



**District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
Agenda for July 8, 2021**



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

*Virtual Meeting via Zoom*

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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.....pg. 10**  
DC Police Reform Commission Report - Naïké Savain, Policy Counsel, DC Justice Lab  
(<https://dccouncil.us/police-reform-commission-full-report/>)
- 7:25 pm     **Officer Reports.....pg. 30**  
1. Accept Treasurer's Report  
2. Approve 2021 Q3 Report
- 7:30 pm     **Community Outreach (COC) .....pg. 33**  
1. Accept June 2021 committee report.  
2. **Recommendation:** ANC6A send a letter to DPMED requesting that the decision regarding Hill East Redevelopment Phase II/Reservation 13 prioritize housing for seniors and that at least 50% of the units be designated as deeply affordable housing as defined by 30% AMI.  
3. **Recommendation:** ANC6A adopt a resolution in support of the recommendations put forth in the DC Police Reform Commission Report (issued on April 1, 2021: <https://dcpolicereform.com/>).  
4. No meeting in July and August. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 27, 2021 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday)
- 7:40 pm     **Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL).....pg. 47**  
1. Accept June 2021 committee report.  
2. **Recommendation:** The ANC amend the Settlement Agreement (SA) for Dangerously Delicious DC LLC t/a Pie Shop at 1339 H Street, NE (ABRA #087422) as follows:  
a. Strike the prohibition in in the current SA against allowing live and prerecorded music on the summer garden;  
b. Strike the current restrictions on hours of operation for the summer garden; and  
c. Add the following requirements:  
i. Any speakers installed on rear exterior shall not be directed toward the rear alley;  
ii. The operation for the summer garden shall end by 12:00 am Sunday through Thursday, excluding the eve of Federal holidays and shall end by 2:00 am on Friday and Saturday nights and on the eve of Federal holidays; and



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- iii. There shall be no entertainment in the form of live bands and/or DJs in the summer garden after 8:00 pm.
3. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A designate Mr. Alberti, Mr. Samburg, Commissioner Dooling, the Chair and Vice-Chair of ANC 6A to represent the ANC 6A in the matter of the amendment to the Settlement Agreement for Dangerously Delicious DC LLC t/a Pie Shop at 1339 H Street, NE (ABRA #087422).
  4. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A amend the SA for the Gold Room Bar and Lounge, LLC t/a The Gold Room Bar/Lounge at 1370 H Street, NE (ABRA #114757) as follows: a. strike the prohibition in the current SA against prerecorded on summer garden; b. require that any speakers installed on the summer garden shall not be directed toward the rear alley; and c. designate Mr. Alberti, Mr. Samburg, the Chair and Vice-Chair of ANC 6A to represent the ANC 6A in this matter.
  5. **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A appoint Mona Hatoum as Chair and Ian Stanford as a member of the ANC 6A Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee. (Chatterjee)
  6. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 27, 2021 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)

## 7:55 pm      **Transportation and Public Space (TPS).....pg. 54**

1. Accept June 2021 committee report.
2. **Recommendation:** ANC6A approve a letter to be sent to Councilmember Charles Allen and DDOT Director Everett Lott supporting naming the alley fronting Sq4546 Lot018 in Rosedale in honor of Mamie “Peanut” Johnson. The proposed name is “Mamie Peanut Johnson Court.”
3. **Recommendation:** ANC6A send a letter to DDOT requesting that they install radar feedback signs and other traffic calming measures on D Street and East Capitol Streets during the C St improvement project, expedite traffic calming on C Street NE from the 1500 block to 800 block, and work to clarify connectivity for cyclists at the western end of the C Street project scope.
4. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A to support the application of Capitol Square Bar and Grill for the unenclosed sidewalk cafe [applied for in tracking DTOPS Occupancy Permit Tracking Number 10852880] on the following conditions:
  - a. The dimensions of the public space concerned at the corner of 15th and East Capitol Street NE be physically validated and agreed to by the applicant, a member of the Committee and Commissioner Brian Alcorn prior to the July 8, 2021 meeting of ANC 6A
  - b. That the dimensions of the passageway on 15th Street NE abutting the west side of the cafe be 13 feet as measured from 15th Street beginning at and inclusive of the curb line to the cafe perimeter;
  - c. That the dimensions of the passageway on East Capitol Street NE be 13 feet from the rear bicycle tire of a bicycle properly docked in a Capitol Bikeshare rack to the south wall of the sidewalk cafe;
  - d. That the applicant revise his outdoor seating area plans to reflect the corrected dimensions and measurements with the DDOT Public Space Committee prior to July 8, 2021 meeting of ANC 6A, noting the measurements were previously inaccurate;
  - e. That the occupancy of the cafe be 35 seated and no more than 40 total between standing and seated guests;
  - f. That the hours of the sidewalk cafe be no later than 7:00 am - 10:00 pm, Sunday thru Thursday and 7:00 am - 11:00 pm Friday and Saturday;



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- g. That the 20x25 foot (estimated) umbrella be replaced with individual table umbrellas;
- h. That the Cupboard dumpster issue be resolved; and
- i. That should all provisions of this suggested motion not be met or agreed to prior to July 8, 2021 meeting of ANC 6A that ANC 6A's motion concerning Capitol Square Bar and Grill, adopted by TPS on June 10 2021, be submitted to DDOT's Public Space Committee.

**NOTE: Updated drawings received from applicant at 9:39 am on July 8, 2021.**

- 5. **Recommendation:** That ANC6A send letter to DDOT requesting an urgent response to several outstanding requests, including to take traffic calming measures on H Street NE, including curb extensions and speed cameras, and to address pending all-way stop sign requests previously made by the ANC6A to DDOT for 14<sup>th</sup> and A Streets NE; 15<sup>th</sup> and A Streets NE, 15th Street and Constitution Avenue NE; and 13<sup>th</sup> and I Streets NE.
- 6. **Recommendation:** ANC6A send a letter to DPW requesting that, due to health and safety concerns, they move the trash collection for the 800 block of West Virginia Avenue NE, the 1000 block of 9th Street NE, and 800 block of K Street NE to the rear alley of those blocks from its current location on West Virginia Avenue NE. If this change in trash collection location is not possible, the letter will request that DPW present options to ANC6A for how to address the current health and safety issue on the 800 block of West Virginia Avenue NE.
- 7. **Recommendation:** ANC6A send a letter of support to DDOT for TSA Service Request #21-00203488 for traffic calming measures for the 1000 block of 10<sup>th</sup> Street NE (intersection with Florida Avenue), including consideration of speed bumps and raised crosswalks.
- 1. **Recommendation:** ANC6A send a letter to DDOT requesting an urgent response to sidewalk repair issues which are either beyond their expected service resolution date or represent an immediate accessibility issue or safety hazard.
- 2. **Recommendation:** ANC6A send a letter to DDOT requesting that they provide consistent parking signage on the 200 and 300 blocks of 8<sup>th</sup> Street. NE.
- 3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 19, 2021 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

### 8:20 pm **Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ).....pg. 71**

- 1. Accept June 2021 committee report.
- 2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA, pursuant to Subtitle E § 205.5, Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2, for a special exception from the lot occupancy restrictions of Subtitle E § 304.1, the minimum rear yard requirements of Subtitle E § 306.1, and the rear addition restrictions of Subtitle E § 205.4 to raze an existing rear addition and construct a new, two-story, rear addition to an existing, attached, two-story principal dwelling unit at 1226 Duncan Place NE (BZA #20514) in the RF-1 Zone. Scheduled Hearing Date: September 29, 2021.
- 3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 21, 2021 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

### 8:30 pm **Ad Hoc By Laws Committee (BLC) .....pg. 83**

- 1. Accept June 2021 committee report.
- 2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, Monday, July 26, 2021



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- 8:35 pm    **New Business.....pg. 84**  
1. **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A send a letter to owners regarding maintaining physical control and sanitary upkeep of the alley lot between 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> and C & D Streets NE.
- 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 Virtual Meeting via Zoom June 10, 2021

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

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

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

#### Community Presentations:

**Executive Office of Mayor Bowser FY 2022 Proposed DC Budget** - Dr. Chris Rodriguez, Director, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA)

Dr. Chris Rodriguez gave an update on Mayor Bowser's 2022 "Fair Shot" budget which honors all DC residents' sacrifices in a difficult year. The budget focuses on "building back better" with an emphasis on strong economic and academic recoveries and equitable communities. The budget focuses on the pillars of an equitable recovery: supporting businesses and residents hit hardest by the economic crisis, access to safe and affordable housing, reducing gun violence, accelerating student learning and increasing access to childcare, reducing health inequities, and continuing to build a stronger and more inclusive economy. Some budget highlights include \$11M to support citizens returning from penitentiaries, \$5.6M in employment opportunities for individuals at risk for gun violence, \$2.3M to expand trauma-informed mental health services, \$15M to support residents whose health insurance premiums are in arrears, \$75M to support ongoing COVID-19 responses, \$72M to support healthier homes and schools through energy efficient retrofits, \$351M for street and traffic safety improvements, 80 new Capitol Bikeshare stations, \$300+M to renovate several elementary schools, and \$15M to provide cash assistance for individuals who do not qualify for federal unemployment. Dr. Rodriguez will be following up with the Mayor's office and Commissioners about funding for the Office for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing, traffic concerns and red light cameras on H Street NE, and increased unemployment benefits.

#### Officer Reports:

1. The June 2021 Treasurer's Report by Commissioner Brian Alcorn reviewed the 4 expenditures accrued in May: \$58.29 for Zoom Pro/Webinar, \$200.00 for meeting minutes, \$765.89 for webmaster services, and a bank fee of \$30.00 (checks #1973, #1974, #1975, and n/a, respectively). Existing obligations are \$519.31 in checks not yet deposited. The opening uncommitted funds available were \$25,321.07 and after these disbursements totaling \$1,054.18 and existing obligations of \$519.31, the closing uncommitted funds are \$23,747.58. 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.
2. Commissioner Alcorn noted that the fiscal year ends on September 30, 2021 and ANC6A must submit a FY2022 budget and review it at a public meeting. So far in FY2021, ANC6A has spent 77% of its budget (\$18,475.09) leaving \$5,465.99 to spend until September 30, 2021.

#### Standing Committee Reports:

##### Community Outreach

1. The May 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.



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2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Alcorn seconded the motion that ANC 6A provide a grant of \$1,500.00 to Serve Your City (SYC)/Ward 6 Mutual Aid. Commissioner Alcorn clarified that while SYC was seeking a grant for \$1,850, the Community Outreach Committee approved a grant in the amount of \$1,500. SYC Communications Director Dorie Nolt represented SYC to seek the grant. The motion passed 7-0.
3. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Robb Dooling seconded the motion that ANC6A approve a resolution in support of rank choice voting. Commissioner Phil Toomajian offered a friendly amendment of removing language referring to federal races ANC6A's resolution. The motion passed as amended 7-0.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 28, 2021 (4th Monday)

### Alcohol Beverage Licensing

1. The May 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Keya Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A protest the application of Toki 1244 H Street NE, LLC t/a Toki Underground at 1244 H Street, NE (ABRA #118153) for a Class C Tavern License unless a satisfactory settlement agreement is finalized before the protest deadline, and that the ANC authorize the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ANC, the Co-Chairs of the ABL, and Mona Hatoum of the ABL to represent the ANC in this matter. This license application has asked for hours of service inside until standard late-night hours for H Street and for hours of service in the outdoor summer garden until 12:00 midnight and 2:00 am. The summer garden is a vacant lot adjacent to the building with 96 seats and a total occupancy load of 120; the second summer garden seats 10 with a maximum occupancy of 12. The applicants have requested interior music, outdoor entertainment in the larger garden until 8:00 pm weekly, and alcohol carryout and delivery services. Applicant Matt Minora spoke to the settlement agreement Toki has been working on, which is similar to those of surrounding establishments and includes sound mitigating measures. The new version of the settlement agreement was disseminated just prior to the ANC6A June meeting and establishment is not planning to open until the end of 2021. The motion passed 7-0.
3. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion that ANC 6A amend its settlement agreement with Dangerously Delicious DC LLC t/a Pie Shop at 1339 H Street, NE (ABRA #087422) to permit outdoor entertainment, and that the ANC authorize the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ANC, the Co-Chairs of the ABL, and Mona Hatoum of the ABL to represent the ANC in this matter. The Committee recommends amending the settlement agreement to reflect similar conditions outlined in the agreement with Toki Underground, which includes outdoor entertainment hours of 12:00-8:00 pm. Sandra Basanti from Pie Shop noted that they plan on opening the second floor in the middle of August 2021 for an array of activities such as wine tastings, trivia, etc. and they are cognizant of noise issues. The motion did not pass with a 3-4 vote; Commissioners Toomajian, Alcorn, Gove, and Mike Soderman opposed.
4. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A protest the application of Exotic Wine and Spirit, Inc. t/a Exotic Wine & Spirits at 801 Maryland Avenue, NE (ABRA #118158) for a Class A Retailer's License unless a satisfactory settlement agreement is finalized before the protest deadline, and that the ANC authorize the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ANC, Commissioner Mike Soderman, and the Co-Chairs of the ABL to represent the ANC in this matter. The principal agreement outlines the installation of three outdoor cameras with video storage for thirty days, not selling miniature bottles, and hours of 10:00 am - 11:00 pm weekly. The motion passed 7-0.
5. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A protest the application of Wasted, Inc. t/a Cru Hemp Lounge at 816 H Street, NE (ABRA #117958) for a Class C Tavern license unless a satisfactory settlement agreement is finalized before the protest deadline, and that the ANC authorize the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ANC, ABL Co-Chair Alberti, and Mona



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Hatoum of the ABL to represent the ANC in this matter. This establishment is a franchise based out of Atlanta offering hookah and CBD products; the agreement in principle notes no smoking or hookah indoors unless an exemption from the Department of Health is received. This is not a hookah lounge but rather a high-class lounge/restaurant with hookah and CBD products as supplementary business offerings. The applicant's opening day has been delayed and they are seeking a stipulated license. The current settlement agreement is waiting for signature from an authorized Committee member or Commissioner. Commissioner Chatterjee and Chair Alberti offered the amendment that the settlement agreement will prohibit the sale of any cannabis products that are prohibited by law. The motion passed 6-0-1 with Commissioner Dooling abstaining.

6. Commissioner Chatterjee moved and Commissioner Laura Gentile seconded the motion that ANC6A put forward a stipulated license agreement for of Wasted, Inc. t/a Cru Hemp Lounge at 816 H Street, NE. The motion passed 5-2 with Commissioners Toomajian and Soderman opposed.
7. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 22, 2021 (4th Tuesday)

### Transportation and Public Space

1. The May 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC6A send a letter of support for DDOT's proposed Option 3 on the 800 and 900 blocks of West Virginia Avenue NE (1-way with protected bike lanes) plus additional traffic calming measures, such as high visibility raised crosswalks and/or speed humps. The motion passed 7-0.
3. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Alcorn seconded the motion that ANC6A send a letter of support to DDOT for the permit application for Capitol Square Bar and Grill at 1500 East Capitol Street (Tracking # 10852880), provided that the application be amended by the applicant to provide 15 feet of passageway on all sides of the patio; the outdoor patio cease operations at 10:00 pm on Sunday - Thursday and 11:00 pm on Friday - Saturday; and the patio capacity be limited to 35 seats and 40 standing. Commissioners clarified that the patio capacity is 35 seats or 40 maximum patrons. Chander Jayaraman spoke on behalf of the restaurant and noted several concessions the restaurant has made to appease neighbor concerns. The applicants will share all of their communications with DDOT with ANC6A. The motion passed 7-0.
4. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion that ANC6A send a letter of support to DDOT for a permit application to be filed or already filed for a reinforced fence at 1369 C Street NE, including a new enclosure of the driveway, provided that the fence design conforms to the existing fence height and openness. The motion passed 7-0.
5. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Toomajian seconded the motion that ANC6A send a letter to DDOT requesting speed humps, raised crosswalks, and other traffic-calming measures on the 1500 block of Isherwood Street NE. The motion passed 7-0.
6. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 21, 2021 (3rd Monday)

### Economic Development and Zoning

1. The May 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 16, 2021 (3rd Wednesday)

### Ad Hoc By Laws Committee

1. The May 2021 committee report was approved by unanimous consent noting that the report will be updated to reflect Commissioner Soderman's attendance.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 23, 2021 (4th Wednesday)

### New Business



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1. Commissioner Dooling moved and Commissioner Alcorn seconded the motion that ANC6A send a letter to Mayor Bowser and the DC Council in support of full funding for the Vision Zero Act in DC's FY22 budget. The motion passed 7-0.
2. Commissioner Chatterjee moved and Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion that ANC6A approve a resolution providing comments regarding the DDOT's draft MoveDC 2021 update. The motion passed 7-0.
3. Commissioner Alcorn moved and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC6A to send a letter to DCRA to request it immediately issue a Correction Order for building permits B2002071, B2002072 and B2002073 to correct technical errors on the printed permits issued on April 28, 2021. The motion passed 7-0.
4. Commissioner Alcorn moved and Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion that ANC6A pre-approve its sponsorship for an appeal of the issuance of building permits B2002071, B2002072 and B2002073 by DCRA on the basis of technical errors on the printed permits should DCRA fail to issue a Correction Order for the permits issued on April 28, 2021. The motion passed 7-0.

### Single Member District reports

Commissioner Gentile (6A05) reported that as the return of parking enforcement is back as of June 1, 2021, she has found several missing, dented, and crooked parking signs in her SMD. The Commissioner spoke with the MOCRS and will be sending a list of all affected signs for replacement. Finally she would like to raise the corner of Tennessee Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE to DDOT as a possible four-way stop.

Commissioner Dooling (6A06) wished everybody a happy Pride month and noted that he volunteered at the mutual aid community table at Miner Elementary School and is grateful to the Commission for supporting the grant to mutual aid. He hopes to be making plans to get back to in person meetings soon.

Commissioner Alcorn (6A08) noted that the C Street NE revitalization project has kicked off ([cstne.com](http://cstne.com)); part of the project includes improving the triangle park and he is interested in community comment. The C Street project is on the agenda for the June 21, 2021 TPS meeting.

Commissioner Soderman (6A03) reported that there was a DPR community meeting about the pocket park on 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Massachusetts Avenue NE and follow up surveys were sent to the community. The Commissioner thanks residents and Councilmember Allen in getting a rogue Verizon telephone pole removed from an alley on 9<sup>th</sup> and D Streets NE. Finally, he has heard complaints about construction going late at night and illegal construction and reminds residents that they can report this through 311 and DCRA.

Commissioner Toomajian (6A02) noted that the Sherwood Recreation Center is partially reopened with restrooms and staff onsite. He mentioned the sinkhole on 1000 block of G Street NE and hopes to address this and other sidewalk repairs next month.

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) mentioned a crash on Memorial Day off of 13<sup>th</sup> and I Streets where an all-way stop has been requested. Councilmember Allen bumped the request up again and DDOT Director Lott will be coming out to look at the location.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) noted that Commissioners Dooling, Chatterjee, Philips-Gilbert and she knocked on doors in Rosedale community with Councilmember Allen to promote vaccines. She hosted a sidewalk palooza in Lincoln Park to promote 311; community member who sends the most sidewalk repairs to 311 and emails them to Commissioner Gove will receive trash grabbers from the Commissioner.



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### Community Comments

Naomi Mitchell of Councilmember Allen's office mentioned the upcoming virtual town hall on June 15, 2021 at 8:00 pm to discuss the budget. Individual agency budget hearings are ongoing now and residents can visit the DC Council website to sign up to testify. Council recess will be July 15-through September 9, 2021. A new grant program, STAY DC, offers \$352M to cover 12 months of past rent starting April 2020 and up to 3 months future payments for families in need; renters eligible are people who missed a payment and had a maximum household income of \$82k for family of 4. DDOT is adding another Circulator bus route for wards 6 and 7. The DC Visitor Parking Program that has previously been done through MPD is finally being brought online through a DDOT neighborhood pilot program. Councilmember Allen introduced a bill that would allow government attorneys to serve low income residents pro bono; currently 90% of residents who appear in court are without an attorney.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.





# Summary of Recommendations

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This section provides an overview of the Commission's recommendations. It briefly describes key shifts that are essential to improving public safety in the District and ending harms associated with over-reliance on law enforcement. It also highlights anchor recommendations: changes in perspective, policy, practice, and resources that are necessary to begin to realize the broader shifts.

Use this summary as a guide, not as a replacement for the Commission's 90 highly detailed recommendations, many of which have multiple sub-parts. The report as a whole includes crucial information that is only minimally captured in this brief summary. The Commission was rigorous in its effort to craft recommendations that draw from a broad range of experiences and expertise but are tailored to current circumstances in the District. Our recommendations are often highly specific, and if implemented holistically would lead to meaningful change. We also were rigorous in explaining the rationale for our recommendations. The statements that open each section of the report, and the discussions that follow clusters of related recommendations, address why particular changes are needed and what they aim to accomplish. These narratives point to research, data, best practices and emerging trends, and other factors that support the recommendations; and, in some cases, raise considerations that are important to successful implementation.

Reflecting the Commission's commitment to taking a more complete view of public safety and the social supports necessary to achieve it, our slate of recommendations covers a wide range of issues. This report is the product of 20 independent minds that worked collectively for roughly seven months and, as a whole, reflects the views of the overwhelming majority of Commissioners.

## Meeting Crisis with Specialized Skill and Compassion

Law enforcement should be one option in an array of emergency responders, not necessarily the first option. Individuals in crisis need specialized intervention and sometimes skillful de-escalation, not forced compliance or arrest. As the public is well aware, involvement of an armed officer can make a difficult situation much worse, and potentially deadly.

The District should make behavioral healthcare professionals and other specialists the default first responders to individuals in crises. This is the emerging trend nationally, and the District could be a leader by taking this approach to scale in a large city. This will require investments to build a corps of specialized first responders that can act quickly, reliably, and effectively. In addition to behavioral healthcare professionals, this corps should include domestic violence advocates and those equipped to provide emergency support and shelter to survivors of sex trafficking. Because anyone may encounter a person in crisis, the Council should fund in-depth crisis intervention



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trainings open to the public and mandatory for every MPD officer. Once a diverse corps of first responders is able to be deployed districtwide, they should have responsibility for conducting wellness checks.

In situations where a person in crisis has a weapon or for some other reason poses a significant danger to others, a co-response is needed. The Council should require and fund the creation of teams staffed by experienced behavioral healthcare professionals who co-train with specially selected MPD officers. Similarly, the Council should fund the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants to expand the number of domestic violence advocates able to respond *along with* officers, if not *in lieu of* police as suggested above; and legally redefine domestic violence as occurring within the scope of an intimate partner relationship to ensure limited resources are used where they are needed most.

Behavioral healthcare professionals and other specialists should be the default first responders to individuals in crises. This is the emerging trend nationally, and DC could be a leader by taking this approach to scale in a large city.

This sea change in how the District responds to individuals in crisis should be accompanied by a reduction in the use of arrest in those situations where police are involved. Arrest rarely solves the underlying problem and can trigger a range of negative consequences. Reforms should include expanding pre-arrest diversion for individuals with a behavioral health problem, eventually replacing the District's domestic violence mandatory arrest law with clear guidance that officers follow in consultation with advocates on the scene and survivors themselves; as well as policies that discourage criminalizing survivors of sex trafficking.

These reforms and others the Commission calls for in Section I of this report require changes to the infrastructure, technology, staffing, and dispatch protocols of the Office of Unified Communications which operates 911, in conjunction with a public information campaign to build confidence in a new emergency response network among DC residents who are reluctant to make a call for help that might spark an unhelpful (or worse) response from police.

### **Strengthening the Safety Net for Vulnerable Residents and Decriminalizing Poverty**

While the previous section focuses on the need to provide a broader public safety response to individuals in crisis, it is of course preferable to prevent a crisis from occurring at all. Yet, for far too many DC residents, life is lived from one crisis to the next. The District needs to expand and create community-based services and other resources that meet people's underlying needs and thus improve the quality of life for District residents and prevent many emergencies from arising in the first place.

One essential thread of a strong social safety net is culturally competent and easily accessible behavioral healthcare, including for substance use disorders. During the Commission's inquiry, it became increasingly clear that the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), does not have the funding and other resources to meet the current and anticipated needs of all District residents. This must change.

The District needs far greater investment in behavioral health and wellness services that are based in communities and culturally competent. Research shows that when mental health professionals understand the role of cultural differences and community circumstances, and act on that knowledge, people fare better. Expansion of community-





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based mental health care must occur in collaboration with communities and intentional efforts to ensure that all residents know about the services available to them. The District must also establish processes to improve the coordination of care across agencies and initiatives.

The Commission realizes that the significant expansion of services we recommend will be iterative. With that in mind, we call on the Council to establish a task force or coalition of community-based providers and public officials to assess the adequacy of preventative community behavioral health and wellness programs on an annual basis.

Lack of safe, stable, and affordable housing is also a serious problem for vulnerable residents, from the chronically homeless, to youth leaving foster care, to individuals seeking safety from family violence. The Council must prioritize addressing DC's housing crisis by expanding emergency shelter and supportive services and, most important, by investing in pathways to permanent housing. As part of that process, the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) must enforce equitable development policies and seek input from low-income residents and people of color to ensure that wealthy developers do not control the decision-making process.

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Many of the people falling through a weak social safety net are also subject to over-policing and criminalization. Efforts to better support residents must be accompanied by a far less punitive approach to low-level offenses that are driven primarily by structural racism, intergenerational poverty, and a deficit of resources. This Commission joins with others in calling on the Council to decriminalize low-level offenses, including but not limited to illegal vending and panhandling.

Formal systems and services are not the answer to every problem. The Council should invest in restorative justice and other processes that leverage the potential of community members to support one another. Restorative justice approaches have been found to be effective at building community, strengthening relationships, and fostering healing. While there are a number of community-based organizations led by Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) already engaged in restorative justice, their work is occurring on a small scale. The Council should create funding opportunities that enable these and other BIPOC-led community-based organizations to expand services and secure designated spaces.

### **Back to Normal: Re-establishing Police-Free Schools**

Since 2005, when the Council approved legislation inviting police into public schools, MPD officers have taken the lead in school public safety. The daily presence of police officers in schools is antithetical to environments meant to foster learning and positive development. Youth of color in particular often do not feel comfortable, valued, or safe in educational spaces where they are interacting with representatives of a system that generally views Black and Brown people as a threat. Indeed, a panel of youth told this Commission that instead of fostering safety in school, officers often escalate altercations, create a hostile atmosphere, and cause anxiety among young people by their mere presence, especially since they carry guns.



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While the daily presence of police in schools has been the experience of a whole generation of youth in D.C., the District has a much longer history of operating schools where police are rarely on campus. That is the normal, healthy reality to which the District should return. The District should replace police, who, by design, are trained primarily in coercion and crime control, with professionals who are skilled and trained in helping young people navigate the opportunities and challenges of life in the classroom, schoolyard, and beyond. That takes money. By the end of FY21, the Council should eliminate the Metropolitan Police Department School Safety Division and create a community-led process to re-allocate those resources (roughly \$14 million); and make additional investments supporting positive youth development and promoting safe and healthy learning environments.

In particular, the District must increase investments in community-competent, trauma-informed school-based mental health professionals. The Commission's own analysis shows that many D.C. schools fall far short of national standards regarding student-to-staff ratios. In a sample of 114 schools, less than a third (29%) met the staffing standard for school counselors; 38% met the staffing standard for school social workers; and 62% met the staffing standard for school psychologists—professionals who are critical to student well-being. While DC public schools have, on average, one security guard for every 165 students, they have only one social worker for every 254 students, one counselor for every 352 students, and one psychologist for every 529 students.

Increased funding would support an array of other valuable services and resources, including Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) programs, violence interrupters, and restorative justice, more art classes, and extracurricular activities that open doors and minds. Resources should be distributed based on a school's needs and the needs of its surrounding neighborhoods.

In police-free schools, security staff should be unarmed District of Columbia Public Schools employees chosen by and directly accountable to local school leadership, and well trained in how to handle mental health emergencies and use culturally relevant verbal de-escalation techniques; and in general be fully integrated into the life of the school.

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To be in sync with this shift in the approach to school safety, the District must minimize arrests of children at school. Specifically, the Council should prohibit MPD and other law enforcement agencies from serving warrants, detaining, or arresting youth on campus or at school-related events, *except* for violent incidents that occur in school and involve the use of a dangerous weapon as defined by the District of Columbia Public Schools. The Council should enact similar safeguards that extend to school personnel to protect students and their family members from District and federal immigration enforcement agencies. And schools should be weapon-free zones. Law enforcement officers should be required to disarm before entering a school, unless responding to a violent incident.



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### Trusting and Investing in Communities to Stem Gun Violence

Roughly four years ago, with passage of the Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results (NEAR) Act, the Council signaled the importance of relying more on community-based solutions to violence. Today the District has a permanent agency to support community-based solutions to violence: the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE). But the roughly \$10 million allocated to ONSE in FY21 is a tiny fraction of the more than \$500 million allocated to MPD. And ONSE lacks the authority to coordinate and support violence reduction efforts districtwide.

The Commission is heartened by the newly created gun violence prevention coordinator and emergency operations center, and by the new Building Blocks initiative, which suggests the Mayor's administration understands gun violence as a public health crisis fueled by deep and long-standing structural inequities. While there is great potential in these nascent efforts, how they are carried out is of considerable concern to this Commission. These new government entities must facilitate, not impede, deep reform of MPD and the District's public safety infrastructure.

In communities with elevated rates of violence, the risks also include violence by police—actual uses of force and the ever-present threat that many Black and Latinx residents feel. Even as gun violence is increasingly understood as a public health problem, it continues to drive and erroneously justify aggressive and ineffective policing strategies and tactics. Community-based interventions, not police, should be at the center of efforts to stem violence, including gun violence.

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Beginning immediately and with strong leadership from the Council, the District must strategically scale up community-based violence interruption initiatives as a crucial first line of intervention. This work must include creation of a hospital-based violence interruption program in the new level-3 trauma center serving Wards 7 and 8. This public health-centered approach to stemming violence is poised to become the dominant paradigm nationwide, especially as a growing body of evidence demonstrates the potential for significant gains in safety. Growth must occur in tandem with streamlining and better coordinating separate initiatives, and better equipping, supporting, and compensating frontline staff, treating them on par with other public-facing essential workers.

Violence interruption is just one piece of the solution and only truly effective when it's a gateway, not an end point. The Council must invest more in job training and other programs and services that support healing and constructive life change for residents of historically marginalized communities. These programs should be evidence-based, while also leveraging local knowledge and potential for innovation; they must be trauma-informed and trauma-responsive and seamlessly connected as a network of community-based solutions to violence.

Neither officials nor the public should expect miracles immediately; programs like this take time to mature and pay off. At the same time, there must be a concerted effort to measure impact—in numbers and in other ways and incorporating participant perspectives—and then refine interventions as necessary. In the same vein, the Commission calls on the Council and Mayor to lead the District in partnering with a local university to establish a





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state-of-the-art research center to advance public health-centered, trauma-informed solutions to gun violence. For more than 25 years, federal funding for gun violence research has been hampered by a law that prevented the CDC from undertaking any research that could be used to promote gun control. Although its grip was finally broken, federal funding for research on gun-related deaths and injuries is still a small fraction of what is needed to understand and solve a problem that affects over 115,000 people in America every year, including more than 500 people in DC. The District should be a leader nationally in building a compelling base of knowledge that can save lives.

### Embracing a Harm Reduction Approach to Policing

One of the challenges facing police agencies nationwide, MPD included, is to minimize the potential for their own officers to inflict harm. Because every stop, search, arrest, and use of force is inherently repressive and distressing to some degree, each one should have verifiable benefits that outweigh the anguish it causes to those directly affected. This is what it means to take a harm reduction approach to policing. MPD and its officers should be animated not by what they *can* do as a matter of law, but by what they *should* do based on what reliable evidence establishes as *effective* at addressing serious crime and as *minimally intrusive* as possible.

A harm reduction approach requires officers to be fair and impartial in exercising their enforcement authority. Police agencies have a long history of discriminating against and traumatizing people of color, in particular Black men and boys, and increasingly Black women and girls, as well as LGBTQ+ individuals. MPD is no exception. Although the Department has made progress toward eradicating deleterious, discriminatory policing practices over the past two decades, its work in this regard is far from complete. Even where individual officers strive to be impartial, the structural racism that infects all of American life continues to be particularly pernicious in policing, largely negating the efforts of individual officers. Statistical and experiential evidence of MPD's stop and search practices, presented in detail in our report, exposes the still difficult road ahead.

A harm reduction approach also obligates MPD to be transparent about what it is doing and why. This means the Department must create a culture of transparency in which the collection, maintenance, analysis, and publication of information about officers' encounters with people who live in and visit the District is valued and supported, rather than distrusted and resisted. MPD needs this data on stops, searches, arrests, and uses of force to understand the impact of its own practices and ensure that they meaningfully address crime and genuinely reduce harm. District residents have a right to make their own determinations about MPD's performance based on the same data, as well as a right to hold MPD accountable when its officers unjustifiably inflict harm.

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Certain law enforcement practices will move MPD closer to the harm reduction objectives identified above, while other practices will make achieving those objectives either impossible or exceptionally difficult. The Commission calls on the Council and MPD to undertake the following anchor reforms without delay:

### *Curtail Aggressive, Ineffectual, and Harmful Stop and Search Practices*

MPD's Crime Suppression Teams and Gun Recovery Unit, specialized units that use aggressive stop and search tactics, should be immediately suspended unless and until the Department produces data showing they address violent and otherwise serious crime more effectively than ordinary patrol units. To address gun violence in a potentially more effective and less harmful way, MPD should explore greater use of person-based focused deterrence.

The Council should correspondingly pass legislation curtailing several invasive, ineffectual enforcement tactics. It should ban "jump-outs," which Crime Suppression Teams and the Gun Recovery Unit are known for. It should prohibit consent searches, given that voluntary consent is an oxymoron in the policing context and that residents, especially in over-policed communities, rarely feel sufficiently free and safe to voluntarily consent. And it should allow "pretext" stops—stops for minor offenses when the actual purpose is to conduct a fishing expedition on a more serious offense—only with supervisory approval and only to investigate violent crimes.

Finally, the Council should transfer authority to enforce traffic violations that do not imminently threaten public safety from MPD to the Department of Transportation.

### *Limit Arrests that Do More Harm Than Good*

The District has come to over-rely on arrests and to underestimate the often life-changing harm they produce. The Council should amend the DC Code to establish a presumption of citation in lieu of arrest for low-level offenses. At the same time, MPD should establish and enforce a "most effective, least intrusive response" policy that mandates compliance with the new law, defines and requires a problem-solving approach to criminal activity, and affirmatively promotes alternatives to arrest.

### *Adopt Safer, More Respectful Search Warrant Practices*

The Council should modify search warrant execution practices by banning no-knock warrants and strictly limiting quick-knock raids. The Council should also require officers who seek and execute warrants to exercise diligence in confirming addresses and to comply with constitutional requirements for patting down and searching occupants. Additionally, the Council should authorize prompt compensation for any damage done to property during warrant executions.

### *Reinforce the Imperative of De-escalation*

MPD officers must actively seek to de-escalate encounters that present a threat of violence, and when left with no option other than to use force, must use only the force that is necessary, reasonable, and proportional to the threat posed. Routinely meeting this standard requires enhanced training for all officers.



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### *Apply a Harm Reduction Approach to Special Police Officers*

Require more extensive training for the District's thousands of special police officers and disarm non-sworn special police officers in public housing.

### *Improve Transparency and Accountability Through Data Collection, Analysis, and Publication*

MPD should significantly enhance its data collection and analysis practices. The Commission has identified a number of areas in which MPD must not only collect and maintain data, but analyze and utilize it to assess, inform, and refine departmental policy, training, supervision, and discipline. These areas include but are not limited to stops, protective pat-downs, searches, search warrants, arrests, uses of force, and canine use. All data in these areas should also be easily accessible to the public. The Department's legitimacy in the eyes of District residents depends on it.

In this vein, it is important to note that despite repeatedly asking MPD for data and other information about various practices, the Commission received only some of what we requested. Depending on the request, MPD claimed that it either lacked the capacity to respond or did not maintain the information requested. This hampered the Commission's inquiry to some extent, as we had neither the authority (e.g., no subpoena power) nor the resources to conduct a full inquiry into MPD practices. But it also raises larger concerns. MPD's inadequate response to our information requests suggests it does not engage in the type of rigorous self-evaluation required to properly supervise officers, correct departmental deficiencies, and improve departmental performance. It also suggests that MPD does not have a culture of valuing transparency, even though transparency is a core aspect of policing in a democratic society.

### **Developmentally Appropriate: Taking Special Measures to Protect Young People from Over-Policing and Criminalization**

Even as MPD creates more youth-focused programs like the Officer Friendly program and the Youth Advisory Council, individual officers continue to over-police youth of color, often for normal adolescent behavior, mirroring national trends. In *Reforming Juvenile Justice*, the National Research Council of the National Academies, points to a sizable body of literature showing that youth of color are more likely than White youth to be stopped, arrested, and later adjudicated in court.

While Black boys are policed to a greater extent than any other demographic, the criminalization and biased treatment of young people of color extends to Black girls as well. According to a 2018 report by Rights4Girls and the Georgetown Juvenile Justice Initiative, Black girls in DC are 30 times more likely to be arrested than White boys and girls combined.

Black, Brown, Indigenous, and other youth of color understand their relationship with law enforcement in the context of a long history of over-policing and criminalization of their families and communities. At an early age, they learn the system is stacked against them; they learn to fear and avoid police, and to always comply when confronted by an officer. The weight of all this, coupled with their still-developing brains, means that youth of color often end up sacrificing their legal rights, with potentially serious repercussions for their futures. The District should take steps to limit punitive encounters between police and youth, and when such encounters cannot be avoided, ensure that they are developmentally appropriate.





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To help limit punitive encounters, MPD should institute policies, coupled with training for officers and

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corresponding incentives, to increase the use of pre-arrest diversion and connect youth with community-based programs and other resources. The Council should play a role in this broad shift by decriminalizing status offenses, as well as some other offenses when committed by youth; and also by establishing 12 as the minimum age of liability for juvenile delinquency proceedings—a cut-off consistent with international law and recent state reforms.

The data are abundant: the adolescent brain is still developing, and the cognition and emotional reasoning of a child under 12 are far from that of an adult. In fact, neurological research shows a person's brain continues to mature throughout adolescence and into their mid-20s. As a result, young people are more likely to be swayed by peers, engage in risky and impulsive behaviors, and experience drastic mood swings—all the more reason for the legal system to treat them differently.

To protect young people in circumstances when arrest cannot be avoided, the District needs to take a developmentally appropriate approach to informing youth of their right to remain silent and other fundamental rights. *Miranda* rights should be conveyed in wording that young people can understand and in the presence of legal counsel, with whom a young person can consult before waiving their rights. Council should work with DC's Public Defender Service and MPD to ensure that legal counsel is available in police stations. The stakes are high: Most youth do not understand their rights and are not mentally or emotionally equipped to weigh short-term gains against longer term rewards. In fact, young people disproportionately make false confessions than can lead to wrongful convictions. Because of bias in the criminal legal system and racism in society at large, Black youth in particular may lack confidence that their claims of innocence will be believed.

Success of these reforms depends on buy-in from MPD officers and their supervisors. Because people won't adopt what they don't understand, MPD must provide more training for all officers in adolescent development and adolescent-appropriate policing, from brain science and the dynamics of trauma to de-escalation. For all the changes the Commission recommends in order to deliver the widest possible benefit, and to help end the unnecessary criminalization of individuals who are still growing and maturing, the Council must expand the legal definition of a child to include all persons under the age of 21 (albeit with important caveats described in Section VI). Finally, young people deserve to have a more substantive role in policymaking and in the oversight of public agencies that directly impact their lives—and that certainly includes MPD. One way to make progress in this regard: The Council should form a youth council as part of the Office of Police Complaints.

### **Guardians First: Building a Trusted, Community-Centered Police Department**

One of the core recommendations of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing is that police departments abandon the "warrior" model of policing—in which officers "fight crime" as though it's a war and view the communities they police with suspicion—and instead embrace the "guardian" model, in which officers are guided by empathy and see themselves as public servants devoted to understanding, protecting, and working with





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community members. All of the Commission's recommendations regarding MPD street encounters are rooted in the principle of harm reduction and aim to promote a guardian model of policing. So do recommendations that narrow the circumstances that require a police response. Being a guardian doesn't mean being involved in every crisis and dispute.

Police agencies also cultivate and maintain a guardian model through departmental structures and systems: proper education and training, thoughtful recruitment, effective officer wellness programs, performance evaluations and promotions that embrace guardian values, and routine internal audits of enforcement actions. The Commission recommends ways that MPD can improve policies and practices in each of these areas.

With funding from the Council, MPD should revamp its approach to training new officers. Specifically, MPD must fully implement in practice a collegiate model focused on teaching the skills officers need to think critically, problem-solve effectively, and exercise discretion appropriately. Academy courses must be uniformly taught in sequence for all recruits, so that more complex topics and skills build on foundational ones; and recruits must have opportunities to learn from community members with professional or lived expertise to share.

In addition to all the other specialized training recommended in this report, MPD should provide Academy training and annual refresher training on "active bystandership" to underscore every officer's duty to intervene to prevent fellow officers from engaging in misconduct. MPD also should provide in-service training annually to foster culturally competent, anti-racist policing—training that should be open to employees of other District agencies and members of the community.

The Council should revive the Police Officers Standards and Training (POST) Board by enhancing its membership; giving it more authority over training, recruitment and retention; and providing the funding necessary for it to have a permanent staff. The POST Board should also be empowered and required to maintain a registry of current MPD and DCHA officers, remove officers from the registry for cause or incompetence, and submit those names to the National Decertification Index currently run by the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training. Equally important, the Council should make permanent that portion of the emergency legislation that prevents MPD from hiring officers who have engaged in serious misconduct in another department.

In terms of recruitment, MPD should fortify its efforts to hire individuals who are from or intimately familiar with the District (including by expanding the Cadet Program); who possess good interpersonal and communications skills; and who would enhance MPD's diversity and value diverse perspectives and experiences.

Studies show officers are at elevated risk of anxiety, depression, PTSD, high blood pressure, substance abuse, suicidal thinking, and other serious health issues. Addressing particular health concerns and promoting overall wellness is fundamental to a guardian model of policing, since undue stress affects an officer's behavior on the job. MPD should enhance its wellness programming and take steps to make sure officers know what help is available to them.

In the area of performance evaluations and promotions, the Council should establish a Public Advisory Board, made up of both community members and experts in police management. This board should be empowered to assess and refine MPD's processes for evaluating officer performance, promoting officers to supervisory and command ranks, and assigning officers to specialty units.



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MPD should strengthen and expand its Data Quality Division to ensure routine and thorough internal audits of its officers' stops, searches, arrests, and uses of force. In its enhanced form, this Division would be responsible for all the data collection, analysis, and reporting the Commission calls for throughout this report. Bolstering the Department's audit function is essential to ensuring adherence to harm reduction principles. The Division will not only evaluate compliance with law and policy by officers, units, and department-wide, but also gauge whether enforcement strategies are effectively addressing serious crime—that is, whether they are, in fact, doing more good than harm.

Finally, the Council should repeal the 65-year-old law requiring MPD to have a static minimum number of sworn officers. Enacted before the District had its own Council, this law has no basis in reason and hampers the District's ability to allocate resources to MPD and other agencies based on data and other evidence about what improves public safety. The law even undermines MPD's ability to use its own resources most effectively—by hiring non-sworn expert instructors or civilian crime analysts, for example, instead of sworn officers.

### **Holding Police Accountable**

An effective police accountability system requires a variety of actors with complementary responsibilities acting in tandem. The District has some mechanisms in place but entirely lacks others. No accountability mechanism in the District is operating entirely as it should.

The Commission's cornerstone recommendation to promote MPD accountability for officer misconduct is to create a deputy auditor for public safety within the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor: an official with broad and substantial authority, required to release findings, at least bi-annually, with respect to the quality and timeliness of MPD and OPC investigations and the disciplinary process. Modeled after agencies that exist in other U.S. cities, a deputy auditor for public safety would substantially strengthen external oversight of MPD by providing both front-end accountability (proactive review of MPD policies, procedures, and practices designed to prevent things from going wrong) and back-end accountability (responses when things do go wrong).



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The District also should bolster existing oversight entities: both the Police Complaints Board (PCB) and the Office of Police Complaints (OPC), which the board oversees. The Council and Mayor should move to expand the purview of the PCB, renaming it the District of Columbia Police Commission (DCPC). This reconstituted entity would continue to oversee the Office of Police Complaints and would also have authority to review and approve MPD policies prior to issuance that are not purely administrative in nature; play a role in selecting the police chief; participate in the process of setting MPD performance goals; and help make MPD more transparent.

Police commissions that review departmental policies and practices to ensure they are aligned with the needs and concerns of the community exist in Detroit, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Oakland, and San Francisco. Public hearings or a single-issue task force should be devoted to fleshing out DCPC's precise mandate, authority, composition, and the process for selecting members.

The Council and Mayor should expand the jurisdiction, authority, and resources of the Office of Police Complaints (OPC). OPC should have the authority and resources to investigate all in-custody deaths and serious uses of force, *regardless* of whether a complaint has been filed, and to act on anonymous complaints. In addition, OPC should have statutory authority to recommend discipline for officers who are proven to have engaged in misconduct, and the ability to obtain relevant personnel records to make informed disciplinary recommendations. This broader scope of authority and work should enhance public trust in the District's ability to hold officers accountable.

Sunlight is said to be the best disinfectant. Secretive internal investigations and disciplinary processes leave the public in the dark—skeptical, doubting, and unable to hold the department or individual officers to account. The Council and the mayor should revise the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and explicitly make officers' disciplinary records public, as other jurisdictions have done. Based on these legal changes, the OPC and the MPD should create searchable public databases, like those that exist in New York City, enabling members of the public to easily access, for any officer, the status of open investigations, the outcome of administrative investigations, and the disciplinary action taken with respect to each act of misconduct. These changes, along with other FOIA revisions and recommendations we are making, would make MPD more transparent, and thus more accountable.

It's also important that MPD's disciplinary system comprehensively account for officers' prior disciplinary history. MPD should stop automatically purging "adverse actions"—the most serious level of discipline—from officers' personnel records after three years. They should be permanently recorded, and when disciplining an officer MPD should be able to consider any previous adverse actions against that officer. Even lesser "corrective actions" should not be automatically purged; officers should be required to demonstrate changed behavior.

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Given the pivotal role that body-worn camera footage may play in understanding events and holding officers accountable, reforms are needed in this area as well. To ensure the availability of body-worn camera footage in potentially fatal uses of force, MPD should install technology to automatically activate body-worn cameras when an officer draws their firearm. The law should strictly limit officers' access to body-worn camera footage (their own as well as footage from their colleagues' cameras) so as not to bias their initial reports. Research shows that video recordings can suppress or even replace actual memories. Notwithstanding this concern, and with consent of involved individuals or their next of kin, body-worn camera footage of officer-involved deaths and serious uses of force—ideally unredacted—should be released to the public within just a few days.

It is important to note that the Commission was not able to review files for specific investigations conducted by the OPC or MPD, nor did we have access to MPD disciplinary records. Thus, we cannot comment on the quality and timeliness of these investigations or the resulting determinations. Such a review is a critical task for a newly created deputy auditor for public safety.

The Commission's recommendations in this area include calling on the Council and Mayor to make permanent the provision in the emergency legislation that removes discipline from the collective bargaining process. As Council Chairman Phil Mendelson noted when introducing this amendment, collective bargaining agreements should not be used to shield police officers, or any public employees, from accountability. For too long they have been allowed to do so. The District has the opportunity to lead the nation in dismantling this long-standing hurdle to holding police accountable when they harm people.

### Realign and Reduce

As the above discussion and our complete report make clear, the District cannot achieve the public safety that all residents need and deserve if policing remains at the center of that effort. This overarching conclusion unifies the Commission's many recommendations. Decentering police requires shifting our collective focus and resources to invest far more in community-centered programs that prevent harm, while simultaneously realigning and reducing the size, responsibilities, and budget of MPD in line with a narrower scope of work for police. This shift must occur strategically: a smaller MPD does not guarantee a more community-responsive, less harmful, and ultimately more effective department.

In the next 12 months, the Council should adopt a plan that will strategically realign District agency budgets, including MPD's budget, so that funding and responsibilities are consistent with the recommendations in this report. This realignment, which should begin in FY 2022 and be complete by FY 2026, should include the following:

- ❑ Revising the police department's budgetary decision-making and oversight process and presentation to improve transparency *and* centering the voices of community members and organizations most impacted by harmful law enforcement practices.
- ❑ Increasing the number of personnel in community-building and alternative public safety programs *and* reducing the number of MPD sworn officers by at least the rate of attrition over the next five years, consistent with an independent audit that reviews MPD staffing, duties, and responsibilities. All mechanisms to achieve appropriate officer levels should be used, including attrition, buy-outs, early-outs, reductions in force (RIF), and retirement.
- ❑ Reducing MPD overtime to the fullest extent possible, especially un-budgeted overtime, which should be no more than three percent of MPD's annual budget.



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The District relies on police more than other large cities. Based on data collected nationally in 2018, DC had more police officers per capita than any other large U.S. city, suggesting there is room to reduce the size of the police force, even before shifting any functions. While many cities have significantly reduced funding for police, MPD funding has *increased* by 12 percent since 2015. MPD's budget dwarfs the District's budgets for affordable housing, employment services, physical and behavioral health (and is less than human services).

Shifting some responsibilities from police to non-law enforcement agencies is supported by research and programmatic outcomes demonstrating that non-police interventions can improve public safety by addressing the root causes of crime and disorder. Reallocating resources in this way is a wise investment, has broad, bi-partisan public support, and is in line with trends nationally.

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June 15, 2021

Matthew Marcou  
Associate Director for Public Space Regulation  
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Re: ANC6A support for Public Space Permit application #10866393

Dear Mr. Marcou,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on June 10, 2021, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to give support to public space permit application #10866393 for a reinforced fence at 1369 C Street NE, including a new enclosure of the driveway, provided that the fence design conforms to the existing fence height and openness as presented by the permit applicants at the ANC meeting.

Thank you for giving great weight to the comments and recommendations of ANC6A. 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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June 15, 2021

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Re: ANC6A support for Speed Humps, 1500 block of Isherwood NE (TSA#21-00168899)

Dear Ms. Wheeler,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on June 10, 2021, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the installation of speed humps, raised crosswalks and other traffic calming measures in the 1500 block of Isherwood NE and adjacent intersections, as requested in the above referenced Traffic Safety Assessment Request.

Thank you for giving great weight to the comments and recommendations of ANC6A. 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 Alcorn at [6A08@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6A08@anc.dc.gov).

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June 15, 2021

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Re: ANC6A support for protected bike lanes, 800 and 900 West Virginia Ave NE (NOI # 21-136-PSD)

Dear Mr. Matlesky,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on June 10, 2021, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to respond to NOI # 21-136-PSD in support of DDOT's proposal to install protected bike lanes in the 800 and 900 blocks of West Virginia Ave. This includes our support for conversion of the 800 block of West Virginia Ave NE to one-way for vehicular traffic to facilitate slower speeds and bikeways that are protected by parking on the south side of the street. Our Commission also requests additional traffic calming measures, such as high visibility raised crosswalks and/or speed humps.

Thank you for giving great weight to the comments and recommendations of ANC6A. 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 Chaterjee at [6A01@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6A01@anc.dc.gov).

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
Box 75115  
Washington, DC 20013



June 15, 2021

The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chair, Council of the District of Columbia  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 504  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: ANC6A Support for Full Funding of the Vision Zero Act

Dear Chairman Mendelson,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on June 10, 2021, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to urge the Council to fully fund the Vision Zero Enhancement Omnibus Amendment Act of 2020 in the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. Currently, Vision Zero legislation remains unfunded and largely unimplemented. The District has failed to make progress towards the Act's goal of achieving zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2024. In fact, traffic crashes, fatalities, and serious injuries are surging in the District. This public health emergency requires that Council take action and fund the Vision Zero legislation. Though this legislation was adopted in response to tragedies, funding it is a unique opportunity to create a more equitable and accessible transportation system.

In 2015, Mayor Muriel Bowser committed the District to a Vision Zero Pledge to eliminate transportation fatalities and serious injuries by 2024 through the implementation of strategies related to data, education, engineering, and enforcement.<sup>2</sup> Despite the Mayor's commitment, traffic fatalities are not decreasing and have actually increased in four of the five years since Vision Zero was adopted. Already this year, 17 people have been killed by drivers on District roadways, putting 2021 on track for the highest number of traffic deaths since 2007.<sup>3</sup> The actions taken by DDOT and other District agencies to address traffic safety are insufficient to move us closer to the goal Vision Zero. As the District charts an equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council must also address the concurrent public health crisis caused by traffic violence and make significant investments to achieve Vision Zero.

Traffic safety consistently ranks as a top priority for the constituents we serve. Our ANC has assisted residents in submitting dozens of Traffic Safety Assessments (TSAs) to DDOT requesting all-way stops, speed humps, and other traffic calming measures at intersections and on blocks we know to be dangerous. DDOT's responses to these requests are frustratingly slow, limited in scope, and seldom go far enough to meaningfully address the underlying safety problems. Furthermore, TSAs cannot address the intractable safety problems created by arterial roads that are dangerous by design.

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<sup>2</sup> [https://ddot.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddot/page\\_content/attachments/VZActionPlan\\_forWebsite\\_FINAL-UPDATED\\_Part1.pdf](https://ddot.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddot/page_content/attachments/VZActionPlan_forWebsite_FINAL-UPDATED_Part1.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.dcvisionzero.com/maps-data>.



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Over half of traffic fatalities occur on just 35 arterial streets.<sup>4</sup> The crash data is unequivocal and ANC6A understands this because we and our neighbors witness it every day. In the last four years ANC6A has experienced six deadly crashes, more than any other Commission in Ward 6, including fatalities on H Street NE, C Street NE, and Florida Avenue NE. DDOT has the responsibility to end these preventable tragedies by acting with urgency to fix our streets and prioritize the safety of people over the convenience of drivers.

In response to persistent failure to make progress on Vision Zero, the DC Council passed the Vision Zero Enhancement Omnibus Amendment Act of 2020, which includes sweeping provisions that will:

- Accelerate the deployment of sidewalks, high-visibility crosswalks, protected bike lanes, and transit priority lanes;
- Require that DDOT and private developers incorporate safe and accessible facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders whenever a capital improvement or major street repair is undertaken;
- Prohibit right turns on red at intersections located within 400 feet of a playground, school, recreation center, library, Metrorail station, or at intersections with a bike lane running through it;
- Reduce the default speed limit to 20 mph on local and neighborhood streets; and
- Require new residential and commercial development to include planned space for freight and passenger loading and unloading to eliminate the need to double park or park in a curbside bike lane.

The majority of the Vision Zero Act remains unfunded in the District budget and therefore unimplemented. The Fiscal Impact Statement for the Vision Zero Act anticipates that full implementation will require \$41.7 million in the first Fiscal Year and \$171.5 million over the next five Fiscal Years.<sup>5</sup> On May 27, 2021 the Mayor presented her proposal for the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, but the proposed budget falls short of fully funding the Vision Zero Act.<sup>6</sup>

ANC 6A urges the Council to fund the full implementation of the Vision Zero Act in the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. We also commit to redouble our efforts to improve traffic safety in our neighborhoods and to hold DDOT accountable for the full and complete implementation of the Vision Zero Act because no life lost to traffic violence is acceptable.

Thank you for giving great weight to the comments and considerations of ANC6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please contact me at 6A04@anc.dc.gov.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

CC: Councilmember Mary Cheh  
Councilmember Charles Allen

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.mwcog.org/file.aspx?&A=Jh0IkrmD%2fw30G3v50eRvd6ZLMUDoi48fTZt%2bAAGb9Kk%3d>

<sup>5</sup> [https://lms.dccouncil.us/downloads/LIMS/42522/Other/B23-0288-FIS\\_Vision\\_Zero\\_Enhancement\\_Omnibus\\_Amendme nt\\_Act\\_of\\_2020.pdf](https://lms.dccouncil.us/downloads/LIMS/42522/Other/B23-0288-FIS_Vision_Zero_Enhancement_Omnibus_Amendme nt_Act_of_2020.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> <https://mayor.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-presents-fair-shot-budget-proposal>



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Chair, Council of the District of Columbia  
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Re: ANC6A Response to Public Restroom Report

Dear Mayor Bowser and Chairman Mendelson:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on May 13, 2021, our Commission voted 7-0-1 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to oppose the potential siting of a public restroom pilot at 17th Street and Benning Road NE.

The April 2021 '*Public Restroom Facilities and Promotion Act of 2018: Report on the Sites with Frequent Incidents of Public Defecation and Urination*,' states that 17<sup>th</sup> Street NE and Benning Road NE is a location under consideration for a public restroom.

Our Commission recognizes the need for public restrooms. On November 12, 2020, ANC 6A voted unanimously to support the placement of the public restrooms and facilities in at least one location on H St NE. Our recommended locations did not include 17th Street and Benning Road NE. We request additional public services for this area to curb drug use and illegal activity and violent crime, including robbery/theft, stabbings and shootings. In addition we request that our Commission be included in any planning discussions for locating public restrooms within our Commission area.

Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please contact me at [6A04@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6A04@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 June 1 - July 8, 2021

Period Covered 6/1/2021 - 7/8/2021

#### Checking Account:

Opening Account Statement \$ 25,091.07

#### Credits:

District Allotment (6/21) \$5,445.56

*Total Credits* \$ 5,445.56

#### New Disbursements:

	Check Number	
Robb Dooling (Zoom Pro/Webinar)	#1977	\$ 58.29
Anna Tsaur (June Notetaker)	#1978	\$ 200.00
Irene Dworakowski (June Agenda/Package)	#1979	\$ 765.89

*Total New Disbursements* \$ 1,024.18

#### Existing Obligations:

Issued Checks Not Deposited #1967, #1969, #1973, #1974, #1975, #1976 \$ 2,782.47

*Total Existing Obligations* \$ 2,782.47

Closing Funds Available/Uncommitted \$ 26,729.98

#### Savings Account:

Balance Forward \$ 100.05

Interest 6/30/2021 \$ -

Ending Balance \$ 100.05

#### Petty Cash Summary:

Balance Forwarded \$ 25.00

Total Funds Available \$ 25.00

Ending Balance \$ 25.00





## Officer Reports - Treasurer



### ANC 6A Quarterly Financial Report FY21 Q3

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Balance Forward (Checking)	\$30,395.10
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#### Receipts

District Allotment	\$10,891.12
Interest	\$0.00
Other	\$17,493.68
Transfer from Savings	\$0.00

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Total Receipts	\$28,384.80
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Total Funds Available During Quarter	\$58,779.90
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#### Disbursements

1. Personnel	\$0.00
2. Direct Office Cost	\$0.00
3. Communication	\$177.60
4. Office Supplies, Equipment, Printing	\$0.00
5. Grants	\$3,306.97
6. Local Transportation	\$0.00
7. Purchase of Service	\$2,897.67
8. Bank Charges	\$15.00
9. Other	\$19,658.30

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Total Disbursements	\$26,055.54
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Ending Balances: Checking	<b>ERROR. Check ledger!</b>	\$32,724.36
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Savings	\$100.04
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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 FY21 Q3: Checking

Check	Date	Payee/Payor	Cat	Income	Expenses	Date Approved
<b>**ERROR on ledger or page 2</b>						
1425	4/7/2021	Michael Green (Fradulent 7/2019)	9		\$5,755.00	
1800	4/7/2021	Unrecorded Check Hine PTA (10/19)	5		\$1,806.97	
	4/7/2021	Checking Account Monthly Mainte	9		\$12.00	
	4/7/2021	Unrecorded Monthly Maintenance	8		\$15.00	
	4/7/2021	Returned check 1425 (7/2019)	D-O	\$5,755.00		
	4/7/2021	ACH Payment "Geico" ("fraudulen	9		\$583.79	
	4/7/2021	Category Correction ACH Credit/F	D-O	\$583.79		
	4/7/2021	Category Correction ACH Credit/F	D-O	\$246.16		
	4/7/2021	ACH Payment "Geico" ("fraudulen	9		\$246.16	
	4/7/2021	Adjustment to reconcile 4/2020 BS	D-O	\$3,314.11		
	4/7/2021	Unrecorded DC Allotment 8/20/20	D-A	\$5,445.56		
	4/7/2021	Adustment to correct WS Errors/u	D-O	\$7,594.62		
	4/7/2021	Adjustment to correct WS deposit	9		\$13,061.35	
1967	4/25/2021	Anna Tsaur	7		\$200.00	4/8/2021
1968	4/25/2021	Irene Dworakowski	7		\$765.89	4/8/2021
1969	4/25/2021	Robb Dooling	3		\$58.29	4/8/2021
1970	5/23/2021	Robb Dooling	3		\$61.02	5/13/2021
1971	5/23/2021	Anna Tsaur	7		\$200.00	5/13/2021
1972	5/23/2021	Irene Dworakowski	7		\$765.89	5/13/2021
1973	6/12/2021	Robb Dooling	3		\$58.29	6/10/2021
1974	6/12/2021	Anna Tsaur	7		\$200.00	6/10/2021
1975	6/12/2021	Irene Dworakowski	7		\$765.89	6/10/2021
1976	6/12/2021	Serve Your City	5		\$1,500.00	6/10/2021
	6/21/2021	District Allotment	D-A	\$5,445.56		
	5/10/2021	Stop Payment Fee for Check #196	0		\$30.00	

### ANC 6A Transactions FY21 Q3: Savings

Date	Payee/Payor	Cat	Deposit	Transfer/Fee
4/1/2021	Interest Earned	D-I		
5/1/2021	Interest Earned	D-I		
6/1/2021	Interest Earned	D-I		





## Committee Reports

### Community Outreach Committee (COC)



#### Minutes

ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) of  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A  
Regular Meeting - June 28, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Quorum present.

**COC members present:** Roni Hollmon (Chair), Sarah Bell, Stephanie Thangavelu and Marc Friend

**COC members absent:** Jason Gresh, Gladys Mack

**Commissioners present:** Amber Gove, Keya Chatterjee and Robb Dooling

**Presenters:** Patricia Thomson, Representative, Capitol Hill Village; Naïké Savain, Policy Council, DC Justice Lab; and Benjamin Merrick, Organizer, Abel Amene, Organizer and Alexandra Seymour, Organizer, Metro DC DSA and Defund MPD Coalition Metro DC

**Community members present:** Dawn Frischer (Captioner), Afeni X

**Capitol Hill Village:** Ms Thomson gave a presentation on the Capitol Hill Village portion of the Phase II Hill East Project. She shared that after looking at all the bidders, which are broken up in bundles; that the best developer for Bundle 1 is NPR Argos and for Bundle 2 is J. R. Lynch. She discussed how their visions are a holistic approach to senior housing and services.

**Recommendation** - Committee Member Friend moved and Commissioner Dooling seconded a motion that ANC6A send a letter in support for the need for the development to include housing for seniors and with 50% deeply affordable housing as defined by 30% AML. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**DC Justice Lab & Metro DC DSA and Defund MPD Coalition Metro DC:** The two organizations did a collaborative presentation. Abel Amene discussed what their organization would like to see moving forward with policing in DC. The coalition is made up of 29 groups and growing. Alexandra Seymour followed with information on additional points and finally Benjamin Merrick discussed additional points. For a more detailed roadmap, visit their website [Defundmpd.org](http://Defundmpd.org).

Ms. Savain, who in addition to being Policy Counsel for DC Justice Lab, was a member of the Police Reform Commission, talked about some highlights of the 300 page report, which can be found at [dcpolicereform.com](http://dcpolicereform.com).

**Recommendation** - Commissioner Dooling moved and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded a motion that ANC6A adopt a resolution in support of the Police Reform Commission recommendations. Motion passed 7-0-0.

**Community Comments** - Afeni X inquired why it might be difficult to get the strongest version possible of police reform passed by the ANC. Chair Hollmon responded that while Commissioners serve their constituents, they are also individuals with their own.



## **Committee Reports**

### **Community Outreach Committee (COC)**



Meeting adjourned 8:24 pm.



## Committee Reports

### Community Outreach Committee (COC)



July xx, 2021

John Falcicchio, Deputy Mayor  
Planning and Economic Development  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 317  
Washington, DC 20004  
VIA: [John.Falcicchio@dc.gov](mailto:John.Falcicchio@dc.gov)

RE: ANC 6A's Comment on the Hill East Redevelopment Phase II RFP Solicitation

Dear: Deputy Mayor Falcicchio

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on Thursday, July 8, 2021, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send the following letter as our comment to the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development ("DMPED") on the Hill East Redevelopment Phase II RFP Solicitation.

ANC 6A urges DMPED to consider the following two priorities for the selection of developers for the Hill East Phase II Redevelopment. We also recognize that the Hill East Redevelopment is located in ANC 7F and we are sending this as an interested near-adjacent Commission. While the deadline for public comment has passed we hope that our submission may be considered in your final evaluation.

**ANC 6A calls for 50% of units in the development to be at 30% AMI or below.** Reservation 13 provides a once in a generation opportunity to create a large volume of affordable housing to meet the community's needs. A healthy and vibrant community must provide real affordable housing options as diverse as the population it needs to serve. Affordable housing should include a significant number of units appropriately sized for families. Hill East is a rapidly gentrifying community, and in recent years, it has experienced a great deal of displacement of low and middle-income families who were long-time residents of our community. The Hill East Phase II Redevelopment must meet the housing needs of these families, and provide opportunities for these neighbors to stay in the community they have called home for many decades.

**Prioritize Affordable Housing for Seniors:** There are approximately 250,000 adults who are 50 years and older living in DC. Of these, about half live in Wards proximate to Hill East; over 33,000 live in Ward 7 and over 30,000 live in Ward 6. There is a critical need among this population for suitable housing and services. ANC 6A believes that the development of Hill East offers a unique opportunity to create a vibrant diverse neighborhood that embraces our seniors. With this in mind, we ask the city to favor developers who include a continuum of mixed-income senior housing with a focus on affordable

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housing (e.g., independent living apartments and Green House® compliant assisted living and skilled nursing facilities with memory care). Also important are services that enable those who wish to age in their own homes (e.g., an adult day center and a geriatrics clinic).

Thank you for giving great weight to the comments and recommendations of ANC6A. 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





## Committee Reports

### Community Outreach Committee (COC)



6/8/2021 (revised)

#### Via email

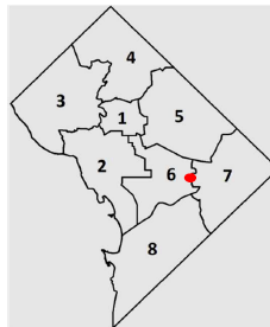
The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 317  
Washington, DC 20004  
Attention: Ketan Gada, Director Hill East District Redevelopment (Ketan.gada@dc.gov)

#### Subject: HILL EAST PHASE II DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

Capitol Hill Village (CHV) is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization with over 400 members. Our mission is to help older adults remain healthy and engaged as they age in their community. Through our advocacy work with the DC Council, ANCs, businesses, and government agencies, we support seniors living across the city. Please find below our analysis and recommendations on the subject proposals. We hope you find them helpful.

#### Compelling Need

- There are approximately 250,000 adults who are 50 years and older living in DC. Of these, about half live in Wards proximate to Hill East; over 33,000 live in Ward 7 and over 30,000 live in Ward 6. There is a critical need among this population for suitable housing and services.
- CHV believes DC has the opportunity to become a national leader when it comes to the quality-of-life and care of older residents. One way to do this is to build age-friendly neighborhoods that include an array of housing, services, and recreation for older adults, as well as children and families. We believe Hill East can become a model for such a neighborhood (see attached vision). Indeed, our team believes the development of this area offers an unparalleled opportunity to create a world-class urban space that embraces our seniors and that serves as a national showcase for intergenerational neighborhoods.



#### Analysis of Development Team Proposals

The tables on pages three and four summarize our analysis<sup>1</sup>. We were generally impressed with the proposed designs and development teams. The tables highlight the areas where *there were the greatest differences* in the proposals: (1) quality of life for residents and the surrounding community, (2) affordable housing, (3) equitable home ownership, and (4) local business development. Our full analysis, which uses all of the criteria in the RFP, is available upon request.

#### Bundle 1 (Preferred Developer: NRP/Argos)

- The scale and design of both proposals appear to be compatible with the adjacent Hill East area.
- Blue Skye / Donatelli is proposing an attractive design, mixing contemporary and traditional styles, as well as good use of greenspace. However, NRP/ Argos is proposing significantly more community benefits, including: low-income assisted living for seniors, child care, a community health center, micro mobility / public transport, and a grocery store.
- NRP/ Argos is also proposing more affordable housing (275 units vs 272 units).
- Finally, NPR/Argos is proposing more robust home-ownership and local business programs.
- We note that NPR/Argos has not yet indicated an operator for the Assisted Living facility, nor are they proposing a Green House<sup>®</sup> compliant facility, and we look forward to discussing this further with them.

<sup>1</sup> *Methodology:* Approximately 30 members of CHV's Advocacy Corps heard the May 20<sup>th</sup> presentations by developers. Their feedback was synthesized and informed an assessment of the proposals. This assessment compared the information in the developers' presentations (found on the DMPED website) to the "Preferences and Evaluation Criteria" in the RFP. We assumed all proposals are generally compliant with DC planning documents, requirements of land use, and zoning.



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### Community Outreach Committee (COC)



#### Bundle 2 (Preferred Developer: Jair Lynch)

- Jair Lynch is proposing *significantly* more community and quality-of-life benefits for residents of all ages. They are offering a continuum of Green House® compliant senior housing, including independent living apartments for seniors, an assisted living facility with memory care, and a skilled nursing facility. They are also proposing short-term rehab services, an Adult Day Health Center, and a primary care geriatrics clinic. These are the core elements that will help make Hill East a national model for senior-friendly neighborhoods.
- Jair Lynch is also proposing housing and supportive services for at risk youth, programming for culture and lifestyle events including sports and recreation, a community hub with collaboration space, and programs to engage local artists.
- In terms of affordable housing, Jair Lynch's proposal is also strongest. They are proposing 420 affordable units (vs 259 and 334), and their affordability and workforce mix is more robust.
- Both Jair Lynch and R13 offer strong plans for local business development and equitable homeownership. In terms of equitable homeownership, both are offering similar numbers (Jair Lynch is offering 120 homes; R13 is offering 126), but Jair Lynch offers more "affordable" for-sale units
- R13's design and use of greenspace are strong, and their proposals for co-living and a hotel are interesting. However, we do not think they outweigh the community, quality-of-life, and housing benefits proposed by Jair Lynch.
- We were pleased Home Team Community Partners included senior assisted living and an Adult Day Health Center in their presentation. But the senior housing and services proposed by Jair Lynch are stronger, as is their affordable and workforce housing. And there are concerns that the proposed Home Depot and office building are not consistent with the scale and nature of the surrounding neighborhood. Moreover, they will introduce considerable delivery truck and car traffic into the area.

#### Additional Input

- Senior housing and services fall squarely into the quality-of-life and community benefits categories, as well as the economic benefits grouping. However, to encourage more developers to meet the city's need for senior housing and services, we recommend DMPED add these to future "preferences and evaluation" criteria.
- Residents in this new neighborhood will be represented by ANC 7F. Therefore, input from this ANC is important. In addition to ANC 7F, the city should also consider input from ANCs 6B and 6A. Residents of these ANCs are the only ones who live immediately adjacent to the development area. Indeed, some live directly across from it on 19th Street, and others just a few blocks away. The input from these two ANCs should be given great weight.
- Transportation improvements will be required to ensure people living east of the river have ready access to Hill East amenities. Collectively, one-way arterials, the presence of the river, and Kenilworth highway hinder movement between residential areas east of the Anacostia and Hill East. Until the necessary transportation improvements are made, CHV is committed to working closely with WMATA and other transit providers, as well as the Villages network and DC agencies to ensure seniors on both sides of the river have access to Hill East.

Separately, the Jair Lynch and NPR/Argos proposals are strong. Together they will help Hill East become a thriving mixed-income intergenerational community. Jair Lynch's comprehensive plan for seniors will be supplemented by the additional assisted living units proposed by NPR/Argos. NPR/Argos will bring child care to the table; Jair Lynch will bring youth housing and services, as well as "programming for culture and lifestyle events including sports and recreation." And the synergies that result from shared programming will benefit, not just the involved children, youths, and seniors, but the entire community.

Judy Berman  
Executive Director, Capitol Hill Village

Bruce Brennan  
President of the Board of Directors, Capitol Hill Village



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#### Bundle 1 (corrected version)

	<i>Blue Skye / Donatelli</i>	<i>NRP / Argos</i>
Quality of life for residents and the surrounding community	<p><i>Senior Housing and Services:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attractive design and landscaping</li> <li>• "Linear" park with good green space integrated around buildings</li> <li>• Anticipating small local grocery and restaurants</li> <li>• Retail</li> </ul>	<p><i>Senior Housing and Services</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low-income assisted living - 161 units (Valstone is builder, operator not selected yet; traditional not Green House®; all units for 30% AMI)</li> <li>• Child care center</li> <li>• Community health center</li> <li>• <i>Cross-walk of Vision &amp; Benefits slides:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Micro mobility &amp; public transport, internet as public utility, local education, safe streets, walkability, support for local artists, Hill East scholarships</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 15,000 SF grocery</li> <li>• Retail</li> </ul>
Affordable housing (rental)	<p>907 total units 272 affordable No info on mix or on rent/own</p>	<p>783 total rental units 275 affordable 30% - 197 50% - 40 60% - 38 80% - 318 120% - 0 Market –190</p> <p>Deeply affordable (0-50% AMI) – 237 Middle-income (60-120% AMI) – 356 Market – 190</p>
Equitable home ownership	Info not provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 108 "for-sale units" (affordable and workforce)</li> <li>• Partnering with Marshall Heights Community Development Organization</li> </ul>
Local businesses	"The respondent will meet the CBE contracting requirements of 35%. The respondent has exceeded this requirement with the G1/Park Kennedy project."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11,000 SF for "local" businesses</li> <li>• Business incubator (ARCH/MHCDO)</li> <li>• Workforce development/training (ARCH/MHCDO)</li> </ul>

*Green highlights indicate stronger proposal (based on developers' presentations)*



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#### Bundle 2

	<i>Home Team Community Partners</i>	<i>Jair Lynch</i>	<i>R13 Community Partners</i>
<b>Quality of life for residents and the surrounding community</b>	<p><i>Senior Housing:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisted living</li> </ul> <p><i>Senior Services:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult day health center</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home Depot (but concerns about scale and traffic)</li> <li>Nice park; "outdoor recreational space and a walkable, pedestrian-friendly retail plaza..."</li> <li>Retail</li> </ul>	<p><i>Senior Housing (212):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent senior apartments</li> <li>Assisted living</li> <li>Assisted living with memory care</li> <li>Skilled nursing</li> <li>Green House® compliant</li> </ul> <p><i>Senior Services:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short-term rehab</li> <li>Adult day health center</li> <li>Primary care geriatric medicine</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing and supportive services for at risk youth</li> <li>Programming for culture and lifestyle events, including sports and recreation</li> <li>Community hub with collaboration space</li> <li>Engaging local artists</li> <li>"Park for all"</li> <li>Potential grocery</li> <li>Retail</li> </ul>	<p><i>Senior Housing:</i></p> <p><i>Senior Services:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hotel with rooftop lounge</li> <li>Potential "quality grocery"</li> <li>"Variety of quality retail"</li> <li>Relisha Rudd Park / Trail / Greenspace</li> </ul>
<b>Affordable housing</b>	<p>700 total units 259 affordable No info on mix</p>	<p><b>1,188 total units</b> <b>420 affordable</b> 30% - 180 50% - 160 60% - 80 80% - 42 120% - 581 Market - 145</p> <p><b>Deeply affordable - 340</b> <b>Middle-income - 703</b> <b>Market - 145</b></p>	<p>1,005 total units 334 affordable + 35 co-living beds 30% - 184 50% - 150 60% - 0 80% - 334 120% - 0 Market - 333</p> <p>Deeply affordable - 334 Middle-income - 334 Market - 333</p>
<b>Local businesses</b>	<p><i>From slides:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No mention of local businesses or CBEs</li> </ul>	<p><i>From slides:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A robust outreach plan for capacity building strategies, and diversity target metrics</li> <li>Local neighborhood partners, businesses, and workforce from within the surrounding community</li> <li>Reduced retail rent for CBE food entrepreneurs</li> </ul>	<p><i>From slides:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local business employment and opportunities</li> <li>Incubator space for local entrepreneurs, start-ups and job training facilities</li> <li>Education, job training, and job placement</li> </ul>
<b>Equitable home ownership</b>	<p>No info provided</p>	<p>Rosewood Strategies: 120 40 affordable 30% - 20 50% - 0 60% - 20 Market - 80</p>	<p>Menkiti Group: 126 38 affordable 30% - 0 50% - 19 60% - 19 Market - 88*</p>

\*The R13 presentation uses 87, but we have used 88 so the total equals 126 as R13 proposed





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## Creating a National Model for Age-Friendly Neighborhoods

By Patricia Powers Thomson and Susan Sedgewick

Cities rarely have access to large tracts of underdeveloped land, or to the unique opportunity they present to create something remarkable—to leverage the collective knowledge of experts, visionaries, and citizens to develop a world-class urban space. This is the opportunity Hill East offers the District.

As the city develops Hill East, the large tract abutting RFK Stadium and the Anacostia river, we hope it creates a multi-generational mixed-income neighborhood that is senior-friendly. When it comes to taking care of seniors, DC is in the middle of the pack. We rank 19th in the Milken Institute's *Best Cities for Successful Aging*; 9th in AARP's *Most Livable Places at 50+*; and 58th in WalletHub's *Best Places for Retirees*. We're doing okay, and thanks to the work of

organizations like Age-Friendly DC, we're doing better than in the past. But okay isn't good enough. Developing Hill East with the following three elements, will help make our city a national model for senior living.

### World-Class Geriatrics Center

DC needs a world class geriatrics facility, and Hill East is an ideal location. As a branch of one of the city's outstanding medical centers, a "Hill East Center for Geriatric Medicine" would provide world-class health and rehabilitation services to seniors, as well as training and research programs.

### Senior-Friendly Housing Options

Hill East should have both market-rate and subsidized residences suitable for seniors. Suitability means incorporating universal design features (e.g., grab bars, wide hallways,

roll-in showers), as well as one-level living options and grade level entries for townhomes.

For seniors who can no longer live independently and choose to move to an assisted living facility, we envision a state-of-the-art facility, coupled with several integrated "Green House homes." When necessary, seniors can transition to one of these homes and receive skilled nursing care in home-like settings without leaving their families, friends, and neighbors (see [www.thegreenhouseproject.org](http://www.thegreenhouseproject.org)).

Finally, Hill East should include affordable housing for personal care aides, home health aides, and other low to moderate-wage staff working in the

community. These staff are essential. Enabling them to live near where they work (while concurrently working to improve pay and benefits), is a win for the staff, those they support, and the larger community.

### Services to Facilitate "Aging at Home"

According to AARP, the vast majority of older adults want to stay in their homes and communities as they age. Not only is aging-in-place preferred by seniors, it is less expensive for families and for taxpayers. With the right incentives, Hill East can become a *provider-hub* for the following services, creating synergies and improving delivery across the city:

**Homecare Services.** Many seniors who are relatively healthy still need the help of personal care aides to assist with the activities of daily living. Others need the support of home health aides, as well as visiting nurses and visiting physicians. These services can be integrated with the Geriatrics Center or provided by independent agencies located in the community.

**Homecare Training and Internship Program.** There is a serious shortage of home health and personal care aides. Hill East would be a great place to locate a training and internship program to ensure a strong pipeline of qualified aides while also increasing employment opportunities for DC residents. This program could be run by the "Hill East Campus" of an existing educational institution serving not only seniors, but the entire community.

**An Adult Day Health Center with Memory Care (ADHC).** ADHCs provide a range of programs for seniors with physical and cognitive challenges. They also provide respite for family caregivers. ANC's 6A, 6B,

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Hill East Center for Geriatric Medicine	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Health services for older adults
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Geriatric training programs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Geriatric research programs
Age-Friendly Housing Options	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Market-rate and subsidized residential units suitable for older adults
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Assisted living facility, coupled with integrated Green House homes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affordable housing set-asides for homecare aides working in community
Services Hub to Facilitate "Aging at Home"	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Homecare services (e.g., personal care aides, home health aides)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Homecare training and internship program
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adult day health center (ADHC)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hospice services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quality-of-life services: senior-friendly recreational facilities, transportation, and life-long learning programs



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### A National Model for Age-Friendly Neighborhoods *continued from page 14*

and 6C have all advocated for an ADHC. Taking their support a step further, ANC 6B worked with Capitol Hill Village and Felice Development to secure \$225,000 to help plan, design, and fundraise for such a center.

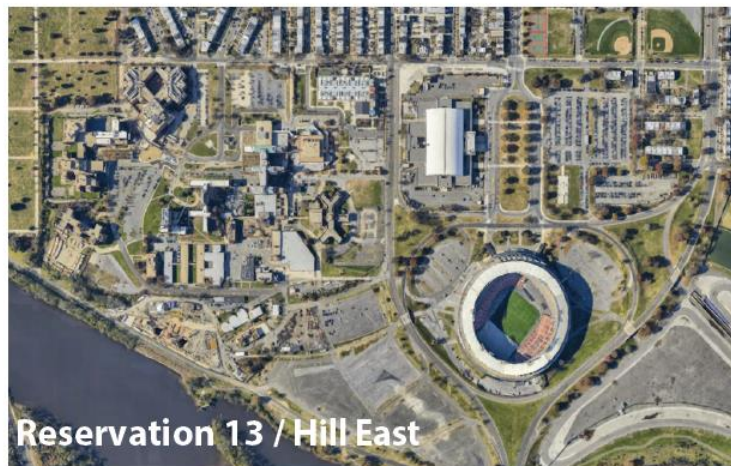
**Hospice Services.** According to the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, Medicare beneficiaries are less likely to die in hospitals, and more likely to die at home. As people near the end of their lives, in-home hospice services attend to their palliative, emotional, and spiritual needs.

**Quality-of-Life Facilities.** Finally, we hope Hill East will include senior-friendly recreational facilities, transportation, and life-long learning programs, all of which are important for maintaining independence and health.

The need for the above will only grow as the population of older adults grows, and as concerns about future pandemics make previous models of senior care untenable. Making this vision a reality will require the collaboration of many stakeholders, and strong leadership on the part of the city. Indeed, development has already started, and a new “request for proposals” has been released. We hope the city will look favorably on proposals that incorporate the above ideas.

Hill East offers an unparalleled opportunity to create a world-class urban space that embraces older adults as part of a thriving, socially and economically diverse, intergenerational community. Let’s take full advantage of the unique opportunity we have been given to become a national model for senior living.

*Patricia Powers Thomson and Susan Sedgewick are members of the Capitol Hill Village Board and its Advocacy Team.*



#### FAST FACTS ON AGING IN DC

- Seniors are one of the fastest growing segments of the population.
- 34% of registered voters in DC are at least 50 years old (31% in Ward 6, 46% in Ward 7, and 36% in Ward 8).
- Nine of ten registered voters in DC, age 35 and over, believe it is important to remain at home as long as possible even if they need long-term care services (AARP).
- 86% of registered voters in DC, age 35 and over, support increasing funds for services that help people remain in their homes and communities as they age (AARP).
- Aging-in-place is preferred by seniors. It is also less expensive — for families and for taxpayers.
- COVID-19 has underscored the benefits of aging-at-home, or if that is not possible, in small home-like settings like “Green House” homes. According to a recent article in *Forbes*, 42% of all COVID-19 deaths have taken place in nursing homes. Per the *Journal of Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine*, death rates in home and home-like settings were less than 1% compared to 11% in traditional nursing homes.





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#### HILL EAST: CREATING A NATIONAL MODEL FOR AGE-FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOODS FAQs

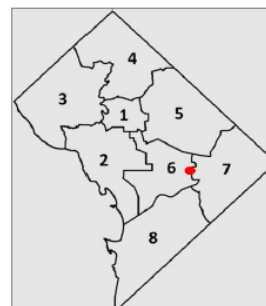
Since its publication in early 2021, the response to CHV's vision for Hill East has been overwhelmingly positive. The following "questions and answers" address topics that have arisen during the course of a number of fruitful discussions with stakeholders.

**Q: The vision talks about things like a "Hill East Center for Geriatrics Medicine," a continuum of senior housing, and an Adult Day Health Center. What wards will have access to these services?**

**A:** The services will be accessible to all DC residents. Because Hill East is at the center of four wards, these services will be particularly convenient to residents in Wards 5, 6, 7, and 8.

**Q: How many older adults live in those Wards?**

**A:** As the table below shows, just over half of DC seniors and *prospective* seniors (those 50 years and older) live in these wards. To access these services now, many residents must go to the west side of the city, to Maryland, or to Virginia.



Projected Residents 50 and Older by Ward

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 6	Ward 7	Ward 8
>50	24,079	24,548	34,839	37,899	35,533	30,414	33,111	25,800
Rank	8	7	3	1	2	5	4	6

Source: <https://planning.dc.gov/node/596612>; 2010 data for age  $\geq 40$  (i.e.,  $\geq 50$  in 2020)

**Q: The vision also talks about creating a national model. Is this realistic?**

**A:** Absolutely. Examples of successful models being replicated are plentiful, from green cities and "cities of the future" to housing and healthcare reform. We believe this model of a mixed-income intergenerational community that embraces seniors will benefit not just communities in eastern DC, but can be replicated across the city, and indeed, the country. We call it the C3 impact – community, city, and country. Of course, making this vision a reality will require the collaboration of many stakeholders, strong leadership on the part of the city, and active advocacy. It is also more likely to happen with federal support. Fortunately, the current administration had already voiced strong support for the ideas espoused in CHV's vision.

**Q: What do you mean by a continuum of housing and why is it important?**

**A:** There are almost 90,000 65+ residents in DC. That number is growing and so, too, is the need for suitable housing options. We believe Hill East should have a continuum of affordable housing, including senior-friendly houses/apartments/condos for those who can live independently, assisted living facility for those who need more help, and *Green House*® compliant nursing homes so those who need skilled care can receive it in a homelike setting.

**Q: What does "Green House" compliant mean?**

**A:** "*Green House*® compliant" homes are small home-like residences serving 12-14 residents. They offer private rooms/apartments with bathrooms, plenty of activities but no rigid schedules, and shared common areas (including living rooms, kitchens, and dining rooms). They also use a radically different staffing model built on the ideas of empowerment, equality, and mutual respect. In this model skilled and versatile staff develop close personal relationships with residents. These features lead to improved quality-of-life for the residents and reduced staff turn-over. Finally, there are none of the upfront costs typical in the senior housing industry. Urban



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multi-floor Green House Homes (which have separate “homes” on each floor) have already been successfully established in Detroit, Boston, and New York City. In the words of Toni Davis, the CEO of a Green House Homes enterprise: “We chose to build Green House homes because this model provides a better life for elders along with the highest quality clinical care. A bonus was how much the lives of the staff members has improved” (<https://thegreenhouseproject.org/about/visionmission>).

**Q: Does DC really need a Center for Geriatric Medicine?**

A: Yes. There are only 20 board certified geriatricians in DC, and no nationally ranked geriatrics programs. We envision a primary care hub that specializes in geriatrics, and that can provide out-patient services, make referrals, and support student rotations and research. Ideally, they would also offer home visits and even care coordinators who can help navigate systems and coordinate care. The center could be run by a single provider, or a consortium of providers. It could also support a PACE program (see next question).

**Q: Do you envision a PACE site in Hill East? How would that fit into the Center for Geriatrics Medicine?**

A: Yes. The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) was established by Medicare to help independent seniors with complex medical needs. The program helps participants avoid nursing homes and instead, receive the care and services necessary to help them stay safe, comfortable, and healthy in their own homes. It also integrates Medicare and Medicaid benefits for eligible beneficiaries.

The District is currently in the process of developing its PACE program. Per the DC government, through “this model, beneficiaries are eligible for a broader array of benefits than is typically available under either Medicaid or Medicare programs, and their care is managed by a comprehensive, inter-disciplinary team of clinical professionals working to deliver high-quality and highly coordinated care....To be eligible for PACE, individuals must be 55 or older, meet the nursing facility level of care criteria, and reside in the proposed PACE service area,” which includes Wards 7 (<https://dhcf.dc.gov/page/pace-dc>).

Usually, the PACE payment model includes both Medicare and Medicaid financing, and all regularly covered Medicare and Medicaid services are integrated at a community-based site. That site could be co-located with the proposed Adult Day Health Center, Senior Housing, or Hill Center for Geriatrics Medicine.

**Q: This vision is comprehensive. How will it all be implemented?**

A: While each of the facilities and services in the vision is important, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. What makes this vision powerful is its holistic approach to senior services, integrated into a larger and diverse community. We envision it happening in phases, with the first phase being the current RFP. Since it will be the biggest land user, if we are successful getting a *continuum* of senior housing as an anchor (i.e., independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing), then we can find strong partners and move forward with the other components over time.

**Q: The vision talks about life-long learning programs. How will these be delivered?**

Life-long learning programs could be run via a “Hill East Campus” of an existing educational institution, serving not only seniors, but the entire community. Another alternative would be to establish a non-profit that would leverage programs, not only from universities, but also from our museums, adult-education programs, and life-long learning organizations (like Smithsonian Associates and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute). And the resulting training facilities could also be used by the proposed geriatrics training programs for doctors, nurses, and homecare aides.

**Q: What kinds of jobs will result from this vision?**

A: We believe several hundred good-paying jobs will be created. And to make the community attractive to low- and middle-income workers, our vision includes affordable housing for nurses, personal care aides, home health aides, and others working in the community. These staff are essential. Enabling them to live near where they work (while concurrently working to improve pay and benefits), is a win for the staff, those they support, and the larger community. Indeed, affordable housing is essential to building a thriving mixed-income intergenerational community.





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#### ANC 6A RESOLUTION NO. 2021-00X

*Resolution regarding ANC 6A support for all 90 recommendations of the DC Police Reform Commission*

**WHEREAS**, as a result of Black Lives Matter’s summer 2020 protests over the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and many others, the DC Council held hearings around the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) that elicited more than 16,000 witness statements,

**WHEREAS**, in July 2020, the DC Council passed the “Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Second Emergency Amendment Act of 2020”, which established the “DC Police Reform Commission” (the Commission) to “re-envision” policing,

**WHEREAS**, the Commission published a report in April 2021 titled, “Decentering Police to Improve Public Safety”<sup>1</sup> and outlined 90 recommendations with multiple sub-parts within eight sections,

**WHEREAS**, the Commission’s recommendations outlined for “Section I: Meeting Crisis with Specialized Skill and Compassion” should be accepted as outlined,

**WHEREAS**, the Commission’s recommendations outlined for “Section II: Strengthening the Safety Net and Decriminalizing Poverty” should be accepted as outlined,

**WHEREAS**, the Commission’s recommendations outlined for “Section III: Back to Normal: Re-Establishing Police Free-Schools” should be accepted as outlined,

**WHEREAS**, the Commission’s recommendations outlined for “Section IV: Trusting and Investing in Communities to Stem Gun Violence” should be accepted as outlined,

**WHEREAS**, the Commission’s recommendations outlined for “Section V: Embracing a Harm-Reduction Approach to Policing” should be accepted as outlined,

**WHEREAS**, the Commission’s recommendations outlined for “Section VI: Developmentally Appropriate: Taking Special Measures to Protect Young People from Over-Policing and Criminalization” should be accepted as outlined,

**WHEREAS**, the Commission’s recommendations outlined for “Section VII: Guardians First: Building a Trusted, Community-Centered Police Department” should be accepted as outlined,

**WHEREAS**, the Commission’s recommendations outlined for “Section VIII: Holding Police Accountable” should be accepted as outlined,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://dccouncil.us/police-reform-commission-full-report/>



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**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC 6A urges Mayor Bowser and the DC Council to implement all 90 recommendations of the DC Police Reform Commission as soon as possible.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 6A urges Mayor Bowser and the DC Council to provide funding at the levels recommended by the DC Police Reform Commission and make permanent the specific recommendations amplified in this resolution.

Attested by:

Amber Gove

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

July X, 2020

This Resolution was approved by a vote of X-X-X on July 8, 2021 at a public meeting of ANC6A at which a quorum was present.



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### Alcoholic Beverage and Licensing (ABL)



Minutes  
Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A  
Tuesday, June 22, 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 June 22, 2021, on a publicly posted Zoom event.

Committee Members Present: Nick Alberti (Co-Chair), Mark Samburg (Co-Chair), Mona Hatoum  
Committee Members Absent: Kate Robinson  
Commissioners Present: Robb Dooling  
Establishment Representatives Present: Sandra Basanti, Renee Goins, Kadie Bangura

I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

Mr. Alberti called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and reminded attendees that the meeting was being recorded. Mr. Alberti noted that three committee members and one Commissioner were present and that constituted a quorum. The agenda was approved without objection.

II. New Business

Ms. Hatoum introduced Mr. Virgil (Ian) Stanford to the Committee. Mr. Sanford expressed interest in joining the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee. Committee members welcomed Mr. Sanford and agreed that he would be a welcome addition to the Committee. Mr. Sanford resides in SMD 6A01 and will be nominated to join the Committee by Commissioner Keya Chatterjee.

- Discussion of an amendment to the Pie Shop Settlement Agreement (SA) - ABRA-087422, 1339 H Street NE. The licensee, Sandra Bassanti requested that ANC 6A modify the SA for the Pie Shop to allow entertainment on the summer garden. Ms. Mona Hatoum noted that the summer garden (a second story deck) is far enough from neighboring residents that sound from entertainment would not be a detriment to the community. Commissioner Robb Dooling commented that he has spoken to many constituents in favor of allowing outdoor entertainment in the neighborhood.

Ms. Hatoum made a motion to recommend that the ANC 6A amend the Pie Shop SA as follows:

1. Strike the prohibition in in the current SA against allowing live and prerecorded music on the summer garden;
2. Strike the current restrictions on hours of operation for the summer garden; and
3. Add the following requirements:
  - a. Any speakers installed on rear exterior shall not be directed toward the rear alley.
  - b. The operation for the summer garden shall end by 12:00 am. Sunday through Thursday, excluding the eve of Federal holiday and shall end by 2:00 am. on Friday and Saturday nights and on the eve of Federal holidays.
  - c. There shall be no entertainment in the form of live bands and/or DJs in the summer garden after 8:00 pm.



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The motion was seconded by Mr. Mark Samburg. The motion passed 3-1 with Mr. Alberti in opposition.

- A second related motion was made by Mr. Alberti to recommend that ANC 6A designate Mr. Alberti, Mr. Samburg, Commissioner Dooling, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of ANC 6A to represent the ANC 6A in the matter of the Pie Shop SA amendment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hatoum and passed 4-0.
- Discussion of an amendment to the Gold Room Bar and Lounge Settlement Agreement (SA) - ABRA-114757, 1370 H St NE. The licensee, Mrs. Renee Goins requested that the ANC 6A amend the establishment's SA to allow pre-recorded music to be played on the summer garden. Ms. Hatoum mentioned that residences across a rear alley are close to the establishment's summer garden. It was noted that the current SA includes the following provision: 'No sound, noise, music, or voices emanating from the licensed establishment shall be of such intensity that it may be heard in any premises other than the licensed establishment.'

Mr. Samburg made the motion to recommend that the ANC 6A amend the SA for the Gold Room Bar and Lounge as follows: 1) strike the prohibition in the current SA against prerecorded on summer garden 2) require that any speakers installed on the summer garden shall not be directed toward the rear alley; and 3) Mr. Alberti, Mr. Samburg, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of ANC 6A be designated to represent the ANC 6A in this matter.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Hatoum. It passed 3-1 with Mr. Alberti in opposition.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.



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Made this 17th day of June, 2021

by and between

**Wasted, Inc.**  
**t/a Cru Hemp Lounge**  
**ABRA-117958**  
816 H Street NE  
Washington DC 20002

and

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A**

#### **Preamble**

Through this Agreement, both parties aim to create an environment whereby Applicant may operate as a viable contributing business in the ANC 6A community, while concurrently curtailing any adverse effects a business such as Applicant's could have on the surrounding neighborhood.

Applicant is encouraged to work regularly with ANC 6A, neighborhood associations, and residents to ensure the business operations do not adversely affect the surrounding neighborhood. All parties believe the statements and provisions contained in this Agreement are reasonable and must become wholly integrated into the day-to-day operation of the establishment.

#### **Witnesseth**

Whereas, Applicant's premises are within the boundaries of ANC 6A; and,

Whereas, the parties desire to enter into an agreement governing certain requirements and understandings regarding the issuance of a Class CT Liquor License at the subject premises; and,

Whereas the parties wish to state their mutual intention and commitment to promote the success, peace, order, quiet, and equity of the community. Both parties recognize the importance of commercial districts (and limited commercial operations within residential districts) and their adjacent neighborhoods that are safe, clean, and "pedestrian friendly."

#### **The Parties Agree As Follows:**

1. **Public Space Cleanliness and Maintenance.** Applicant will maintain the public space (minimally the front sidewalk up to and including the gutter in front of the subject premises, and the alleyway behind the subject premises) adjacent to the establishment in a clean and litter-free condition by:
  - a. Picking up trash and recycling, including beverage bottles and cans, and all other trash a minimum of twice daily (once immediately before business hours and again between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.).

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- b. Maintaining regular trash, garbage, and recycling removal service, regularly removing trash and recycling from the trash and dumpster area, and seeing that the trash and dumpster area remain clean.
  - c. Depositing trash, garbage, and recycling only in rodent-proof dumpsters, and seeing that dumpster covers fit properly and remain fully closed except when trash, recycling, or garbage is being added or removed.
  - d. Exercising due diligence to prevent and/or rid vermin infestation in and around the establishment, including following, minimally, the recommendations and guidelines of the Vector Control Division of the Department of Public Works.
  - e. Assisting in maintenance of the curbs in front of the establishment to keep them free of trash and recycling, removing snow and ice from the sidewalk, and complying with all applicable D.C. laws and regulation in these respects.
  - f. Generally tending to tree boxes directly in front of the subject premises, if any.
  - g. Promptly removing or painting over any graffiti written on the exterior walls of the property.
  - h. Requiring the owner and employees not to park on public space between the building and the curb.
  - i. Not locating trash bins, chairs, tables, or other equipment on public space without a valid space permit.
- 2. Business Operations and Practices.**
- a. Applicant will not, directly or indirectly, sell or deliver alcohol to any intoxicated person or to any person who appears to be intoxicated.
  - b. Applicant agrees to take all necessary steps to prevent patron rowdiness, including refusing admission/service to rowdy and/or unruly persons.
  - c. Applicant agrees to ensure that no patron shall bring an open container of an alcoholic beverage into the establishment from outside sources or exit the establishment with an open container of an alcoholic beverage.
  - d. Applicant will not provide or sell alcoholic beverages “to go” except as authorized by DC law.
  - e. Applicant agrees not to promote or participate in bar or pub “crawls” or any other event of this nature unless the event has been reviewed and approved by the ABC Board.
  - f. The licensed establishment will be managed in person by Applicant or a board-licensed manager.
  - g. Applicant, and all employees that are designated to serve alcoholic beverages, shall attend and complete an alcoholic beverage server training course/seminar with sixty (60) days of commencing employment.
  - h. Applicant shall post a notice kept in good repair and visible from point of entry a sign that states:
    - i. Proper ID is required to be served and that the establishment will check IDs at all times prior to serving alcoholic beverages to patrons;
    - ii. It is illegal to sell alcohol to anyone under age 21;
    - iii. Patrons are requested not to litter, loiter, or make excessive noise in the neighborhood as they arrive or depart;
    - iv. Warning: Drinking alcoholic beverages during pregnancy can cause birth defects; and
    - v. The establishment requests that customers do not contribute to panhandlers.
  - i. Applicant shall make every effort to prohibit and prevent criminal activity on or in front of the establishment premises, to include:
    - i. Calling appropriate emergency services if illegal activity is observed;
    - ii. Keeping a written record of dates and times (a “call log”) when emergency services are called for assistance; and

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- iii. Applicant will maintain a detailed incident log. An incident is defined as any activity by patrons of the establishment inside or immediately outside the establishment that could lead to an ABRA investigation. Each incident will contain the date, time, and location of each incident with a concise summary. Guests and staff involved or witnesses of the incident will be identified and listed. If there is a medical or police response, that information will also be noted. Upon request of the Board, Applicant's call log and incident log shall be provided to the ABC Board and for good cause shown to the Board, and to any valid protestant during hearings involving future renewals or contested proceedings involving the Applicant's license.
- j. Applicant will utilize and maintain high-intensity floodlights on the exterior of its premises so as to fully light any abutting alleyway from dusk until dawn, consistent with District of Columbia light pollution regulations, 12-K DCMR § 409.
- k. Applicant shall provide valet parking services only with valet parking companies as defined, licensed, and in compliance with D.C. Municipal Regulations Title 24 Chapter 16. Applicant will not engage in valet parking that results in vehicles parked in residential parking spaces.
- l. The Applicant shall not allow or permit individuals to smoke tobacco or hookah inside the premises unless it has current and appropriate licenses and permits from the D.C. Department of Health e.g., a current DC Department of Health Smoking Exemption as part of their Basic Business License.

#### 3. Music / Dancing / Entertainment.

- a. Applicant agrees to ensure that sounds originating from within the establishment are mitigated by installing adequate soundproofing.
- b. No sound, noise, music, or voices emanating from the licensed establishment shall be of such intensity that it may be heard in any premises other than the licensed establishment. This restriction does not apply to: (1) sound, noise, music, or voices heard in any premises which are located within a C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-M, or M zone, as defined in the zoning regulations for the District, and (2) sound, noise, music, or voices occasioned by the normal opening of entrance and exit doors for the purpose of ingress and egress.
- c. In order to mitigate noise on a sidewalk café or summer garden the following steps will be taken:
  - i. Applicant shall not offer any type of entertainment or pre-recorded music on the summer garden and/or sidewalk café;
  - ii. A fence or other barrier will enclose the entire perimeter;
  - iii. No fewer than two signs will be clearly posted to remind guests to keep their voices at normal speaking volume;
  - iv. Staff will monitor the outdoor area to make sure guests do not raise their voices above normal speaking tones; and
  - v. Potted plants, trees, fountains, or other types of noise mitigation techniques will be incorporated into the decor.
- d. The hours of operation for a sidewalk café and/or summer garden are limited until 11:00 pm Sunday through Thursday evenings and 12:00 am on Friday and Saturday evenings. The sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages must end at that time and the patio must be cleared of all patrons and staff.
- e. Applicant may offer facilities for dancing for patrons only with an entertainment endorsement and may have recorded and background music without an entertainment endorsement. "Entertainment" means live music or any other live performance by an actual person, including live bands, karaoke, comedy shows, poetry readings, and disc jockeys. The term "entertainment" shall not include the operation of a jukebox, a television, a radio, or other prerecorded music.
- f. The Applicant will have an ABRA-accepted security plan in place.
- g. The kitchen shall remain open and operational up until at least one hour prior to closing.

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4. **Cooperation with ANC 6A.** Applicant is encouraged to work with ANC 6A, the Single Member District (SMD) ANC Commissioner within whose boundaries the establishment is located, the Chair of the ABL Committee, and other Commissioners whose SMDs are adjacent to the location of the establishment to address concerns arising from violations of this agreement.
5. **Modifications.** This Agreement may be modified, and such modification implemented by Applicant only by mutual agreement of the parties in writing and the subsequent approval of the modification by the ABC Board pursuant to DC Official Code § 25-446 or as required by District law.
6. **Miscellaneous.**
  - a. Applicant shall retain a copy of this Settlement Agreement in the establishment and have it available for review upon request.
  - b. Applicant will operate in compliance with all applicable DC laws and regulations. Any reference to specific laws and regulations in this Settlement Agreement is meant for informational purposes only. ANC 6A does not intend for any adjudicated violation of DC law or regulation to also be considered a violation of this Settlement Agreement.
  - c. Applicant is encouraged to participate in a Business Improvement District if one exists.
  - d. If any provision of this agreement, or any portion thereof, is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect.
7. **Enforcement.**
  - a. If any party hereto believes in good faith that the applicant is in violation of this agreement, written notice specifying the alleged violation shall be delivered to the applicant. The applicant shall have ten (10) days after receipt of such written notice to come into compliance with this agreement or respond to said alleged notice of default. In cases where the defaulting Party reasonably requires more than ten (10) days to come into compliance, the defaulting Party shall, within ten (10) days, make substantial efforts toward compliance and pursue those efforts until the default is corrected.
  - b. Applicant and the ANC 6A Commission agree to enter into this agreement. If the applicant should breach the conditions of this agreement and fail to come into compliance or make substantial efforts toward compliance as provided by Section 7(a) of this agreement, it is understood by all parties that the ANC 6A and/or its committees, or others may immediately petition the Alcohol Beverage Regulatory Administration (ABRA) to investigate violations of this agreement and take appropriate actions per 23 D.C.M.R.
  - c. This Settlement Agreement is binding on the applicant and its successors and will continue in force for any and all subsequent license holders at this location.



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#### In Witness Whereof

The parties have affixed hereto their hands and seals.

#### Applicant:

By: Michael Bryant / Anthony Brunson Date: 6/9/21

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Representative:

By: Amber Gove, Chair ANC6A Date: June 17, 2021

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## Committee Reports

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



#### MINUTES

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space (TPS) Committee Meeting

Public Meeting

June 21, 2021

Meeting held via WebEx

- I. **Call meeting to order.** Present: Commissioners Brian Alcorn, Keya Chatterjee, Laura Gentile, Amber Gove, Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, and Mike Soderman; TPS Committee Members Maura Dundon (Chair), Andrew Burnett, Hassan Christian, Jeff Fletcher, and Shaun Lynch.
- II. **Introductions and Announcements:** None.
- III. **Community Comment:** None
- IV. **Old Business:** Committee Member Shaun Lynch moved to begin with New Business pending the arrival of panelists scheduled to discuss the first item of Old Business on the agenda. Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- V. **New Business**
  - A. **Petition to officially name alley fronting Sq4546 Lot018 “Mamie Peanut Johnson Court.”**

The alley is the primary access for residences being constructed in the alley lot between 17th Street and 18th Streets NE and D and E Streets NE.

Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert led the discussion about an effort to name an alley in her SMD after a local public figure, Mamie “Peanut” Johnson. The alley currently has no name and is the primary access way for residences that will be developed on the alley lot. Without an official name, the residences will not be able to be assigned postal addresses.

Mamie “Peanut” Johnson was a baseball player who played for the Negro Leagues, after being refused the opportunity to try out for the women’s professional league due to her race. She lived in Rosedale until her death in 2017. Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert stated that she had collected around 60 neighborhood signatures on petitions to officially name the alley “Mamie Peanut Johnson Court.”

Guney Demirci, a representative of the business that will build residences on the alley, spoke in favor of the name.

Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert made the motion: *That ANC6A send a letter to Councilmember Charles Allen supporting naming the alley fronting Sq4546 Lot018 in Rosedale in honor of Mamie “Peanut” Johnson. The proposed name is “Mamie Peanut Johnson Court.”* Commissioner Brian Alcorn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- IV. **Old Business**

Committee Member Lynch made a motion to return to the agenda order upon the arrival of the panelists. Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

  - A. **District Department of Transportation (DDOT) C Street NE improvements update.**

Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen introduced the history of the DDOT C Street NE project and the improvements that would be created by the construction.





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Representatives from DDOT were present to discuss the plans to begin the construction project, which is intended to improve safety and connectivity.

Jam Kendrick, a consultant managing community outreach for the project, and Abdusemed Ali and Joe Lachewitz, of DDOT, were present to discuss the upcoming construction. More information about the project, including the timeline and a map, is available online at <https://www.cstne.com/>, and additional questions and concerns can be submitted to DDOT there.

Community members present submitted questions via the WebEx chat. In response to questions, the DDOT representatives stated that the construction would impact parking, but most of the impact would be on C Street. Construction is planned to last for 17 months, with consistent construction throughout the corridor. The driving lanes will be narrowed to calm traffic. Streetlights will be reinstalled and timed according to DDOT standards. Parking will return to normal after the project is finished, with some possible slight reductions for carve-outs. The project is intended to calm traffic, and so should calm the speeding and crashes in the corridor.

There were some questions that the DDOT representatives were not able to answer, as they were beyond the scope of their intended presentation for the evening, including parking, bike shares, dirt bikes, and the role of RFK plans. Mr. Ali urged community members to direct these questions to DDOT separately.

Will Handsfield from DDOT discussed the proposal to create bike infrastructure on North Carolina Avenue NE to connect to the C Street bike lane.

Commissioner Amber Gove made the motion: *That ANC6A send a letter to DDOT requesting that they install radar feedback signs and other traffic calming measures on D Street NE and East Capitol Street during the C Street improvement project, expedite traffic calming on C Street NE from the 1500 block to 800 block, and work to clarify connectivity for cyclists at the western end of the C Street project scope.* Commissioner Keya Chatterjee seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **B. Public space permit application for an outdoor patio at the Capitol Square Bar and Grill at 1500 E. Capitol Street (Tracking # 10852880)**

The Committee discussed the application for a sidewalk café (AKA patio) at the corner of 15th and East Capitol Streets NE. The application had been discussed at the June 2021 ANC 6A meeting, and the permit applicant's representatives (Mo Soliman, Joe Spinelli, and Chander Jayaraman) wished to return to TPS to request support for more outside seating than the ANC had resolved to support. Specifically, ANC 6A approved 35 seats with a maximum occupancy of 40 people; and the applicant's representatives wished to receive support for higher occupancy (54 or 56) until 8:30 pm, then reduce seating to 35 seats until closing.

Mr. Soliman stated that he had spoken with community members, who were supportive of the expanded patio.

Michael Cushman, a community member who serves on the ANC6A Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ) Committee, discussed his view that the permit applicant's drawings submitted to DDOT were not correct. Commissioner Alcorn agreed that he believed the drawings were erroneous, and also stated that he would want the patio to provide more clearance for the sidewalk. Chair Maura Dundon asked whether the ANC 6A ABRA settlement agreement could



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include the phased times and capacity. Nick Alberti, Chair of the ANC 6A Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee, stated that he believed that time aspects of ANC settlement agreements are difficult to enforce in general.

Commissioner Alcorn made the motion: *That ANC 6A support the application of Capitol Square Bar and Grill for the unenclosed sidewalk cafe [applied for in tracking DTOPS Occupancy Permit Tracking Number 10852880] on the following conditions:*

- a. *The dimensions of the public space concerned at the corner of 15th and East Capitol St NE be physically validated and agreed to by the applicant, a member of the Committee and Commissioner Brian Alcorn prior to the next meeting of ANC 6A on July 8, 2021;*
- b. *That the dimensions of the passageway on 15th Street NE abutting the west side of the cafe be 13 feet as measured from 15th Street beginning at and inclusive of the curb line to the cafe perimeter;*
- c. *That the dimensions of the passageway on East Capitol Street NE be 13 feet from the rear bicycle tire of a bicycle properly docked in a Capitol Bikeshare rack to the south wall of the sidewalk cafe;*
- d. *That the applicant revise his outdoor seating area plans to reflect the corrected dimensions and measurements with the DDOT Public Space Committee prior to ANC 6A's next meeting, noting the measurements were previously inaccurate;*
- e. *That the occupancy of the cafe be 35 seated and no more than 40 total between standing and seated guests;*
- f. *That the hours of the sidewalk cafe be no later than 7:00 am - 10:00 pm, Sunday thru Thursday and 7:00 am - 11:00 pm Friday and Saturday;*
- g. *That the 20x25 (estimated) foot umbrella be replaced with individual table umbrellas;*
- h. *That the Cupboard dumpster issue be resolved;*
- i. *That should all provisions of this suggested motion not be met or agreed to prior to July 8, 2021 (the next meeting of ANC 6A) that ANC 6A's motion adopted on June 10, 2021 (concerning Capitol Square Bar and Grill) be submitted to DDOT's Public Space Committee.*

Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

After the vote, Mr. Jayaraman stated that he was disappointed that the counterproposal to increase seating before 8:30 pm was not discussed at greater length.

#### **C. Update on pending DDOT requests**

The Committee discussed pending DDOT requests from ANC 6A.

Commissioner Gove made the motion: *That ANC6A send letter to DDOT to request an urgent response to several outstanding requests, including to take traffic calming measures on H St NE, including curb extensions and speed cameras, and to address pending all-way stop sign requests previously made by the ANC6A to DDOT for 14th and A Streets NE; 15th and A Streets NE, 15th Street and Constitution Avenue NE; and 13th and I St. NE.* Commissioner Alcorn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **V. New Business** (Back to published agenda order after V.A. addressed at beginning of meeting).

##### **B. Request to the Department of Public Works (DPW) for a change in trash collection location for K and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets and West Virginia Avenue NE to the alley from the front of West Virginia Avenue NE.**



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Commissioner Chatterjee led the discussion about health and safety issues related to trash collection on West Virginia Ave. Commissioner Soderman noted that DPW has smaller trucks that can go into the alley.

Community members spoke about the issue, their prior attempts to address the matter with DPW, and their concerns about the trash situation.

Commissioner Chatterjee made the motion: *That ANC6A send a letter to DPW requesting that due to health and safety concerns, they move the trash collection for the 800 block of West Virginia Avenue NE, the 1000 block of 9th Street NE, and 800 block of K Street NE to the rear alley of those blocks from its current location on West Virginia Avenue NE. If this change in trash collection location is not possible, the letter will request that DPW present options to ANC6A for how to address the current health and safety issue on the 800 block of West Virginia Avenue NE.* Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **C. Traffic Safety Assessment (TSA) (speed bump) for 1000 block 10th Street NE (intersection with Florida Avenue NE)**

Commissioner Chatterjee discussed a TSA that has been filed in her SMD requesting traffic calming at this intersection.

Commissioner Chatterjee made the motion, with a friendly amendment by Committee Member Lynch to clarify that speed bumps have specific location requirements: *That ANC6A send a letter to DDOT in support of the TSA-filed requesting traffic calming measures for the 1000 block of 10th Street. NE (intersection with Florida), including consideration of speed bumps and raised crosswalks.* Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **D. Discussion of pending 311 sidewalk requests**

Commissioner Gove discussed pending 311 sidewalk repair requests and asked the public to send pending requests to Commissioners.

Commissioner Gove made the motion: *That ANC6A send a letter to DDOT requesting an urgent response to sidewalk repair issues which are either beyond their expected service resolution date or represent an immediate accessibility issue or safety hazard.* Commissioner Alcorn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **E. 300 block 8th Street NE parking signage**

Commissioner Soderman led a discussion about inconsistent parking signage on the 300 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE. Commissioner Adelstein from the abutting ANC SMD 6C03 discussed the very inconsistent signage.

Commissioner Soderman made the motion: *That ANC6A send a letter to DDOT requesting that they provide consistent parking signage on the 200 and 300 blocks of 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE.* Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.



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July xx, 2021

Councilmember Charles Allen  
1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW #406  
Washington, DC 20004

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

Re: Request to name the alley fronting Sq4546 Lot018 as “Mamie Peanut Johnson Court.”

Dear Councilmember Allen and Director Lott:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on July 8, 2021, our Commission voted x-x-x (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to issue the attached resolution supporting legislation to officially name the alley fronting Sq4546 Lot018 in Rosedale in honor of Mamie “Peanut” Johnson. The proposed name is “Mamie Peanut Johnson Court.”

Mamie Johnson was a pioneering female Black baseball player. She attempted to try out for the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, but was barred due to race, so she played with the men on the Negro League instead. Her nickname was ‘Peanut’ due to her small size. Johnson was one of just three women to play in the Negro Leagues, but she was the only one who pitched. She is believed to have compiled a 33-8 record on the mound in her three seasons pitching. After ending her sports career, Mamie Johnson obtained her nursing degree from North Carolina A&T State University and worked at Sibley Hospital. She lived in Rosedale until she passed away in 2017.<sup>2</sup>

Naming the alley after Ms. Johnson has broad community support. A petition in support of the naming gathered [INSERT NUMBER] signatures of local Rosedale neighbors.

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> See [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/obituaries/mamie-peanut-johnson-hard-throwing-woman-in-baseballs-negro-leagues-dies-at-82/2017/12/21/951d960a-e669-11e7-833f-155031558ff4\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/obituaries/mamie-peanut-johnson-hard-throwing-woman-in-baseballs-negro-leagues-dies-at-82/2017/12/21/951d960a-e669-11e7-833f-155031558ff4_story.html).



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July XX, 2021

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

Re: ANC6A requests related to C St NE

Dear Director Lott,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on July 8, 2021, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request the following actions from DDOT related to the installation of the C Street NE project:

- Installation of radar feedback signs and/or speed cameras on East Capitol and D Streets between 13th and 19th Streets to curb speeding by drivers using these routes to escape construction-related delays;
- Design and community engagement for expedited installation of additional traffic calming measures on C Street NE from 8th to 15th Streets NE in response to ANC6A's 2017 Traffic Safety Assessment Request;
- Design and community engagement to clarify continuity for cyclists at the western edge of the C St NE project scope; and
- Consideration of the removal of the southbound turn lane from westbound North Carolina Ave due to its frequent use as a passing lane by drivers.

Thank you for giving great weight to the comments and recommendations of ANC6A. 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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## C St NE Implementation



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MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

## Agenda

- Project Background
- Project Objective & Overview
- Project Timeline
- Contact Information



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## Project Background

The C Street NE Implementation Project was designed to improve safety and comfort along the project corridor for all right-of-way users, while ensuring improvements to neighborhood connectivity and mobility for all modes throughout the project area.

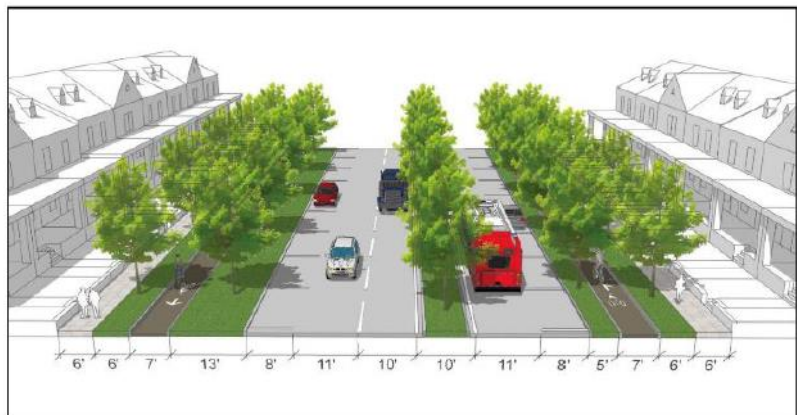
The project is located in Wards 6 and 7, Washington, D.C. and extends along C Street NE from 14th Place NE to 22nd Street NE and North Carolina Avenue NE from 14th Street NE to 16th Street NE.



## Project Objective & Overview

The C Street NE Implementation Project will improve overall safety for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists along the C Street NE corridor.

- Improved overall pedestrian safety
- Installation of protected bicycle lanes
- Curb extensions and raised sidewalks
- ADA compliant intersections
- Traffic calming measures
- Improved bus operation
- Improved traffic signal operation
- Upgraded street lighting
- Enhanced streetscape and green spaces



Source: C Street NE Multimodal Corridor Study





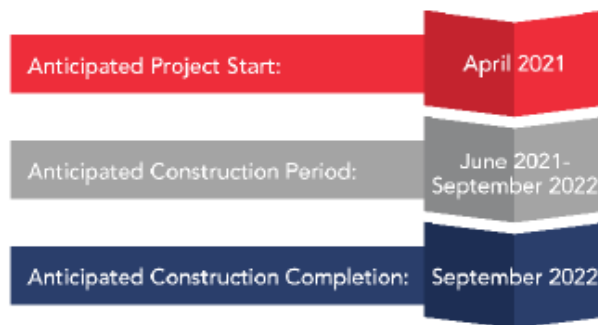
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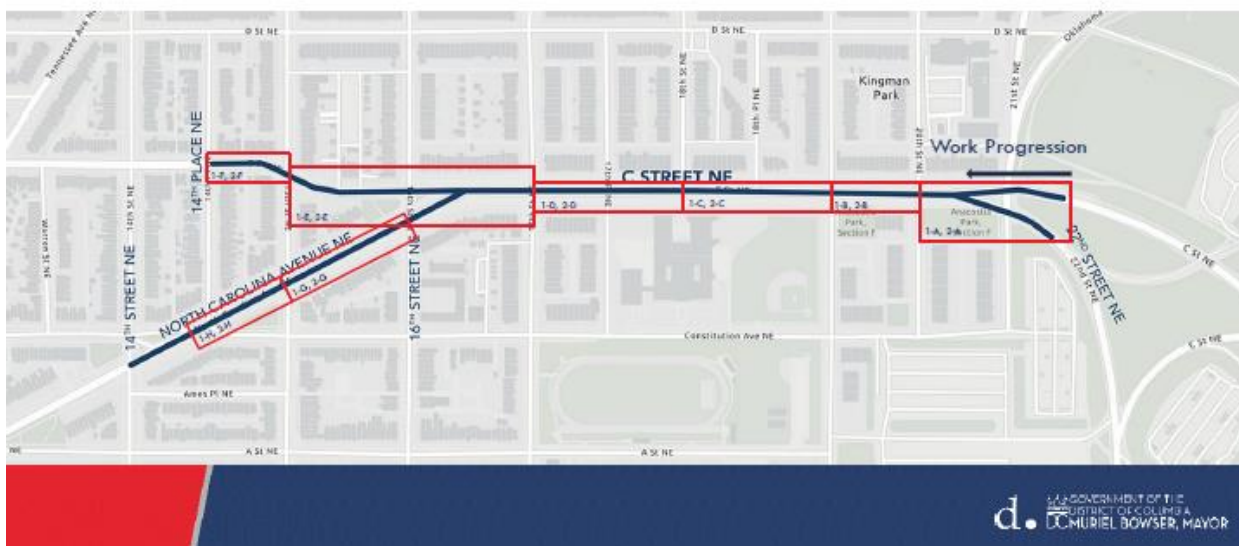
- Length of the Project:  
Approximately 17 months,  
weather permitting
- Daytime Construction Hours:  
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Monday – Friday  
*Work beyond these hours are subject  
to the approval of DDOT*



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MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

## Project Phasing

- Phase I Wet Utilities
  - Tree Protection, Erosion & Sediment Control, Drainage Structures
- Phase II Dry Utilities
  - Traffic Signals, Street Lights
- Phase III Hardscape
  - Sidewalks, Curb & Gutter, Landscaping, Green Infrastructure
- Phase IV Pavement Mill, Overlay, Markings



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## Contact Information

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the C Street Implementation project, please contact us at:

- [info@cstne.com](mailto:info@cstne.com)
- 202-808-5400

For more information, please visit:

- [www.cstne.com](http://www.cstne.com)
- Scan our QR code



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The .pdf of the Revised Plans can also be viewed at <https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/Capitol-Square-OUTDOOR-SEATING-7-7-21.pdf>.

**CAPITOL SQUARE BAR & GRILL**  
1500 EAST CAPITOL STREET, N.E.  
WASHINGTON, DC 20003  
SQUARES, SUITE A, LOT  
1070 0040  
ZONING DISTRICT: MU-4

### CAPITOL SQUARE BAR & GRILL OUTDOOR SEATING PLAN 1500 EAST CAPITOL STREET, NE WASHINGTON, DC 20003

DANIEL DEVELOPMENT, INC.  
1500 EAST CAPITOL STREET  
WASHINGTON, DC 20003

DATE: 07/07/2021

INTERIOR SEATING COUNT	
INDOOR SEATING	10
INDOOR SEATING	14
OUTDOOR SEATING	10
TOTAL SEATING COUNT	34

WORK SHEETS REVISIONS	
NO.	DESCRIPTION
001	COVER SHEET
002	OUTDOOR SEATING
003	REVISIONS TO COVER SHEET

COVER SHEET

CAPITOL SQUARE  
BAR & GRILL  
1500 EAST  
CAPITOL ST., N.E.  
WASHINGTON, DC 20003

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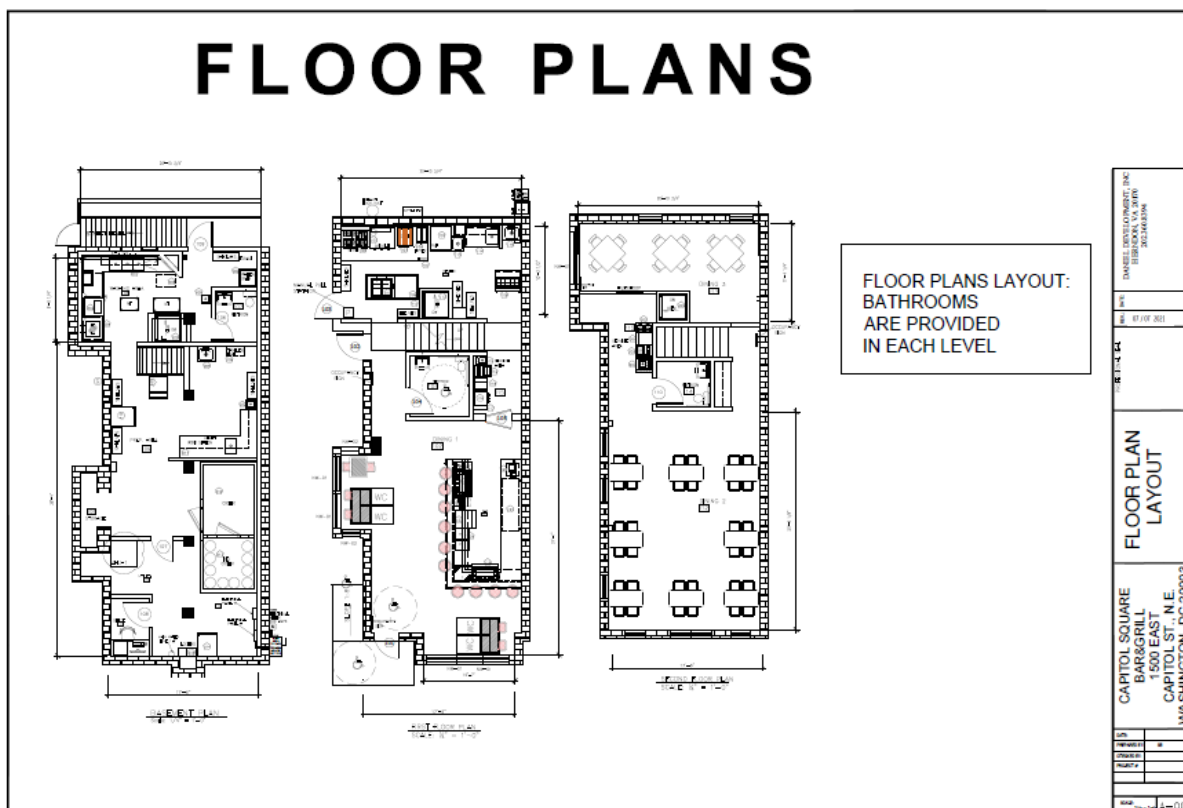
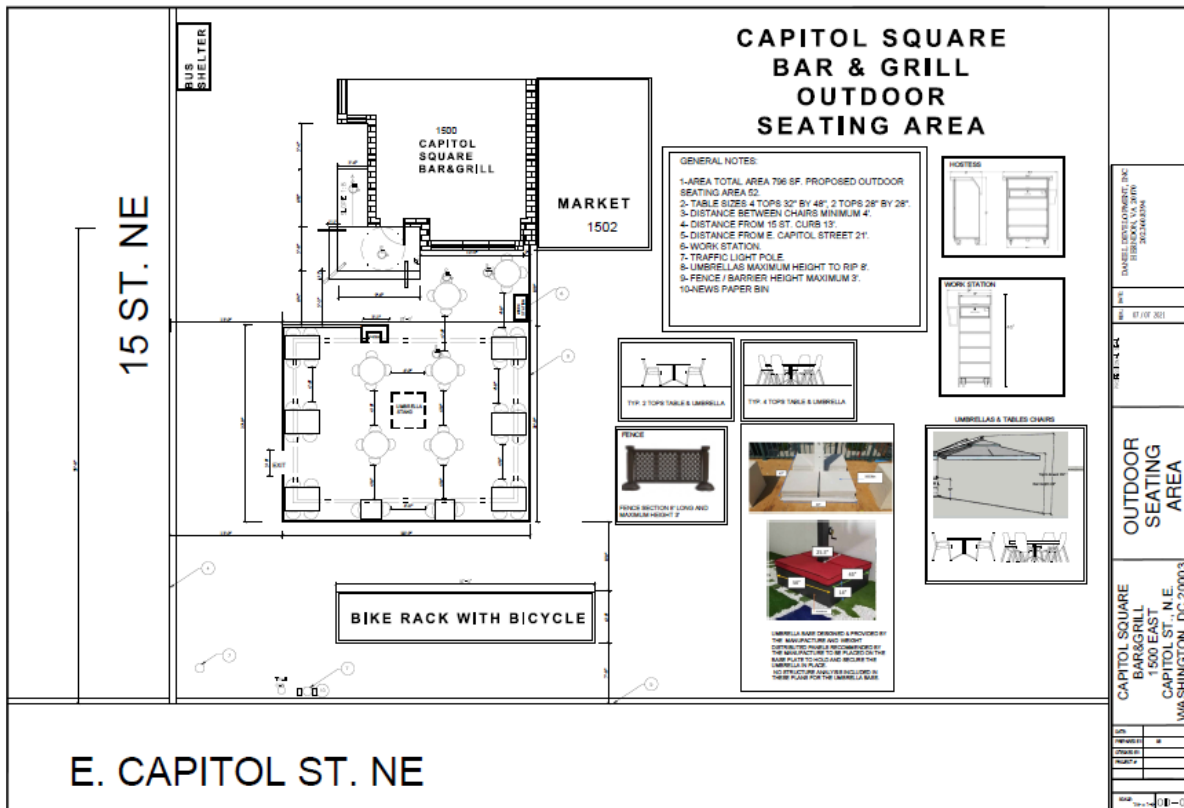
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July XX, 2021

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

Re: ANC6A follow-up on pending safety requests

Dear Director Lott,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on July 8, 2021, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request an urgent response to the following outstanding requests.

DDOT Reference	Prior Correspondence	Location	Pending Issues
RequestID 2177318	<a href="https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-and-6C-Request-for-partnership-to-develop-solutions-for-H-Street-NE.pdf">https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-and-6C-Request-for-partnership-to-develop-solutions-for-H-Street-NE.pdf</a> <a href="https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Automated-Camera-Enforcement.pdf">https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Automated-Camera-Enforcement.pdf</a> <a href="https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-H-Street-Traffic-Safety-Assessment-Redacted.pdf">https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-H-Street-Traffic-Safety-Assessment-Redacted.pdf</a>	H Street from North Capitol to 15th NE	Curb extension, speed cameras were promised for installation by April 2021, no results as of the date of this letter
	<a href="https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-to-DDOT-Local-Local-All-Way-Stops.pdf">https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-to-DDOT-Local-Local-All-Way-Stops.pdf</a>	14th and A Street NE 15th and A Street NE 15th and Constitution NE 13th and I Street NE	Request for all-way stop was previously requested, we request a reexamination of these requests

Thank you for giving great weight to the comments and recommendations of ANC6A. 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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July xx, 2021

Christine V. Davis  
Interim Director  
Department of Public Works for the District of Columbia  
Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center  
2000 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009

Re: Trash Collection for 800 block of West Virginia Avenue NE, 1000 block of 9<sup>th</sup> Street NE, and 800 block of K Street NE

Dear Interim Director Davis:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on July 8, 2021, our Commission voted x-x-x (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that due to health and safety concerns, DPW move the trash collection for the 800 block of West Virginia Avenue NE, the 1000 block of 9<sup>th</sup> Street NE, and 800 block of K Street NE to the rear alley of those blocks from its current location on West Virginia Avenue NE.

If this change in trash collection location is not possible, we request that DPW present options to ANC6A for how to address the current health and safety issue related to trash collection on the 800 block of West Virginia Avenue NE.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. 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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## Committee Reports

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



July xx, 2021

Everett Lott, Acting Director  
D.C. Department of Transportation  
250 M Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Support for TSA 21-00203488 (Traffic Calming on 1000 block of 10<sup>th</sup> Street NE)

Dear Acting Director Lott:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on July 8, 2021, our Commission voted x-x-x (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) support the TSA 21-00203488 filed requesting traffic calming measures for the 1000 block of 10th Street NE (intersection with Florida Avenue), including consideration of speed bumps and raised crosswalks. 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,

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



July XX, 2021

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

Re: ANC6A urgent request for sidewalk repairs

Dear Director Lott,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on July 8, 2021, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request an urgent response to the following sidewalk repair issues, which are either beyond their expected service resolution date or represent an immediate accessibility issue or safety hazard.

SR#	Location	Urgent/Resolution Date
19-01042398	1356 North Carolina Ave NE (Triangle Park sidewalks)	Jan 8, 2021
19-01042398	1400 block of A St NE (south side, several locations)	April 14, 2021
21-00218093	1211 G St NE	Urgent, possible sinkhole
21-00121889	1025 G St NE	Urgent, large sinkhole
19-00819933	1100 Constitution Ave NE	04-21-20
19-00819922	900 East Capitol St NE	02-18-20
19-00819932	155 11th St NE	07-14-20
19-08819914	126 11th st NE	05-19-20

Thank you for giving great weight to the comments and recommendations of ANC6A. 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,

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



July xx, 2021

Everett Lott, Acting Director  
D.C. Department of Transportation  
250 M Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Consistent Parking Signage on 200 and 300 blocks of 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE

Dear Acting Director Lott,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on July 8, 2021, our Commission voted x-x-x (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that DDOT provide consistent Zone 6 two-hour parking signage on the 200 and 300 blocks of 8<sup>th</sup> Street. NE. .

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).

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## Committee Reports Economic Development and Zoning Committee



### MINUTES

ANC 6A Economic Development & Zoning Space Committee Meeting  
Virtual Meeting via WebEx  
Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Present:

Members: Brad Greenfield (Chair), Michael Cushman, Sam DeLuca, Jake Joyce, Dan MacPheeters  
Commissioners:

Brad Greenfield chaired the meeting.

### Community Comment

None.

### Previously Heard Cases

None.

### Old Business

Discussion of the standard and approaches to be used for reviewing special exception requests to Subtitle E § 205.4 and 205.5 that governs the building of a rear wall that extends more more than ten feet past an adjoining property.

This item was tabled after a brief discussion.

### New Business

1. 1226 Duncan Pl NE (BZA #20514): Application pursuant to Subtitle E § 205.5, Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 for a special exception from the lot occupancy restrictions of Subtitle E § 304.1, the minimum rear yard requirements of Subtitle E § 306.1, and the rear addition restrictions of Subtitle E § 205.4 to raze an existing rear addition and construct a new, two-story, rear addition to an existing, attached, two-story principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 Zone.

This item was heard first in the meeting. Lacy Brittingham, the architect for the project, presented the project. The house currently has a single story addition that will be demolished, and a new two-story addition will be added. Ms. Brittingham noted that the neighborhood has a lot of additions and changes to the rear of houses, so the addition is within the nature of the neighborhood.

Mr. Greenfield asked if they were keeping the existing dogleg. Ms. Brittingham confirmed that they are keeping the dogleg.

Ms. Brittingham stated that the project has letters of support from eight neighbors, including 1224, 1228 (the immediately adjacent neighbors), 1218, 1221, 1222, 1230 and 1234 Duncan Place. Additionally, there is a letter of support from 1228 E Street. The owner reached out to 1219 Duncan Place repeatedly, but never got an answer at the door.

Mr. DeLuca asked if the existing tree at 1228 Duncan Place will interfere with construction. Ms. Brittingham stated that she did not think the tree will impact construction, but that she would have to talk to the owners specifically about that. Mr. DeLuca asked about the side windows on the addition, and



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how they align with existing windows in the neighboring buildings. Mr. Cushman asked if there was a second floor deck at the neighbors that could be seen from the windows. Ms. Brittingham stated there was. Mr. Greenfield noted that 1228 (the house with the deck) had signed a letter of support.

Mr Cushman noted that the second floor bedroom window will be 3 1/2 feet from the neighbor's deck and will look directly into that space. The media room on the first floor will be 3 1/2 feet from the neighbors' property line and is set up to look over the fence and into the neighbors back yard. Mr. Cushman stated his opinion that a common architectural technique to minimize the privacy concerns is to raise the window height above eye level in situations where a direct view into the neighbor's property is being added where previously no direct view was present. 'Mr. Cushman stated that, "Good fences make good neighbors". Ms. Brittingham noted that typically living in rowhouses requires close communication with neighbors, and raising any privacy concerns directly. She said that there was no discussion about removing or altering the windows, and the neighbor did not express any privacy concerns.

Mr. Greenfield noted that lot occupancy was being increased to exactly 70%; any larger and the request would change from a special exception to a variance. He asked how much confidence Ms. Brittingham had in the measurements. Ms. Brittingham said she was confident and that a wall check will confirm the site measurements. If there is any discrepancy, the plans will be changed to bring lot occupancy down to 70% so it will be a special exception.

Mr. Greenfield asked if there was a shadow study. Ms. Brittingham said that there was no shadow study.

Mr. Greenfield made a motion that ANC6A support the request for special exception relief. Mr. Cushman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

**Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:  
Wednesday, July 21, 2021  
7:00-9:00 pm  
Zoom access 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 4<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Suite 210  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 20514 (1226 Duncan Place, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on July 8, 2021, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request pursuant to Subtitle E § 205.5, Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2 for a special exception from the lot occupancy restrictions of Subtitle E § 304.1, the minimum rear yard requirements of Subtitle E § 306.1, and the rear addition restrictions of Subtitle E § 205.4 to raze an existing rear addition and construct a new, two-story, rear addition to an existing, attached, two-story principal dwelling unit 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 unduly 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](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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<b>FORM 135 – ZONING SELF-CERTIFICATION</b>					
Project Address(es)	Square	Lot(s)	Zone District(s)		
1226 DUNCAN PL. NE	1008	0082	RF-1		
Single-Member Advisory Neighborhood Commission District(s):			6A05		
<b>CERTIFICATION</b>					
The undersigned agent hereby certifies that the following zoning relief is requested from the Board of Zoning Adjustment in this matter pursuant to:					
Relief Sought	<input type="checkbox"/> X § 1000.1 - Use Variance	<input type="checkbox"/> X § 1002.1 - Area Variance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X § 901.1-Special Exception		
Pursuant to Subsections			E304.1, E306.1, E205.4		
Pursuant to 11 DCMR Y § 300.6, the undersigned agent certifies that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the agent is duly licensed to practice law or architecture in the District of Columbia;</li> <li>(2) the agent is currently in good standing and otherwise entitled to practice law or architecture in the District of Columbia; and</li> <li>(3) the applicant is entitled to apply for the variance or special exception sought for the reasons stated in the application.</li> </ol>					
<p>The undersigned agent and owner acknowledge that they are assuming the risk that the owner may require additional or different zoning relief from that which is self-certified in order to obtain, for the above-referenced project, any building permit, certificate of occupancy, or other administrative determination based upon the Zoning Regulations and Map. Any approval of the application by the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) does not constitute a Board finding that the relief sought is the relief required to obtain such permit, certification, or determination.</p> <p>The undersigned agent and owner further acknowledge that any person aggrieved by the issuance of any permit, certificate, or determination for which the requested zoning relief is a prerequisite may appeal that permit, certificate, or determination on the grounds that additional or different zoning relief is required.</p> <p>The undersigned agent and owner hereby hold the District of Columbia Office of Zoning and Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs harmless from any liability for failure of the undersigned to seek complete and proper zoning relief from the BZA.</p> <p>The undersigned owner hereby authorizes the undersigned agent to act on the owner's behalf in this matter.</p>					
<p><b>WE</b> certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge, information and belief. Any person(s) using a fictitious name or address and/or knowingly making any false statement on this form is in violation of D.C. Law and subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or 180 days imprisonment or both. (D.C. Official Code § 22-2405)</p>					
 <small>Owner's Signature</small>			<small>Owner's Name (Please Print)</small> Thomas Sellevaag		
 <small>Agent's Signature</small>			<small>Agent's Name (Please Print)</small> Lacy Brittingham		
Date	2/25/2021	D.C. Bar No.	or	Architect Registration No.	ARC101995

Board of Zoning Adjustment  
District of Columbia  
CASE NO. 20514  
EXHIBIT NO. 4



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### INSTRUCTIONS

Any request for self-certification that is not completed in accordance with the following instructions shall not be accepted.

1. All self-certification applications shall be made on this form. All certification forms must be completely filled out (front and back) and be typewritten or printed legibly. All information shall be furnished by the applicant. If additional space is necessary, use separate sheets of 8½" x 11" paper to complete the form.
2. Complete one self-certification form for each application filed. Present this form with the Form 120 - Application for Variance/Special - Exception to the Office of Zoning, 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 200-S, Washington, D.C. 20001.

ITEM	EXISTING CONDITIONS	MINIMUM REQUIRED	MAXIMUM ALLOWED	PROVIDED BY PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION	VARIANCE Deviation/Percent
Lot Area (sq. ft.)	1,086SF	N/A	N/A	NO CHANGE	N/A
Lot Width (ft. to the tenth)	16.0'	N/A	N/A	NO CHANGE	N/A
Lot Occupancy (building area/lot area)	715/1,086 = 65.8%	N/A	60%	760/1,086 = 70.0%	10%
Floor Area Ratio (FAR) (floor area/lot area)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Parking Spaces (number)	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO CHANGE	N/A
Loading Berths (number and size in ft.)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Front Yard (ft. to the tenth)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rear Yard (ft. to the tenth)	17.88'	20.0'	N/A	14.05'	5.95'
Side Yard (ft. to the tenth)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Court, Open (width by depth in ft.)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Court, Closed (width by depth in ft.)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Height (ft. to the tenth)	25.0', 2 STORIES	N/A	25.0', 2 STORIES	NO CHANGE	N/A



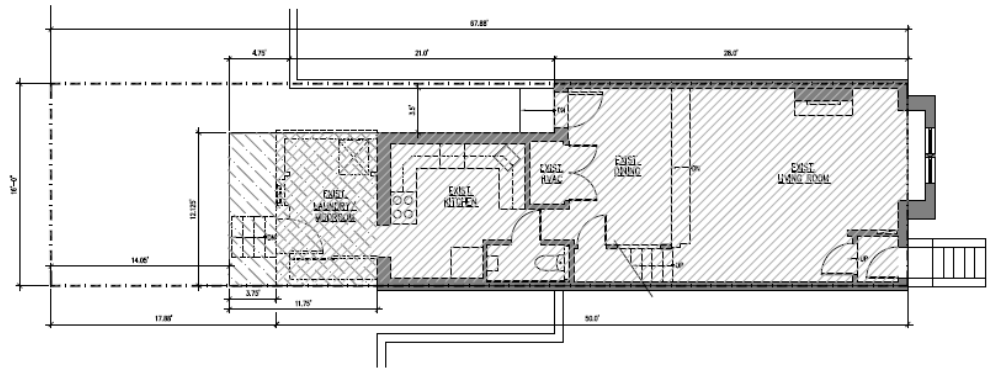
If you need a reasonable accommodation for a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Fair Housing Act, please complete Form 155 - Request for Reasonable Accommodation.

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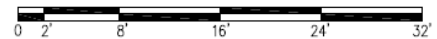
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**EXISTING FRONT FACADE**

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**EXISTING REAR FACADE  
AND NEIGHBOR AT 1224**



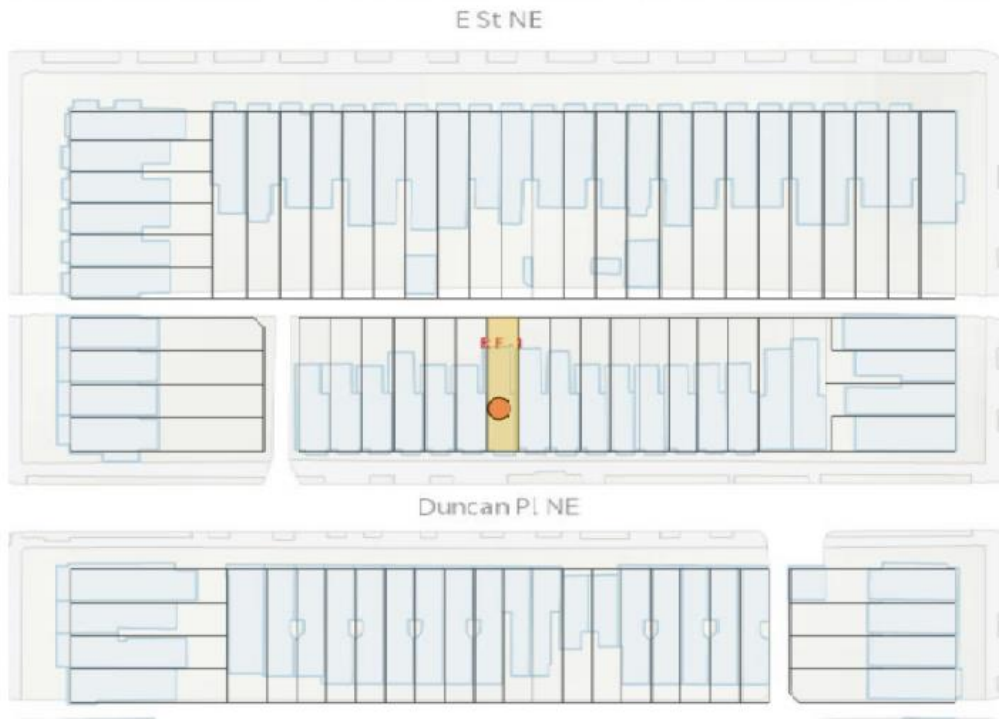
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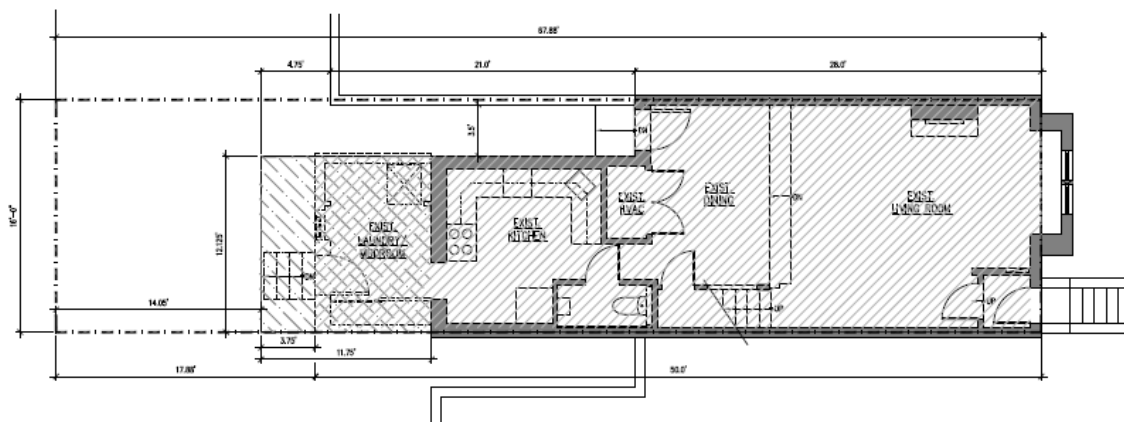
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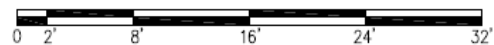


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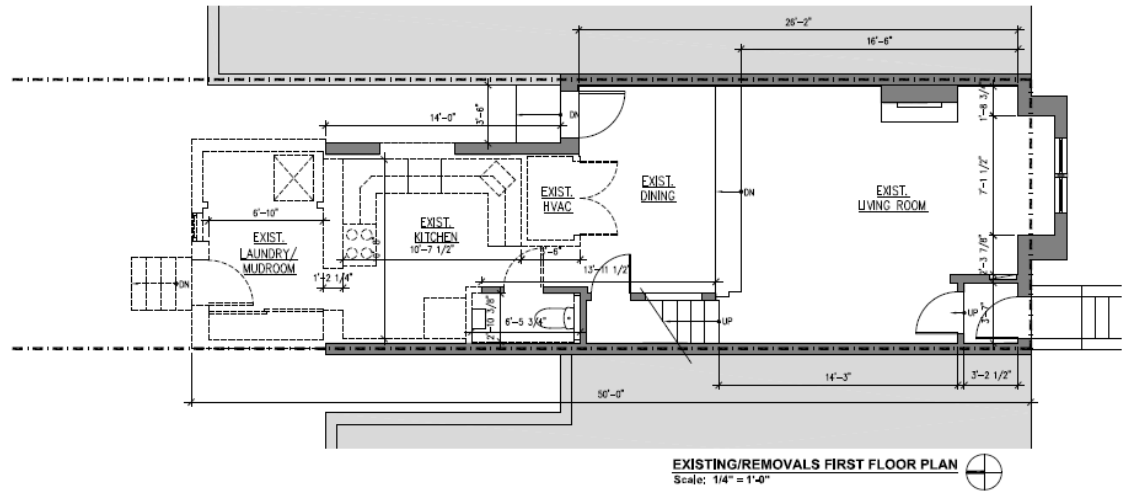
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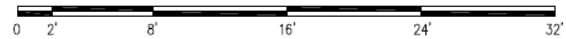


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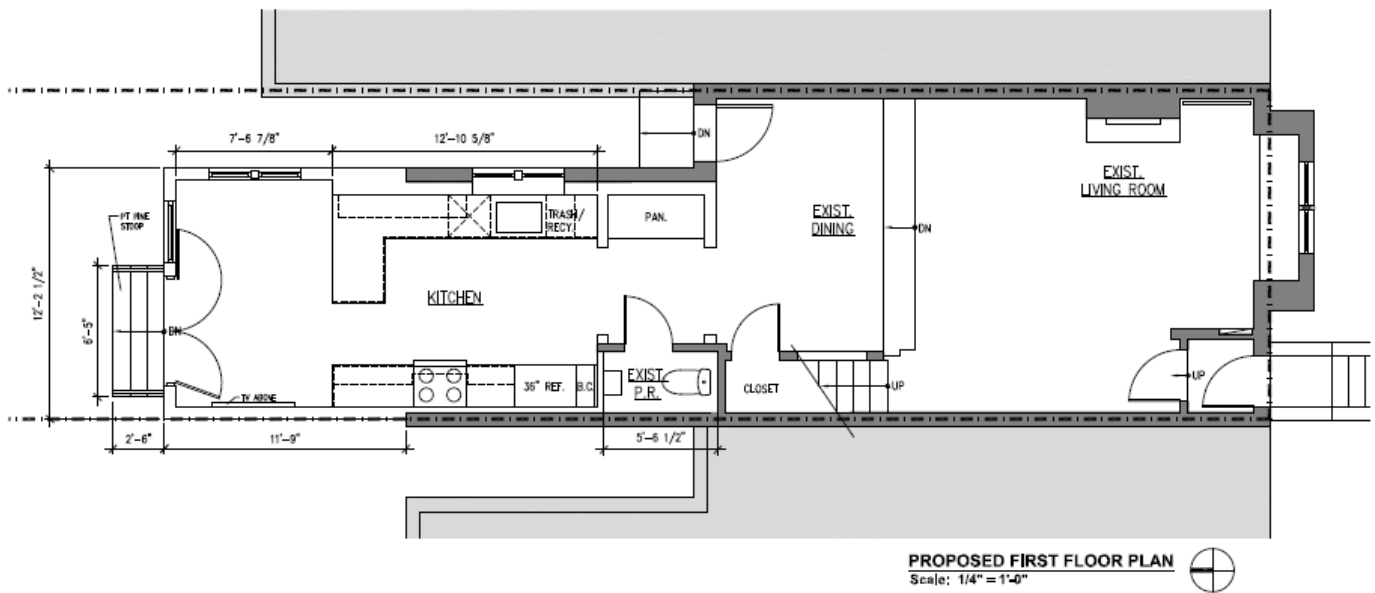


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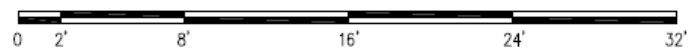


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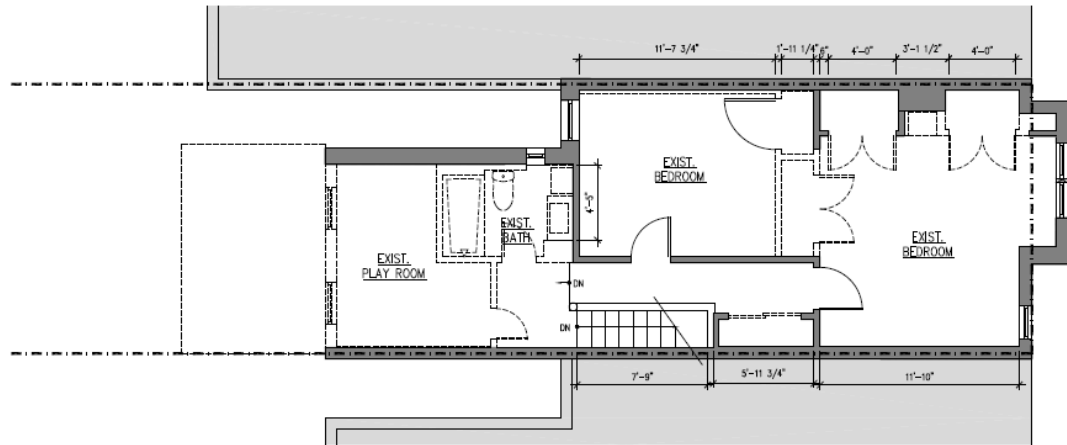
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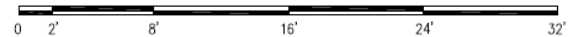
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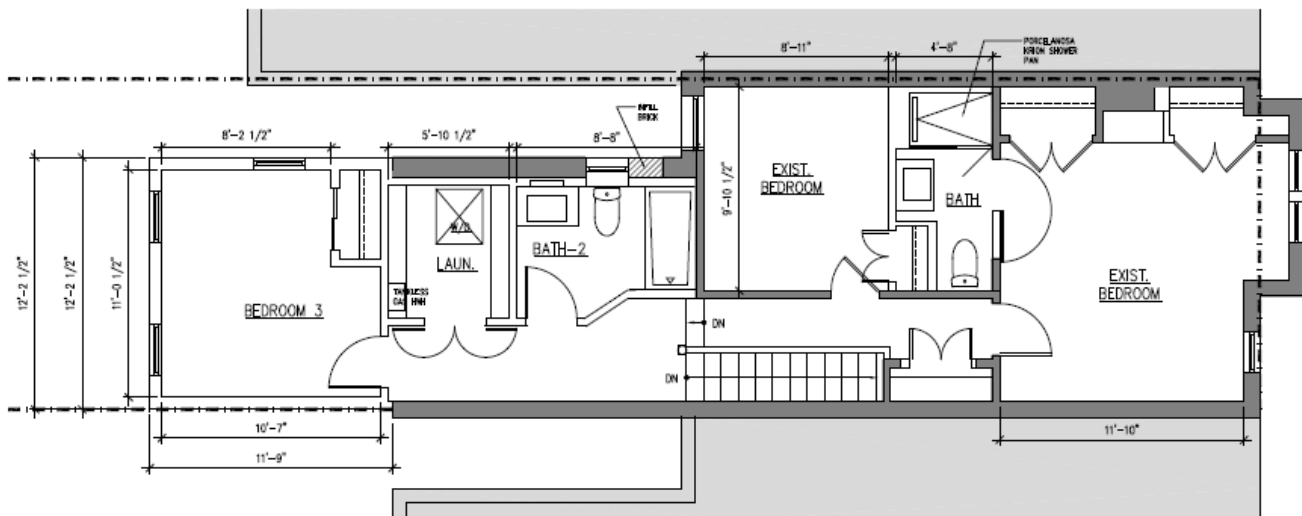
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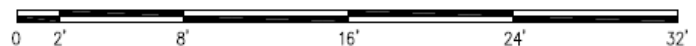
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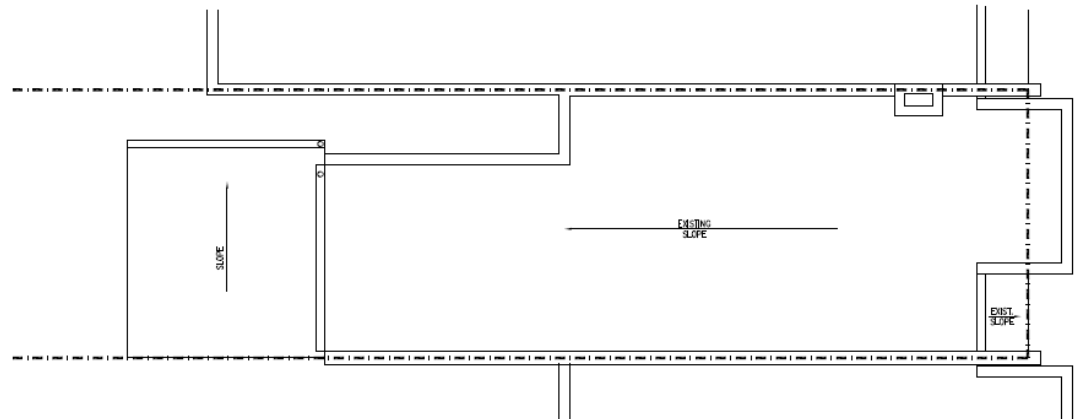
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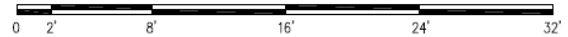


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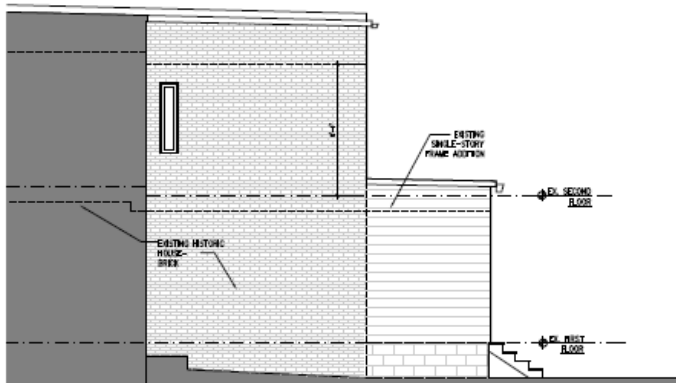


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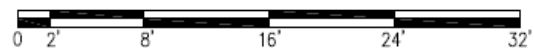
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**PROPOSED SIDE ELEVATION**  
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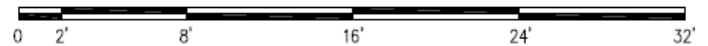
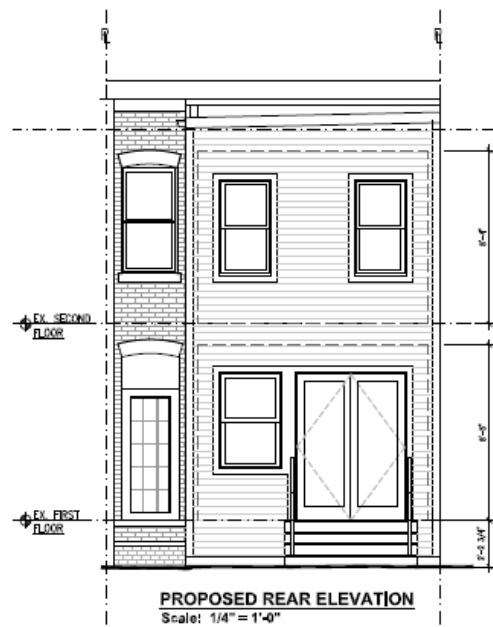
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## Committee Reports Ad Hoc By Laws Committee



### Minutes ANC 6A By Laws Review Committee June 23, 2021 Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**Committee Members Present:** Kris Garrity (SMD01), Marc Friend (SMD07), Mark Samburg (SMD07), Veronica Hollmon (SMD08), Commissioner Laura Gentile (SMD05), Chair  
**Commissioners in Attendance:** Commissioner Amber Gove (SMD04)  
**Committee Members Absent:** Marie Claire Brown (SMD01), Commissioner Mike Soderman (SMD03), Kathryn Griffith (SMD05), Madeline Gitomer (SMD06)

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:04 pm. Chair Laura Gentile reviewed the agenda and next steps. Ms. Gentile explained that the Committee would need to meet again in July 2021 to discuss new language (that did not make it into the draft document in time for the meeting) around establishment of a consent agenda. That language would be added prior to the next meeting for review by the committee members. The group agreed to meet on July 26, 2021.

At the May 2021 meeting, the Committee reviewed and provided comment and edits to pp. 1-14 of the document. The Committee reviewed those changes as a group and voted on each revision. The key sections reviewed, discussed, and voted on included the following: Page 1 (Article & Mission); Page 4 (Conflict of Interest); Page 7 (SOPs), Page 9 (Commission and Committee meetings); and Pages 13-14 (Grants). Highlights included the following:

- For the Article and Mission section on Page 1, the group agreed to keep the existing text, rename it as a Preamble, and incorporate the Preamble from the Code of Conduct.
- Committee members agreed to add language indicating that anything in these by laws document may be superseded by DC Code.
- For revisions to Sections 4.8 & 4.9, Committee members voted to defer the final vote until after Commissioner Amber Gove (who had to leave early) had a chance to review the proposed edits.

The Committee continued its' review the document starting with page 15. Committee members discussed and voted on new language on pages 15-25 of the By Laws package.

At the July 2021 meeting, committee members will review the changes made to pp. 15-25, including new language around a consent agenda. Chair Gentile reiterated that, once Committee members have agreed on an approved draft, the document will be posted to the ANC 6A website for public review and comment for a period of one month.

There were no community members present to provide comment. The meeting was adjourned by 8:55 pm.

**Next meeting: July 26, 2021, 7:00 - 8:00 pm**





## New Business



July xx, 2021

Owners/Representatives of Square 4564 Lot 95

Address

City/State/Zip

To Those It May Concern:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on July 8, 2021, our Commission voted x-x-x (with x Commissioners required for a quorum), to send this letter regarding the alley lot known as Square 4564/Lot 95, located between 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Streets, NE & C and D Streets, NE.

For some time, representatives of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A have received a regular cadence of complaints from neighbors, community members, and District officials related to an alley lot, known as Square 4564/Lot 95, located between 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Streets, NE & C and D Streets, NE (“the alley lot”). Prior inquiries and research into the property were inconclusive, thereby preventing the community from contacting owners about community concerns.

According to DC Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) records, the alley lot occupies 10,750 square feet and is the sole, privately-owned alley holding in Square 4564.

The following observations and experiences of neighbors, community members, and District officials (“Nuisances”) have been relayed to representatives of ANC 6A, among other things, that the alley lot:

- Is perpetually unattended, uncontrolled and plagued by absentee ownership;
- Has been the site of recent narcotics arrests and weapons recoveries in December 2020;
- Has been a regular gathering point for individuals who are not owners or known invited guests of the owners;
- Has been a site of regular dumping of garbage, trash, construction materials and abandoned vehicles;
- Is a regular nuisance to neighbors due to the accumulation of trash, rodent harborage, noise, disorderly behavior and, vehicle parking inconsistent with the quiet enjoyment of the neighborhood; and
- Has required the intervention of the DC Departments of Public Works (DPW), the Department of Health (DOH), the Mayor’s Office of Community Services (MOCRS), the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) and others to address nuisances arising from the alley lot.

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



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It is the community's and ANC 6A's request to you, an owner or representative of the owner that you exercise control over the alley lot to abate the aforementioned Nuisances. It is also the community and ANC 6A's request that you:

- Provide a clear and responsive point of contact who is able to address the upkeep of the alley lot as they arise;
- Install a fence around the alley lot to prohibit unauthorized use and trespass on the alley lot; and
- Provide authorization to the Metropolitan Police Department Districts 1 and 5 for at-will access to enforce the laws of the District of Columbia on the alley lot.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions please contact me at [6a04@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6a04@anc.dc.gov) or Commissioner Brian Alcorn at [6a08@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6a08@anc.dc.gov).

Sincerely,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Commission 6A