



**District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Agenda for June 8, 2017**



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Public Meeting - All Are Welcome to Attend

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- 7:00 pm **Call to order**
- 7:01 pm **Approve Previous Meeting's Minutes, Adopt Agenda**
- 7:02 pm **Community Presentations**
DC Streetcar Update - Jamie Henson, DDOT (10 minutes)
Chick-Fil-A Traffic Patterns - Mattew Marcou, DDOT (15 minutes)
Amazing Love Health Services - Gwendolyn Hemphill (2 minutes)
- 7:30 pm **Officer Reports**
1. Approve Treasurer's Report *pg. 6*
- 7:31 pm **Standing Committee Reports:**
Community Outreach pg. 7
1. No report. Committee did not meet in May 2017.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 26, 2017 (4th Monday)
- 7:32 pm **Alcohol Beverage Licensing pg. 8**
1. No report. Committee did not meet in May 2017.
2. **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A authorize a protest of the substantial change request by the Elroy (1423 H St NE; adding cover charge and dancing) if the ABL Committee votes to recommend a protest at its June 20th meeting.
3. **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A authorize a protest of the request for a new license by Dynamix Lounge (1220 H St NE) if the ABL Committee votes to recommend a protest at its June 20th meeting.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 20, 2017 (3rd Tuesday)
- 7:45 pm **Transportation and Public Space pg. 9**
1. Approve May 2017 committee report.
2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter to the Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) supporting exploration of the feasibility of installation of 3000 Kelvin LED lights noting concern about higher intensity Kelvin lights and recommending the use of full shielding.
3. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting a traffic-calming study for the 1200 through 1500 blocks of C Street, NE.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 19, 2017 (3rd Monday)
- 7:55 pm **Economic Development and Zoning pg. 14**
1. Approve May 2017 committee report.
2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter seeking guidance on marijuana businesses operating in residential areas.



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3. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A appeal DCRA's issuance of a business license and a Home Use Permit for Puff, Pass & Paint.
4. **Recommendation:** ANC6A send a letter of support to BZA for variances from the nonconforming structure requirements of Subtitle C § 202.2 and the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, to construct a rear addition on the first floor of a one-family dwelling in the RF-1 zone at 520 Twelfth (12th) Street NE (BZA #19513) on the condition that the homeowners make their best efforts to obtain letters of support from the owner of 1127 Maryland Avenue NE.
5. **Recommendation:** ANC6A send a letter of support to HPRB for an interior renovation and two (2) story rear addition with a cellar at 1362 East Capitol Street NE (HP#17-403) on the condition that the homeowners use best efforts to obtain a letter of support from 1364 and 1362 East Capitol Street NE.
6. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 21, 2017 (3rd Wednesday)

- 8:30 pm **New Business** *pg. 19*
Letter to DC Council expressing support for completion of the full streetcar line (Toomajian)
- 8:40 pm **Single Member District reports** (1 minute each)
- 8:50 pm **Community Comments** (2 minutes each)
- 8:59 pm **Adjourn**



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2017



Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Minutes Miner Elementary School May 11, 2017

Present: Mike Soderman (Vice-Chair), Marie Claire Brown, Patrick Malone, Sondra-Phillips-Gilbert, Calvin Ward and Stephanie Zimny.

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

The minutes for the ANC April 2017 meeting and the agenda for the May 2017 meeting were accepted without changes or objection.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Stephanie Zimny delivered the Treasurer's Report. The opening balance in the checking account was \$10,179.16, with a forwarding balance of \$3,507.20. There were disbursements of \$450.00 to Irene Dworakowski (Check 1787) for agenda/web master services; \$200.00 (Check 1788) for April 2017 minutes; \$153.00 for FED EX (Check 1789); leaving a balance of \$11,310.86, in the checking account and \$13,748.05 including a \$.024 interest deposit in the savings account. A Petty Cash Summary was included in the report showing a forwarding balance of \$25.00. The report was accepted without objection.

Committee Reports:

Community Outreach Committee (COC)

The April 2017 COC Committee report was accepted without objection.

Motion: The Committee moved and Commissioner Calvin Ward seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve Eliot-Hine Middle School PTO grant application for \$1,844.79 to purchase a large-scale laminating machine and supplies for laminating documents to post in classrooms and to promote programs at the school. The motion passed (6-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 22, 2017 (4th Monday).

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

No report. The ABL Committee did not meet in April 2017.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 16, 2017 (3rd Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space Committee (TPS)

No report. The TPS Committee did not meet in April 2017.

Next meeting - 7:00 pm, May 15, 2017 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

The April 2017 EDZ Committee report was accepted without objection.



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2017



Motion: The Committee moved and Commissioner Ward seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) opposing the appeal of the owners of 1511 A Street NE (BZA #19505) regarding the rejection of their permits to create an eighteen (18) unit apartment building in a residential neighborhood. The motion passed (6-0).

Recommendation: ANC 6A send a letter of support to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for approval of the creation of a small two (2) story addition at the rear court and the demolition of the existing garage at 210 Tenth (10th) Street NE, pending best efforts to receive letters of support from neighbors.

Motion: Vice-Chairman Mike Soderman moved and Commissioner Marie-Claire Brown seconded the motion that the above-referenced recommendation be tabled pending further discussion and review. The motion passed (6-0).

Next meeting - 7:00 pm May 17, 2017 (3rd Wednesday).

Single Member District Reports

Commissioner Patrick Malone (6A05) spoke about an increase in acts of teen vandalism and of a meeting with the proprietor of the Puff, Pass, and Paint business to discuss the Commissioner's and neighborhood residents' concerns about operation of this business.

Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) said she was working to set up a meeting with police and other law enforcement officials regarding the crime in Rosedale.

Commissioner Brown (6A01) spoke of contact with the developers of the H Street Connection site and interest in sponsoring a neighborhood forum on crime.

Commissioner Zimny (6A06) indicated that the Chick-Fil-A restaurant at Fourteenth (14th) Street and Maryland Avenue NE will be opening in early June, that construction will soon begin at the R.L. Christian Library site, that the Miner Elementary School would be holding a Garden Day at the school, and her desire to join in scheduling a neighborhood crime forum with law enforcement officials.

Commissioner Ward (6A08) mentioned that there was a PSA meeting scheduled for May 17, 2017 at 801 Seventeenth (17th) Street NE at 7:00 pm with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Fifth District Commander, William Fitzgerald, and that he would also be interested in working on neighborhood forum regarding crime.

Vice-Chairman Soderman (6A05) mentioned interest in public safety in his area as well and hopes to follow-up with DDOT regarding outstanding traffic calming requests.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.



Commission Letters of May 15, 2017 Meeting



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



May 16, 2017

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. 19505 (1511 A Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on May 11, 2017,¹ our Commission voted 6-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to oppose BZA Appeal No. 19505 of 57th Street Mews, Inc., with regard to a DCRA February 28, 2017 “Notice to Revoke Building Permit B1307755” letter for 1511 A Street, NE and to exercise ANC 6A’s status as an automatic party in the aforementioned case as a party in opposition throughout the relevant BZA proceedings.

This action is consistent with ANC 6A’s long-standing opposition to a building permit being issued for the proposed plans for this building.

Please be advised that Brad Greenfield, Brian Alcorn, Nick Alberti, ANC 6A08 Commissioner Calvin Ward and ANC 6A Chair Phil Toomajian are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at philanc6a@gmail.com and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at brad.greenfield@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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Officer Reports - Treasurer



ANC 6A Treasurer's Report May 2017

Period Covered 5/1/2017-5/31/2017

Checking Account:

Total Receipts		\$	10,179.16
Total Funds Available		\$	11,310.86
Disbursements:			
Irene Dworakowski (Agenda/Web Master Apr 2016)	CK#1791	\$	450.00
Gail John (Note Taking Apr)	CK#1792	\$	200.00
Stephen Kukoy (Web Maintenance)	CK#1793	\$	150.00
Total Disbursements		\$	800.00
Ending Balance		\$	10,510.86

Savings Account:

Balance Forwarded		\$	13,748.03
Receipt Interest	05/16/17	\$	0.24
Deposit -			
Total Receipts		\$	0.24
Total Funds Available		\$	13,748.27
Disbursements		\$	-
Ending Balance		\$	13,748.27

PETTY CASH SUMMARY

	\$	25.00
Balance Forwarded	\$	-
Deposit to Petty Cash	\$	25.00
Total Funds Available		
Disburs		
Total Disbursements	\$	-
Ending Balance	\$	25.00



Committee Reports
Community Outreach Committee (COC)



No report. Committee did not meet in May 2017.



Committee Reports
Alcohol Beverage and Licensing (ABL)



No report. Committee did not meet in May 2017.



Committee Reports

Transportation and Public Space (T&PS)



AGENDA

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Capitol Hill Towers, 900 G Street NE
May 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.
- II. Introductions
 - A. Committee members in attendance: Co-chair Todd Sloves, Jeff Fletcher, Elizabeth Nelson, Lara Levison, Andrea Adleman
 - B. ANC Commissioners Mike Soderman (6A03) and Matt Levy (6A04)
 - C. Judah Gluckman, Office of Public and Private Partnerships
 - D. Emily Dalphy, District Department of Transportation (DDOT)
- III. Announcements - none
- IV. Community Comment - none
- V. New Business
 - A. Discussion with DC Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) regarding LED lighting
 - a. Judah Gluckman represented OP3 to discuss the streetlight project. Background: At the March 2017 TPS Committee meeting, representatives of the Street Light Task Force presented concerns about DDOT's plan to convert DC streetlights to LED lights that are high intensity (high Kelvin rating) and have been linked to environmental and health concerns.
 - b. Mr. Gluckman explained that the city's overall plan is to convert all 73,000 streetlights to LED lights because they last 3-4 times longer, are more efficient and reliable, and provide better lighting. The financial savings are huge, and they benefit the environment by reducing energy consumption.
 - c. Mr. Gluckman acknowledged that concerns have been raised about "correlated color temperature," CCT, which is measured on the Kelvin scale. The American Medical Association, the Dark Skies Association, and others prefer lower Kelvin lights (3000 or less). DDOT had been reluctant to respond to concerns about high Kelvin LED streetlights. Following a hearing in the DC Council, and hearing from the mayor as well, they are now looking at this concern. Sierra Club and others raised some other topics at the hearing: Are the lights shielded so that the light is directed down? What are the lumens?
 - d. DDOT is looking at using either 3000 or 4000 Kelvin lights. They may put 3000 Kelvin lights near homes and 4000 on highways to take advantage of their better visual acuity. DDOT will not install any new LED lights until the testing is done, public health concerns are addressed, and everyone is satisfied. The lights will be shielded as well.
 - e. They may install new lights if an ANC or MPD request them. There is a lighting upgrade planned on Massachusetts Avenue from Stanton Park to the river with 4000 Kelvin LEDs. Commissioner Soderman said it was not requested by him and ANC6A was never approached or took a position on it. Mr. Gluckman will check to see if it is moving forward.



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- f. Motion: Co-chair Sloves offered a motion, seconded by Jeff Fletcher, to recommend that ANC 6A send a letter of support for exploration of the feasibility of installation of 3000 Kelvin LED lights, citing concern about higher intensity Kelvin lights and recommending full shielding.*
- B. Presentation from DDOT regarding the results of the K Street NE Corridor Study
- a. Emily Dalphy presented the Corridor Safety Assessment for K Street NE.
 - b. This type of assessment is something new for DDOT. They usually look at a small focus area, or do very large corridor planning studies.
 - c. This study was requested by ANC6C for the corridor from North Capitol Street NE to Florida Avenue NE to provide a comprehensive analysis of safety concerns, including speeding and vehicular crashes. The study found that speeds on K Street were in the acceptable range for traffic calming and that there was aggressive driving along the corridor.
 - d. Additional focus assessments were conducted at these intersections:
 - i. K Street/8th Street/West Virginia Avenue NE
 - ii. K Street/12th Street/Florida Avenue NE
 - e. DDOT presented the results of the study to ANC6C's Transportation and Public Space Committee in February 2017, and the Committee asked DDOT to perform additional analysis regarding the on-street parking rush hour restrictions, as well as to perform additional traffic-calming analysis along the corridor.
 - f. DDOT will propose preferred alternatives for traffic calming and issue a Notice of Intent, which will be followed by a thirty (30) day public comment period. There is not room for a bike lane to be added on K Street.
 - g. Co-chair Sloves said that DDOT needs to talk to residents about the proposals when they are more fleshed out and suggested a joint meeting in June/July 2017 with ANC6C's TPS committee; DDOT can come with boards and an engineer.
- VI. Additional Community Comment
- A. Commissioner Matt Levy raised the concern about speeding on C Street NE, from Fifteenth (15th) to Twelfth (12th) Streets NE, where people come off of I-295.
- a. Commissioner Levy had a completed petition, and they are seeking a support letter for a traffic-calming assessment.
 - b. Commissioner Mike Soderman asked if we could get DDOT to take a holistic look, rather than getting petitions block by block, and pushing problems from block to block. Mr. Sloves will look at the letters from the past 4-5 years of what the ANC has requested, and write one letter that lists all our requests and proposes a more holistic approach.
 - c. *Motion: Co-chair Sloves offered a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Nelson, recommending that ANC 6A send a letter of support for a traffic-calming study for the 1200 through 1500 blocks of C Street NE. The motion passed 7-0 with Commissioners Levy and Soderman voting.*
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm



Committee Reports

Transportation and Public Space (T&PS)



June xx, 2017

Mr. Seth Miller Gabriel
Director
Office of Public-Private Partnerships
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 533
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Installation of LED street lights

Dear Mr. Gabriel:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on June 8, 2017, our Commission voted X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send this letter expressing our concerns over the installation of high-Kelvin Light-Emitting Diode (LED) street lights and support for your office's exploration into using lower, 3000-Kelvin lights and installing fully shielded light fixtures.

It has come to our attention that the Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) will manage a project to install LED street lights throughout the District of Columbia. We commend the District for taking on this extensive project that will greatly improve energy efficiency, reduce the District's carbon footprint and save taxpayer dollars. However, we remain concerned about the impact that certain types of exceedingly bright LED lights may have on residents' health and well-being as well as on urban wildlife.

We understand that your office is currently evaluating the feasibility of using less harsh, 3000-Kelvin LED lights, and we would like to express our support for this change in the citywide plan. A number of organizations, including the American Medical Association and the Sierra Club, have raised concerns about the impacts of high-intensity ambient lighting on human sleep cycles, visibility and wildlife. The use of lower-Kelvin lighting would avoid an unnecessary negative impact on residents and save the district from a potential future replacement of higher-intensity light bulbs. We would also like to express support for ensuring all street light fixtures are fully shielded so as to keep ambient light from shining into residents' homes and disturbing airborne wildlife.

Finally, we have been informed that OP3 is considering installing high-Kelvin LED street lights along Massachusetts Avenue from Stanton Park to Lincoln Park. ANC 6A was not consulted regarding this decision, and given that lower-Kelvin lighting is not yet available, we urge your office to revisit and to consult with ANC 6A on any future installation within our boundaries.

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Thank you for considering our concerns about this important matter for our community. Please do not hesitate to contact me at philanc6a@gmail.com to discuss this matter further.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian,
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



Committee Reports Transportation and Public Space (T&PS)



June 8, 2017

Mr. Leif A. Dormsjo
Director, District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Traffic calming petition for the 1200 to 1500 blocks of C Street NE

Dear Director Dormsjo:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on June 8, 2017, our Commission voted X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the above-referenced traffic calming petition (attached).

Our specific request is that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) evaluate the excessive speed of traffic and dangerous driving coming off I-295 onto C Street, NE and continuing from the 1500 block to the 1200 Block. We believe that this stretch of road is dangerous for all residents who cross C Street. While we know that the C Street corridor project is focused on traffic from Twenty- First (21st) to Sixteenth (16th) Streets, NE, traffic continues in a dangerous fashion past that point, putting all pedestrians, cyclists, and especially children going to Maury Elementary, Eliot-Hines Middle School, Eastern Senior High School and other neighborhood schools, at extreme risk.

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 philanc6a@gmail.com or the ANC 6A Vice-Chair, Mike Soderman, at MikeANC6A03@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian,
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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Report of the Economic Development and Zoning (ED&Z) Committee of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Sherwood Recreation Center, 640 Tenth (10th) Street NE
May 17, 2017

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

Members: Brad Greenfield, Michael Hoenig, Jake Joyce
Commissioners: Mike Soderman; Stephanie Zimny
Brad Greenfield chaired the meeting.

Community Comment: There were no community comments at the beginning of the meeting.

Update: Chairman Greenfield provided an update on items from the previous month's meeting.

New Business

453 Tennessee Ave NE: Complaint of a neighbor about a resident who is running a marijuana-related business out of their apartment.

Dan Wolf, immediate neighbor of business gave a brief description of the business called “Puff, Pass and Paint” being operated in the row-house immediately adjacent to his residence. His property and the business share an adjoining wall. The business does not sell marijuana, but sponsors events during which participants are encouraged to bring their own marijuana and alcohol to consume during the event. The owner of the business, Stacey Mulvey, met with Mr. Greenfield prior to the meeting, but was unable to attend the EDZ meeting itself.

Mr. Wolf raised three concerns with the business: 1) Personal nuisance; 2) license issues, and; 3) Initiative 71 issue.

Regarding the first issue of personal nuisance: Mr. Wolf noted that during the events, marijuana smoke permeates the adjoining wall and fills his residence, exposing his family, including children, to marijuana smoke.

As to the second concern, license issues: Although the business has permits to run the business as an ancillary use, only up to 250 square feet may be used for the business and there can be no escape of noxious fumes. The events utilize significantly more than 250 square feet and the smoke migration violates the restriction on the escape of noxious fumes. The regulations also state that there may only be eight (8) customers per event, but her past events have included up to twenty (20) people.

For the third concern, Initiative 71 does not include the ability to open a marijuana-based business in a public space. That does not mean that the businesses should be able to move to private residences to skirt the requirement. Because the public is invited to these parties, they are “public space” and, therefore, the business should not be permitted.

This also presents a community problem by driving up rent through the commercialization of private residences. The business is located within 500 feet of Miner Elementary School and close to the Kingman Academy (formerly Options) Charter School. There was discussion among community members and the



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ANC of the various business license requirements and restrictions.

Mr. Greenfield noted that he is disturbed this business is operating so close to a school and agreed it is a community issue. He also noted, however, that the ANC is not an enforcement group.

Mr. Greenfield reported that he had met with Ms. Mulvey the previous week. She had shown him her business license, and home use permit, which had just been issued by DCRA. Mr. Greenfield had asked about the event size, and Ms. Mulvey had reported that the maximum size was eight people.

Committee member Michael Hoenig asked if the nature of the business was revealed in the application process. No one knew the answer, to which he suggested the ANC request the applications. It was also suggested that the ANC check with other ANC's across the city to see if this issue has come up anywhere else and how it was dealt with.

Mr. Greenfield noted that part of the problem was that no DC city agency seemed to have regulatory authority over marijuana-related businesses like Puff, Pass and Paint. ABRA has no jurisdiction, since alcohol is not being sold. DCRA has no direct information or guidelines on the operation of marijuana-related businesses. MPD does have a clear FAQ page on what marijuana activities are legal, but does not address marijuana-related businesses. Mr. Wolf stated that he felt that the regulations were "red letter" and that Puff, Pass and Paint was outside the bounds of what should be allowed. Mr. Greenfield stated that he felt the lack of a clear authority created a significant amount of gray area.

Mr. Greenfield moved that ANC6A send a letter to the Mayor asking her to designate authority and regulations on marijuana businesses operating in residential areas. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Stephanie Zimny and passed 4 in favor, 0 against.

Mr. Greenfield made a second motion that the ANC appeal the permits and licenses issued to Puff, Pass, and Paint. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hoenig and passed 4 in favor, 0 against.

520 Twelfth (12th) Street NE (BZA #19513): Application for variances from the nonconforming structure requirements of Subtitle C § 202.2 and the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, to construct a rear addition on the first floor of a one-family dwelling in the RF-1 zone.

The Project Architect described the proposed project. The lot occupancy of the home will increase from 67.8% to 75.3%

The homeowner produced letters of support from the adjacent neighbors. Mr. Greenfield asked if they had letters of support from the rear neighbor at 1127 Maryland Avenue NE. The owners did not, but pointed out that it is unlikely they would in any way be affected by the project. The Homeowners noted that a similar addition was done to another house on the street.

The Hardship standard for a variance was represented to be financial and that a number of factors prevent them from putting the stairs to reconnect the basement to the rest of the home where they were originally. Essentially, the owners cannot replace the stairs without making other significant changes to the inside of the home.

Mr. Greenfield moved that ANC6A support the requested relief on the condition that the homeowners make their best efforts to obtain letters of support from the owner of 1127 Maryland Ave. The motion



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was seconded by Commissioner Zimny, and passed 4 in favor, 0 against.

1362 East Capitol Street NE (HP#17-403): Support for an interior renovation and two (2) story rear addition with a cellar in a historic district. The project architect and homeowner discussed the project; a new addition to replace sleeping porch and bump back.

The owner of 1360 East Capitol Street has already enclosed their dog-leg and expanded back a few feet and is supportive of the project. The owner of 1362 has concerns and, though they will not oppose the project, they will not support. Their concerns are related to light, air, and privacy, and the filling in of the dog-leg on the house.

The materials on the addition will be hard plank. Other homes in the area have plank siding. Commissioner Soderman noted that when this does go before zoning, the depth of the project will be a sticking point and asked if reducing the project by three (3) feet will meet the homeowners needs, the answer to which was “no.”

Commissioner Zimny asked for clarification as to what was presently before the Committee, the answer to which was a letter of support to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB). The owner reported that the Capitol Hill Restoration Society (CHRS) wrote a letter that they are fine with the addition.

Mr. Greenfield moved ANC6A send a letter of support to HPRB on the condition that the homeowners use best efforts to obtain a letter of support from 1364 and 1362 East Capitol Street. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jake Joyce and passed 5 in favor, 0 against.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:
Wednesday, June 21, 2017
7:00 -9:00 pm
640 Tenth (10th) Street NE
Sherwood Recreation Center, Second (2nd) Floor**



Committee Reports
Economic Development and Zoning Committee



June XX, 2017

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. 19513 (520 12th Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on June 8, 2017¹, our Commission voted X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for the owners of 520 12th Street, NE. Specifically, the applicant seeks variances from the nonconforming structure requirements of Subtitle C § 202.2 and the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, to construct a rear addition on the first floor of a one-family dwelling in the RF-1 zone.

The nature of the property has examined different plans for renovating their home in order to accommodate their family. To renovate the property and be in conformance with exist lot occupancy regulations would pose a financial hardship on the owner, and make it impracticable for them to continue living at the property. Because of this hardship, ANC6A believes that a variance from lot occupancy and nonconforming structure requirements is warranted in this case.

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 philanc6a@gmail.com and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at brad.greenfield@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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June XX, 2017

Ms. Marnique Heath, AIA Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board
Office of Planning
1100 Fourth Street, SW, Suite E650
Washington, DC 20024

Re: HPA-17-403 (1362 East Capitol Street, NE)

Dear Ms. Heath,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on June 8, 2017¹, our Commission voted X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the design of the proposed two (2) story rear addition with a cellar in a historic district at 1362 East Capitol Street, NE.

The Commission supports the application because the design has taken measures to ensure that the addition is not visible from the street, and it will not disrupt the historic character of 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 philanc6a@gmail.com and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at brad.greenfield@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

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New Business



June X, 2017

The Hon. Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Ensuring the success of the District's Streetcar Program

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on June 8, 2017, our Commission voted X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) our Commission voted 8-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send this letter of support for continuing to fund the extension of the H Street/Benning Road streetcar line east to the Minnesota Avenue or Benning Road metro station, and west to Georgetown, as communicated to our Commission on several occasions in plans presented by DDOT.

Our Commission is extremely concerned about recent reports that funding was stripped from the budget at the last moment with no public notice in the Council's budget for the coming fiscal year, undermining the administration's and the Council's longstanding commitment to ensuring the viability of this streetcar line via the extension through downtown. Given the investment the District has already made in establishing the H Street/Benning Road line, the demonstrated use of the service that far exceeds projected ridership estimates, and the tremendous growth that our neighborhood is experiencing, we ask that the Council restore its longstanding commitment to this important transportation project.² Simply put, our community requires improved public transportation and the streetcar is the best way to meet the needs of our growing neighborhood.

The streetcar project has spurred a good deal of investment along the H Street corridor and has given our community hope that the city is committed to initiatives that promote economic development and enhanced public transit options for our long-neglected and underserved part of D.C.³ In addition, our ANC and others nearby have welcomed much new residential development, which brings with it a tremendous amount of population density and demands for residential parking and transportation, along the H Street corridor and surrounding areas with the understanding that the city's long-term vision is to provide a viable streetcar line for area residents. A reversal of the streetcar expansion plan undercuts many assumptions built into development plans for our ANC, would pose significant transportation issues for an already poorly served area for decades to come, and sends a very poor message to our community.

¹ ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the anc6a-announce@yahoogroups.com, anc-6a@yahoogroups.com, and newhilleast@yahoogroups.com, at www.anc6a.org, and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.

² Incomplete reviews of pending development along the H Street and Benning Road corridors demonstrate that the need for additional public transportation here will grow dramatically over coming years, with already 1500 residential units scheduled to deliver soon. http://dc.urbanturf.com/articles/blog/1458_new_units_are_on_tap_for_the_h_street_corridor/10720

³ Recent estimates note over \$750 million in real estate investments made along the eastern portions of the H Street corridor due to the anticipated delivery of the streetcar in this otherwise transit challenged area. <http://urbanplacesandspaces.blogspot.com/2015/12/dc-and-streetcars-4-from-standpoint-of.html>



New Business



Funding to complete the long planned eastern and western ends of the H Street/Benning Road streetcar line were included in the Mayor's draft budget and in the budget that unanimously was passed out of the Council's Transportation Committee. There is no evidence in the Council record that there was any dissent regarding the proposed funding that the Mayor and the Transportation Committee recommended for this project. Nonetheless, and with no notice to the public or the affected communities who rely on the streetcar to serve the ever growing demand for public transportation, it was unceremoniously stripped from the budget that the Council was presented to enact late the night before the Council vote. Such lack of process and transparency undermines confidence in the Council's budget process and the well-reasoned committee-led consideration that the Council provides to matters of public importance and unnecessarily omits any opportunity for District residents and their local elected representatives to be heard. Our Commission has previously voted unanimously to request that the Mayor and the Council complete the eastern and western ends of streetcar line and reiterates that request with our latest vote herein.

We therefore urge you to keep the Council's commitment and restore funding for the completion of DC Streetcar line so it can serve as a viable form of transit for residents in our neighborhood and others throughout the District. Thank you for considering our concerns about this critical matter for our community and for your leadership. Please do not hesitate to contact me at philanc6a@gmail.com to discuss this matter further. We look forward to hearing from you and to working together to ensure the successful use of the streetcars in the District.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian,
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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