://ddot.dc.gov/release/near-northwest-iii-safety-and-mobility-study%C2%A0public-meetings>

Upcoming DDOT Livability Study for Capitol Hill:

https://ddot.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddot/page_content/attachments/DDOT%20Livability%20Study%20Priority%20List.pdf

ANC 6A - Traffic Safety Investigation Service Request 20-00447271

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CK8w2cHew2wMVgnIB7yuMEjJA7STMLeU/view?usp=sharing>



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¹March xx, 2021

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Chairperson, Committee on Transportation
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Interim Director Everett Lott
District Department of Transportation
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Director Andrew Trueblood
Office of Planning
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Re: Request for partnership to develop solutions for H Street NE

Dear Mayor Bowser, Councilmember Allen, Councilmember Cheh, Interim Director Lott, and Director Trueblood:

At duly noticed, regularly scheduled ANC monthly meetings⁴, ANC 6A voted X:X:X, with a quorum of X of eight commissioners on March 11, 2021 and ANC 6C voted X:X:X on March 10, 2021 with a quorum of X of six commissioners, with the public present via video conference, to request public safety measures on H Street NE between North Capitol Street and 15th Street NE due to the following urgent threats to our community.

H Street NE is a dangerous corridor that has harmed our residents, local businesses, and visitors to our neighborhoods. The unsafe design of H Street NE has directly inflicted pain on families with the loss of Jewel Lewis Hall, 62; Oren Dorrel, 53; Malik Habib, 19; and Brad Hinds, 39 to traffic violence. In recent months amid the coronavirus pandemic, drivers of speeding cars have destroyed storefronts of our local businesses, such as the October 2020 crash into a storefront at 6th Street NE; the November 2020 crash into Taqueria Rosticeria at 7th Street NE; the December 2020 crash into the Atlas Performing Arts Center and the Joy of Motion Dance Center on the 1300 block; and the February 2021 crash into Mozzeria's streatory at 13th Street NE.

We request that DDOT and Office of Planning work with our Commissions and communities to develop short- and long-term goals for the H Street NE corridor. **This includes our support for: (1) X2 and X9 bus/ streetcar-only lanes; (2) wider sidewalks; and (3) pick up and drop off zones, as mentioned in the letter from 25 businesses on H Street NE.** We envision a H Street NE redesign that protects the lives of

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our neighbors and visitors, allows our local business to flourish and grow, celebrates our neighborhood history, provides predictable and reliable bus service for transit-dependent neighbors, and is environmentally sustainable. And we welcome the opportunity to work with DDOT and Office of Planning to leverage its staff expertise to develop solutions together in partnership—especially as H Street NE will become the main corridor between two transformative redevelopment projects at Union Station and Hechinger Mall.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC 6A and ANC 6C. Response to this letter should be directed to both ANC 6A Chair Amber Gove (amberanc6a@gmail.com) and ANC 6C Chair Karen Wirt (6C02@anc.dc.gov).

On behalf of our respective Commissions,

Amber Gove
ANC 6A Chair

Karen Wirt
ANC 6C Chair

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MINUTES

ANC 6A Economic Development & Zoning Space Committee Meeting
Virtual Meeting via WebEx
Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Present:

Members: Brad Greenfield (Chair), Sam DeLuca, Michael Cushman, Tim Drake, Dan McPheeters, Jake Joyce

Commissioners: Mike Soderman, Phil Toomajian, Amber Gove

Brad Greenfield chaired the meeting.

Community Comment

None.

Previously Heard Cases

None.

Old Business

1. 1637 D Street, NE (BZA Case #20414): Application for a special exception pursuant to subtitles E § 205.5, 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4, to construct a two-story with basement addition to an existing, nonconforming, two-story with basement, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 Zone. BZA Hearing Date: April 7, 2021.

This project was considered at the January 2021 EDZ meeting, with opposition being voiced for a neighbor. The EDZ tabled the matter for a month to give the neighbors the opportunity to discuss the project and try to reach a compromise. Thurston Fisher presented the project, as the owner of the property. Mr. Fisher reported that he and the neighbor had not been able to reach agreement on the project. Mr. Fisher reported that the neighbor was opposed to any addition, including a by-right 10-foot addition. Mr. Fisher said that they looked at doing a by-right development, but found that it would not produce enough usable space to meet the needs of his family.

Mr. Fisher stated that he believes that the project as it is currently envisioned does not impinge on the neighbor's light and air. He presented the shadow study, comparing the planned 18-foot addition with the 10-foot addition (by rights), and that this would only produce a slight difference in the shadows. Mr. Fisher noted that his neighbor also raised an objection based on security, and he felt that the addition would improve her security, since it would result in windows and cameras closer to the alley, which would improve security conditions. He also noted that he now has three letters of support from neighbors.

Commissioner Soderman noted that by the typical definition of "best efforts" to get letters of support from neighbors, the project has reached that threshold.

Mr. Cushman noted that the applicant is seeking relief both for the 10-foot rule (extending more than 10 feet past an adjacent neighbor), but also for lot occupancy, which is at 62%.

Mr. Greenfield expressed the concern that the standard that needed to be applied was not comparing the impact on light and shadow between the 18-foot extension and the 10-foot extension. The zoning standard forces the comparison between the proposed project and the current environment, and by that standard there is a significant negative impact on the light and air of the neighbor. Mr.



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Greenfield noted that a by right development would make this moot, since there would not be public input on the project. Mr. DeLuca agreed with the assessment that by the normal light and air standard, the project as proposed would have a negative impact on the neighbor.

Mr. Fisher asked if he went back ten feet, would that not allow his neighbor to extend back beyond their existing building envelope even farther. Mr. Greenfield responded that this was true, and was a slightly unfortunate side effect of the rule.

The neighbor, Nathalie Lewis, called in and expressed her opposition to the project, based on the impact on the light and air for her home, as well as to express security concerns about the project. Ms. Lewis suggested that Mr. Fisher expand the house on the other side, where there is currently open space. Mr. Greenfield noted that this was not possible since that was public space and not part of Mr. Fisher's property.

Commissioner Soderman asked if Mr. Fisher could pop the property up, rather than do a bump back. Mr. Fisher said that he would need to talk to his architect. Mr. Greenfield noted that popping up would not have been likely to worsen the shadows on the neighbor, and said that might be an option worth exploring. Mr. Greenfield asked Ms. Lewis if the Fishers did a design where they popped up, and could show a shadow study where it does not impact her light and air, would she be willing to sign a letter of support. Ms. Lewis said that she would.

There was an extended discussion about how there would be no public input period if Mr. Fisher does a by-right development.

Mr. Greenfield made a motion that the ANC oppose the request for relief. Mr. Cushman seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-1-1.

2. 135 13th Street, NE (BZA Case #20471): Application for a Special Exception for constructing a second dwelling unit in the RF-1 Zone. BZA Hearing Date May 26, 2021.

Merrill St. Leger and her husband represented the project as the owners. Ms. St. Leger reported that they are long-time residents of Capitol Hill. Their plans are to have this unit as a rental at first, but eventually they would like to occupy the second dwelling and rent out their main home, or have their kids move into it. Mr. Ziad Demian, the architect, presented the plans for the project.

Mr. Demian noted that there is currently a two-car garage in the back, and that this structure would be converted into the new dwelling. The structure would be 20 feet, and they would be maximizing the lot coverage. They have a very large lot, so this is possible. Mr. Demian noted that the building will be 295 feet from a 50-foot alley, which meets the standard.

Mr. Cushman asked why this project was not considered a matter of right. Mr. Demian replied that the second building requires a special exception.

Ms. St. Leger noted that the existing garage is on the north side of the property, and does not have much impact on shadows.

Mr. Demian noted that there are already several two-story garages in the alley. Mr. Greenfield asked if the existing garage was one or two stories. Mr. Demian said that it was one story. Mr. Greenfield asked if the existing garage will be demolished. Mr. Demian replied that it will be demolished, since it is not in good condition.



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Mr. Demian noted that the immediate neighbors all support the project, and there is no opposition. Mr. Greenfield asked if there had been discussions with the neighbors across the alley. Mr. Demian said that there had been discussions, and they had signed letters of support. Mr. Cushman asked if any neighbors on North Carolina Avenue NE had signed letters of support. Mr. Demian said that they do not have letters of support from neighbors on North Carolina Avenue NE. Mr. Cushman noted that the neighbors on North Carolina Avenue NE might be looking at the back of the dwelling and that they might have an opinion of the development.

Mr. Greenfield asked if the treatment on the new building will be brick. Mr. Demian said that it will be metal paneling. Mr. Greenfield asked how this treatment would fit within the fabric and style of the neighborhood. Mr. Demian said that it is a common material for alley buildings, particularly warehouses in ANC 6B. Mr. Demian said that they are going to use core tense steel, and that this is a rustic material, so it will fit into the neighborhood. The metal panels are going to be weathered, so it is going to look like brick.

Commissioner Gove also noted that Maury Elementary is across the street, and it has a more modern look, and this development would be comparable to the look and feel of Maury. Commissioner Soderman noted that there are other developments in this area that had a more modern look, and this was a good design approach. Mr. DeLuca also agreed that it was a good design approach.

Mr. Cushman asked if this property was in the historic district. Mr. Demian replied that they were.

Mr. Cushman asked if there is an existing basement was used as a rental. Ms. St. Leger replied that it was not. Mr. Greenfield noted that this development would preclude ever using the basement as a rental. Ms. St. Leger confirmed that she understood this.

Mr. Greenfield made a motion that ANC 6A support the request for relief, with the caveat that the owners make best efforts to get a letter of support from 1326 North Carolina Avenue. Commissioner Gove seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0.

3. 1101 H Street, NE (BZA Case #20455): application for special exception under the new building development requirements of Subtitle H § 910.1; and Area Variance from the loading berth requirements of Subtitle C § 901.1 to permit the construction of a new mixed-use residential building in the NC-17 zone. BZA Hearing Date April 28, 2021.

Jessie Sterchi, Jessica Bloomfield, Eric Colbert, Rod Sellers, and Katie Wagner presented the project. They commenced with a summary of the project from previous meetings. The property is currently two vacant commercial properties, and will become a mixed-use development with 53 units. It will consist of 24 1-bedroom units, 17 1-bedroom and den units, and 12 2-bedroom units. There will be over 66,000 square feet of retail space. There is an underground parking garage with 17 spaces. They hope to begin construction before the end of the year, and deliver the project in the fall of 2023.

Since the last meeting, there is a significant increase in the long-term bike parking in the garage to 39 spaces. Additionally, the 8 short-term bike racks outside the building will be replaced. Ms. Sterchi also said that they are working on a transportation demand management plan to encourage resident use of non-car transit.

Mr. Greenfield said that one of the neighbors (Ms. Robinson) had expressed concerns with him about the trash management plan. Ms. Sterchi said that currently, both of the neighboring buildings, 1111



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and 1115 H, have a private hauler that comes and picks up their trash through the building. Their plan is to mirror that plan, and work to minimize trash trips in the alley. Mr. Greenfield noted that 1115 had 16 units, so it was significantly smaller than the proposed development at 1101. Mr. Greenfield expressed concern that 1101 was seeking to match the pickup schedule of much smaller buildings. Mr. Sellers noted that there will be two trash chutes in the building leading to the dumpsters, one for recycling and the other for waste. At the base of the chute will be a trash compactor, along with spare containers. Mr. DeLuca asked if this plan would apply to the commercial space as well. Mr. Sellers said that there would be a cardboard compactor and separate dumpster for the commercial space.

Mr. DeLuca asked how the developers had come up with their trash plan. Mr. Sellers reported that they had consulted with trash companies to develop the plan. Ms. Wagner stated that the developer would be working with the neighbors to determine the frequency of trash pickups and make sure it matches expected demand.

Mr. McPheeters asked if it would be possible to pick up the trash other than from the alley. Mr. Colbert said that it would be possible for the commercial tenants to load trash from the street, but that the residential trash would need to be collected through the alley.

Ms. Robinson, a neighbor to the building, noted that the alley was one way, and the dumpsters will have to be dragged a long way for pickup. She would have liked to see a more definite trash plan at this point. Mr. Colbert noted that the narrowness of the alley (8 feet at one point) prevent bringing a truck into the alley, which necessitates dragging the dumpsters down the alley for pickup. Mr. Greenfield noted that the worst-case scenario for trash management was that there would need to be additional pickups, so the number of trash trips down the alley would be larger than it is currently. Mr. Greenfield asked Ms. Robinson if there was a lot of usage of this alley. She replied that there is a lot of use by the current residents, who use the alley to access their back yards and parking. Ms. Wagner said that they are developing a loading management plan, and suggested that this could be provided to the ANC.

Mr. Greenfield noted that the address for the building was on H Street NE, so residents would not be entitled to RPPs. Mr. Greenfield said that ANC6A's standard procedure was to ask that additional language be added to sales documents stating that owners would not be entitled to a RPP, to make sure that prospective owners are informed of the restriction. Ms. Sterchi said that they prepared to do that, but thought that the restriction should be in the condominium association documents. Commissioner Toomajian suggested that both the condominium bylaws and the sales documents have the RPP restriction written into them.

Mr. DeLuca asked how many IZ units were going to be in the building, at what percentage of the median income. Ms. Sterchi said that there will be four IZ units at 80% median income, and 1 unit at 50%. Ms. Bloomfield said that this fully meets the IZ requirements in the zoning laws. Mr. DeLuca expressed disappointment that the development was only meeting the minimum IZ requirements, and not doing more to have inclusionary units in the building, and asked the developer to reconsider this. Mr. Greenfield asked if it would be possible to increase the units or change it so that they were available at a lower percentage of median income. Ms. Sterchi said that these changes would not be possible. If they lowered the AMI, there would be fewer units. Mr. Cushman asked if these units would permanently be IZ units. Ms. Bloomfield replied that they would be IZ units for the life of the project.



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Mr. Greenfield made a motion that the ANC support the request for relief, with the caveat that the trash management and traffic management plan be provided before the ANC meeting, and that there be RPP restrictions added to the condo bylaws and sales documents. Mr. Toomajian seconded the motion, and added a friendly amendment that the ANC support was conditional on the project providing 39 private bike parking spaces, and update the 8 outdoor bike parking spaces. Mr. Greenfield accepted the friendly amendment. Mr. Cushman made a friendly amendment that the trash management plan must be responsive to the neighborhood's concerns. Mr. Greenfield accepted the friendly amendment. The motion passed 8-1.

Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:
Wednesday, March 17, 2021
7:00-9:00 pm
WebEx information to be posted on ANC6A Website



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Mr. Clifford Moy
Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St. NW, Suite 210
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Re: BZA Case No. 20414 (1637 D Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting⁸ on March 11, 2021, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to oppose the request for a special exception pursuant to subtitles E § 205.5, 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4, to construct a two-story with basement addition to an existing, nonconforming, two-story with basement, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 Zone at 1637 D Street, N.E.

It is the belief of ANC6A that the 18-foot extension of the rear wall will adversely affect the light and air enjoyed by the neighboring property at 1635 D Street, NE. While we are sympathetic to the owners' desire to adapt their home to the needs of their family, we believe that the design does not meet the standards required for the special exception.

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

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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March XX, 2021

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Re: BZA Case No. 20471 (135 13th Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting⁹ on March 11, 2021, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for a Special Exception for constructing a second dwelling unit in the RF-1 Zone at 135 13th Street, N.E.

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

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

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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**Historic Preservation Committee of the
Capitol Hill Restoration Society
135 13th Street, NE HPA 21-212
March 2021**

The Capitol Hill Restoration Society's Historic Preservation Committee reviewed the plans for the project dated January 14, 2021. The rowhouse at this address was designed by N. T. Haller in 1900 for owner/builder George P. Newton. No changes are proposed to the rowhouse. The applicant plans to demolish an existing one-story garage, approximately 20 x 20 feet (400 square feet) in footprint, and replace it with a new second dwelling unit, almost the same dimensions as the existing rowhouse. In this alley there are several one- and two-story garages, and several lots lack garages. Most Capitol Hill garages or carriage houses are approximately 450 square feet, the proposed dwelling unit, at 20 feet wide on the alley with a depth of approximately 40 feet (no dimensions for depth are provided) would be approximately 743 square feet, or almost twice the footprint of a traditional garage or carriage house.

This unit would face the alley on the east and north elevations: The east elevation would have a corten steel garage door, a wood entrance door, and two casement windows, one very large. It would be clad in corten steel panels and charred wood siding. The north elevation would have small casement windows on the first story, and on the second story a large inoperable window and four small casement windows. The west elevation, facing the rear yard would have sliding glass doors on the first story, casement windows and a balcony on the second story. The neighbor's wall would obscure most of the south elevation. The windows would have planters to match the window finish, and the roof would have solar panels and no roof deck. We request that if the Board grants concept approval that the Board specify that no roofdeck is approved. The height would be 20 feet, within HPRB's height limits.

As noted, a typical Capitol Hill garage or rowhouse is approximately 450 square feet. The only comparable case we can find is 1013 - 1015 E Street, SE, HPA 14-720, 14-721, which came before the Board several times. At the December 18, 2014 hearing, the applicant proposed a project including combining two lots and building a new two-story alley dwelling, with a footprint of 30 x approximately 39 feet, and 25 feet tall. The staff recommended reducing the alley building's height and mass. The Board denied concept approval altogether, and indicated that an appropriate project would include true accessory (small scale) buildings at the rear of the lot. The Board eventually approved the project, after modifications. The dwelling unit proposed here is almost as large as the rejected alley buildings in 1013-1015 E Street, SE.



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The majority of the committee believes that the scale of the proposed second dwelling unit is far too large to be compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District, and recommend that its footprint be reduced by 50 percent or more.

One of our members finds the proposed building while large (but presumably within zoning limits) more acceptable in the context of historic precedents and the context of this particular alley. The 2014 Historic Building Alley Survey documents wide variety of buildings from modest to large stables, carriage houses and garages, and many an alley dwelling. The survey does not list building areas (square footage). This project's alley proposed alley dwelling would become a close neighbor to a massive alley building at 1317 Constitution Avenue, NE.

The Historic Preservation Committee expresses no opinion on zoning issues. However, zoning regulation 5003.1 limits the size of accessory buildings - a footprint of 450 square feet, and two levels, for a 900 square feet maximum. For these reasons, very significant zoning relief appears to be required.

Neighbors' views are very important and we would like to learn their reaction to the project.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Beth Purcell, Chair



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Fwd: 135 13th Street, NE HPA 21-212

Amber Gove <amberanc6a@gmail.com>

Tue 3/9/2021 5:59 PM

To: ANC6A PackagePrep <anc6apackage@outlook.com>

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From: **Merrill St. Leger** <merrillstlegerdeman@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 9:47 PM

Subject: RE: 135 13th Street, NE HPA 21-212

To: <beth@eapdc.com>, Amber Gove <amberanc6a@gmail.com>, Brad Greenfield

<brad.greenfield@gmail.com>, <moira.nadal@dc.gov>

Cc: Jackson (OP) <julianna.jackson@dc.gov>, <jthackaberry@verizon.net>, <dtallant@aol.com>,

Joanna Kendig <jksolarc@tellurian.com>, Alison Ross <alison.ris@gmail.com>

We would like to acknowledge receipt of the letter from CHRS Historic Preservation Committee and take this opportunity to provide the following clarifications regarding the comments:

- This project is not an accessory dwelling unit, but a second dwelling in the RF-1 Zone, which allows second dwellings. Accessory dwelling units are not allowed in the RF-1 zone. Therefore, reference to ADU constraints is not relevant in this case.
- Comparing our proposed second dwelling in the RF-1 zone to a multi-family addition in a Mixed-Use zone is inapplicable in terms of use and size. Our project is one 20' high dwelling with a 20' x 37' footprint, while 1013-and-1015 E Street SE is a 25' high multi-family project in a Mixed Use Zone with a footprint of 38'-7" x 30', not including the steps and stoops leading up to the two units.
- The proposed second dwelling has no adverse effect on any property in terms of light and air as shown in the shadow studies.
- We have letters of support from both adjacent properties at 133 and 137 13th Street NE, as well as others in the block.
- Finally, the objection boils down to the size of the second dwelling. A vibrant city like DC has blocks and lots with garages/carriage houses of many types and sizes. Our proposed second dwelling is appropriate to the lot and appropriate to the block. It is appropriate to our large lot because it complies with all zoning regulations in footprint and height. It is appropriate to the block, as it is comparable in footprint and size to the garage at 1317 Constitution Ave. NE, to the footprint of the shared double garage at 1326 and 1328 North Carolina Ave. NE, and to the garage at 1329 Constitution Ave. NE.

Hopefully, this provides necessary clarifications regarding the comments received.

Regards,
Merrill and Ziad

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Fwd: 135 13th St. NE- 2nd Dwelling

Amber Gove <amberanc6a@gmail.com>

Tue 3/9/2021 6:02 PM

To: ANC6A PackagePrep <anc6apackage@outlook.com>

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From: **Brad Greenfield** <brad.greenfield@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 5:48 PM

Subject: Re: 135 13th St. NE- 2nd Dwelling

To: Christine Mullins <cmullins1326@gmail.com>

Cc: Merrill St. Leger <merrillstlegerdemian@gmail.com>, Ziad Demian <ziad@demianwilbur.com>, Amber Gove <amberanc6a@gmail.com>, Daniel Mullins <dmullins@alum.rpi.edu>

Hi, Christine

Regarding zoning issues, there would not be any inherent issues. While the garage is adding an entire level, it is below the zoning height limit. The submission of a permit request/historic request includes a zoning compliance review to make sure that there is no zoning relief required.

Brad

On Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 10:42 AM Christine Mullins <cmullins1326@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Merrill and Ziad,

I just saw this notice from the Historic Preservation Review Board that they will be reviewing your proposal in March.

See attached.

Chris.

On Mon, Mar 8, 2021 at 9:21 AM Christine Mullins <cmullins1326@gmail.com> wrote:

Merrill and Ziad,

Thank you for clarifying the issue of the HPRB approval -- if you could send a copy of their approval letter that would be great! I do know that the CHRS Historic Preservation Committee has expressed its disapproval based on HPRB rejection on a similar project so I apologize for assuming they had also rejected your proposal.

As I mentioned, I am also wondering about any zoning issues. If you could share that approval, that would be great too. Have you shared this with the ANC 6A Economic Development and Zoning Committee? I hope it is okay if I share this exchange with Brad Greenfield, who chairs this committee. His contact information is brad.greenfield@gmail.com or 202-262-9365. Again, I am not an expert on this and he can certainly help.

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I am not sure the garage that we co-own with our neighbors at 1328 N Carolina Ave, NE is a good comparison since this structure has been around for many, many years. I wouldn't be surprised if it was built when our house was built in 1912 based on the condition of the bricks! So I am sure we would also have to receive the same approval from the HPRB to make any changes since it is an existing historic structure.

Thank you so much!.

Chris.

cc: Brad Greenfield
Amber Gove

On Sun, Mar 7, 2021 at 9:59 PM Merrill St. Leger <merrillstlegerdemian@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Christine,

Thank you for your response. We'd like to address and clarify some of the points you brought up.

-This proposal has not been rejected by the DC Historic Preservation Review Board, and we have addressed all comments from Historic Preservation staff.

-I am an urban planner and Ziad is an Architect. There are no zoning issues with this project. It complies with all zoning regulations and we are not asking for any variance or relief.

-As to revisions, the only revision requested by Historic Preservation staff was to reduce the glass on the western elevation which we have done. See the circled area on the attached PDF.

Finally, we hope you will reconsider your opposition to the project, as what we are proposing is comparable in size to the footprint of your double garage and to the garage at 1317 Constitution Ave. NE.

Please feel free to reach out if you would like to discuss further.

Regards,
Merrill and Ziad

On Sun, Mar 7, 2021 at 6:46 PM Christine Mullins <cmullins1326@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Miriam and Ziad,

Thank you for sharing your plan to replace the garage behind your house (135 13th Street, NE) with a second dwelling that you would like to turn into a rental unit.

I am writing to express my opposition to this proposal based on my understanding that the D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board has rejected this plan because it would nearly double the size of your existing garage, a traditional garage or carriage house which resides in the Capitol Hill historic district. The Capitol Hill Restoration Society's Historic Preservation Committee has expressed its opposition to this proposal. I am a strong believer in the need to retain the historic nature of the buildings, parks, and alleyways that grace Capitol Hill.

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I am no expert, but I believe there may be relevant zoning issues that need to be addressed. So I would be interested in seeing a confirmation to this effect.

I am interested in hearing about any revisions that would bring your project into compliance with these historic requirements.

Thank you for your consideration.

Christine Mullins
1326 N. Carolina Ave., NE
Washington, D.C. 20002

On Fri, Feb 19, 2021 at 5:05 PM Merrill St. Leger <merrillstlegerdemian@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi Christine and family,

We are your neighbors across the alley, Merrill St. Leger and Ziad Demian, with our 2 sons, Marcus and Elias. We are planning to convert our garage to a second dwelling and are attaching a PDF showing the design. We're excited about this project, and the idea is to rent it out until the kids are fully independent and then potentially occupy it ourselves at some point, so that we can "age in place" in the neighborhood we love.

We are not asking for any variances for this project, as this is allowed in our zone and the design meets all the zoning requirements. Approval goes through a Special Exception process with the Board of Zoning Adjustments and neighbor support is helpful. The attached PDF includes four letters of support including the adjacent neighbors on either side. Please review and let us know if you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspects of the project. Happy to set up a call or videoconference to do so. If you are willing to write a letter of support, that would be great too.

Thanks for your time, and looking forward to hearing back from you.

Regards,
Merrill and Ziad

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March XX, 2021

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

Re: BZA Case No. 20455 (1101 H Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹⁰ on March 11, 2021, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for a special exception under the new building development requirements of Subtitle H § 910.1; and Area Variance from the loading berth requirements of Subtitle C § 901.1 to permit the construction of a new mixed-use residential building in the NC-17 zone at 1101 H Street, N.E. Our support is conditional on the developer submitting trash management plans and traffic management plans that address neighbor's concerns, that Residential Parking Permit restrictions added to the condo bylaws and sales documents, and that the development plans include 39 indoor bike parking spaces and the 8 outdoor bike parking spaces.

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

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

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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ANC 6A Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee Meeting Virtual Meeting via WebEx February 25, 2021 General Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Marie Claire Brown (SMD01), Kris Garrity (SMD01), David Holmes (SMD03), Commissioner Mike Soderman (SMD03), Nick Alberti (SMD04), Kathryn Griffith (SMD05), Madeline Gitomer (SMD06), Marc Friend (SMD07), Mark Samburg (SMD07). (Not present - Veronica Hollmon, (SMD08).

Committee Chair: Commissioner Laura Gentile (SMD05).

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Robb Dooling (SMD06) and Sondra Phillips-Gilbert (SMD07).

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm.

Review Agenda / Committee Purpose / Ground Rules. Chair Laura Gentile reviewed the agenda and explained that the purpose of this Committee is to review and suggest edits, as appropriate, to the existing by laws. The Chair explained that each member of the Committee would get a chance to propose edits and then Committee members would vote on those edits. Those edits that received a majority vote would be incorporated into a revised version that would go to the full ANC 6A to consider for review and adoption.

Overview of ANC 6A Bylaws. David Holmes provided an overview of the existing bylaws.

By Laws Template. The Office of ANC provided a by laws template to the Chair which represents the minimum language that should be included in ANC bylaws. The OANC recommends that ANC 6A shorten its by laws by removing text that duplicates the DC Code.

Share Observations from bylaws review. Committee members shared general observations from the review of ANC 6A and other ANC bylaws. Comments included the following:

- It appear that ANC 6A has combined the by laws and rules into the same document. The by laws and rules should be separated to allow the rules to be updated as needed.
- ANC 6A by laws should be shortened to be more consistent with the OANC template.
- ANC 1A laws include a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) document which describes the officer roles and responsibilities. This allows for flexibility. A Code of Conduct document is a good idea.
- ANC 1B bylaws are very basic. Appreciate the brevity. Also noticed the diversity and inclusion statements, which would be nice to add to the by laws of ANC 6A.
- ANC 4A posts standard grant guideline on their website (Article 4, Section 12).
- ANC 1A includes the revision history on the first page and also includes a Standard Operating Procedure document which is incorporated by reference.
- It would be helpful to slim the by laws down and creating a separate SOP document.
- Several parts of the bylaws are stipulated by OANC and not negotiable.
- With respect to text focused on renting office space: it is unlikely that ANC 6A would ever need an office.

Process to Propose Edits. The Chair said that she would post a Word document of the by laws to the shared Google folder for group collaboration. The Chair said that Committee members could make edits by typing directly into the text of the document, or by inserting a comment that describes the edit. The Chair advised members to please turn on “suggested edits” before they begin editing to ensure that they did not overwrite existing text or the edits of others. The Chair would also include blank documents for



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anyone interested in proposing additional companion documents (SOP, Code of Conduct). The Chair recommended that each person focus on one or two sections of the bylaws to make the work manageable, and said she would post a signup sheet on Google.

Next Steps. Committee members agreed to provide edits by Sunday, March 21, 2021. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 25, 2021. The Chair agreed to provide the agenda for the next meeting for public notice by March 18, 2021.

Community Comment: A member of the community asked how ANC 6A sets its monthly agenda. ANC 6A develops the agenda the week prior to the meeting; any Commissioner can place an item on the agenda eight (8) days prior to the meeting; the agenda is announced to the community eight (8) days prior to the ANC meeting, per the by laws. As outlined in Robert's Rules of Order, agenda items or suggested motions can be added the day before or the day or at the meeting.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm.



New Business



March xx, 2021

Paul J. Wiedefeld
General Manager & CEO
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
500 5th St NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Wiedefeld:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹¹ on March 11, 2021, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to express the needs of the ANC 6A community with regards to the recommendations in the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget for WMATA. Our community members rely on Metrobus service to get to work, school, stores, and more. Furthermore, our community supports action on the climate crisis, and the proposed cuts would make it nearly impossible for DC to meet our climate targets.

ANC 6A is served by some of the most highly used bus routes in DC, including the X2/X9 that cross H Street NE and the 90/92 that cross 8th Street NE. These buses have remained crowded during COVID and require increased service to reduce wait times. We have also faced the recent elimination of the X1 route, which has added to the crowding on the X2. In addition to these routes, we know that the B2 is used by community members to get to Eastern High School heading south and to access nature at the National Arboretum heading north. The D8 is the only public transportation that can take transit-dependent neighbors to the Washington Hospital Center and Children's Hospital. The D6 is the only transportation to Sibley Hospital, as well as the bus route used by students in our neighborhood who attend Duke Ellington School of the Arts. The D4 provides transportation to Ivy City including the Target and other shops that have opened there. Finally, many of the restaurant workers on H Street NE rely on having Metrorail service from Union Station after 9:00 pm, and we are concerned about essential worker transit as well as increased drunk driving and car crashes if Metrorail closes as early as is proposed.

The proposed cuts to Metrobus service, and of late-night Metrorail service would leave our transit-dependent community members stranded, which will disproportionately impact Black and brown, disabled, elderly, and our youngest community members who will go back to relying on the bus to get to school in the Fall.

We urge you to consider that essential workers have continued to depend on transit service to get to their jobs, even in the coronavirus pandemic; that increased investment in transit service can ensure our recovery is felt widely, including through increased worker productivity and reduced traffic congestion, that further service cuts could result in a declining spiral of decreasing revenues and ridership, even as the economy recovers, that Metrobus ridership has already recovered faster than Metrorail service and is more likely to be used by the essential workforce; and that Metro's jurisdictions have reported better-than-expected budget revenues and have projected unexpected surpluses in the District of Columbia and Virginia.

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We do recognize that fare revenue is down, that the Federal investment has been insufficient return to pre-COVID service and that hard decisions must be made without a large additional investment. We urge you to expand transit options for our community even in that context, recognizing that some service routes, such as the newer Silver Line and route to Dulles Airport will have decreased demand for some time. We urge you to increase services to our key bus routes (X2, X9, 90, 92, D4, D6, and D8), to reduce headways on those routes to five minutes, increase late night service and add back routes that have been cancelled like the X1. It is essential for the survival of many in our community that WMATA prioritize bus routes for service preservation that have no feasible alternative for communities on that route and that serve essential facilities like hospitals, shelters and schools.

Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at AmberANC6A@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A