



**District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
Agenda for May 14, 2020**



Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Call-in Conference via WebEx

Call-in Number: 202-860-2110 - Meeting number (access code): 474 083 283

For those attending via WebEx: use this link:

<https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/onstage/g.php?MTID=ec80854498e388e5076d92417d5b6fa96>

Public Meeting - All are welcome.

- 7:00 pm     **Call to order**
- 7:02 pm     **Approve Previous Meeting's Minutes, Adopt Agenda**
- 7:05 pm     **Officer Reports pg. 8**  
1. Approve Treasurer's Report  
2. Approve 2020 Q2 Quarterly Report
- 7:10 pm     **Old Business pg. 11**  
1. 201 8th Street NE (800 Constitution Ave NE) - HPA 19-104 (Soderman)
- 7:15 pm     **New Business pg. 13**  
1. **Suggested Motion:** ANC6A send a letter to DDOT to request that DDOT pursue sidewalk extensions on blocks near essential businesses, including restaurants to allow for safe outdoor seating. Additional requests for extended sidewalks for safely distanced pedestrian activity will also be proposed. Specific blocks to be discussed during the meeting. (Gove)  
2. **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A approve the appointment of Jason Gresh to the Community Outreach Committee. (Alcorn)

**Standing Committee Reports:**

- 7:20 pm     **Economic Development and Zoning pg. 17**  
1. Approve April 2020 committee report.  
2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for special exceptions under the residential conversion requirements of Subtitle U § 320.2, for a special exception under the penthouse height requirements of Subtitle C § 1500.1, and to permit a trellis that does not conform with the side building wall setbacks required pursuant to C-1502.1(C)(1), to construct two three-story buildings with penthouses at 909 and 911 I Street, NE (BZA Number BZA-TMP1070) in the RF-1 Zone, on condition that the applicant make best efforts to get letters of support from the neighbors at 823, 825 and 827 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NE, that the applicant remove the trellises from the roof deck, remove the side balconies, move the planned solar panels to the back of the roof, and make the back of the roof deck inaccessible.  
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 20, 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) via WebEx.

**Alcohol Beverage Licensing**

1. No report. Committee did not meet in April 2020.  
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 19, 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) via WebEx.



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**Community Outreach**

1. No report. Committee did not meet in April 2020.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 18 , 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday; usually 4<sup>th</sup> Monday) via WebEx.

**Transportation and Public Space**

1. No report. Committee did not meet in April 2020.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 18, 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday) via WebEx.

***Any cancellations of the May 2020 ANC 6A Committee meetings will be posted under Community Calendar at [anc6a.org](http://anc6a.org).***

7:30 pm

**Community Presentations**

Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)

Commander Morgan Kane, First District

Captain Jerome Merrill, Fifth District

Preetha Iyengar, MD, Medical Officer, Division of Epidemiology Disease Surveillance & Investigation, DC Department of Health (DOH)

DC Reopen - Tyler Williams, Ward 6 Liaison, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services

8:45 pm

**Single Member District reports (1 minute each)**

8:55 pm

**Community Comments (2 minutes each)**

9:00 pm

**Adjourn**



## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2020



### Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Minutes WebEx Meeting April 9, 2020

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove (Chair), Phil Toomajian, Mike Soderman, Ruth Ann Hudson, Brian Alcorn, Stephanie Zimny, Marie-Claire Brown and Sondra Philips-Gilbert.

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

Commissioner Gove called the roll and announced the presence of a quorum.

The minutes for the ANC March 2020 meeting were accepted, and the agenda for the April 2020 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent without changes or objection.

#### Officer Reports

1. The April 2020 Treasurer's report by Brian Alcorn reviewed the 8 expenses accrued in March totaling \$1,767.86: \$465.89 to Irene Dworakowski (check 1928) for webmaster and agenda services; \$200.00 (check 1929) for the March 2020 meeting minutes; \$253.87, \$283.50, and \$90.01 (checks 1930, 1931, and 1932, respectively) for various FedEx printing costs; and \$176.50, \$183.50, and \$159.50 (checks 1933, 1934, and 1935, respectively) for re-issue of uncashed checks 1844, 1848, and 1861, respectively, for previously incurred FedEx printing costs. Beginning balance was \$22,515.01 and closing funds available and uncommitted are \$20,747.15 after these disbursements. The savings account accrued one cent of interest bringing the balance from \$100.00 to \$100.01. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Approval of the 2020 Q2 Quarterly Report was postponed to a future meeting due to the health emergency.

#### New Business

1. Commissioner Gove moved and Commissioner Toomajian seconded the motion that ANC6A send a letter to the Zoning Administrator requesting expedited review for a revised permit (to be submitted) for Eliot-Hine Middle School that reduces on-site parking in exchange for building athletic fields that allow for onsite hosting of sport activities. The motion passed 7-0.
2. Commissioner Gove moved and Commissioner Hudson seconded the motion that ANC6A send a letter of support to DDOT for Councilmember Charles Allen's proposal requesting COVID-19 related street closures to allow for safe use by pedestrians and cyclists. Commissioner Gove cited that this has been successful in nearby counties and there are specific measures in place in Councilmember Allen's proposal to ensure the continued practicing and encouragement of social distancing. The motion passed 7-0.

#### Standing Committee Reports

##### Alcohol Beverage Licensing

1. No report. Committee did not meet in March 2020.
2. Commissioner Zimny moved and Commissioner Toomajian seconded that ANC6A support the application for a new Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License for Mozzarella DC LLC, d/b/a Mozzarella (1300 H Street NE) and approve the Settlement Agreement between ANC6A and Mozzarella. Committee Co-Chair Nick Alberti noted that Mozzarella will be pushing back by one hour the evening hours in which they will be cleaning outside their establishment. The motion passed 7-0.



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### Transportation and Public Space

1. No report. Committee did not meet in March 2020.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 18, 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

### Economic Development and Zoning

1. No report. Committee did not meet in March 2020.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, April 15, 2020 via WebEx (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

### Community Presentations

#### Jeff Marootian, Director, District Department of Transportation (DDOT)

Jeff Marootian shared that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is continuing to focus on executing their projects in a timely manner; 2019 was a banner year with a number of accomplishments and signage and marking improvements and DDOT is aiming for another successful year in 2020. In response to an email sent by Commissioner Toomajian outlining many suggestions for the improvement of H Street NE, Director Marootian noted that he and his team will be performing a formal analysis in the coming months, sorting the suggestions and making a list of reasonable, attainable projects including those that are long term and are more complicated to implement. He and his team share the concern of making H Street safer and have solicited and received feedback from many H Street neighbors; their collective goal is fewer accidents, injuries, and deaths. Director Marootian promised to also follow up with Commissioner Toomajian about the challenges of removing inner city buses from H Street NE and noted there is a team dedicated to bus infrastructure. DDOT is looking for more proactive solutions than the reactive ones they currently have in place and are consistently looking at improving streetcar service and addressing double parking concerns; they are looking to expand streetcar service on Benning Road NE. Director Marootian noted that construction season for speed humps started the week of March 30, 2020 and that Andrew DeFrank, will be following up directly with Commissioner Soderman on speed bump questions. In response to questions about the Mayor's budget cuts, he noted that DDOT has several funding sources from local to federal and is always looking at budget and capacity to execute on projects. DDOT is looking for the Mayor to release the new budget in the coming weeks to make sure that all projects are on task and capacity for ongoing and future projects will be available. He noted that it is still DDOT's intention to put out an RFP for work on C St NE; projects on Florida and New York Avenues NE will continue. He noted that encouraging widespread use of WMATA services will be an upcoming challenge for DDOT.

#### Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen

Councilmember Allen noted that he has been working around the clock to address the COVID-19 crisis and is having daily conferences with the Mayor to address issues. Two pieces of legislation have passed to help renters and the 56,000+ residents that applied for unemployment insurance. The city has invested in unemployment insurance and has a strong base to make these payments, but it also must start thinking about how to sustain these payments and what recovery will look like. The city was in strong financial standing when the crisis hit and the "rainy day fund" combined with government support should be enough to sustain the city for the time being. The city issued an eviction moratorium and rent freeze for the period of public emergency. Councilmember Allen is working towards a new unemployment system



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and on solutions to help local businesses including a \$25M fund offering microgrants to small businesses and nonprofits. Simultaneously, the city needs an education recovery plan, recognizing that schools will likely not reopen this school season, though the Mayor has yet to announce this. He also noted that, though a testing facility opened in UMC in Ward 8, the city needs more accessible testing facilities that do not require residents to have a vehicle to get to them. He recognizes that COVID-19 has especially devastated minority and underprivileged communities, making accessible testing facilities all the more necessary. There are projects in place to help, specifically food banks and DC Central Kitchen's distribution of fresh food. A list of food-related resources is available at <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/food>. Jails and prisons are also finding it difficult to cope with the infectious disease and are implementing more aggressive screening and quarantining procedures as well as making sure staff has protective equipment. People receiving misdemeanors are receiving citations in an effort to minimize mobility in jails and prisons are allowing for the early and compassionate release of eligible prisoners; those released need adequate healthcare and housing. Councilmember Allen cited many DMV deadline extensions such as the REAL ID requirement and invited anyone with DMV issues such as license expiration to contact him directly. Finally, he noted that the financial impact of this crisis will be major and, while the Mayor has put together a recovery and planning process, it will take substantial ideas and sacrifices for the District to recover.

### Single Member District Reports

All Commissioners echoed the same sentiments: gratitude for our community, encouragement of community donations, volunteering, and giving, the importance of staying at home and social distancing, hope that the crisis will end soon, and positive surprise at the relatively smooth operation of the Commission's first virtual meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.



## Commission Letters of April 9, 2020 Meetings



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



April 18, 2020

Mr. Matthew LeGrant  
Zoning Administrator, Dept of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs  
Government of the District of Columbia 1100 4th St SW - Room 3100  
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Request for expedited permit request for Eliot-Hine Middle School

Dear Administrator LeGrant:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on April 9, 2020, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that the Zoning Office expedite a revised permit request (once submitted) for Eliot-Hine Middle School that brings the site plan into alignment with the recently approved Zoning Commission text amendment (ZC-Case No. 19-11).

The revised zoning rules permit new school sites to reduce the required minimum number of on-site parking spaces by 50% relative to the prior rules. Authorizing a permit revision for Eliot-Hine Middle School that aligns with the new rules would allow for elimination of a second planned parking lot with 14 parking spaces, to be replaced by additional green and play space, including athletic fields that accommodate DCIAA regulation-sized baseball and soccer fields. This would further benefit the community by allowing for greater engagement and participation at sporting events and increased student safety and well-being by eliminating the need to transit for home games. This permit amendment is further justified by Eliot-Hine Middle School's location just two blocks from the Stadium Armory Metro and adjacent to multiple bus lines, as well as the availability of unregulated (non-RPP) parking in DCPS curbside adjacent spaces on both the south side of the 1800 and 1900 blocks of Constitution NE and the east side of the 200 block of 17th Place NE.

Our Commission and the community we represent are grateful for the decision by DCPS and DGS to prioritize student and community well being. The Commission requests that your office work closely with DCPS and DGS to expedite the revised permit request (once submitted) so that the school may complete construction of the fields in time for spring sports in 2021.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at [AmberANC6A@gmail.com](mailto:AmberANC6A@gmail.com).

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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Box 75115  
Washington, DC 20013



April 18, 2020

Mr. Jeffrey Marootian, Director  
District Department of Transportation  
55 M St SE, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Support for CM Allen's request for closure of streets to car/vehicle traffic during COVID-19

Dear Director Marootian:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on April 9, 2020, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to join in Councilmember Charles Allen's April 2, 2020 request that DDOT consider expanding use of public space, including public streets, to allow residents to engage in healthy, distanced outdoor exercise during the Mayor's Stay At Home Order.

Our Commission has received numerous requests for creative solutions to permit safe outdoor exercise. Public parks, including Lincoln Park and others in ANC6A are experiencing crowding as residents seek outdoor exercise. As noted in a recent article<sup>2</sup> by an ANC6A resident, other jurisdictions in the US, including Denver, Philadelphia, Seattle and New York have successfully opened streets to non-motorized users during this period of necessary social distancing. Our Commission requests that any such plan properly weigh the costs and benefits of the intended approach, use multiple streets in order to reduce crowding and distribute the impact of the closure, and allow for transit of the closed streets by local residents and emergency vehicles as needed. We also stand ready to work with you to identify potential locations in our area.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at [AmberANC6A@gmail.com](mailto:AmberANC6A@gmail.com).

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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<sup>2</sup><https://ggwash.org/view/76918/people-need-to-get-outside-and-move-while-stuck-at-home-opening-streets-can-help>



## Officer Reports - Treasurer



**ANC 6A April 2020 Meeting Treasurer's Report**  
**For Expenses Incurred in April 2020\***  
*[published 5/14/2020]*

Period Covered 4/1/2020-4/30/2020

**Checking Account:**

Opening Account Statement \$ 24,728.88

Total Opening Uncommitted Funds Available \$ 24,153.88

**Credits:**

DC Government ANC Allotment \$ 5,445.56

Total Credits \$ 5,445.56

**Disbursements:**

Irene Dwarakowski Webmaster/Agenda Package Chk#1932 \$ 465.89

Anna Tsaur Official Minutes Note-Taker Chk#1933 \$ 200.00

Total Disbursements \$ 665.89

Closing Funds Available/Uncommitted \$ 28,933.55

**Savings Account:**

Balance Forward \$ 100.00

Interest 4/26/2020 \$ 0.01

Ending Balance \$ 100.01

**PETTY CASH SUMMARY**

Balance Forwarded \$ 25.00

Total Funds Available \$ 25.00

Ending Balance \$ 25.00





## Officer Reports - Treasurer



### ANC 6A Quarterly Financial Report FY20 Q2

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<b>Balance Forward (Checking)</b>	<b>\$2,487.15</b>
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#### Receipts

District Allotment	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.00
Other	\$100.00
Transfer from Savings	\$13,734.23

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<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$13,834.23</b>
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<b>Total Funds Available During Quarter</b>	<b>\$16,321.38</b>
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#### Disbursements

1. Personnel	\$0.00
2. Direct Office Cost	\$0.00
3. Communication	\$518.00
4. Office Supplies, Equipment, Printing	\$1,573.04
5. Grants	\$1,000.00
6. Local Transportation	\$0.00
7. Purchase of Service	\$2,397.67
8. Bank Charges	\$120.00
9. Other	\$2,695.36

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<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$8,304.07</b>
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<b>Ending Balances: Checking</b>	<b>\$8,017.31</b>
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<b>Savings</b>	<b>\$100.01</b>
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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 FY20 Q2: Checking

Check	Date	Payee/Payor	Cat	Income	Expenses	Date Approved
	1/3/2020	ACH Payment "Oakley Woods" ("f	9		\$879.65	
	1/7/2020	Bank reversal of fraudulent ACH C	9		\$0.13	
	1/7/2020	Bank reversal of fraudulent ACH C	9		\$0.02	
	1/7/2020	ACH Credit/Reversal of fraudulent	9	\$100.00		
	1/7/2020	ACH Credit/Reversal of fraudulent	9	\$0.15		
	1/7/2020	ACH Credit/Reversal of fraudulent	9	\$879.65		
	1/8/2020	Bank stop payment fee	8		\$30.00	
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1899	1/9/2020	Irene Dwarkakowski	7		\$465.89	1/9/2020
1900	1/9/2020	Nick Alberti	7		\$200.00	1/9/2020
1901	1/9/2020	FedEx	4		\$163.77	1/9/2020
1902	1/9/2020	DC Treasurer (School Security)	9		\$150.00	1/9/2020
1903	1/9/2020	Capitol Community News	3		\$518.00	1/9/2020
1904	1/9/2020	Miner Elementary School PTO	5		\$1,000.00	1/9/2020
1905	1/9/2020	The ANC Security Fund	9		\$25.00	1/9/2020
1906	1/30/2020	VOID	0			
1907	1/30/2020	ANC 6A	D-O		\$100.00	
1908	1/30/2020	ANC 6A	D-O		\$100.00	
1909	2/13/2020	Irene Dwarkakowski	7		\$465.89	2/13/2020
1910	2/13/2020	Nick Alberti	7		\$200.00	2/13/2020
1911	2/13/2020	FedEx	4		\$173.31	2/13/2020
1912	2/13/2020	DC Treasurer (School Security)	9		\$150.00	2/13/2020
1913	2/13/2020	DC Treasurer (School Security)	9		\$150.00	2/13/2020
1914	2/13/2020	DC Treasurer (School Security)	9		\$150.00	2/13/2020
1915	2/13/2020	VOID	0			2/13/2020
1916	2/13/2020	ANC Security Fund (replacement f	9		\$25.00	2/13/2020
1917	2/13/2020	DC Treasurer (School Security)	9		\$1,015.56	2/13/2020
1918	3/12/2020	Irene Dwarkakowski	7		\$465.89	3/12/2020
1919	3/12/2020	Collette Marenisini	7		\$200.00	3/12/2020
1920	3/12/2020	DC Treasurer (School Security)	9	\$0.00	\$150.00	
1921	3/12/2020	Brian Alcorn	8	\$0.00	\$60.00	
1922	3/12/2020	Megan Markey (replacement for 1	7		\$400.00	
1923	3/12/2020	FedEx (replacement for 1889)	4	\$0.00	\$261.29	
1924	3/12/2020	FedEx (replacement for 1894)	4	\$0.00	\$221.01	
1925	3/12/2020	FedEx (replacement for 1901)	4	\$0.00	\$163.77	
1926	3/12/2020	FedEx	4	\$0.00	\$320.65	
1927	3/12/2020	FedEx	4	\$0.00	\$269.24	
	2/19/2020	Wire transfer from Savings	D-T	\$13,734.23	\$0.00	
	1/30/2020	Deposit of Check #1908 Payable t	D-O	\$100.00	\$0.00	



May 14, 2020

Mr. Ernest Chrappah  
Director  
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs  
1100 4th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20024

**RE: 201 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE (800 Constitution Avenue NE) HPA 19-104**

Dear Director:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on May 14, 2020, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that the Main Functional Entrance for the existing historic building located at 201 Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Street, NE remain on Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Street NE.

On January 24th, 2019, the Historic Preservation Review Board of the District's Office of Planning (OP) held a public hearing to review the design concepts for 201 Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Street, NE. Below you will find the excerpt from the HPRB's Actions.

**Capitol Hill Historic District**

201 8th Street NE, HPA 19-104, concept/subdivide lot, alter facades, and construct new multiple unit dwelling.

The Board voted to find the concept for building alterations, subdivision, and new construction to be compatible with the historic district and delegated final approval to staff with the stipulation that the primary entrance at 201 Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Street, NE be retained as a functional entrance. Vote: 6-0

On the video record, the Chair of the Board stipulated that any changes on the placement of the Main Functional Entrance for the existing building (lot C) and the code compliant elevator from its current location on Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Street NE must come back in front of the board and would not be approved by OP Staff.

It appears that the OP Staff report for this project was never updated to reflect the Board's decision to keep the main entrance for the existing building on Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Street NE. HPRB records do not indicated that the OP staff or the developer has come back in front of the board to request the approval of the Board for the relocation of the Main Functional Entrance which, by code, requires direct access to the stretcher-compliant elevator.

It appears that developer Ditto Residential has obtained building permits with the original design for 201 Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Street NE which are now being called 800 Constitution Avenue NE. These drawings show the

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## Old Business



Main Entrance with the access to the elevator from the rear of the building effectively moving the entrance from Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Street to Constitution Avenue NE. These changes have not been approved by the Historic Preservation Review Board as the video archive for the January 24, 2019 hearing clearly states can not be made at a staff level.

Therefore, ANC 6A urges the District of Columbia to issue a cease and desist order for this project. We request that the Main Functional Entrance for the existing building located on lot C remain on Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Street NE. We seek assurance that any changes or requests to relocate the entrance from Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) Street NE to Constitution Avenue NE come back before the HPRB for their review and approval during an open review hearing.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at [AmberANC6A@gmail.com](mailto:AmberANC6A@gmail.com). or Commissioner Mike Soderman at [6A03@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6A03@anc.dc.gov) who are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Gove  
Chair, ANC 6A



## New Business



May XX, 2020

Mr. Jeffrey Marootian, Director  
District Department of Transportation  
55 M St SE, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20003

Re: ANC6A Extended Sidewalk and Slow Streets Requests

Dear Director Marootian:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on May 14, 2020, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that DDOT evaluate the below ANC6A locations for sidewalk extensions for safe operation of essential businesses and to allow local restaurants additional outdoor seating space once the Mayor's Stay at Home Order is lifted. In addition, we request designation of pilot slow/local traffic only routes to allow residents to engage in healthy, distanced outdoor exercise.

Sidewalk extensions have been deployed in limited locations in DC, including Giant Food at 300 H Street NE. Our Commission is requesting that DDOT evaluate the feasibility of additional locations for essential business operations now and begin permitting for extended outdoor seating areas for restaurants once takeout-only restrictions are lifted. Essential businesses, including restaurants in the H Street Corridor require additional public space now to allow for safe queueing during pick up of take-out orders. Once restaurants are permitted to serve on-site, they will require additional outdoor seating space, including conversion of parking lots and curbside spaces to dining areas; the cities of Tampa and Cincinnati have already authorized extended outdoor seating space for restaurants.<sup>2</sup> Struggling local restaurants will need the added space to safely serve patrons and generate enough revenue to stay open; curbside spaces that can accommodate one private vehicle can instead serve several patrons, increasing economic activity and tax revenue. Lastly outdoor transmission rates of COVID-19 appear to be substantially lower than indoor transmission rates<sup>3</sup>: even after restrictions are lifted, until a vaccine is widely available it is likely that patrons will be reluctant to share indoor spaces. We have identified the following corridors in ANC6A for potential conversion of on-street parking to pick-up drop-off only (PUDO) or permitted parklets adjacent to restaurants. We also welcome the opportunity to discuss additional locations with DDOT.

- 800-1400 blocks of H Street NE (consider converting all curbside parking in this stretch)
- 1500-1900 block of Benning Road NE

Our Commission is also interested in piloting slow/local traffic only "healthy streets" routes to help with reducing crowding in parks and allow for safe outdoor exercise. This could be piloted by placing simple

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<sup>2</sup> <https://barredindc.com/2020/05/11/how-dc-can-help-keep-its-bars-and-restaurants-aliv/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/494348-new-study-finds-few-cases-of-outdoor-transmission-of-coronavirus-in-china>



## New Business

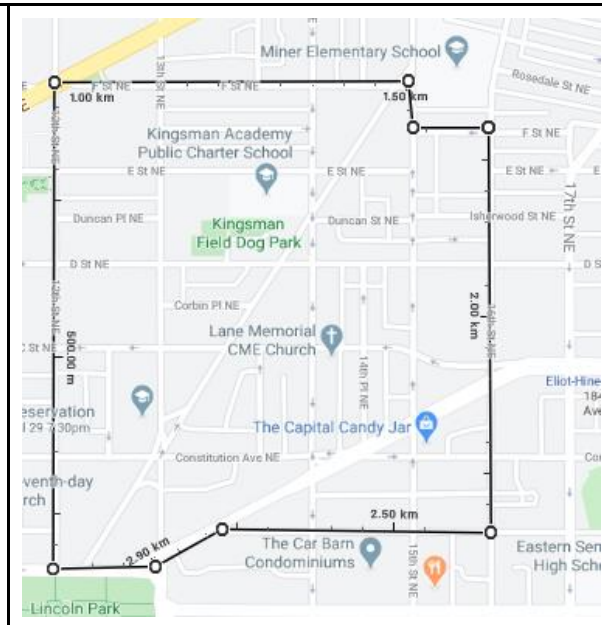


barriers and signage at cross streets along the route. As just one example, Seattle created more than 20 miles of “Stay Healthy Streets”<sup>1</sup> that are closed to thru-traffic and have reduced speed limits, but allow residents, essential workers, emergency service providers, delivery providers, and garbage and recycling collectors to continue to have vehicle access.

As our April 14 letter requesting DDOT establish slow streets has not yet received a response, we are offering the following routes for pilot testing in ANC 6A and adjacent areas (please see the attached route maps):

### Route A:

- Unit-600 blocks of 12th St NE
- 1200-1600 blocks of F NE
- 100 to 600 blocks of 16th NE
- 1300-1600 blocks of A NE
- Sidewalk to get to East Capitol
- 1200 East Capitol St



<sup>1</sup> <https://sdotblog.seattle.gov/2020/05/07/2020-bike-investments-to-accelerate-including-20-miles-of-stay-healthy-streets-to-become-permanent-in-seattle/>



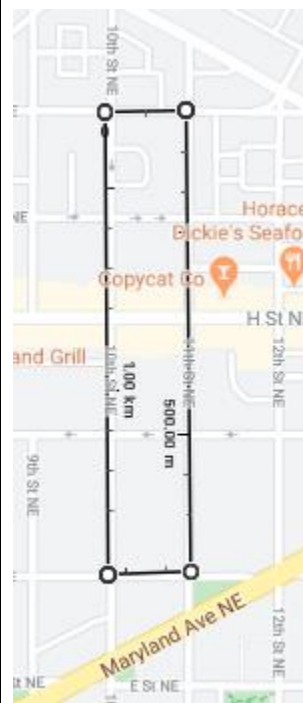


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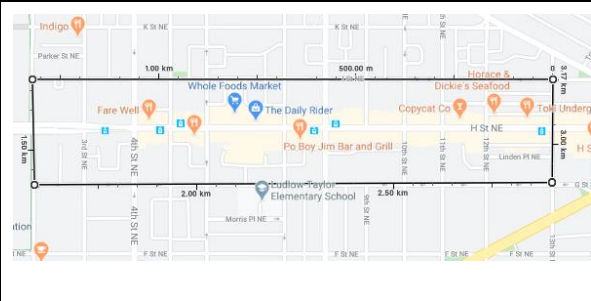
### Route B:

- 1000 block of K St NE
- 600 to 900 blocks of 11th St NE
- 1000 block of F St NE
- 600 to 900 blocks of 10th St NE



### Route C (includes areas outside of ANC6A):

- 200 to 1300 blocks of I St NE
- 700 to 900 blocks of 13th NE
- 200 to 1300 blocks of G St NE
- 700 to 900 blocks of 2nd NE



As we noted in our letter last month, other jurisdictions in the US, including Denver, Philadelphia, Seattle and New York have successfully opened streets to non-motorized users during this period of necessary social distancing. London<sup>1</sup>, Paris<sup>2</sup> and other global capitals have enacted even more ambitious permanent plans to ensure residents can continue to have healthy, safe options for transportation once restrictions are lifted.<sup>3</sup> We ask that DDOT actively plan for a future that does not result in greater personal vehicle traffic, and associated increased pollution and health risks, as commuters avoid public transportation for fear of transmission.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at [AmberANC6A@gmail.com](mailto:AmberANC6A@gmail.com).

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.smartcitiesworld.net/news/news/london-to-transform-streets-to-prepare-for-increase-in-cycling-and-walking-5258>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.forbes.com/sites/carltonreid/2020/04/22/paris-to-create-650-kilometers-of-pop-up-corona-cycleways-for-post-lockdown-travel/#40ae30c054d4>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2020/05/03/business/bc-eu-virus-outbreak-cycling-out-of-lockdown.html>



## New Business



On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



### Economic Development and Zoning Committee

#### MINUTES

ANC 6A EDZ Committee Meeting  
WebEx Meeting  
Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Present:

Members: Brad Greenfield (Chair), Missy Boyette, Jake Joyce, Nick Alberti, Mike Cushman.

Commissioners: Mike Soderman, Stephanie Zimny, Brian Alcorn.

Brad Greenfield chaired the meeting.

#### Community Comment

None.

#### Previously Heard Cases

None.

#### Old Business

Brad Greenfield reviewed the previously heard cases.

#### New Business

1. 909 and 911 I Street, NE (BZA Number BZA-TMP1070): Application pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle X, Chapter 9, for special exceptions under the residential conversion requirements of Subtitle U § 320.2, for a special exception under the penthouse height requirements of Subtitle C § 1500.1, and to permit a trellis that does not conform with the side building wall setbacks required pursuant to C-1502.1(C)(1), to construct two three-story buildings with penthouses in the RF-1 Zone.

The project was presented by Ricardo Hendri, the architect for the building. Mr. Hendri noted that the project was within the 60% lot occupancy allowed. They are seeking a special exception to have a penthouse on the roof so that they can enclose the staircase to the roof deck.

Mr. Hendri presented the elevations and plans for the project. He also went through the existing solar study, which showed minimal impact on the neighboring properties. The owners had already reached out to the neighbors, and they had a number of letters of support from neighbors.

Mr. Greenfield asked if the trellis was part of the special exception. Mr. Ricardo said that he is having a conversation with zoning, and they may not need the special exception for the penthouse. He said that he believes a penthouse is allowed if it is only housing the staircase to the roof. Mr. Hendri said that the deck will take up the entire roof space. He said that there will be a rail around the roof deck at a parapet height, 36 inches. The trellis is pretty much for shading of people on the roof. Mr. Hendri also noted that the solar panels are not sitting on the trellis, but are on the roof proper.



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Mr. Hendri said that the plan is compliant with setback requirements. The trellis is not compliant with the 1 to 1 requirement of the zoning regulations.

Mr. Greenfield asked why the property was going to be allowed to build a deck all the way up to the edge of the building. Mr. Hendri said that they were allowed because they had a parapet wall all the way around the building.

Mr. Alberti asked how large the storage area on the roof was. Mr. Hendri said that they were permitted to have 30 square feet of storage.

Mr. Greenfield asked if there were going to be off-street parking for each of the units. Mr. Hendri said that they were exempt from the off-street parking requirements.

The owners of the property said that they have seven letters of support from neighbors. They had spoken with another four neighbors who were not opposed to the project but did not want to sign a letter of support. They got letters from all of the neighbors on I Street NE. The neighbors who have not signed letters are on 9<sup>th</sup> Street NE.

Mr. Greenfield noted that, with the roof deck, the residents of the property would be able to look into the rear yards of some of the properties.

Mr. Alberti asked about the shadow impacts on neighboring properties. One property in particular will be impacted by shadows. The properties on 9<sup>th</sup> Street have windows on the back of their houses, so they will be looking out on the building.

Ms. Boyette asked Mr. Hendri to talk about the set back of the penthouse. Mr. Hendri said the one to one setback is maintained on the sides, but not the back of the deck. Mr. Hendri noted that the owners wanted to have solar panels on the roof to make the building greener.

The current plan had the mechanical equipment on the roof, in an area with slats covering it. This is the storage area.

Ms. Boyette asked how the roof would drain, particularly with the parapet wall. Mr. Hendri said that there was going to be an internal drain.

Ms. Boyette asked what material would be on the building. Mr. Hendri said that they were planning on using siding,

Mr. Greenfield made a motion that the Committee recommend the ANC support the request for relief, on condition that the applicants make best efforts to get letters of support from 823, 825 and 827 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Commissioner Zimny seconded the motion.

Mr. Cushman said that he had problems with the height of the roof deck, particularly with the solar panels. Mr. Cushman also had issues with the process that was followed, with the property not having a proper BZA number, and the materials not being distributed well in advance. Mr. Greenfield noted that BZA had issued a temporary BZA number before, and it had more to do with BZA systems than the applicant. Mr. Greenfield also noted that this project was presented to the Committee two months prior as an informational session.



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Mr. Alberti noted that he thought there was too many components going onto the roof with the solar panels, roof deck and the trellis. He also felt strongly about the property being extended 18 feet at the rear. Ms. Boyette also objected to the trellises, and wanted to see the trellises eliminated and the roof deck shrunk.

Mr. Greenfield asked if the owners would be willing to shrink the roof deck. Ms. Raynor said that they would be willing to if necessary.

Ms. Boyette made a friendly amendment to move the solar panels to the back of the roof, to remove the trellises, that the rear of the roof deck be made inaccessible, and the side balconies be eliminated. Mr. Greenfield accepted the friendly amendment.

The amended motion passed 6-1-1.

2. 429 18<sup>th</sup> Place, NE: Informational session about a Planned Unit Development (PUD) being considered at 429 18<sup>th</sup> Place, NE.

The applicant did not attend the meeting, so this matter was not discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

**Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:**

**Wednesday, May 20, 2020**

**7:00-9:00 pm**

**WebEx meeting information to be posted at [ANC6a.org/Community Calendar](http://ANC6a.org/CommunityCalendar).**



## Committee Reports



May XX, 2020

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

Re: BZA Case No. BZA-TMP1070 (909/911 I Street NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on May 14, 2020<sup>1</sup>, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the Applicant's request for special exceptions under the residential conversion requirements of Subtitle U § 320.2, for a special exception under the penthouse height requirements of Subtitle C § 1500.1, and to permit a trellis that does not conform with the side building wall setbacks required pursuant to C-1502.1(C)(1), to construct two three-story buildings with penthouses in the RF-1 Zone..

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. Our support is predicated on the owners modifying their original plans for the roof deck by eliminating the trellises on the deck, moving the solar panels to the rear of the roof and making that area inaccessible, and removing the side balconies from the building.

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

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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





## Committee Reports



### **Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee**

- No report. Committee did not meet in April 2020.
- Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 17, 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday) via WebEx.

### **Community Outreach Committee**

- No report. Committee did not meet in April 2020.
- Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 18 , 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday; usually 4<sup>th</sup> Monday)

### **Transportation and Public Space Committee**

- No report. Committee did not meet in April 2020.
- Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 18, 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

***Any cancellations of the May 2020 ANC 6A Committee meetings will be posted under Community Calendar at [anc6a.org](http://anc6a.org).***



## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Community Presentations

