

### District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Agenda for July 14, 2022



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

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Public Meeting - All Are Welcome to Attend

7:00 pm Call to order

7:01 pm Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes

#### 7:02 pm **Community Presentations**

- Andre L. Wright, Assistant Chief of Police, Metropolitan Police Department, Patrol Services South Bureau
- Captain Jerome M. Merrill, 5th District, Metropolitan Police Department

### 7:35 pm Consent Agenda

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#### Community Outreach

**Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter requesting a public restroom at 8th and H Street NE and to DPW to request a process for removal of biohazards.

### **Alcohol Beverage Licensing**

Recommendation: ANC 6A protest the new license application of Old City Cafe unless a Settlement Agreement is entered into prior to the protest date, and that the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC, as well as the Co-Chairs of the ABL Committee and Ms. Kara Hughley, represent the ANC in the negotiation of the Settlement Agreement Recommendation: ANC 6A protest the license renewal application of Sticky Rice/Sing Sing Karaoke Palace unless an updated Settlement Agreement is reached prior to the protest date, and that the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC, as well as the Co-Chairs of the ABL Committee and Ms. Erin Sullivan, represent the ANC in the negotiation of the Settlement Agreement.

**Recommendation:** ANC 6A protest the license renewal application of Crab Boss LLC unless an updated Settlement Agreement is entered into prior to the protest date, and that the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC, as well as the Co-Chairs of the ABL Committee, represent the ANC in the negotiation of the Settlement Agreement.

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

**Recommendation:** ANC 6A write a joint letter with ANC 6C to DDOT with post-completion requests for the Maryland Avenue Project, including no right turn on red signs; prioritizing bicycles and pedestrians in this corridor; and remedying the dangerous exit into a steep bioswale on certain blocks.

### 7:40 pm Officer Reports

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- 1. Accept Treasurer's Report
- 2. Accept 2022 Q3 Quarterly Report



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### **Standing Committee Reports:**

### 7:45 pm Community Outreach

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- 1. Accept June 2022 committee report.
- 2. Next meeting 7:00 pm, July 25, 2022 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday)

### 7:50 pm Alcohol Beverage Licensing

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- 1. Accept June 2022 committee report.
- 2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A protest the license renewal application of Kitchencray H LLC unless an updated Settlement Agreement is reached prior to the protest date, and that the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC, as well as the Co-Chairs of the ABL Committee and Mr. Mike Velasquez, represent the ANC in the negotiation of the Settlement Agreement.
- 3. Next meeting 7:00 pm, July 26, 2022 (4th Tuesday)

### 8:00 pm Transportation and Public Space

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1. Accept June 2022 committee report.

#### **Old Business**

- 2. **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A send a letter of support to DDOT for NOI 22-191-PSD 19th Street NE, Protected Two-Way Bike Facility between East Capitol and C Streets NE. (Alcorn)
- 3. Next meeting 7:00 pm, July 18, 2022 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

### 8:10 pm **Economic Development and Zoning**

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1. Accept June 2022 committee report.

#### **Old Business**

- 2. Recommendation: ANC 6A send a letter of opposition to BZA for special exception zoning relief under Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 902.1 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, and special exception zoning relief under Subtitle E § 5201, Subtitle E § 205.5, and Subtitle X §902.1 from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4 to construct a third story and rear addition, and convert to a flat, an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit at 647 16th Street NE (BZA Case #20612) in the RF-1 zone on the basis that it causes undue impact on the light and air available to the neighboring property. BZA Case scheduled for 7/27/2022.
- 3. Next meeting 7:00 pm, July 20, 2022 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

### 8:25 pm **Commission Business**

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#### **Old Business**

**Recommendation:** ANC 6A will set up a Google group to serve as a community forum. This forum will be a place where community members may communicate freely with each other. In addition, ANC 6A is planning to narrow the focus of the current ANC 6A Google Group to serve solely as means of communication for ANC meeting agendas and notices, as



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well as for Commissioners and committee chairs to share information with the community. (Gentile)

#### **New Business**

**Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A approve the appointment of Jessica Clark as members of the Community Outreach Committee. (Chatterjee)

**Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A send a letter of support to the Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH) for a mural to be installed on the exterior of the Atlas Performing Arts Center Building, facing Linden Court, during FY 2023. (Dooling)

8:45 pm Single Member District reports (1 minute each)

8:55 pm Community Comments (2 minutes each)

9:00 pm **Adjourn** 





# Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Minutes Virtual Meeting via Zoom June 9, 2022

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

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

Commissioner Amber Gove called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. Commissioner Laura Gentile amended her new business item to include the creation of a second Google group to serve solely as a community forum. The minutes for the ANC May 2022 meeting were accepted, and the agenda for the June 2022 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent with Commissioner Gentile's update.

### **Community Presentations:**

Shared Responsibility for Our Urban Tree Canopy - Alexander Grieve, Urban Forester, District Department of Transportation (DDOT)

Urban Forester Alexander Grieve presented on the Urban Forestry department of DDOT, noting that they manage about 180,000 street and park trees in the city; this involves removing, planting, and pruning these trees. There are 25 Urban Foresters like Mr. Grieve in the city and all can be reached through 311, which is the preferred method of contact so community members can leave detailed comments. There are four requests community members can put in for Urban Forestry: planting (happens in October-April), pruning, removal, and inspection (highest priority request). Mr. Grieve cautioned that trees uprooting sidewalks are not Urban Forestry's domain, and citizens should direct their request to Sidewalks in 311. Likewise, trees in alleys are also not managed by Urban Forestry. Urban Forestry is expanding and updating public tree boxes and encourages community members to plant in them, as long as the plants are not food. Mr. Grieve can be reached at Alexander.grieve[at]dc.gov and (202) 368-3322, and shared the following resources for more information:

Cityworks Workorders | Cityworks Workorders | Open Data DC

(https://opendata.dc.gov/datasets/DCGIS::cityworks-workorders/explore?location=38.857134%2C-77.181373%2C12.00)

Urban Forestry Street Trees | Urban Forestry Street Trees | Open Data DC

(https://opendata.dc.gov/datasets/DCGIS::urban-forestry-street-trees/explore?location=38.904126%2C-77.011668%2C12.70)

DDOT Urban Forestry (arcgis.com) (https://ddot-urban-forestry-dcgis.hub.arcgis.com/)

Home - Casey Trees (https://caseytrees.org/)

### Introduction and Status of Vacant Properties in ANC 6A - Isaac Boateng, Ward 6 Account Manager, Office of the Director, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA)

DCRA Interim Ward 6 Account Manager Isaac Boateng manages Wards 3 and 6, noting that in general DCRA protects the health, safety, and economic wellbeing of DC residents and businesses by ensuring code compliance and regulating businesses. DCRA issues construction permits and runs inspections. Currently, DCRA's customer satisfaction is trending at 86% for 2022 and they have performed more than 5,000 inspections with shorter turnaround time for permitting. Mr. Boateng noted that DCRA responds to all inquiries within three business days and encourages community members to use the live chat feature on the DCRA website, as well as Scout (<a href="https://scout.dcra.dc.gov/login">https://scout.dcra.dc.gov/login</a>) to stay informed on DC construction and inspection data. Enforcement of vacant properties is a complaint-based system - DCRA receives a





complaint, then inspects the property, notifying the property owner and potentially classifying the property as vacant or blighted with the Office of Tax and Revenue resulting in a higher tax for the property. If a property is deemed vacant, DCRA inspects the outside of the property but does not have the authority to go inside. Many concerns, such as rodents and taxes, are handled by DOH and OTR rather than DCRA. Mr. Boateng will be coming back to a later meeting for a deeper dive into certain properties: 1219 K Street NE, 1000 C Street NE, 1223 Duncan Place NE, 410 11th Street NE, and 408 11th Street NE. In the meantime, he provided these resources:

<u>Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Vacant Property Inspection Request (kustomer.help)</u> (https://dcra.kustomer.help/contact/vacant-property-inspection-BkyNeYleO)

DCRA KB Housing Inspection Request (kustomer.help) (https://dcra-

sandbox.kustomer.help/contact/housing-inspection-and-property-maintenance-request-form-

S1fWFjFDO?themeId=623891b8666158341a9ac2d6&status=draft)

DCRA KB Basic Business License Rental Housing Inspection Request (kustomer.help) (https://dcra-

sandbox.kustomer.help/contact/basic-business-license-inspection-request-

H1dJOrpwu?themeId=623891b8666158341a9ac2d6&status=draft)

DCRA KB Illegal Construction Inspection Request Form (kustomer.help) (https://dcra-

sandbox.kustomer.help/contact/illegal-construction-inspection-request-form-

Bk2u\_CFld?themeId=623891b8666158341a9ac2d6&status=draft)

### **Consent Agenda**

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

### Transportation and Public Space:

- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT reiterating its previous requests for traffic calming measures on H
   Street NE and requesting their implementation by February 1, 2023, including a westbound speed
   camera on the 1300 block; sidewalk extensions/bulb-outs at 14th Street, 10th Street, 8th Street, and
   6th Street; a midblock crosswalk in the 1300 block of H Street NE; and a red painted bus-only lane
   similar to other installations.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT supporting the project to increase safety on 17th Street and 19th Street for all users, and provide the opportunity for ANC 6B and ANC 7D to join the letter.
- ANC 6A send a letter to each DC Council Member in support of the Safe Routes to School proposed legislation. In particular, the ANC supports the bill's requirement to install vertical safety features in proximity to schools, given DDOT's recent refusal to install raised crosswalks near Maury Elementary on 13th Street NE.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT urging coordination between the annual repaving projects and the
  installation of speed humps/speed tables, including a list of currently open TSIs on blocks scheduled
  for repaving.

#### **Economic Development and Zoning:**

- ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for special exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle H § 910, Subtitle H § 1202, and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle H § 904.1, special exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle H § 910, Subtitle H § 1202, and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the rear yard requirements of Subtitle H § 905.1, and an area variance pursuant to Subtitle X § 1002 from the design requirements of Subtitle H § 909.1(f) at 1252 H Street NE (BZA Case #20742). BZA Case scheduled for 6/22/2022.
- ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for special exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle C § 703.2 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the minimum vehicle parking requirements of Subtitle C § 701 to construct a front, rear, and third floor addition with penthouse, and to convert to a mixed-use, nine-unit apartment house with first floor retail, an existing, attached, six-unit, two-story with cellar,





mixed use building at 1447 Maryland Avenue NE (BZA Case #20731) in the NC-14 zone on condition that the developer make best efforts to get letters of recommendation from the neighbors at 1489, 1445, 1443 and 1439 Maryland Avenue and 712 15th Street NE. BZA Case scheduled for 7/06/2022.

• ANC 6A send a letter of support to HPRB for historic review of the construction of a rear addition at 1320 North Carolina Avenue NE (HPRB Case #22-325) on condition that the owner make best efforts to get letters of support from the immediate adjacent neighbors.

### Officer Reports:

- 1. The June 2022 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Brian Alcorn reviewed the three expenditures accrued in May: \$765.89 for webmaster services, \$250.00 for notetaking, and \$58.29 for Zoom Pro/Webinar (Checks #2020 #2022, respectively). The ANC had \$1,661.36 in uncashed checks (Checks #2012, #2014, #2016, #2017, and #2019) and \$616.58 in cashed checks. The opening uncommitted funds available were \$24,137.16 and after these disbursements totaling \$1,074.18 and cashed and uncashed checks, the closing available checking balance is \$20,785.04. The savings account opened at \$100.05, gained no interest, and closed at \$100.05. Petty cash remained at \$25.00. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent.
- 2. Commissioner Alcorn provided an update on Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) allotments, reporting that the slow rate of receiving allotments is due to increased scrutiny for grant approval and documentation. On May 17, 2022, OANC advised that ANC 6A is cleared to receive the Q1 and Q2 2022 allotments and asked for additional documentation on existing grants.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

### **Community Outreach**

- 3. The May 2022 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
- 4. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the Ludlow Taylor Elementary School Food Print grant for \$2,500 dollars. Erin Johnston from the grants program at Ludlow Taylor represented the school, noting that the grant is to the Ludlow Taylor Elementary PTO, which funds more than half of the \$60,000 Food Print program. Any grant funds received would reduce the PTO commitment for Food Print and redirect it to another program. Food Print is a program run through Fresh Farm and allows pre-kindergarten through grade 5 students to learn how to harvest fresh vegetables, cook healthy food, and combine knowledge of science and healthy eating. Commissioner Phil Toomajian offered an amendment to the motion to clarify that the grant is for the Ludlow Taylor PTO. The motion passed as amended 6-0.
- 5. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Toomajian seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the for the Eliot-Hine Middle School Band grant for \$2,000.00 dollars. Sasha Silverman represented the Eliot-Hine Middle School PTO, reporting that Eliot-Hine was recently renovated and has state-of-the-art practice rooms and a new music teacher, but the instruments are lacking and dated. For the band program to grow, new and improved instruments are needed, and Ms. Silverman's son is working on a project to secure these through GoFundMe and other resources, such as this grant. The grant could potentially cover uniforms as well, which would have to remain the property of the school for future student use. Commissioner Toomajian offered an amendment to the motion to clarify that the grant is for the Eliot-Hine PTO. The motion passed 6-0.
- 6. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve that 501(c)3 and non 501(c)3 organizations that demonstrate a public benefit to the ANC6A community be eligible for grants. OANC has mandated that ANC 6A must give grants to non 501(c)3 organizations in addition to 501(c)3 organizations in order to conform with city guidelines. Commissioner Toomajian moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A table this motion. The motion to table passed 6-0.
- 7. Next meeting 7:00 pm, June 27, 2022 (4th Monday)





#### **Alcohol Beverage Licensing**

- 1. No report. Committee did not meet in May 2021.
- 2. Next meeting 7:00 pm, June 28, 2022 (4th Tuesday)

### **Transportation and Public Space**

- 1. The May 2022 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
- 2. Next meeting 7:00 pm, June 21, 2022 (3rd Tuesday; usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

### **Economic Development and Zoning**

- 1. The May 2022 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
- 2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for special exception zoning relief under Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 902.1 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, and special exception zoning relief under Subtitle E § 5201, Subtitle E § 205.5, and Subtitle X §902.1 from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4 to construct a third story and rear addition, and convert to a flat, an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit at 647 16th St NE (BZA Case #20612) in the RF-1 zone on condition that the construction debris be removed, an update to the BZA package to note a six foot privacy fence around the entire property, best effort to get a letter of support from the owner of 649 16th Street NE (noting that they have seen the shadow study), and providing the contact at DC Water regarding the brick issue and the contact information for the construction project manager, when that person is named. (Note that neighbor at 649 16th Street has sent a letter of opposition). BZA Case scheduled for 6/22/2022. Commissioner Toomajian moved and Commissioner Gentile seconded the motion that ANC 6A table this item until the July ANC 6A meeting to allow neighbors extra time to give input and for Commissioners to look more closely at the property. The motion passed 5-1 with Commissioner Sondra Philips-Gilbert opposed.
- 3. Next meeting 7:00 pm, June 15, 2022 (3rd Wednesday)

#### **New Business**

Commissioner Gentile moved and Commissioner Keya Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A narrow the focus of the ANC 6A Google Group to serve solely as means of communication for ANC meeting agendas and notices, as well as for Commissioners to share information with the community. All Commissioners, Committee chairs and the ANC Administrator would have permission to post to the list. A second Google group would be created for public sharing and a community forum; the community forum will not be an official mode of communication and is not monitored or moderated by ANC Commissioners. The current Google group is not an official forum and is not moderated by ANC 6A officials. Logistically, Commissioners were in disagreement about whether to post ANC 6A content in just the official group or in both the official group and the community forum, and who should own the community forum group. The Commissioners do not have time to moderate the community forum and do not want to be affiliated with it as it currently stands, with some instances of hate speech. Commissioner Gentile moved to table this item until the July 2022 ANC 6A meeting. The motion to table passed 6-0.

#### **Single Member District reports**

Commissioner Alcorn (6A08) is relieved to report that redistricting is now done, and is proud to report that he and hundreds of his fellow residents will be part of a new 10 member ANC Commission, ANC 7D. The southern border of this SMD will be 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Potomac Avenue SE with the northern border along DC/Prince George's County border. There will be many logistics to work out and the Commissioner looks forward to working with community volunteers. The Commissioner recognized Phil Mendelson and





all Commissioners and community leaders who were pivotal in this process. There will be a meeting about the use of a vacant lot at 1744 D Street NE for a public purpose.

Commissioner Philips-Gilbert (6A07) thanked Commissioner Alcorn for working with her on the D Street lot. The Commissioner attended a Memorial Day party and witnessed Friendship Public Charter School (PCS) - Blow Pierce Elementary School students march against gun violence.

Commissioner Gentile (6A05) is following up with DDOT for traffic calming on the 1300 block of D and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets as well as an all way stop on Tennessee Avenue and 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE and a raised crosswalk on Duncan Place and 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE. The Commissioner has heard several trash concerns on D Street with blocks getting skipped entirely or trash being left behind in containers. The Commissioner also reported parking safety concerns and poor visibility at Lovejoy Condominiums and is requesting a mirror or increased setback. The Commissioner spoke with an organizer of a Juneteenth celebration, who is concerned that her emails are going to people's junk mail but the event is moving forward as scheduled.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) reported on a recent DDOT C Street Project visit which also included MOCRS Jasmine Coilton, noting that DDOT promised to move bus stops to the far side of intersections, curb extensions, raised crosswalks, and a speed table. The Commissioner looks forward to short - and long-term improvements to traffic patterns around Lincoln Park.

Commissioner Toomajian (6A02) has been working on facilities issues, this month on School within Schools @ Goding (SWS) which had no air conditioning and is disappointed that the Department of General Services (DGS) and the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) are not maintaining facilities. There are many exterior issues at the Sherwood Recreation Center - missing parts of instruments and fences, a neglected water fountain, and broken playground pieces, to name a few. The Commissioner is hoping to plan a site visit soon.

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) noted that strawberry and summer vegetable season have started and community members can visit the farmer's market at 13<sup>th</sup> and H Streets NE every Saturday morning. There was a shooting at this location on May 26, 2022 and it may have been an automatic weapon. Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen put out a report with detailed and specific recommendations to prevent gun violence. The Commissioner reported that a lot of sex work is happening on K Street NE with condoms being left near J.O Wilson Elementary School by customers and is grateful to the ANC 6A COC for starting a conversation about this.

### **Community Comments**

Ms. Naomi Mitchell will be leaving Councilmember Allen's office on June 30,2022 after 15 years of service. All Commissioners are in their positions until the end of 2022 and can petition to run again; petitions can be picked up in late July 2022 with the election scheduled for November 2022. Early primary voting for several races, including the mayoral race, is currently open and election day is June 21, 2022

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.



### Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Community Presentations



### Assistant Chief Andre L. Wright



Andre Wright currently serves as the Assistant Chief of Patrol Services South (PSS) which includes the First, Sixth, and Seventh police districts. He was promoted to this position by Police Chief Robert Contee on May 7, 2021 after serving as Commander of the Seventh Police District for several years.

Assistant Chief Andre Wright began his career with the Metropolitan Police Department in 1994. After graduating from the Academy, he was assigned as an officer in the Sixth District. He eventually was promoted to investigator and assigned to the Major Narcotics Division and was one of seven investigators assigned to the Citywide Gun Recovery Unit within the Narcotics and Special Investigations Division. He was then assigned to the Violent Crimes section where he closed numerous cases.

When promoted to lieutenant, Wright led the warrant squad to achieve the highest number of arrests of all warrant squad units across districts. Assistant Chief Wright also led the Seventh District Focus Mission Team whose work and impact in the Seventh District led to the two-time receipt of the Unit Citation Award. Upon being promoted to detective sergeant in the Seventh District and detective lieutenant, Wright significantly increased closure rates over a one-year period and two-year period, respectively. As lieutenant, he led the crime reduction strategy in PSA 403, which received the PSA of the Year Award and he was one of three lieutenants selected to manage the Patrol Service Bureau. Wright later served as captain of the Criminal Investigations Division, District Detectives Investigative Branch and the Special Investigations Branch.

Assistant Chief Wright's first post as commander was heading up the Youth and Family Services Division within the Metropolitan Police Department. The Youth and Family Services Division is the division responsible for investigating child abuse and neglect, child sexual abuse and exploitation (including child pornography and prostitution), juvenile missing persons and parental kidnapping, and persons in need of supervision. He was later assigned to the Seventh District, which includes much of the Southeast quadrant of the city, including the neighborhoods of Anacostia, Barry Farm, Naylor Gardens and Washington Highlands.







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June 17, 2022

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

Re: HPA 22-325 (1320 North Carolina Avenue NE)

Dear Ms Heath:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on June 9, 2022, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the design of the proposed renovation of an existing single family row home with a rear and third floor addition in the Capitol Hill Historic District at 1320 North Carolina Avenue NE. The design has taken measures to ensure that the addition is not visible from the street, and it will not disrupt the historic character of the neighborhood.

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

On Behalf of the Commission,

amber K. Hove

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June 17, 2022

Via email to: Mr. Clifford Moy Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment Board of Zoning Adjustment 441 4th Street NW, Suite 210 Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 20731 (1447 Maryland Avenue NE)

Dear Mr. Moy:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on June 9, 2022, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for Special Exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle C § 703.2 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the minimum vehicle parking requirements of Subtitle C § 701 to construct a front, rear, and third floor addition with penthouse, and to convert to a mixed -use, nineunit apartment house with first floor retail, an existing, attached, six-unit, two-story with cellar, mixed use building in the NC-14 zone.

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

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June 17, 2022

Via email to: Mr. Clifford Moy Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment Board of Zoning Adjustment 441 4th Street NW, Suite 210 Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 20742 (1252 H Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on June 9, 2022, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for Special Exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle H  $\S$  910, Subtitle H  $\S$  1202, and Subtitle X  $\S$  901.2 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle H  $\S$  904.1, special exception zoning relief pursuant to Subtitle H  $\S$  910, Subtitle H  $\S$  1202, and Subtitle X  $\S$  901.2 from the rear yard requirements of Subtitle H  $\S$  905.1, and an area variance pursuant to Subtitle X  $\S$  1002 from the design requirements of Subtitle H  $\S$  909.1(f).

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May 2, 2022

Mr. Anthony J. Hood Chairperson District of Columbia Zoning Commission 441 4th Street, NW Suite 210-S Washington, DC 20001

Re: ZC # 22-03 (1207 H Street NE)

Dear Mr. Hood:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on April 14, 2022, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support a map amendment to change the property from its current NC-14 zoning to NC-15, and will be subject to the enhanced affordability requirements under the IZ+ program. It is the view of ANC 6A that this development serves the public interest, and will help maintain development of the H Street area and provide additional affordable housing to the community. Our ANC enthusiastically supports the goals of the IZ+ program, and appreciate the proscribed increase in the amount of affordable housing on projects to 20 percent.

Please be advised that Commissioner Toomajian, Brad Greenfield and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at <a href="mailto:6A04@anc.dc.gov">6A04@anc.dc.gov</a>, Commissioner Toomajian at <a href="mailto:6A02@anc.dc.gov">6A02@anc.dc.gov</a> and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at brad.greenfield@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

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Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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District of Columbia Government Advisory Commission 6B 921 Pennsylvania Ave SE Washington, DC 20003

June 27, 2022

Via email and the ANC Resolution website to:

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

Re: Support for traffic calming and bike facilities for 17th Street (from Benning Road NE to Barney Circle SE) and 19th Street (from C Street NE to Potomac Avenue SE)

#### Dear Director Lott

At regularly scheduled and properly noticed meetings on June 9, 2022, ANC6A voted 6-0-0 (with a quorum present) and on June 14, 2022, ANC 6B voted 9-0-0 (with a quorum present) to support the initial concept designs for traffic calming and improved bike facilities for 17th Street (from Benning Road NE to Barney Circle SE) and 19th Street (from C Street NE to Potomac Avenue SE) as well as the 1700-1800 blocks of Potomac Avenue SE.

ANC 6A and residents have submitted the following requests for traffic calming, including traffic safety assessment and investigation requests:

- Traffic calming at the "half-about" at the intersection of 17th Street NE, E Street NE, and Eames Street NE (TSA #22-00259232, June 5, 2022).
- Traffic calming between 17th Street NE and 19th Street NE, and E Street NE and F Street NE. (TSA, Aug. 11, 2021).
- Traffic calming on the unit, 100, and 200 blocks of 19th Street. NE (TSA, March 16, 2021).
- Traffic calming on the unit, 100, and 200 blocks of 17<sup>th</sup> Street NE (TSA# 21-00126068, Mar. 15, 2021).<sup>2</sup>
- Bicycle safety on East Capitol Street, including the intersections with 17<sup>th</sup> Street NE and 19<sup>th</sup> Street NE. (Jan. 14, 2020 traffic safety priorities letter to DDOT from ANC 6A).<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-19th-St-TSA Redacted.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/TSA-17th-Street-NE-unit-100-200-blocks Redacted.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Re-DDOT-Priority-List.pdf.





- Traffic calming on unit block through 400 blocks of 17<sup>th</sup> Street NE, with special concern for danger to school children (Mar. 22, 2019 traffic safety priorities letter to DDOT from ANC 6A).<sup>4</sup>
- Traffic calming at the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> Street NE and Constitution Avenue NE, including special concern for danger to school children (Mar. 22, 2019 traffic safety priorities letter to DDOT from ANC 6A).<sup>5</sup>
- Traffic calming on the unit 200 blocks of 19<sup>th</sup> Street NE, including special concern for danger to school children (Mar. 22, 2019 traffic safety priorities letter to DDOT from ANC 6A).<sup>6</sup>
- Traffic calming on 300 block of 19th Street NE (TSA # 19-00951831, 2019).

ANC 6B and residents have submitted the following requests for traffic calming, including traffic safety assessment and investigation requests:

- Traffic calming at 17th Street and C, D, and E Streets SE. SR 19-00959635, submitted
  October 18, 2019. Closed with denial of raised speed humps or all way stop control on June
  25, 2021.
- Traffic calming at 17th Street and Independence Avenue SE, SR 20-00252881, submitted July 22, 2020, closed with no action September 29, 2021.
- September 2020 letter to DDOT requesting update on Traffic Safety Assessment 19-00959635, 17th Street and C, D, and E Streets SE.
- November 2020 ANC 6B passed resolution in support of traffic calming and protected bike lanes on 17th St SE between East Capitol Street and Barney Circle.
- October 2021 Traffic Safety Assessment requesting raised crosswalks or other pedestrian safety infrastructure improvements at 17th and C Streets SE, 21-00473313. Closed with denial in December 2021.
- October 2021 Traffic Safety Assessment requesting traffic calming on the 1700-1800 blocks of Potomac Avenue SE 21-00455385. Closed February 2022 with denial.
- December 2021 Traffic Safety Investigation requesting raised crosswalks at 17th Street and Barney Circle SE, 21-00572520, Closed April 2022 with no action.
- March 2022, ANC 6B Resolution Request to DDOT for Reconsideration of a Raised Crosswalk Denial at 17th and C Streets SE, in association with TSI #SR-21-00473313.
- March 2022 Traffic Safety Investigation requesting traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements at 17th Street and Massachusetts Avenue SE, 22-00107345, pending.
- March 2022 Traffic Safety Investigation requesting traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements at 18th Street and Potomac Avenue SE, 22-00121892, pending.
- March 2022 Traffic Safety Investigation requesting traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements at 19th Street and Potomac Avenue SE, 22-00127056, pending.
- March 2022 Traffic Safety Investigation requesting traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements at 17th and H Streets SE, 22-00127058, pending.
- March 2022 Traffic Safety Investigation requesting traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements at 17th and G Streets SE, 22-00127061, pending.
- April 2022 Traffic Safety Investigation requesting raised crosswalk at 17th and G Streets SE, 22-00191257, pending.

6 Id.

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<sup>4</sup> https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-request-for-Traffic-Safety-Investigations.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Id.





For the reasons outlined above, we urge DDOT to move quickly on design and installation of traffic calming and bike facility changes to 17th and 19th Streets. Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of our Commissions. Chair Holman can be contacted at 6806@anc.dc.gov and Chair Gove can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov.

On Behalf of the Commissions,

Corey Holman

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Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

Amber Gove

amber K. Hove

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A







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June 12, 2022

Via email and the ANC Resolution Website to:

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

Re: ANC6A support for interim bus priority and traffic calming on H Street NE

#### Dear Director Lott:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on June 9, 2022, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request interim bus priority and traffic calming on H Street NE from 7th to 15th Streets NE.

In March 2021, ANCs 6A and 6C sent a joint letter<sup>2</sup> to DDOT requesting traffic calming on H Street from 2nd to 15th Streets. As highlighted in our letter, our request for traffic calming and other measures includes:

"support for: (1) X2 and X9 bus/ streetcar-only lanes; (2) wider sidewalks; and (3) pick up and drop off zones, as mentioned in the letter from 25 businesses on H Street NE. We envision a H Street NE redesign that protects the lives of our neighbors and visitors, allows our local business to flourish and grow, celebrates our neighborhood history, provides predictable and reliable bus service for transit-dependent neighbors, and is environmentally sustainable. And we welcome the opportunity to work with DDOT and Office of Planning to leverage its staff expertise to develop solutions together in partnership—especially as H Street NE will become the main corridor between two transformative redevelopment projects at Union Station and Hechinger Mall."

DDOT's initial response<sup>3</sup> has not been followed by additional correspondence noting what measures, if any, have been installed. We request expedited installation of bus/streetcar priority lanes while DDOT plans for bus lanes in 2023. Specifically, we request:

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 $https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-and-6C\_-Request-for-partnership-to-develop-solutions-for-H-Street-NE.pdf$ 

https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/DDOT-Acknowledgement-ID2177318-ANC-6A-and-6C-Partnership-H-St reet-NE.pdf





- A westbound speed camera on the 1300 block of H Street NE;
- Sidewalk extensions/bulb-outs at 14th Street, 8th Street, and 6th Street;
- Changes to traffic light timing to reduce driver speed and improve safety for kids crossing H Street NE to walk to school and home;
- Return of the X1 route, to take pressure off of the X2 and provide additional transit options;
- A midblock crosswalk in the 1300 block of H Street NE; and
- A red painted bus-only lane along all of H Street NE, similar to other installations.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov.

On Behalf of the Commission,

amber K. Hove

Amber Gove

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A





### Government of the District of Columbia

**Department of Transportation** 







June 14, 2022

Amber Gove P.O. Box 75115 Washington, DC 20013

RE: ANC6A support for interim bus priority and traffic calming on H Street NE

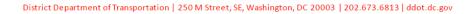
Dear Chairperson Gove:

Thank you for contacting the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). DDOT acknowledges receipt of ANC 6A's letter dated June 12, 2022, requesting interim bus priority and traffic calming on H Street NE from 7th to 15th Streets NE.

Your notification has been documented as Request ID 2272632 and forwarded to the appropriate administration. For further information or concerns regarding this matter please contact Abraham Diallo, Community Engagement Specialist at abraham.diallo@dc.gov or 202-345-7105.

Sincerely,

Tamika T. Edwards Program Analyst/Executive Assistant d. Office of the Director









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June 12, 2022

Via email and the ANC Resolution Website to:

Everett Lott, Director District Department of Transportation 250 M Street SE Washington, DC 20003 Councilmember Mary Cheh Chair, Transportation Committee

Re: ANC 6A request for coordination between paving and traffic safety teams

Dear Director Lott and Councilmember Chey:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on June 9, 2022, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request coordination between DDOT's paving and traffic safety teams.

During the 2022 paving season, 16 block segments in ANC 6A were identified for paving. Nearly all of these blocks had previously been identified as needing traffic calming by residents and our ANC. The following Traffic Safety Investigation requests are pending review or in process of data collection by DDOT.

- 11th Street NE: 21-00562071 22-00019545, 22-00019538, 22-00019531
- 13th Street NE: 22-00027049 & 22-00045799
- Constitution Avenue NE: 21-00552863
  14th Street at C Street NE: 22-00127062
- F Street: 22-00046502

Our Commission respectfully requests that DDOT actively work to improve coordination between the paving team and the traffic safety team. Many residents requested that paving be delayed until speed humps and other vertical traffic calming measures could be approved and added to the paving process. We believe greater coordination and planning between these two teams, particularly when safety investigations are in process, would be safer and more cost-effective.

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Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov.

On Behalf of the Commission,

amber K. Hove

Amber Gove

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A







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June 17, 2022

#### Via email and the ANC Resolution Website to:

Chairperson Phil Mendelson
Councilmember Elissa Silverman
Councilmember Anita Bonds
Councilmember Christina Henderson
Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie
Councilmember Robert C. White
Councilmember Trayon White, Sr.
Councilmember Brianne Nadeau
Councilmember Brooke Pinto
Councilmember Mary M. Cheh
Councilmember Janeese Lewis George
Councilmember Charles Allen
Councilmember Trayon White, Sr.

Re: ANC6A letter of support for the Safe Routes to School Act

#### Dear Councilmembers:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on June 9, 2022, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send a letter of support for the Safe Routes to School Act.

As summarized on the Council's <u>website</u>, "Bill 24-565 would require a traffic signal or all-way stop at every local intersection within a quarter mile of a school. It also includes mandates for raised crosswalks, curb extensions, crosswalk warning pylons, flashing pedestrian signs and speed bumps in the vicinity of the school. Among other things it would expand school safety zones and require automated traffic cameras within each school zone."

Resident and ANC requests for traffic calming near schools in our Commission area have been repeatedly denied by DDOT. Many of these requested changes, including raised crosswalks at intersections, speed humps, and all-way stops at intersections, are rejected based on the DDOT's adherence to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Calming Devices (MUTCD).

For example, DDOT's Safe Routes to School team was unable to install all-way stop control at 19th Street NE and Constitution Avenue NE, adjacent to Eliot-Hine Middle School and Eastern High School. Their explanation follows:

"[DDOT] conducted a study looking at the intersection for an all-way stop control at the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> and Constitution Ave., Northeast. The story shows that the all-way stop was not warranted because minor street traffic (Constitution Avenue) was below the minimum traffic count of motorists using the side street compared to the major street (19<sup>th</sup> street) over 8 hours.

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The 2009 MUTCD guidelines were employed to assess the need for a Multi-Way STOP control at the study intersection. The warrants are as follows:

Five or more reported crashes in a 12-month period that are susceptible to correction by: Multi-Way STOP installation. Such crashes include right-turn and left-turn collisions as well as right-angle collisions. No crash was reported over the past 12 months at the study intersection.

Minimum volumes: The vehicular volume entering the intersection from the major street approaches (total of both approaches) average at least 300 vehicles per hour for any 8 hours of an average day. **Not met** 

The combined vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle volumes entering the intersection from the minor street approaches (total of both approaches) average at least 200 units per hour for the same 8 hours, with an average delay to minor-street vehicular traffic of at least 30 seconds per vehicle during the highest hour. **Not met**"

Similarly, the Safe Routes to School team was unable to install a raised crosswalk or speed humps in the 200 block of 13th Street NE, the entrance to Maury Elementary School. Their explanation follows:

"Denied traffic calming for the 200 block 13<sup>th</sup> Street NE: 13<sup>th</sup> and C Street, 13<sup>th</sup> and Tenn Ave, and 13<sup>th</sup> and Const. Avenue does not have the necessary spacing for a traffic calming device – 250 feet from any signal intersection. As for the raised crosswalk, there is no policy to install them at traffic signal intersections at this time. Furthermore, drainage calculation and issues with the lifting of the maintenance hole will also need to be considered."

These examples highlight the importance of legislation that would require DDOT to install traffic calming at schools, even when such measures are not strictly in accordance with the MUTCD guidelines. We further applaud the Council's recognition that installation of such measures is not equitably distributed, and urgently request that DDOT prioritize those schools that need the measures most. Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov.

On Behalf of the Commission,

amber K. Hove

Amber Gove

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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### **Consent Agenda**



### **Community Outreach**

**Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter requesting a public restroom at 8th and H Street NE and to DPW to request a process for removal of biohazards.

### **Alcohol Beverage Licensing**

**Recommendation:** ANC 6A protest the new license application of Old City Cafe unless a Settlement Agreement is entered into prior to the protest date, and that the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC, as well as the Co-Chairs of the ABL Committee and Ms. Kara Hughley, represent the ANC in the negotiation of the Settlement Agreement

**Recommendation:** ANC 6A protest the license renewal application of Sticky Rice/Sing Sing Karaoke Palace unless an updated Settlement Agreement is reached prior to the protest date, and that the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC, as well as the Co-Chairs of the ABL Committee and Ms. Erin Sullivan, represent the ANC in the negotiation of the Settlement Agreement.

**Recommendation:** ANC 6A protest the license renewal application of Crab Boss LLC unless an updated Settlement Agreement is entered into prior to the protest date, and that the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC, as well as the Co-Chairs of the ABL Committee, represent the ANC in the negotiation of the Settlement Agreement.

#### Transportation and Public Space

**Recommendation:** ANC 6A write a joint letter with ANC 6C to DDOT with post-completion requests for the Maryland Avenue Project, including no right turn on red signs; prioritizing bicycles and pedestrians in this corridor; and remedying the dangerous exit into a steep bioswale on certain blocks.

### **Consent Agenda**





July XX, 2022

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

Re: ANC6A Request for 311 Process For The Removal of Biohazards

Dear Interim Director Carter:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting 1 on July 14, 2022, our Commission voted 0-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that, due to health and safety concerns, DPW institute a 311 process for the removal of biohazards.

There have been human feces, needles, broken glass and public urination in the vicinity of J.O, Wilson Elementary School. At the ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee meeting held on June 27, 2022, Ms. Celeste Duffie stated she was unsure if DPW was permitted to remove human biohazards except in cases of encampments but she was going to check to be sure and get back to us. We feel strongly that residents and school personnel should not be dealing with the issue of removal.

There needs to be a process that, in a timely manner, responds to such issues from residents. It is important that we work together as quickly as possible to provide a remedy to this issue.

Please let us know if you need support for inclusion of this item in the DC budget so that ANC 6A can lend our support to the Council and the Mayor.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at 6A04@anc.dc.gov or Commissioner Keya Chatterjee at 6A01@anc.dc.gov.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Councilman Charles Allen Jasmine Coilton (Ward 6 MOCRS)

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District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C P.O. Box 77876 Washington, DC 20013-7787

July XX, 2021

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

Re: Request for additional measures related to the Maryland Ave NE Streetscape project

#### Dear Director Lott:

At duly noticed \$^1\$, regularly scheduled ANC monthly meetings in July 2022, ANC 6A voted X:X:X, with a quorum of X of X commissioners on July 14, 2022 and ANC 6C voted X:X:X on July XX, 2022 with a quorum of X of X commissioners, with the public present via video conference, to request additional measures related to the completion of the Maryland Ave NE project.

#### Generally:

- Please include restrictions that would prevent any right turns on red along the entire corridor.
- Safety is paramount, considering that multiple schools are located along this corridor.
   DDOT should prioritize the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists and should not follow traditional levels of service metrics that prioritize drivers.

#### Within ANC 6C

West of Stanton Park:

- Install an all-way stop sign at 3rd Street NE & Maryland Avenue NE. ANC 6C noted safety concerns in May 2021.
- Install bike lanes on Maryland Ave NE, west of 3rd Street NE. Bike lines currently end at 3rd Street NE. Include a bike box at 4th Street NE.
- Install bike lanes on Massachusetts Avenue NE, from Columbus Circle to 4th Street NE.

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### Consent Agenda



 Widen the sidewalks on the west side of 4th Street NE. Sidewalks are still very narrow and likely not ADA-compliant.

#### **Around Station Park:**

- DDOT staff need to rethink bicyclist and pedestrian connections around Stanton Park.
   Current designs omit critical east-west bike lanes north of Stanton Park. DDOT should implement two-way bike infrastructure all around the park, in addition to considering installing sidewalks around the perimeter of the park to further reduce car travel lanes.
   ANC 6C noted concerns in September 2019.
- Additional work is needed to refine crosswalk phases at all four corners of the park. The
  current single phase is not intuitive for pedestrians.
- The signage differs for the turn lanes at the northwest corner (at 4th Street NE) and at the southeast corner (at 6th Street NE). Signage at the northwest corner at 4th St currently states no turns except on green arrow. However, signage at the southeast corner at 6th St states no turns from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. DDOT needs to harmonize the signage. ANC 6C prefers both signs to mimic the northwest corner where turns are not allowed at all times.
- Transition the bike lanes on 4th and 6th Streets to be protected.
- Include pedestrian bump-outs on the north side of Stanton Park on 5th Street NE. Bump outs were installed on the south side at 5th Street NE but not on the north side.
- Upon completion of the entire project, conduct an audit to ensure which light/traffic poles
  are staying and being removed as a result of the project. Currently the sidewalk narrows
  on 5th Street NE north of the park due to old or new infrastructure, and makes it
  particularly difficult for caretakers pushing strollers or people using mobility devices to
  maneuver the space.
- Install flexiposts or concrete wheel stops to prevent illegal parking at the southeast corner
  of the park in front of the Keller Williams Building. No parking signs are currently
  installed at that corner near a drainage grate; however, drivers are still parking there and
  obstruct sightlines.

#### **East of Stanton Park:**

- Re-sodding is not complete on the 600 block of Maryland Avenue NE.
- Plantings are missing at the newly installed bioretention in front of the Northeast Library.
- Remove the illegal curb cuts on the 700 block of Maryland Avenue NE. ANC 6C previously requested resolution of this issue in July 2021.
- Install crosswalks and curb cut on the west side of D and 7th Streets NE.

#### Within ANC 6A

- Treeboxes at 10th Street & Maryland Avenue and 9th Street & Maryland Avenue are far
  too small for the health of the trees and to address stormwater runoff needs. Please
  expand and/or work with Urban Forestry and/or DOEE to allow them to do so.
- Sodded areas are already badly overgrown and not being mowed. Please provide a
  regular schedule for mowing and a point of contact for follow-up. Current conditions
  along multiple blocks more closely resemble a hay field than an appropriate grass
  median.

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### **Consent Agenda**



- The bioretention areas along the south side of the 1300 block of Maryland Avenue NE are too deep and present significant falling and tripping hazards. Please add sodding to make the entire garden more level with the curb.
- Contractors have already added several mock curbs on the inside of the sod wells, but these should not serve as substitutes for a garden that is level with the curb.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC 6A and ANC 6C. Responses to this letter should be directed to both ANC 6A Chair Amber Gove (6A04@anc.dc.gov) and ANC 6C Chair Karen Wirt (6C02@anc.dc.gov).

On behalf of our respective Commissions,

Amber Gove ANC 6A Chair

Karen Wirt ANC 6C Chair



### Officer Reports - Treasurer



#### ANC 6A Treasurer's Report July 2022

Period Covered	6/1/2022 - 7/14/2022			
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Ending Balance				\$ 25.00



### Officer Reports - Treasurer



### ANC 6A Quarterly Financial Report FY22 Q3

Balance Forward (Checking)			\$25,397.76
Receipts			
District Allotment	\$10,891.12		
Interest	\$0.00		
Other	\$0.00		
Transfer from Savings	\$0.00		
Total Receipts		\$10,891.12	
Total Funds Available During Quarter			\$36,288.8
Disbursements			
1. Personnel	\$0.00		
2. Direct Office Cost	\$0.00		
3. Communication	\$3,047.67		
4. Office Supplies, Equipment, Printing	\$0.00		
5. Grants	\$0.00		
6. Local Transportation	\$0.00		
7. Purchase of Service	\$174.87		
8. Bank Charges	\$0.00		
9. Other	\$0.00		
Total Disbursements		\$3,222.54	
Ending Balances: Checking			\$33,066.3
Savings			\$100.0
Approval Date by Commission:			
Treasurer:	Chairperson:		_
Secretary Certification:	Date:		
I hereby certify that the above noted quarterly find during a public meeting when there existed a quoru	ancial report has been approved by		





### ANC 6A Transactions FY22 Q3: Checking

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•	Check	Date	Payee/Payor	Cat	Income	Expenses
	2014	4/17/2022	Irene Dworakowski	3		\$765.89
	2015	4/17/2022	Anna Tsaur	3		\$250.00
	2016	4/17/2022	Robb Dooling	7		\$58.29
	2017	5/15/2022	rene Dworakowski	3		\$765.89
	2018	5/15/2022	Anna Tsaur	3		\$250.00
	2019	5/15/2022	Robb Dooling	7		\$58.29
		6/13/2022	DC Government Deposit	D-A	\$10,891.12	
	2020	6/29/2022	Irene Dworakowski	3		\$765.89
	2021	6/29/2022	Anna Tsaur	3		\$250.00
	2022	6/29/2022	Robb Dooling	7		\$58.29

### ANC 6A Transactions FY22 Q3: Savings

Date	Payee/Payor	Cat	Deposit	Transfer/Fee
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4/1/2022	Interest Earned	D-A		
5/1/2022	Interest Earned	D-A		
6/1/2022	Interest Earned	D-A		

### Officer Reports - Treasurer



### **Date Approved**

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# Minutes ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Regular Meeting - May 23, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

Quorum present.

COC members present: Roni Hollmon (Chair), Marc Friend, Adina Wadsworth, Stefany Thangavelu

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

Commissioners present: Amber Gove, Keya Chatterjee, Robb Dooling

Panelists: Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen, Chelsea Ricker (HIPS), Leo Gudonov, Lieutenant Alai Araz (MPD 1D), Captain Zdenek Fronek (MPD 5D), Jen DeMayo (Councilmember Allen's staff), Celeste Duffie (DPW), Jasmine Coilton (MOCRS)

Community members present: 43

A round of introductions were made.

Chair Hollmon asked that Leo Gudonov give an overview of the problems being faced by residents and J.O. Wilson Elementary School.

Leo Gudonov described the myriad of issues facing the neighborhood from sex work near J.O. Wilson, while trying to be empathetic. There are human feces sometimes, public urination, used condoms, broken alcohol bottles, drug trade which he is unsure how it relates to sex work, confrontations with neighbors both verbal and non-verbal and violence to sex workers. Quality of life is impacted.

Councilmember Charles Allen said these are complex issues and this is not the first time discussing these issues. Hearing about confrontations is very alarming. Activity appears to have increased in the last few months. He is glad there is discussion about how the issues can be addressed holistically.

Ms.Celeste Duffie from the Department of Public Works (DPW) says she is familiar with the issues. She shared her experience with the Bank of America on H Street NE and not feeling safe to use it because of dice shooting at the mouth of the ramp. Where it is safe, DPW can provide street cleaning and related services. DPW does enhanced enforcement because of the street car on H Street NE. he will get a baseline of what DPW is doing and get those numbers to the Councilmember's office and to ANC 6A. The hard issue is biohazards because they are not allowed to place their employees in danger. While it is not impossible, it cannot be addressed by submitting a 311 ticket. DPW has experienced violent confrontations of workers including hospitalization.

Councilmember Allen said that vehicles are being used for sex work and that there is illegal parking on the 8th Street side off H Street. It does not appear that enforcement is occurring because of intimidation.





Mr. Gudonov shared that he does jog by the area sometimes and he has seen a man near the sex workers that is selling drugs, but he does not know if that man is related to the sex workers or whether it is just a convenient place to sell drugs.

Ms. Duffie said she will check with supervisors who will know if a ticket is not completed, the reasons for lack of completion and get that information to COC.

Commissioner Keya Chatterjee asked Ms. Duffie for clarification on the biohazard policy and said that she would like to make it a 311 request and asked what the pathway would be for getting biohazardous material picked up?

Ms. Duffie said this is a relatively new issue with human feces and other biohazards. There is a process for encampments, but she is not aware of a process for human biohazards elsewhere.

Councilmember Allen said there needs to be an outline of areas where there are biohazards and DPW should clean those areas in a timely fashion. He agrees with Commissioner Chatterjee that this needs to happen sooner rather than later.

Chelsea Ricker of HIPS wanted to address some of the issues posted in Chat and that it is unfortunate when there is trash, waste and noise. She wanted to caution people about relating all of this to sex workers. A lot of people are having poverty issues, health crisis, mental illness crisis and the pandemic. Sex workers are in the best position to know if someone is trafficked or not. HIPS has a mobile van from which the organization can talk to sex workers and has built a community with sex workers. She also gave an overview of all the services HIPS offers.

Captain Zdenek Fronek of the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Fifth District (5D) gave an overview of his background. He is aware of the historic sex worker on K Street NE. MPD is aware of people coming from other jurisdictions. Ideally it would be good to put officers there, but with the increase in violent crimes, MPD does not have the officers to dedicate to this issue due to manpower shortages. MPD will try to give special attention, but violent crime and protests take precedence over sex work. He has reached out to the narcotics and sex work unit (NSID) which handles these operations. He said that MPD will arrest sex workers and johns, but this will not solve the problem. The individuals will be back the next day and it will not be a deterrent for most. He also gave the crime statistics for the last 30 days for the area between 5D and 1D.

Lieutenant Alai Araz of MPD's First District (1D) shared they have a human trafficking task force. They are making inroads into sex work industry and, when arrests are made, MPD works to divert sex workers into the services they need to exit the lifestyle. Every District is challenged with manpower shortages, but he will develop strategies around the issues.

Commissioner Chatterjee inquired about officers who have victimized sex workers and what training officers receive to interact with sex workers.

Lieutenant Alai explained that officers accused of a crime are placed on a no contact status and that they are investigated by internal affairs and he cannot comment on those issues. The human sex trafficking task force is a specialized unit of officers who receive special training and not radio patrol officers that interact with sex workers.





Ms. Ricker objected to further criminalizing sex workers and said that this will only make the problem worse and does not prevent harm to sex workers and reiterated that sex workers are the best defense against sex trafficking. She said she would talk to sex workers about being near the school but could not promise they would move.

Lieutenant Alai reminded everyone that, although he empathizes, sex work is still illegal in the District of Columbia. If MPD is called upon, they have no choice but to arrest sex workers and johns since their activities violate DC code.

Mr. Gudonov said he appreciates the work HIPS does. The current situation is not sustainable and he wondered what programs are being offered to sex workers by the city, such as job programs and things of that nature.

Committee Member Marc Friend said that it is hard to separate sex work issues from the larger issues of poverty, homelessness and other issues that impact residents. He wants to know how ANC 6A can help support the work of HIPS and find long term solutions.

Commissioner Robb Dooling asked Mr. Friend if it would be helpful for ANC 6A to write a letter reiterating its support for a public restroom pilot location at 8th and H Street NE.

Mr. Friend responded that it could not hurt and gave the top 3 locations identified for the city, with only two being in the budget so far.

Commissioner Dooling asked whether the ANC could request that 8th and H Street NE replace 17th Street and Benning Road NE.

Commissioner Chatterjee made a motion that a letter be sent requesting the 8th and H Street location be bumped up on the public restroom pilot list and that DPW institute a process akin to the one for pet waste and dead rodent removal to alleviate the human waste and loose condoms in the area. Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0-0.

The Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) representative Jasmine Coilton weighed in and said she would like to schedule a walk in the area to see what is going on there. She looks forward to working with both HIPS and MPD to resolve the issue.

Chair Hollmon stated that there was a number of comments in Chat about the sex work near the school.

Mr. Friend said he would have liked to hear from the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS). Chair Hollmon told him that the principal of J.O Wilson was contacted to attend this meeting and never responded nor did DCPS on the administrative level. She Inquired if there were J.O. Wilson parents in Chat that wanted to comment; since the school is not within the boundaries of ANC 6A, she did not have contact information for parent representatives to invite them to this meeting.

Mr. Gudonov said that his child had attended J.O. Wilson. He had seen sex workers in the morning and it is a hard thing to explain to a 5 year old.





Chair Hollmon asked Jen DeMayo where legislation addressing sex workers stood. Ms. DeMayo explained that the bill had been championed by Councilmember David Grosso, who is no longer on the council. Many residents weighed in from all perspectives but the proposed legislation was pulled and not pending. Chair Hollmon requested if someone who works on legislative issues could contact her. Ms. DeMayo said she would contact Chris.

Ms. Ricker said that Ms. DeMayo is correct that there is no pending legislation. She said there was a series of legislation that pushed sex workers off line and back on the street. She reiterated that sex work needs to be decriminalized. She recommends that people support decriminalization.

Chair Hollmon asked Ms. Ricker what can be done about underage sex work which is trafficking. Ms. Ricker reiterated that decriminalization was the answer because sex workers cannot go to the police, so any individuals being trafficked have no way to work with law enforcement.

Mr. Gudonov thanked everyone for their perspectives and told Ms. Ricker he would like to engage with her off line to find out what legislation would be most effective for a long term solution.

Commissioner Chatterjee thanked everyone for engaging in a difficult conversation and for the clarity she got about why DPW is not picking up biohazards and finding a way to make that happen. Understanding how a policy forced sex workers back onto the streets and maybe there needs to be review of that policy.

Commissioner Gove said that it was a great meeting. She looks forward to working with Commissioner Chatterjee for solutions to the more immediate issues and with the community for long term solutions.

Chair Hollmon inquired if Commissioner Chatterjee would be participating in the walkthrough with DPW and the MOCRS. Commissioner Chatterjee said she would coordinate that and had put her email address in Chat.

Committee Member Adina Wadsworth made a pitch for anyone in attendance that wants to join the COC.

Rob posted in Chat that he would love for community leaders to think about what inaction sends as a signal when people can come in from Maryland, they can defecate, they can have sex on people's property and then they can leave with no consequences.

Captain Fronek said that it was a great meeting and he enjoyed hearing all the perspectives since there are always two sides for every issue. Some residents want MPD to enforce more while others want sex work decriminalized and the residents are stuck in the middle.

MBee posted in Chat that she wanted to confirm that notes were taken as this was her first meeting. Chair Hollmon responded that notes were taken.

Meeting adjourned 8:21 pm.



## Committee Reports Alcoholic Beverage and Licensing (ABL)



#### Minutes

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 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 28, 2022, on a publicly posted Zoom event.

Committee Members Present: Mona Hatoum, Kara Hughley, Joe Krisch, Ian Stanford (Chair), Erin Sullivan, Mike Velasquez

Commissioners Present: Keya Chatterjee (6A01), Robb Dooling (6A06)

Establishment Representatives Present: Sudon Williams (KitchenCray), Johnny Lu (Sticky Rice),

Nusereldin Wagiealla (Old City Café), Linell Watson (Crab Boss)

Community Members Present: Kelsey Grimes

- I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes
  - Mr. Stanford called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
  - Ms. Hatoum moved to reorder the agenda so that the license application of Old City Café is addressed first. The motion carried with unanimous consent.
  - The minutes from the last meeting of the Committee were approved without objection.

#### II. Community Comment

No members of the community spoke at this segment of the meeting.

#### III. New Business

- Discussion of application by Old City 1 LLC at 1307 H Street NE (ABRA #121029) for a new Class C Restaurant License.
  - o Mr. Wagiealla was present on behalf of the applicant.
  - o He described the establishment as a restaurant serving Mediterranean food.
  - o Old City Café does not have any outdoor space.
  - With regard to security and trash: Mr. Wagiealla represented that they are adding security cameras, and they have a company that does trash collection weekly. The glass door to the establishment has already been broken twice, so it is very important for him to increase security. He also would like to communicate with other establishments in the community about joint plans to address late night security.
  - Ms. Hatoum moved that the ABL Committee recommend that the ANC protest the license renewal application unless a Settlement Agreement is entered into prior to the protest date, and that the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC, as well as the Co-Chairs of the ABL Committee and Ms. Hughley, represent the ANC in the negotiation of the Settlement Agreement.
    - Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8-0.
- Discussion of application by Sticky Rice/Sing Sing Karaoke Palace at 1222 1224 H Street NE (ABRA #072783) for the renewal of a Class C Restaurant License.
  - o Mr. Lu was present on behalf of Sticky Rice.



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- Mr. Lu stated that the business is doing well, and has introduced some new initiatives recently, including a restaurant industry discount on Mondays and karaoke night on Thursdays.
- Mr. Stanford mentioned that Sticky Rice's Settlement Agreement dates back over ten years. Mr. Lu is willing to look at and consider entering into a new Settlement Agreement that reflects the ANC's current standard language.
- Ms. Hatoum moved that the ABL Committee recommend that the ANC protest the license renewal application unless an updated Settlement Agreement is reached prior to the protest date, and that the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC, as well as the Co-Chairs of the ABL Committee and Ms. Sullivan, represent the ANC in the negotiation of the Settlement Agreement.
  - Mr. Krisch seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8-0
- Discussion of application by Kitchencray H LLC at 1301 H Street NE (ABRA #113864) for the renewal of a Class C Restaurant License.
  - o Mr. Williams was present on behalf of KitchenCray.
  - Mr. Williams described the establishment as a soul food restaurant that focuses on brunch. There are other locations at the Commanders Stadium and in Alexandria, Virginia. They are continuing to grow, looking at potentially opening in Texas and Florida.
  - o Mr. Velasquez mentioned that there have been comments from residents near the establishment about employees making noise and/or smoking marijuana outside in public space around the restaurants. Mr. Williams is aware of these issues and has already taken employment actions in response by letting some employees go, including the general manager. He is committed to training and coaching his staff to ensure they represent KitchenCray well in the community this is a priority for him. He welcomes communications by phone, text, or e-mail from the Committee or ANC 6A regarding any future issues so that he can address them promptly.
  - Mr. Williams noted that the establishment has 20+ security cameras, motion sensors, tempered glass, and security on the weekends. Their trash is enclosed, and they added an additional pickup during the week to ensure there was no overflow. They also have a pest control service that come out three times per week.
  - Ms. Hatoum noted that the ANC's standard Settlement Agreement has been updated since KitchenCray entered its Settlement Agreement. Mr. Williams expressed willingness to review and potentially enter an updated Settlement Agreement reflecting the current standard language.
  - Ms. Hatoum moved that the ABL Committee recommend that the ANC protest the license renewal application unless an updated Settlement Agreement is reached prior to the protest date, and that the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC, as well as the Co-Chairs of the ABL Committee and Mr. Velasquez, represent the ANC in the negotiation of the Settlement Agreement.
    - Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8-0.
- Discussion of application by Crab Boss, LLC at 1001 H Street NE (ABRA #116696) for the renewal of a Class C Restaurant License.



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- o Mr. Watson was present on behalf of Crab Boss.
- o Mr. Watson described the establishment as a Southern food restaurant. There are several locations, one of which is on H Street NE.
- There is rooftop outdoor space. Mr. Watson stated that he has plans to have events on the rooftop and on the second floor indoors.
- With regard to noise mitigation, Mr. Watson noted that recently he had received comments about the DJ and music from the rooftop being too loud. He had someone from ABRA come out to show him how to measure the noise to ensure it is not so loud as to disturb the neighbors. Ms. Hatoum asked whether Mr. Watson would be open to putting architectural or other barriers in place to help mitigate noise. Mr. Watson stated that he is open to such measures.
- The current Settlement Agreement was entered in 2017 by the previous establishment.
   Mr. Watson indicated that he is open to entering a new Settlement Agreement.
- Commissioner Chatterjee noted that she has gotten a fair number of complaints in the
  past about noise from this establishment and she has not been able to contact Mr.
  Watson. Mr. Watson stated that he would like to provide his phone number so that he
  can personally be reached to address any issues or complaints that arise while he is not
  on the premises.
- Community member Kelsey Grimes appeared at the meeting. She lives in the building across from Crab Boss and read statements from her neighbors regarding disturbance created by the noise from Crab Boss, particularly on Sundays. Mr. Watson expressed commitment to ensuring that the residents of the Avec building are not bothered by noise from the establishment.
- Ms. Hatoum moved that the ABL Committee recommend that the ANC protest the license renewal application unless an updated Settlement Agreement is entered into prior to the protest date, and that the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC, as well as the Co-Chairs of the ABL Committee, represent the ANC in the negotiation of the Settlement Agreement.
  - Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 8-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.





# MINUTES ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Virtual Meeting via Zoom June 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm

- I. Call meeting to order.
- II. Introductions & Announcements:

ANC Commissioners Present: Brian Alcorn, Robb Dooling, Laura Gentile, Amber Gove (Chair), Phil Toomajian

Committee members present: Andrew Barnett, Hassan Christian, Maura Dundon (Chair), Jeff Fletcher, Shaun Lynch, Caitlin Rogger

### III. New Business

A. School Parking Zone (SPZ) Program Applications
Haley Peckett, Associate Director, Curbside Management Division, District Department of
Transportation (DDOT) made a presentation about the School Parking Zone program.

This is a program to provide District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) teachers and staff with street parking permits for the Residential Permit Parking in an ANC where the school is located (and in some cases a bordering ANC) pursuant to DC Code § 50-2541.

At the time of the meeting, DDOT had not yet finalized its regulations on the program, but Ms. Peckett presented details of the application process. More information is available here: https://www.parkdc.com/pages/programs#schoolparking

Each school is required to complete a detailed application, which includes appointing a staff coordinator, administering a survey to teachers about their transportation use, and a plan to increase use of public transportation. More information is available here: https://dcgov.app.box.com/v/schoolparking.

DDOT encourages schools to proactively seek support from the ANCs where the parking permits would be valid. If a school does not obtain an ANC resolution or supporting comment on the application, DDOT will notify the ANC and provide the ANC opportunity to comment. Thus, the ANC will always have the opportunity to provide its views on the parking request, which by statute will receive "great weight." More information is available here: https://dcgov.app.box.com/v/school-parking-fags

Once the school has completed the necessary preparations, the application can be completed online at https://ddot.dc.gov/page/school-parking-zone-application.

Ms. Peckett stated that DDOT anticipates a sixty (60)-day timeframe for approving applications (assuming that an ANC resolution in support had already been obtained).

Bijan Verlin, Community Action Team, DCPS discussed trainings that DCPS would provide for school administrative staff.





- B. Updates on completed Traffic Safety Investigations (TSIs), pending work orders, and new DDOT guidance on vertical traffic calming. DDOT Ward 6 Community Liaison Abraham Diallo. Commissioner Amber Gove discussed various TSIs with Mr. Diallo. Mr. Diallo will be invited to the July 2022 TPS meeting to discuss the TSIs in more detail.
- C. "Punch list" for the Maryland Avenue Project. Additional requests to DDOT post project completion.

Commissioner Robb Dooling and TPS Chair Maura Dundon discussed a joint letter with ANC 6C regarding final items to complete for the Maryland Avenue project. Commissioner Dooling suggested adding: plantings along the 700-1200 blocks; no right on red; and prioritizing pedestrian and bike safety. Commissioner Laura Gentile and TPS Chair Dundon suggested adding safety modifications to the steep bioswales directly adjacent to curbside parking.

Commissioner Dooling made the motion: That ANC 6A join ANC 6C in sending a joint letter to DDOT with post-completion requests for the Maryland Avenue Project, including no right turn on red signs; prioritizing bicycles and pedestrians in this corridor; and remedying the dangerous exit into a steep bioswale on certain blocks.

Commissioner Alcorn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Della Barba Pizza: Plans for outdoor seating, trash management, and other issues of interest to the public.
  - Joey Della Barba discussed his plans for Della Barba Pizza in the former Al's Pizza location on East Capitol and 14th Street. Mr. Della Barba stated that the restaurant's operations will be phased in, beginning with take-out and pick-up, then indoor seating, then the patio perhaps next spring. He anticipated he is six months away from a liquor license application, likely for beer and wine only. Commissioner Gove discussed the liquor license settlement agreement process and its intersection with public space issues (trash and patio capacity/hours). Mr. Della Barba stated that he anticipated closing at 10pm. He acknowledged concerns about trash, delivery driver parking, and the bus stop.
- IV. Additional Community Comment: None.
- V. Adjourn meeting





July XX, 2022

Via email and the ANC Resolution Website to:

Will Handsfield District Department of Transportation 250 M Street SE Washington, DC 20003

Re: ANC6 A support for NOI 22-191-PSD 19th Street NE, Protected Two-Way Bike Facility between East Capitol Street and C Street, NE

Dear Mr. Handsfield:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on July 14, 2022, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support DDOT's Notice of Intent 22-191-PSD<sup>2</sup> for protected bicycle facilities for 19th Street NE between East Capitol Street and C Street, NE and provide the following comments and recommendations.

We support the plans for these blocks as part of a larger plan for traffic calming and bike facilities focused on 17th and 19th Streets NE-SE, as indicated by our joint June 2022 letter with ANC 6B documenting a long history of traffic calming requests for these corridors. We also support protected bicycle facilities as a way to reduce the number of bicyclists and other micromobility users who use the sidewalk as they feel unsafe riding in the street. Providing all sidewalk and road users with their own spaces to travel is safer for all users.

Including the installation of an all-way stop at 19th Street, NE and Constitution Avenue, NE is critical to improve traffic and pedestrian safety at this intersection. It is our understanding DDOT's Safe Routes to School Team was unable to install an all-way stop requested by ANC 6A and neighboring residents as it did not meet the criteria specified in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) guidelines due to the present multiple vehicle travel lane configuration. We request that DDOT prioritize installation of an all-way stop as part of the bike facility project associated with this NOI. As noted previously, the intersection of 19th Street, NE and Constitution Avenue, NE is adjacent to Eliot-Hine Middle School, Eastern High School and a WMATA D6 Metrobus stop and route. All types of motor vehicle operators are regularly observed speeding along 19th Street NE between East Capitol Street and C Street, NE, including through this intersection. This driver behavior particularly endangers vulnerable pedestrians including school children at this intersection. Digital speed feedback signs, when working<sup>3</sup>, have been ineffective in slowing vehicle travel on 19th Street, NE. The proposed protected bike facilities and removal of a travel lane will allow DDOT to install an all-way stop at this location. An all-way stop at this intersection will also improve safety for vehicle traffic traveling east- and west-bound on Constitution Avenue, NE. Ongoing reconfiguration of nearby C Street, NE which has eliminated a left turn from C Street, NE onto 21st Street,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on anc-6a@googlegroups.com, and newhilleast@groups.io, at www.anc6a.org, on Twitter(@ANC6A) and through print a dvertisements in the Hill Rag.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://ddotwiki.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/NI/pages/2101510166/NOI-22-191-PSD

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The digital speed feedback sign on 19th Street, NE slightly north of East Capitol Street is not presently working. ANC 6A Agenda Package | July 2022 | For more information go to www.anc6a.org.





NE (into Kingman Park) has increased Kingman Park-bound vehicle traffic through the 19th/Constitution intersection.

**Inclusion of physical barriers at each end and alongside of the protected cycle track.** Please add bollards, flexposts, curbstops or other physical barriers at each end of the block and each crossing of the protected bike facilities to prevent drivers from entering in or parking in the protected bike lanes. In addition we request concrete barriers (Virginia Avenue NW is a good example, photo below) and a buffered area to protect the entire length of these bike facilities.



**Travel lane narrowing to reduce vehicle speeds**. The drawings do not provide lane width measurements for either the cycle track or the vehicle travel lane. We request that DDOT endeavor to narrow the vehicle travel lane to 11 or 10 feet to slow vehicle travel and use that additional space to expand the width of the parking bay on the east side and expand the width of the protected bicycle travel lane on the west side.

**Provide the East Capitol Street and 19th Street, NE intersection Drawings.** DDOT has not included engineering drawings for the East Capitol Street and 19th Street, NE intersection in the NOI Concept package. As a condition of support, ANC 6A would like to better understand plans for and provide input on





improvements being planned for this intersection, if any. We also request clarification on whether or not east side parking on the segment closest to East Capitol Street will be added and if there will be only one vehicle travel lane on 19th from East Capitol to C Street. The drawings currently do not indicate whether parking, or what type, is included for this section.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov and Commissioner Alcorn can be contacted at 6A08@anc.dc.gov.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A





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### d. Planning & Sustainability Division

June 24, 2022

Chairperson Amber Gove ANC 6A 1351 A St. NE Washington, DC 20002 email: 6A04@anc.dc.gov

NOI# 22-191 PSD

Re: Installation of Protected Two-Wav Bike Facility on 19th Street NE

Dear Chairperson Gove,

Pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000" D.C. LAW 13-249 (48 DCR 3491 April 20, 2001), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is required to give a written notice of our intent (NOI) to modify traffic and/or parking requirements. This letter is being forwarded to you for the purpose of notification and solicitation of comments on our intent to implement the following in your jurisdiction:

DDOT proposes to modify the roadway pattern for 19th St NE to include 2-way protected bike lanes (AKA a cycletrack), parking will be switched to the west side to the east side of the street, with setbacks for visual sightlines at alleys, driveways and crosswalks consistent with DDOT's design and engineering manual standards. Following installation of this project, there will be a total of 690 linear feet of on-street parking (approximately 30 typical parking spaces). DDOT is also investigating an all-way stop at 19th/Constitution intersection as part of overall intersection safety.

DDOT's reasoning for this change is to construct the protected bicycle network specified in MoveDC mobility plan, improve overall neighborhood safety in accordance with our mandate to eliminate fatal crashes by 2024. We are issuing this NOI now at the request of commissioners who expressed an interest in seeing this project delivered prior to the 2022/23 school year start due to the location adjacent to two schools.

All comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing by August 8th, 2022 (thirty business days after the date of this notice), with the District Department of Transportation, Transportation Operations Administration, 250 M Street, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003. If you would like to check the status of this Notice of Intent (NOI), please visit DDOT's website at https://ddotwiki.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/NI/overview If you are having any trouble accessing the NOI site or are unable to do so, please contact the DDOT Customer Service Clearinghouse at 202-671-2800.

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Sincerely,

Will Handsfield

Bicycle Program Specialist

DDOT, Planning & Sustainability Division

CC: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council of the District of Columbia Hazle Crawford, Mayor's Office of Community Relations & Services Jasmine Coilton, Mayor's Office of Community Relations & Services Jen Demayo, Constituent Services Director for Councilmember Allen Kelly Jeong-Olsen, Community Engagement Manager, DDOT

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### Agenda

- Background
- Purpose and Need
- Concept Alternatives
- Discussion







### 17th & 19th NE/SE Schedule

- · Concept Planning
  - MoveDC (2013)
  - · MoveDC Update (2021)
- Traffic Study (2021/22)
- Preferred Concept Design and Engineering
  - Winter/Spring 2022
- Public Comment Period- 30 business days from NOI
  - · Spring/Summer 2022
- Construction
  - Fall 2022
- · C St Project related
  - Construction start in June 2021 1.5 yr construction timeline



### Benefits of a Bikeway Network

- Individual Benefits
  - Safety
  - · Reduced transportation costs
  - Exercise and health
- Economic Development
  - Tourism
  - · Increases foot traffic/local spending
- · Environmental Benefits
  - Reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- · System Management Benefits
  - · Reduced wear and tear
  - Fewer cars on road
- Resiliency
  - . Bikes keep people & goods moving when other options & systems fail

















### Why is DC Installing Bicycle Lanes?

#### 2005 Bicycle Master Plan Goals

- 2000: 1% of commute trips by bike √
- 2010: 3% of commute trips by bike
   2015: 5% of commute trips by bike

#### Sustainable DC goals

- . Second largest source of emissions (21%) is transportation
- Sustainable DC Goal: 25% of commuter trips in each ward by walking and biking by 2032
- Reduce Automobile trips from 43% to 25% of all



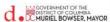
#### Vision Zero Goals

- · Zero Traffic Fatalities
- Create safe conditions through design
- Safe & accessible streets for all users

#### Safe Routes to School

**Building Safe Routes** 





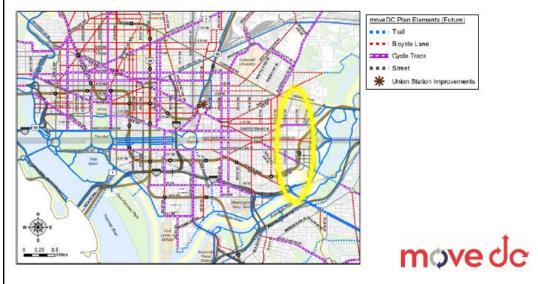
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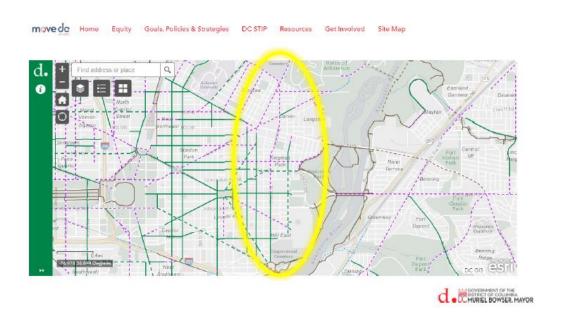


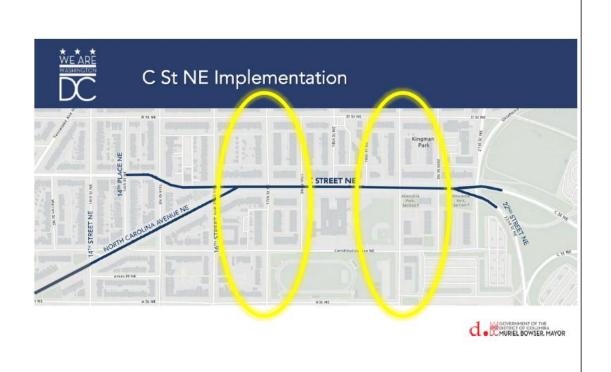
### moveDC Bicycle Plan























### Why is DDOT considering changing this corridor now?

District-wide objective to create a connected, protected network of bicycle routes usable by all ages and abilities of cyclists.

TSA requests from community related to intersection of  $17^{th}/D$  SE,  $19^{th}/C$ onstitution,  $17^{th}$  from Benning to East Cap.

Overall interest in diminishing traffic dangers from these two minor arterial streets as they traverse the residential neighborhood.

Desire for continuous connections between RFK Fields, Eliott Hine, Eastern HS, Reservation 13 development, and larger Hill community

Improve bicycle access to/from the Anacostia River Trail

DDOT interest in addressing safety issues along the larger Mt. Olivet/17 $^{\rm th}$  Street corridor



### 17th & 19th NE/SE Modifications

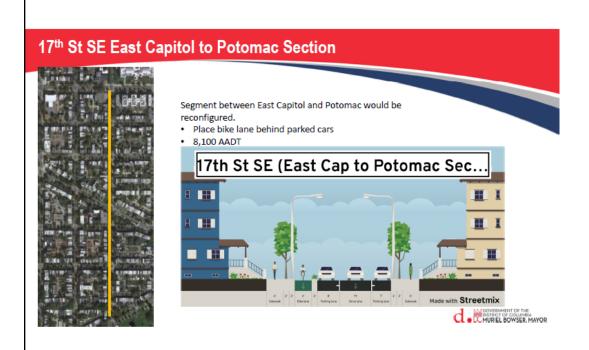














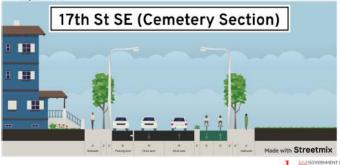


### 17th St SE Two-Way Cycletrack along Congressional Cemetery



Segment between Potomac and Barney Circle would be reconfigured.

- · 2-way cycletrack on cemetery side
- · Remove existing SB bike lane and NB sharrows
- 10,800 AADT





### 19th St NE Buffered Bike Lane from C NE to Benning Rd NE



Segment between C St and Benning Rd NE would be reconfigured.

- Revise existing bike lane to include a 2' buffer
- Switch parking to east side







### 19th St NE Two-Way Cycletrack along Eastern HS & Eliot Hine MS



Segment between East Capitol and C St NE would be reconfigured.

- 2-way cycletrack on School side
- · Remove existing SB sharrows
- Optional rush hour lane (5,300 AADT)





### Two-Way Cycletrack along Eastern HS & Eliot Hine MS



Segment between Potomac or E and East Capitol would be reconfigured.

- · 2-way cycletrack on West side
- Remove existing SB sharrows
- Optional rush hour lane (8,300 AADT)







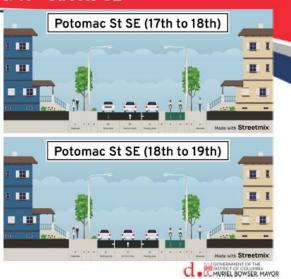


### Two-Way Cycletrack between 17th & 19th Streets SE

Segment between Potomac or E and East Capitol would be reconfigured.

- · 2-way cycletrack on West side
- · Remove existing SB sharrows
- Optional rush hour lane (8,300 AADT)





### Trade-Offs to Consider

#### **Neighborhood Considerations**

- · Relative need for parking
- · Rush Hour Lane trade offs
- · Comfort level with vehicle setbacks

#### **Big Picture**

- Contribution to Sustainable DC / MoveDC / Climate Adaptation plans
- Contribution to Vision Zero (eliminating traffic injuries/fatalities citywide)
- · Rush Hour Lane trade offs

#### Did We Miss Anything?

- What else is important to consider here?
- What is the right balance of tradeoffs between the goals the city is committed to achieving and issues on the ground?







### **Contact Information**

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# 19<sup>th</sup> Street NE Cycletrack

Phase I of 17<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> NE/SE bicycle facilities

This project will install a two-way protected bike facility (cycletrack) on the west side of 19<sup>th</sup> Street NE from East Capitol Street to C Street NE.

ANC 6A requested DDOT deliver this project prior to the start of the 2022/23 school year in order for more students at Eliot Hine MS and Eastern HS to have a protected bike route at their school.

DDOT will be building this 2.1 mile multi-corridor project in segments in order to deliver the overall project as expeditiously as possible.

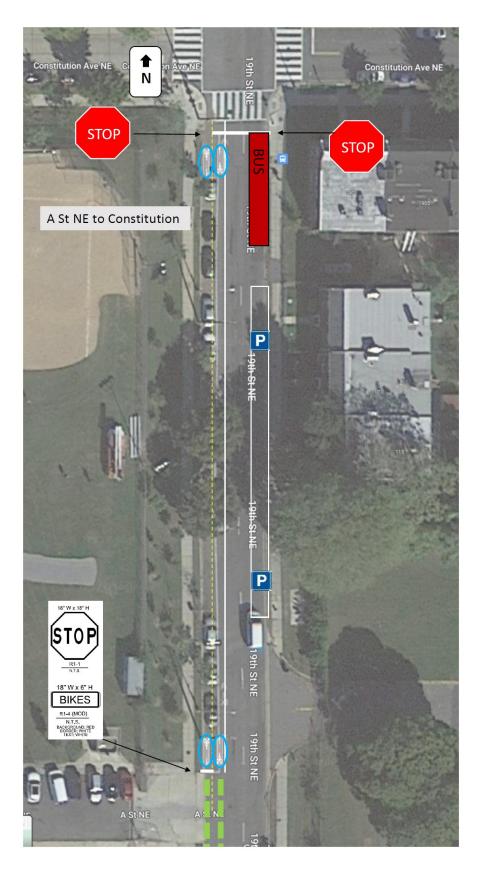














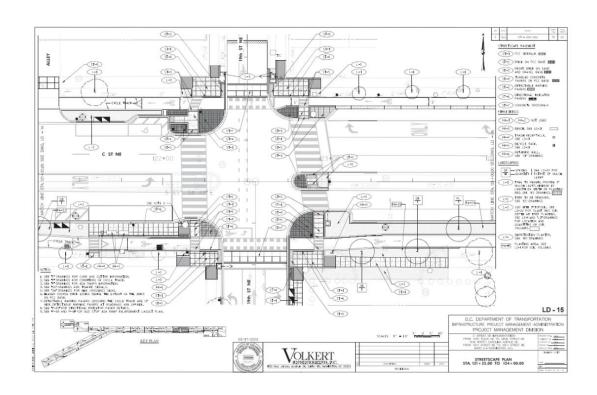




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# 19<sup>th</sup> NE / C St intersection plan sheets



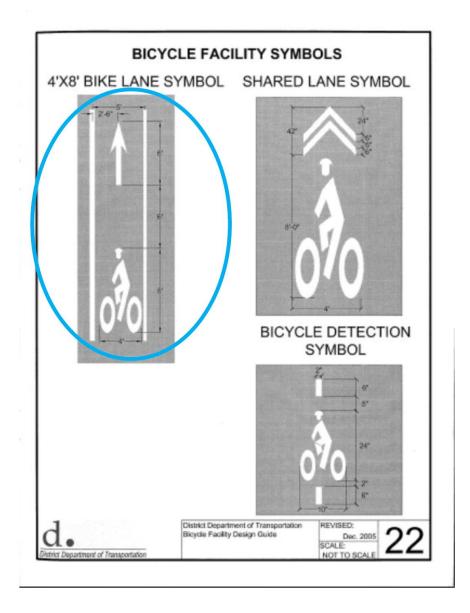




### Bicycle Symbols for 19th St NE

### Quantities:

6 bicycle symbols with directional arrow – placed oncenter in the northbound bike lane.





### Committee Reports Economic Development and Zoning Committee



#### **MINUTES**

ANC 6A Economic Development & Zoning Space Committee Meeting Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm

#### Present:

Members: Brad Greenfield (Chair), Mike Cushman, Roberta Shapiro, Jake Joyce, Dan MacPheeters Commissioners: Sondra Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) Brad Greenfield chaired the meeting.

### **Introductions of Committee Members and Commissioners**

Resolution of previously heard BZA/HPRB cases (Brad Greenfield)

#### **Old Business**

1. 647 16th Street NE (BZA Case #20612): Request for special exception zoning relief under Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 902.1 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, and special exception zoning relief under Subtitle E § 5201, Subtitle E § 205.5, and Subtitle X §902.1 from The rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4 to construct a third story and rear addition, and convert to a flat, an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone. BZA Case scheduled for 7/27/2022.

Mr. Greenfield reported that EDZ previously heard this case and recommended support with a series of conditions including best efforts to get a letter of support from the neighbor to the north. A shadow study was made available for the first time to the neighbor, and the neighbor has submitted a letter of opposition. The shadow study shows a significant impact on the neighboring property.

There was extended discussion of construction trash that was on the neighboring property, 649 16<sup>th</sup> Street and a nearby lot. Mrs. Weir said that the tenant at 649 has refused to discuss the trash with her. Mrs. Weir said that the trash was removed but couldn't confirm the person who did the work gave her any type of proof. Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert provided pictures showing as of the night before the meeting the trash issue was not resolved and there are rats making their home in the construction debris.

There was some discussion regarding the completion of the prior project at 645 16th Street. Mr. Cushman raised that in the documents both projects say Mrs. Weir's family will live in the building and that it is impossible for the same person to live in multiple locations. Mr. Weir said due to the problems with the construction, and her treatment by ANC 6A, she did not want to live in the property.

Mr. Greenfield moved that the EDZ recommend opposition for the request for relief, on the basis of it causing undue impact on the light and air available to the neighboring property. Mr. MacPheeters seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business None

Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:
Wednesday, July 15, 2022
7:00-9:00 pm
Zoom information to be posted on ANC 6A Website



### Committee Reports Economic Development and Zoning Committee



July XX, 2022

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

Re: BZA Case No. 20612 (647 16th Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on July 14, 2022, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to oppose the request for the owners of 647 16th Street, NE. Specifically, the applicant seeks special exception zoning relief under Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 902.1 from The lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, and special exception zoning relief under Subtitle E § 5201, Subtitle E § 205.5, and Subtitle X § 902.1 from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4 to construct a third story and rear addition, and convert to a flat, an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 Zone.

We have found the applicant very difficult to work with, and resistant to any interaction with ANC 6A. We had the project on the agenda for our Economic Development and Zoning committee on four different occasions (November 2021, December 2021, March 2022 and April 2022), each time the applicant did not appear at the meeting (See Exhibit 35). She only began appearing at ANC meetings in May 2022, after BZA had requested her to. When she did appear, we often found her unwilling or unable to effectively answer questions or present her case. Additionally, a previous project owned by the applicant (645 16 th Street NE) has had a lingering construction trash issue that the owner has refused to acknowledge or address (See Exhibit 34).

The shadow study that was submitted by the applicant shows a substantial shading impact on the neighbor at 649 16<sup>th</sup> Street NE for significant periods of the year. The study shows that on the summer solstice (June 21), approximately half of the back wall of 649 will be covered in shadow at 12:00 PM, with the bulk of this shading being in addition to what would occur in a by right development. Similarly, during the winter solstice, the shadow study shows at 9:00 AM the easter face of 649 is almost entirely shaded, with the majority of that shading being caused by the proposed project.

The residents of 649 16<sup>th</sup> Street NE (Anna and David Bobb), have indicated that this shading directly impacts their kitchen and bedroom, some of the primarily living areas in their home. Since their home naturally gets less light, the increased shading that would be caused by this project causes an undue impact on the light and air available, and negatively impacts their ability to enjoy their home.

The owner of the property, Mrs. Demetra Weir, has indicated she would not consider or propose any changes to the project that would lessen the light and air impact on the neighbor. Because of the undue impact on the

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light and air available to the neighbor at 649 16<sup>th</sup> Street that will directly result from the proposed project, ANC 6A opposes the proposed project.

Please be advised that Brad Greenfield, Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert, and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at <u>6A04@anc.dc.gov</u>, Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert can be reached at <u>6a07@anc.dc.gov</u> and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at brad.greenfield@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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### **Commission Business**



### **Old Business**

**Recommendation:** ANC 6A will set up a Google group to serve as a community forum. This forum will be a place where community members may communicate freely with each other. In addition, ANC 6A is planning to narrow the focus of the current ANC 6A Google Group to serve solely as means of communication for ANC meeting agendas and notices, as well as for Commissioners and committee chairs to share information with the community. (Gentile)

### **New Business**

**Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A approve the appointment of Jessica Clark as members of the Community Outreach Committee. (Chatterjee)

**Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A send a letter of support to the Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH) for a mural to be installed on the exterior of the Atlas Performing Arts Center Building, facing Linden Court, during FY 2023. (Dooling)

### **Commission Business**





July XX, 2022

DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCAHH) 200 I Street SE, Suite 1400 Washington DC, 20003

Re: ANC 6A Support for The Nicholson Project's Public Art Building Communities Grant

Dear DCAHH.

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on July 14, 2022, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send a letter to your agency in support of The Nicholson Project's Public Art Building Communities grant application.

ANC 6A represents the H Street Corridor encompassing the Atlas Performing Arts Center and the neighborhood in which this mural is proposed.

We provide this letter of support for the temporary installed artwork created by Antoine Williams, which is to be located on the back of the Atlas Performing Arts Center (project address: 1333 H St NE), facing Linden Court NE.

The artwork will be accessible for all visitors who come specifically to see the mural and the many pedestrians who walk through this alley between H Street and G Street. This mural will be accessible to many residents and encourage visitors to our neighborhood as well. It is for this reason that ANC Commission 6A offers this letter of support for The Nicholson Project's FY23 application.

Thank you for giving great weight to the 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.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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