



**District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
Agenda for September 10, 2020**



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

Call-in Conference via WebEx

Call-in Number: 202-860-2110 - Meeting number (access code): 172 535 0245

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Public Meeting - All are welcome

- 7:00 pm     **Call to order**
- 7:02 pm     **Approve Previous Meeting's Minutes, Adopt Agenda**
- 7:05 pm     **Community Presentations**  
Assistant United States Attorney Doug Klein
- 7:15 pm     **Officer Reports pg. 14**  
1. Approve August 2020 Treasurer's Report
- 7:20pm     **Standing Committee Reports:**  
**Community Outreach pg. 15**  
1. Approve August 2020 committee report.  
2. **Recommendation:** ANC6A add the topic of the June 14, 2020 ANC 6A Letter to the DC Council regarding funding for the Metropolitan Police Department in FY 20-21 to the September 2020 agenda and provide adequate time for Commissioners to comment on input from residents. For further consideration, ANC6A draft a follow up letter to the DC Council which includes comments from 6A residents.  
3. **Recommendation:** ANC6A send letters to Commander Morgan C. Kane, MPD First District, and Commander William Fitzgerald, MPD Fifth District, to raise concerns about reports from constituents that MPD is not in compliance with current health and safety guidelines and other regulations pertaining to ensuring reasonable accommodations for all community members, including sign language interpretation.  
4. **Recommendation:** ANC6A send a letter to DPR inquiring how they plan to ensure access to recreation centers and facilities for the community going forward.  
5. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 28, 2020 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday)
- 7:50 pm     **Alcohol Beverage Licensing pg. 25**  
1. Approve August 2020 committee report.  
2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter of support for the stipulated application of DC Culinary Academy, LLC, t/a Brine at 1357-1359 H Street NE (ABRA #110889) for a modification to the establishment's ABRA license to add a Summer Garden endorsement, and that the ANC authorize the Chair of the ANC and/or Co-Chairs of the ABL to sign such letter.  
3. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A modify its settlement agreement with Callister Technology and Entertainment, LLC, t/a Duffy's Irish Pub at 1016 H Street NE (ABRA #111076) to allow for four special events per year with live music in the summer garden until 9:00 pm, provided that notice of the event be given to the Chair of the ANC and the Co-Chairs of the ABL at least 48 hours before the event, and that the ANC authorize the



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Chair of the ANC and/or Co-Chairs of the ABL to negotiate and file such modification.

4. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A modify its settlement agreement with Callister Technology and Entertainment, LLC, t/a Duffy's Irish Pub at 1016 H Street NE (ABRA #111076) to allow for a second sidewalk café, coterminous with the designated "parklet," with identical hours to the establishment's existing sidewalk café, and an occupancy limit consistent with all DC government guidance and restrictions, and that the ANC authorize the Chair of the ANC and/or Co-Chairs of the ABL to negotiate and file such modification.
5. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 22, 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)

**8:00 pm      Transportation and Public Space *pg.28***

1. Approve August 2020 committee report.
2. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting striping at a list of intersections to be assembled by the TPS, with opportunity for community input prior to the next ANC meeting. Initial draft list: D Street at each intersection from 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Street, plus 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Street NE; 12<sup>th</sup> Street at C, D & E Streets NE, Wylie Court and I Street NE; I Street from 8th Street to Florida Avenue NE; 13<sup>th</sup> Street at D, E & F Streets NE
3. **Recommendation:** ANC 6A send a letter of support to DDOT for Request 20-00105420 for speed humps on the 1600 and 2000 blocks of D Street NE.
4. **Suggested Motion:** ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting a hearing postponement of Public Space Application 353808 for the replacement of a non-conforming fence at 1660 Gales Street NE because the case was received by the ANC without 30 days notice prior to the hearing.
5. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 21, 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

**8:20 pm      Economic Development and Zoning *pg. 41***

1. Approve July 2020 committee report.
2. **Recommendation:** ANC require extra signage announcing upcoming EDZ meeting and ANC meeting dates for all applicants for zoning and historic district relief before they are added to the agenda for the EDZ. The signage will be printed and made available by the ANC, and must be posted in a prominent location.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 16, 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

**8:30 pm      New Business**

**8:35 pm      Single Member District reports (1 minute each)**

**8:45 pm      Community Comments (2 minutes each)**

**9:00 pm      Adjourn**



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



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

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

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

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

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

#### Community Presentations

##### Assistant United States Attorney Doug Klein

Assistant United States Attorney Doug Klein spoke about the COVID-19 pandemic fraud hotline (202-252-7022; [usadc.covid19@usdoj.gov](mailto:usadc.covid19@usdoj.gov), directly to US Attorney's office) and shared tips to protect yourself from scammers: independently verify the identity of any company, charity, individual, email addresses, or websites offering information; be aware that scammers often mimic real email addresses; do not give any personal and private information over email as legitimate health authorities will NOT solicit personal information in this way; do not forward emails, click on links inside emails, or download attachments from unknown or unverified sources; ignore offers for a COVID-19 cure, vaccine, or treatment; make sure your virus protection software is up to date; check online reviews of any companies offering COVID-19 products and be wary of products with several negative reviews; research charities and be alert to reputable-looking logos, seals, etc.; be cautious about all donations, specifically cash/gift card/wire transfer requests - do not send money through any of these channels; for the most up to date information, visit CDC website. Scams should be reported to the police and individuals should call the US Attorney's office directly. The Attorney's office is still prosecuting cases remotely now that there are no trials. Courts are operating remotely as well, and this is reevaluated weekly. Eventually in-person trials will begin again, and Mr. Klein encourages the filing of community impact statements.

##### District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Florida Avenue 90 percent plans - Amanda Stout and Andrew DeFrank

Deputy Chief Officer for Project Delivery at DDOT Amanda Stout presented about two projects on Florida Avenue, focusing on the Florida Avenue 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Streets NE streetscape project and the Florida and New York Avenues NE intersection project (Dave Thomas Circle). Since December 2019, the streetscape design has been updated from 65% - 90% design, the most important changes being one-way protected bike lanes on both sides of the street for the entire corridor, and a widening of sidewalks under the rail bridge between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets. Details including a video presentation can be found at [www.floridaaveproject.com](http://www.floridaaveproject.com); the video of the 90% design for the streetscape can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDBqodPu5Jg&feature=youtu.be>. DDOT is still working on the final design for the Dave Thomas Circle project and are not yet at 65%, but are looking to continue the one-way protected bike lanes from Florida Avenue all the way through to Eckington and 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE. There will be three new public spaces created once the Wendy's property is acquired, and DDOT is working closely with the NOMA Parks Foundation on these designs.



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DDOT Community Engagement Specialist Andrew DeFrank gave an update on C Street NE project; he will be sending Commissioners the final version of the 100% design plan and noted the C Street website is dormant for now until construction gets underway. The project was obligated on July 2, 2020 and the package is being signed off on by different parties in DDOT. The advertising to contractors will happen by mid-August 2020, after which it will take three months to award the contract. A contractor will be onboard in the fall with preliminary construction beginning in the winter and construction in earnest will begin in 2021. Mr. DeFrank also mentioned that a preliminary assessment of 'no right on red' at H Street corridor intersections might not be the best way to promote safety, noting that left turns are a bigger concern and that DDOT will continue thinking of ways to improve safety and take into consideration the Commission's input and requests. Mr. DeFrank also gave a brief update on speed humps, noting that, due to the pandemic, DDOT was not able to collect necessary data to perform a safety assessment. He will be following up about this and about previous sidewalk requests with Commissioner Mike Soderman.

**Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) - Anthony Diallo, Ward 6 Account Manager**  
Andrew Diallo presented an update on DCRA issues. DCRA rolled out Scout, which is a one-stop-shop for information on businesses, permits, owners, and FAQs, and can be found at [www.scout.dcra.dc.gov](http://www.scout.dcra.dc.gov). DCRA remains closed during phase 2 of the pandemic and re-opening has not yet been scheduled; the organization's goal is to be a digital government agency. As of now, DCRA has been processing as many, if not more, permits than pre-COVID, and DCRA is still performing inspections. DCRA has added four representatives (account managers) which will help them meet future goals to increase productivity, transparency, and accountability and to make sure requests are fulfilled or scheduled within 3 days. Mr. Diallo encourages 311 use for construction inspections and other service requests for metrics. Commissioner Brian Alcorn has noticed some inconsistencies in Scout, and Mr. Diallo will be following up with him directly. 1410 C Street NE and 1000 C Street NE continue to be at the top of DCRA priority lists.

### **Update on School within School@Goding (SWS) Modernization - Diana Halbstein, Coordinator, Facility Planning and Design, District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)**

Diana Halbstein introduced the modernization project at School within School@Goding at 920 F St NE. The budget is \$38 million; the broad view of the modernization is to redesign the building to meet DCPS educational specifications and accommodate the school's specialty Reggio Emilia programming needs. The scope of the project is likely to consist of renovations and an addition; currently the project is moving into the schematic design stage with specifics available in the next week. Target enrollment isn't 351 students (up from current 313) and target completion date is August 2022. Construction will begin in earnest in January 2021. For the year and a half of construction, students will not attend school at this location. A modular campus, design for which is also underway, will be built on Benning Road and I Street NE on the field behind Phelps High School. The project is aiming for LEED Gold certification and is maintaining the garden at the front of the current school location as well as including a green roof. Ms. Halbstein will be following up about the manner of expansion and the target enrollment number with the Commission. For more information or to get involved, please contact Diana Halbstein at [diana.halbstein@k12.dc.gov](mailto:diana.halbstein@k12.dc.gov), or visit the modernization website at [bit.ly/SWS\\_Mod](http://bit.ly/SWS_Mod)

### **Officer Reports**

1. The July 2020 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Alcorn reviewed the three expenditures accrued in June: \$465.89 for webmaster services (Check 1936), \$200.00 for meeting minutes (check 1937), and \$66.00 to maintain the website domain name for three years (Check 1938). There were existing obligations: an approved grant in the amount of \$3,000.00 to Serve Your City and four issued checks not yet deposited (Checks 1920, 1922, 1934, and 1935) totaling \$1,215.89. Commissioner Alcorn proposed an amendment to include July payments for the webmaster (\$465.89) and meeting minutes



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taker (\$200.00) from the June 2020 fund in order for these individuals to receive their compensation before the Commission's August recess. The opening uncommitted funds available were \$26,834.82 and after these five disbursements (including two from the amendment) totaling \$1,397.78 and total existing obligations of \$4,215.89, the closing uncommitted funds are \$21,221.15. The savings account opened at \$100.03, gained one penny of interest, and closed at \$100.04. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent as verbally amended.

2. Commissioner Alcorn reported on the 2020 Q3 Quarterly Report, sharing that ANC6A had \$22,291.99 in receipts for the quarter and \$3,264.44 disbursed, with the requisite amounts in the checking and savings accounts. The receipt total is unusually high because OANC decided to account for several past DC government disbursements that were not accounted for in the OANC ledger. The report was adopted by unanimous consent.

### Standing Committee Reports:

#### Community Outreach

1. The June 2020 committee report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Phil Toomajian seconded that ANC 6A approve the revised ANC 6A Residents Guide and that the document be posted to the ANC 6A.org website. The recommendation passed 8-0.
3. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommended and Commissioner Amer Gove seconded ANC 6A establish a Facebook page for the Commission and that the page be administered by the ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC). The recommendation passed 8-0.
4. COC will not meet in July 2020. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday)

#### Alcohol Beverage Licensing

1. The June 2020 committee report was approved by unanimous consent
2. Commissioner Soderman moved and Commissioner Marie-Claire Brown seconded that ANC 6A take no action on the application of DC Culinary Academy, LLC, t/a The Outsider at 1357-1359 H Street NE for renewal of its Class C Tavern License, and no action on any application of DC Culinary Academy, LLC, t/a The Outsider at 1357-1359 H Street NE for a change of trade name. The motion passed 8-0.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 21, 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)

#### Transportation and Public Space

1. The June 2020 committee report was approved by unanimous consent
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to DDOT for Mozzarella's public space application for an outdoor patio at 1300 H Street NE with the following conditions and after correct applications are filed with DDOT and the ANC has a chance to review all pertinent documents:
  - a. Operate the sidewalk café space only during hours agreed upon in the Settlement Agreement (TBD);
  - b. Take reasonable efforts to contain noise within the sidewalk café space including, but not limited to, using any sidewalk café removable structures it may now or in the future install (e.g., a sidewalk cafe canopy, roll down plastic windows, etc.) and any other reasonable means to contain noise, but only to the extent allowable by applicable District laws and regulations;
  - c. Only use the sidewalk café space for food and drink service, and not for any playing of music, amplified or otherwise, or for any other use, including live performances;
  - d. If applicant installs fencing around the sidewalk café area, it shall be consistent with DDOT specifications and the fencing enclosing other sidewalk cafes within our ANC, which shall include





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fencing or bars designed to keep trash contained within the sidewalk café area (preferably by minimizing any gaps at the bottom of the fencing);

- e. Use easily moveable chairs and tables and tables that shall be moved inside and/or locked up when not in use;
- f. Applicant will ensure no trash container of any sort will be stored anywhere on public space, including on the sidewalk café itself; and
- g. Regularly maintain the adjacent tree boxes and keep all areas in front of the business and within the sidewalk café area clean, including the adjacent sidewalk and street gutter;

And contingent upon:

- a. The application being filed with, and accepted by, DDOT prior to the ANC 6A meeting on July 9, 2020.
- b. Plans for the patio in said application are materially the same as those presented to the TPS Committee on June 15, 2020.

The motion passed 8-0.

- 3. TPS will not meet in July 2020. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, August 17, 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

### Economic Development and Zoning

- 1. The June 2020 committee report was approved by unanimous consent
- 2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Soderman seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for a special exception under Subtitle E § 205.5 and 5201 from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4, to construct a two-story rear addition to an existing attached principal dwelling unit at 229 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE (BZA #20301) in the RF-1 Zone. The addition will be 16 ft. The residents made best efforts to get approval from neighbors and did all required shadow and similar impact studies. The recommendation passed 8-0.
- 3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, July 22, 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

### New Business

- 1. Commissioner Soderman moved and Commissioner Marie-Claire Brown seconded the motion that ANC 6A authorize Amber Gove and Phil Toomajian and David Levy of Livable City Group to represent ANC 6A for discussions with DDOT regarding the establishment of an outdoor H Street NE “Stretery” district. There are ongoing conversations between DDOT and H St Main St and preliminary designs which include a barrier on passenger sides. The motion passed 8-0.
- 2. Commissioner Soderman moved and Commissioner Toomajian seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT in support of the proposed designation of 12th Street NE (from East Capitol to K St), G Street NE (from 2nd to 15th Streets) and Gales Street NE (from 15th to 21st Streets) and authorize Amber Gove to represent ANC 6A for discussions with ANC 6B and ANC 6C to identify additional roadways that should be designated as “slow streets” under the DC Slow Streets Initiative. Proposed signage to inform and educate the community of these changes consists of lightweight barriers covering the entrance to the driver’s side of the block every few blocks of the corridor. The barriers will read “Local Traffic Only” or “Closed to Thru Traffic” and will have 15 mph speed limits in order to discourage through traffic. Mr. DeFrank will inform the Commission of the chosen streets and frequently asked questions to better inform their communities. DDOT has committed to 5 miles of safe streets in Phase 1 and 20 miles in Phase 2; Phase 2 should be complete by summer 2020. The motion passed 8-0.

### Single Member District reports

Commissioner Alcorn (6A08) coordinated a call with community members, Councilmember Charles Allen’s office, and MPD in response to narcotics, homelessness and safety matters on D Street and 18<sup>th</sup> Place. He



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is working with a community member to address what might be an illegal rooming house on 17<sup>th</sup> Street and is grateful to DDOT for recently replaced brick and re-pavement on 15<sup>th</sup> Street and A Street NE. Finally, he recognized Ms. Tyler Williams, Ward 6 Liaison for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, for her great work in assisting a community member experiencing homelessness at 16<sup>th</sup> and D Streets NE.

Commissioner Brown (6A01) has received a few reports of trees blocking stop signs and will be reaching out to the Department of Public Works (DPW) regarding this. She is continuing to address the firework situation and recognized a new business, Crab Boss, at the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and H Streets NE but notes that there is an inordinate number of unmasked customers in close proximity.

Commissioner Ruth Ann Hudson (6A05) is keeping construction on two C Street NE properties a priority.

Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) wrote a letter to the office of the Attorney General addressing constituents' safety concerns and mentioned that portions of the Rosedale field were set on fire by illegal fireworks. A resident put the fire out and though firefighters came to the scene, they did not investigate; Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert had to call them back to properly address the area. She noted that unfortunately there was a homicide on July 8, 2020 at 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Benning Road and she is working with many partners to review resolutions to public safety in the area. She emphasized the importance of educating the community on available resources to combat homelessness, drug trafficking, and safety concerns.

Commissioner Toomajian (6A02) has received many complaints about fireworks and is unsure about a solution. He reminded everyone that Sherwood is open, though masks and social distancing are mandated.

Commissioner Stephanie Zimny (6A06) has been working with security and neighbors at the former Options School on some activity on the steps of the school. She is also continuing to see illegal dumping and working with DPW on getting signs posted in these areas. She is seeing continued homeless activity in the area and is working on distributing information on resources to the community.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) encouraged the community to reach out to Commissioners in writing and noted that there will not be an ANC6A meeting in August 2020.

### **Community Comments**

It was noted by some Commissioners that there were several comments posted in the WebEx Q&A area. Because the meeting had already run overtime, those comments were not addressed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.



## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Community Presentations







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July 10, 2020

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

Re: ANC6A Support for Streatery, Sidewalk Dining and Parklets on H Street NE

Dear Director Marootian:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on July 9, 2020, our Commission voted 8-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that DDOT establish a multi-block Streatery installation on H Street NE to allow local restaurants additional outdoor seating space. In addition, we support restaurant-initiated efforts to request the use of sidewalk and parking spaces (parklets) for outdoor dining in accordance with the DC Department of Health “Guidelines for Expanded and New Outdoor Seating.”<sup>2</sup> We are in contact with H Street Main Street (HSMS) and will continue to work with them to devise a solution that benefits our community as a whole.

Struggling local restaurants need the additional public space to safely serve patrons and generate enough revenue to stay open; curbside spaces that can accommodate one private vehicle can instead serve several patrons, increasing economic activity and tax revenue. We also welcome the opportunity to discuss creative solutions for improving safety and reducing traffic volume and speed on H Street, including reducing vehicle traffic adjacent to the sidewalk through designation of the Streetcar lane as Streetcar and Bus only (possibly with barriers and/or red paint as on H Street NW) and/or continued conversion of parking spaces to pick-up drop-off (PUDO) locations as piloted in the 1200 block.

The Commission authorizes Amber Gove, Phil Toomajian and David W. Levy (Livable City Group) to negotiate specifics with DDOT and HSMS on behalf of ANC 6A. Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at [AmberANC6A@gmail.com](mailto:AmberANC6A@gmail.com).

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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<sup>2</sup> [https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page\\_content/attachments/Reimagining-Outdoor-Space-Restaurants-and-Retail-Guidance.pdf](https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page_content/attachments/Reimagining-Outdoor-Space-Restaurants-and-Retail-Guidance.pdf)



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

Re: ANC6A Support for Slow Streets

Dear Director Marootian and Vision Zero Team:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on July 9, 2020, our Commission voted 8-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support DDOT's proposed locations for Slow Streets in and proximate to ANC 6A including 12th Street NE (from East Capitol to K Street NE), G Street NE (from 2nd Street NE to 15th Street NE) and Gales Street NE (from 15th Street NE to 21st Street NE). We support the agency's efforts to select these and other routes to allow residents to engage in healthy, distanced outdoor exercise. As part of this effort we ask that DDOT engage in communications efforts with our community and set up a feedback mechanism so that residents can provide input on the implementation of the Slow Streets.

As noted in our previous letters, many US cities have successfully opened streets to non-motorized users during COVID-19. London, Paris and other cities have enacted even more ambitious permanent plans to ensure residents can continue to have healthy, safe options for transportation once restrictions are lifted.<sup>2</sup> We ask that DDOT actively plan for a future that does not result in greater personal vehicle traffic, and associated increased pollution and health risks which will disproportionately affect our most vulnerable residents, as commuters avoid public transportation for fear of transmission.

We reiterate our May 15, 2020 request for additional routes and authorize Amber Gove to engage in discussions with ANC 6B and 6C to propose additional Slow Streets locations on behalf of ANC 6A. Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at [AmberANC6A@gmail.com](mailto:AmberANC6A@gmail.com).

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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<sup>2</sup><https://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2020/05/03/business/bc-eu-virus-outbreak-cycling-out-of-lockdown.html>



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July 26, 2020

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. 20301 (229 14th Street NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on July 9, 2020, our Commission voted 8-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the Applicant's request pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle X, Chapter 9, for a special exception under Subtitle E § 205.5 and 5201 from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4, to construct a two-story rear addition to an existing attached principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 Zone.

The design has taken measures to ensure that the addition is in the character of the neighborhood and it will not disrupt the privacy, air and light of neighbors. The owner has proven that the special exception criteria have been met through submission of architectural elevations and letters of support from neighbors.

The ANC believes that this development will not substantially visually intrude upon the character, scale, and pattern of houses in the neighborhood. Please be advised that Brad Greenfield and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at [amberanc6a@gmail.com](mailto:amberanc6a@gmail.com) and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at [brad.greenfield@gmail.com](mailto:brad.greenfield@gmail.com).

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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August 11, 2020

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

Re: ANC6A Request for Automated Enforcement

Dear Director Marootian and Vision Zero Team:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on June 11, 2020, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send a letter to DDOT requesting automated enforcement (redlight and/or speed) cameras at the following locations:

1. 200-300 blocks of 17th Street NE
2. 1300 block of H Street NE
3. 1300 block of North Carolina Avenue NE
4. 100-200 blocks of 19th Street NE
5. 800-1300 blocks of Maryland Avenue NE
6. 1500-1900 block of East Capitol Street NE
7. 100-300 blocks of 11 th Street NE
8. 800-1200 blocks of C Street NE
9. 200 block of 10th Street NE
10. 800 block of Massachusetts Avenue NE
11. 200 block of 9th Street NE
12. 1500-1900 blocks of Benning Road NE
13. 600-700 blocks of 14th Street NE

Automated traffic enforcement, including red light and speed cameras, has been shown to reduce vehicle speeds, collisions, and injuries<sup>23</sup> Additionally, automated enforcement frees up police time and resources to focus on other priorities and removes the potential for racial profiling related to enforcement in these locations.<sup>4</sup> To ensure that automated enforcement is effective, we also request that DC leadership work to establish reciprocity with other states; recent estimates indicate that the District of Columbia is owed \$835M in fines, 85% of which are owed by Maryland and Virginia

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<sup>4</sup><https://wamu.org/story/19/09/10/d-c-police-release-long-delayed-stop-and-frisk-data-showing-racial-disparities-in-stops/>



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residents.<sup>5</sup> Thank you for giving great weight to the request by ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at [AmberANC6A@gmail.com](mailto:AmberANC6A@gmail.com).

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/dc-owed-835m-in-unpaid-parking-tickets/2190064/>



## Officer Reports - Treasurer



### ANC 6A Treasurer's Report For Expenses Incurred in July-August 2020

Period Covered 7/10/2020 - 9/10/2020

#### Checking Account:

Opening Account Statement \$ 26,834.82

#### Credits

DC Government Allotment for Q1 2020 \$ 5,445.56

#### Disbursements:

Irene Dworakowski (Webmaster August 2020 Services) CK #1941 \$ 265.89

Total New Disbursements \$ 265.89

#### Existing Obligations:

Checks 1920, 1922 \$ 550.00

Closing Available Balance \$ 31,519.93

#### Savings Account:

Balance Forward \$ 100.04

Receipts: Interest \$ 0.01

Total Funds Available \$ 100.05

Ending Balance \$ 100.05

#### PETTY CASH SUMMARY

Balance Forwarded \$ 25.00

Total Funds Available \$ 25.00

Ending Balance \$ 25.00





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### Community Outreach Committee (COC)



#### Minutes

ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) of  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A  
Regular Meeting - August 24, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.  
Quorum present.

**COC members present:** Roni Hollmon (Chair), Stefany Thangavelu, Gladys Mack and Jason Gresh  
**COC members absent:** None

**Commissioners present:** Amber Gove, Phil Toomajian, Marie-Claire Brown, Michael Soderman, Stephanie Zimny, Sondra Phillips-Gilbert and Brian Alcorn

**Community members present:** Kris Garrity, Sam Deluca, Stephanie Deluca, Niq Clark, Colin Alford, Rachel Alford, Madeline Gitomer, Marc Friend, Kia Chatterjee, Chris Deutsch, Rico Dancy, Katie Ali, Robb Dooling, Emma Taylor (interpreter) and Ashley Pigliavento (interpreter)

The meeting began with a Community Listening Session regarding the letter ANC 6A sent to the DC Council in support of MPD funding and that constituents were not provided with opportunity to submit input regarding the letter. Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert noted that, due to technical issues, she did not vote on the letter. Chair Veronica Hollmon requested that community members who made comments send written copies of those comments to her. The Committee will forward all comments received. A synopsis of the listening session begins below.

#### **Synopsis of ANC 6A COC Community Listening Session**

##### Timeline of events

June 11, 2020	ANC 6A Commissioners voted 7-0 to approve to send a letter to the Mayor in support of Mayor's budget proposal for MPD.
June 14, 2020	ANC 6A letter was sent to the DC Council.
July 9, 2020	July 9, 2020 ANC 6A meeting - time expired before residents could speak at the ANC meeting regarding the letter.
July 29, 2020	Email with letter sent to Commissioners.
August 7, 2020	Commissioner Gove responded to the email.
August 10, 2020	Follow up email from constituents.
August 14, 2020	Commissioner Gove responded to the email.
August 24, 2020	COC Listening Session, 7 of 8 Commissioners present.

##### Actions proposed by community members

1. Recommendations for action by ANC 6A be distributed to the community prior to the Commission's meetings.
2. Residents of ANC 6A be recognized and allowed to comment upon the Commission's actions at future meetings of the Commission.
3. Residents of ANC 6A receive time during the ANC 6A September 2020 meeting to voice their concerns about MPD budget.



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- ANC 6A support investment in funding programs like violence interrupters, housing, school counselors, support for students, child care and mental health care instead of a police budget.
- ANC 6A examine the effects of gentrification on the community.
- ANC 6A address concerns raised in their letter and work to restore the trust of these concerned citizens.

#### **COC Suggestions to address concerns**

As stated at the meeting, the original letter cannot be retracted since the DC Council has acted upon the budget. If the budget is revisited by the Council, the COC suggests the ANC consider a letter with a heavier focus on the societal issues. Though these societal issues were included in the original letter sent, perhaps the ANC can come up with a formula or amount for each area that is more equitable. The COC will work to supply a draft letter as is the standard when recommendations are proposed to the Commission.

ANC 6A may wish to consider a letter apologizing to constituents who felt slighted by not having a chance to speak prior to the submission of the letter. In the future, ANC 6A will make best efforts to ensure community feedback is received prior to a vote, but the Commission should also ensure that the community understands that when an issue has a short time frame for response or is added to the agenda at the beginning of a meeting, they may not have the opportunity to weigh in on the issue; remind them they can always contact their Commissioner with any issues at any time — Commissioner contact information is available on the ANC's website [anc6a.org](http://anc6a.org).

If the Commission decides to send a letter, the draft should be distributed to the community with a comment period for constituents. ANC 6A represents approximately 16,000 constituents.

The COC suggests that any individuals who testified at the ANC 6A COC Community Listening Session and submitted comments and testimony, need only add comments which were not previously shared during the September 10, 2020 ANC 6A meeting in order to equitably allow opportunities for all residents who might wish to participate.

**Recommendation:** ANC6A add this issue to the September agenda and provide adequate time for Commissioners to comment on input from residents pertaining to the ANC6A Letter to Council dated June 14, 2020. For further consideration, ANC6A to draft a follow up letter to the Council which includes comments from ANC 6A residents and allows for a 30 day comment period for other residents to share any written comments related to this topic and outlines what investments should be prioritized by Council for any funding adjustments in the coming month.

During the community listening session, it came to the Committee's attention during the testimony of Rico Dancy that MPD officers that responded to him on a call, were not inclined to contact an interpreter for Mr. Dancy, who self-identified as being deaf/hard of hearing. In addition, Mr. Dancy and others have said officers have not been wearing face masks when interacting with the public.

**Recommendation:** ANC6A write letters to Commander Morgan C. Kane, First District and Commander William Fitzgerald, Fifth District to raise concerns about reports from constituents about MPD compliance with current health and safety guidelines and regulations pertaining to ensuring reasonable accommodations for all community members, including sign language interpretation.



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The Committee discussed the issue that the opening of DC Parks and Recreation Facilities is included in Phase 3 rather than Phase 2 of COVID guidelines. The Committee expressed concern regarding longstanding events, such as the Halloween Celebration held at Rosedale Recreation Center, being in jeopardy and wanting guidance for how the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) might help ensure safety for the community.

**Recommendation:** ANC 6A write a letter to DPR inquiring how they plan to ensure access to recreation centers and facilities for the community going forward.

Finally, the Committee had a discussion about the myriad problems faced by schools for the coming 2020-21 school year, including the provision of devices to children to help ensure all residents are able to access learning online. After a robust discussion, a decision was made to poll the schools to see what needs have not been met and any other concerns, so that the ANC could consider supporting the needs of children attending local schools.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

**The next regular meeting of the ANC 6A COC will be September 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm**



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June 14, 2020

The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 402  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Support for Mayor's budget proposal for Metropolitan Police Department ("MPD") and opposition to efforts to defund MPD

Dear Chairman Mendelson and members of the D.C. Council:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on June 11, 2020, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to express our support for the Mayor's proposal to provide a modest budget increase for the Metropolitan Police Department ("MPD") and to express our unanimous opposition to recent calls to defund MPD. We believe a fully-staffed MPD and a well-trained department are essential tenets of a safe and just community.

The Commission's unanimous support for maintaining existing funding for MPD is based both on the need for MPD to play an important role in public safety and also on our concern that an insufficiently funded police department would be counterproductive to the goal of improving community relations with MPD. Defunding MPD would make it less likely the Department could hire and retain the best, brightest, and most ethical officers or that the Department would be able to provide expensive, but necessary training in nonviolent response, implicit bias, and other trainings necessary to help ensure that MPD is as progressive and antiracist as possible and that they are able to work to do their part to help ensure that black lives matter here in D.C. Our opposition is also based on our concern that MPD needs to have sufficient resources to allow for continued safe, peaceful First Amendment protests in the District in order to help prevent another response like the one that federal officials produced around Lafayette Park.

MPD provides key services to our community's diverse residents and our Commission appreciates the strong, customer service oriented leadership to the officers who serve in the First District and Fifth District. Adequate staffing allows MPD to provide additional resources to our community during the Summer Crime Initiative, which serves the Rosedale community in ANC6A and which has been critical in helping reduce violence and homicides along Benning Road, NE. Our Commission requests that MPD retain funding to continue to provide equivalent personnel to both the First and Fifth Districts and to the Summer Crime Initiative next year. We believe that sufficient funding for MPD is critical to ensure that MPD continues to train its officers in areas of progressive policing, implicit bias, de-escalation and other safe police tactics, and in policing in racially diverse communities.

The Commission also supports efforts to improve mental health, housing, and violence interruption and prevention services to help ensure better outcomes for those in crisis and to help reduce the burden on the police department to respond to the needs of those individuals experiencing health and housing crises. Our MPD and FEMS responders are all too often the only agencies willing to respond to the around the clock crises and needs that arise in D.C. Our Commission is grateful for



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the men and women at MPD who respond to these calls and encourages other agencies to step up to do their part to help serve those in crisis and to help prevent those crises as well.

Please be advised that Commissioners Marie-Claire Brown, Mike Soderman, Phil Toomajian, and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC6A for the purposes of this matter. Thank you for considering our views as you finalize the budget for the forthcoming fiscal year and for your commitment to public safety and to racial equality and progress.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Members of the D.C. Council, Mayor Muriel Bowser, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice Kevin Donahue, Chief of Police Peter Newsham

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September xx, 2020

The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 402  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: ANC 6A's June 14, 2020 letter expressing support for Mayor's budget proposal for Metropolitan Police Department ("MPD") and opposition to efforts to defund MPD

Dear Chairman Mendelson and members of the D.C. Council:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on September 10, 2020, our Commission voted x-x-x (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to forward additional information regarding the above referenced letter.

At the June 11, 2020 meeting of ANC 6A, we voted to send the above referenced letter. The item had not been previously posted, which did not allow for sufficient time to solicit input from the community. ANC 6A commits to more thorough and timely communication with its constituents going forward.

On July 29, 2020, ANC 6A received the attached letter from members of the community stating their opposition to the Commission's letter. If the Council wishes to receive further input regarding the group's comments, we respectfully request that the Council contact the signatories of the letter directly.

Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at [AmberANC6A@gmail.com](mailto:AmberANC6A@gmail.com).

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Members of the D.C. Council, Mayor Muriel Bowser, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice Kevin Donahue, Chief of Police Peter Newsham

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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
P.O. Box 75115  
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Dear Chairperson Gove and ANC 6A Commissioners,

We, the undersigned ANC 6A constituents, write to express our outrage that seven ANC 6A commissioners voted to approve a [factually inaccurate and racist letter](#) dated June 14, 2020 in support of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and in opposition to widespread [support](#) to defund MPD. The Commission's letter was misleading and does not represent the views of ANC 6A residents. Your express efforts to silence residents, listed below, demonstrates that you are not interested in those views or accountability to your constituents.

- On June 11, 2020, ANC 6A voted to approve this letter without proper notice in the [ANC 6A agenda](#).
- On June 14, 2020, ANC 6A sent this letter without a comment period to ensure constituent input on the subject.
- On July 9, 2020, ANC 6A actively silenced residents in the monthly ANC 6A meeting by [not allowing for public comment](#), a clear abdication of section 1-309.11(b)(3) of the [DC Official Code](#).

As signatories to this constituent letter, we denounce MPD, and we denounce MPD's longstanding policies of stop-and-frisk/jump outs; criminalization and harassment of Black youth in schools and in the community; criminalization of Go-Go; surveillance of Black activists and Black and brown Muslims; cooperation with ICE; exploitation and sexual violence against sex workers and women; and the protection of officers who have murdered members of our community.

#### **The Commission's Letter is Inaccurate and Racist**

The Commission's letter demonstrates a severe lack of understanding of how the MPD affects the lives of those you represent. Your letter states that MPD "play[s] an important role in public safety," and its full funding is necessary in order to "allow for continued safe, peaceful First Amendment protests in the District in order to help prevent another response like the one that federal officials produced around Lafayette Park." The facts tell a very different story.

The MPD did not keep DC residents safe during the protests around Lafayette Park. On the contrary, the [ACLU of DC has obtained video evidence](#) of MPD officers firing tear gas at protestors. This tear gassing, as well as the MPD's [kettling](#) and [mass arrests](#) of protestors at 15th and Swann Street NW, and [additional](#) instances in which MPD used [chemical weapons](#) against protestors, constitute human rights violations. These protestors are DC residents, and they are your neighbors. The MPD's recent actions escalated tension and, in many cases, constituted violence. They did not make DC more safe.



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Acts of violence by the MPD are not new, and it is not just police “half a country away” that routinely murder Black and brown people. Jamaal Byrd, D’Quan Young, Marquese Alston, Jeffrey Price, Terrence Sterling, Amir Brooks, and Raphael Briscoe were all murdered by the MPD in the past ten years, and their families are still awaiting justice. Say their names.

In the discussion preceding the Commission’s decision to send the letter fully supporting the MPD, ANC 6A Commissioners described the MPD as “DC’s finest” and “a progressive police force.” The letter states that the MPD “provides key services to our community’s diverse residents” and strives to be as “antiracist” as possible. Again, the facts tell a different story.

The MPD’s racist practice of stop-and-frisk disproportionately affects its Black residents. For three years, in [violation](#) of D.C. law, the MPD refused to collect data on its stop-and-frisk practices. When it finally did, [the data showed](#) that between July and December 2019, 72 percent of stop-and-frisk targets were Black, and 88.6 percent of youth under 18 who were targeted were Black—in a city with a Black population of 46.5 percent. Further, during the period in question, violent crime increased by four percent. This data led the Executive Director of the ACLU of DC to state that “MPD’s stop and frisk practices are highly ineffective and potentially violate the constitutional rights of Black people in the District on a daily basis.”

The MPD employs officers who have been photographed [wearing white supremacist images](#) and officers who had to be [explicitly ordered](#) to stop handcuffing children after handcuffing a “totally innocent” ten-year-old Black child right here in Ward 6. MPD officers have been accused of surveilling [Black Lives Matter activists](#). MPD officers have been under investigation for [sexual assault and violence](#) against sex workers, many of whom are Black and brown trans women. MPD officers have been [sued](#) for the assault and misgendering of trans residents. MPD officers have been accused of [egregious violations](#) of the rights of disabled DC residents.

MPD’s racist practices have lethal consequences. MPD has an average annual rate of 7.6 killings of Black people in D.C., compared to an average annual rate of 0.7 killings of white people—a disparity in which Black people were 11 times [more likely to be killed](#) by MPD than white people.

Beyond these racist actions, MPD does not achieve even basic public safety measures. Despite having an annual [operating budget](#) of more than \$500 million, 100 DC residents have been murdered thus far in 2020. This number has [increased each year](#) since 2018. Recently, MPD officers have routinely [failed](#) or [refused](#) to wear lifesaving personal protective equipment (PPE). This further jeopardizes DC’s Black residents who are not only already overpoliced by MPD but who are more [susceptible](#) to COVID-19 illness and fatalities due to [structural medical racism](#) and [racist health disparities](#). According to a July 2020 report by American Public Media, Black residents in D.C. [constitute](#) 74 percent of coronavirus deaths and have a fatality rate that is 5.9 times higher than white residents—the [largest disparity](#) in death rates between Black and white residents among any other city in the country with published demographic data.



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#### **The Commission's Letter Does Not Represent the Views of Many Residents**

These are only some of the reasons that of the more than [16,000 people](#) who signed up to testify at the June 2020 hearing on the MPD budget, 99 percent supported decreasing MPD funding. And we, as residents of Ward 6, and you, as Commissioners in Ward 6, have a responsibility to hold the MPD accountable.

Ward 6 is the [most quickly gentrifying](#) ward in one of the most quickly gentrifying cities in the nation. The Black population around H Street has [dropped](#) from 77 percent in 1990 to 45.2 percent in 2010, and this trend appears to have continued in the years since. There are [well documented correlations](#) between gentrifying neighborhoods and wealthier, whiter residents calling the police on Black residents over “quality of life” complaints in public spaces. As investments to this neighborhood cater primarily to newer, wealthier, and whiter residents that continue to pour into H Street and other historically Black spaces in Ward 6, we would do well to remember the history of state-sponsored redlining and strategic neglect and divestment that have had devastating, multigenerational financial consequences for Black residents that [persist to this day](#).

#### **The Commission Failed to Seek Public Input on This Important Issue**

The Commission did not include debate on this topic and a potential letter in its published agenda for the June 2020 meeting. The Commission invited MPD to speak but closed the opportunity for public comment before sending this damaging letter. For a full accounting of your actions in this matter, see the timeline enclosed as *Appendix: Timeline*.

#### **The Commission Actively Silenced Public Comment During Its July Meeting**

Many of us attempted to share these views with you at the ANC meeting following publication of the Commissioners' letter in support of the MPD, but we were silenced by the people who were elected to represent us. Despite a legal obligation to allow residents to comment during ANC meetings, the Commissioners refused to take attendees off mute for the duration of the meeting and cut the meeting short prior to the “community comment” period. Per the Office of the ANC Executive Director, your actions to silence community input during the July meeting represented an “abandonment of statutory requirements.”

#### **Constituents Demand Action from ANC 6A**

We are angry and disappointed that our ANC has chosen to ignore the effects that the MPD has on the lives of DC residents -- particularly Black residents. We demand the following steps to begin rebuilding trust with the community.

1. We demand that the Commission reserve significant time on next month's meeting agenda to address these issues, and that such meeting include substantial time for



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- community input. Alternatively, we demand a separate town hall, properly noticed and allowing for significant community input, for the ANC 6A on these issues.
2. We demand that ANC 6A correct the record by writing another letter to Chairman Mendelson and the D.C. Council, and to Mayor Bowser. This second letter should clearly acknowledge the devastating impact the MPD has on many DC residents, including ANC 6A residents, and state that the Commission's initial letter was sent without the Commission soliciting input from its constituents, per DC statute.

Put simply, the Commission should rescind its prior letter and clarify that it was not representative of ANC 6A residents.

Sincerely,

Laura E. Furr  
ANC 6A04

Kris Garrity  
ANC 6A01

Sam DeLuca  
ANC 6A07

Stephanie DeLuca  
ANC 6A07

Madeline Gitomer  
ANC 6A06

Evan Preston  
ANC 6A08

Enclosure:  
*Appendix: Timeline*

CC:  
Chairman Mendelson  
Councilmember Charles Allen  
Hill Rag



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### Alcohol Beverage and Licensing (ABL)



#### Minutes

#### Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A

August 18, 2020

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 16, 2020, on a publicly-posted WebEx Event.

Committee Members Present: Mark Samburg (Co-Chair), Nick Alberti (Co-Chair), Laura Gentile

Committee Members Absent: Roger Caruth, Ramin Taheri

Commissioners Present: Mike Soderman

Community Members Present: Aaron McGovern (Brine), Casey Callister (Duffy’s), Robb Dooling, Larry Janezich, ASL interpreters

I. Call to Order

Mr. Samburg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and noted the presence of a quorum.

II. Community Comment

None

III. Old Business

None

IV. New Business

- Discussion of request by DC Culinary Academy, LLC, t/a Brine at 1357-1359 H Street NE (ABRA #110889) for a modification to the establishment’s settlement agreement and ABRA license to add a Summer Garden endorsement.
  - Mr. McGovern explained that he has filed a stipulated application because of the challenges posed by the current pandemic. Mr. McGovern noted that the summer garden uses space that was previously in the Biergarten Haus summer garden.
  - Mr. Samburg asked whether the plan for the summer garden was seated tables only, with no music or other entertainment. Mr. McGovern confirmed.
  - Mr. Alberti asked what the space’s relationship was to the previous Biergarten space. Mr. McGovern explained that the two establishments share a building (though not an address), and that he simply converted some of the space previously used by Biergarten.
  - Mr. Alberti asked whether Mr. McGovern considered the summer garden to include both the covered space which backs up to the open back, or only the outdoor seating.
  - Commissioner Soderman noted his support for Brine and thanked Mr. McGovern for everything he was doing.
  - Mr. McGovern asked about the mechanism for getting an ANC letter of support for his stipulated application. Mr. Samburg explained it would not be available until the September 2020 ANC 6A meeting, assuming the ANC approved such a letter.
  - Mr. Alberti moved that the ANC provide a letter of support for the stipulated application of DC Culinary Academy, LLC, t/a Brine at 1357-1359 H Street NE (ABRA #110889) for a modification to the establishment’s ABRA license to add a Summer Garden endorsement.





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Ms. Gentile seconded, the motion passed 3-0 (Commissioner Soderman was unable to vote due to technical difficulties.)

- Discussion of requests by Callister Technology and Entertainment, LLC, t/a Duffy's Irish Pub at 1016 H Street NE (ABRA #111076) for:
  - A modification to the establishment's settlement agreement to allow live entertainment in the establishment's beer garden on Friday and Saturday nights.
    - Mr. Callister explained that the hope is to have live bands in the beer garden on infrequent occasions.
    - Mr. Alberti noted that he was not predisposed to support outdoor entertainment in any space on H Street because of the proximity to residences, and that even though Duffy's has not caused any problems for the ABL, any allowance here would carry to a future owner.
    - Mr. Callister noted that volume restrictions on sound would still be in place.
    - Mr. Alberti noted that the likelihood of live entertainment exceeding volume restrictions is very high.
    - Mr. Callister asked whether the ABL would be open to considering live entertainment on a more limited basis (ending earlier). Mr. Samburg noted that he would find that helpful. Mr. Alberti noted that he still had concerns, and that residents elsewhere in the city sometimes complain about parties in summer gardens even in afternoons.
    - Mr. Callister noted that Duffy's would still be bound by volume restrictions.
    - Mr. Samburg asked how often Duffy's would plan to have live entertainment in their summer garden. Mr. Callister noted that the entertainment would be on special occasions: St. Patrick's Day, weddings, an occasional Business Improvement District (BID)-sponsored event. Mr. Callister also noted that these events could go a long way to addressing shortfalls resulting from the COVID pandemic.
    - Commissioner Soderman asked to confirm that ANC 6A generally does not allow live music in summer gardens. Mr. Alberti noted that it is the practice of ANC 6A not to do so. Mr. Callister asked whether the ABL was sure there were no exceptions. Mr. Alberti noted that any exceptions were not deliberate. Mr. Samburg noted that in his time on the committee, no exceptions had been deliberately granted.
    - Mr. Callister asked whether further narrowing the request to a limited number of special events would address the ABL's concerns. Commissioner Soderman noted that there is a very real need to help establishments, given current circumstances and asked whether a mechanism to allow for such limited occasions was possible. Mr. Callister noted that his prior location had such an arrangement.
    - Mr. Alberti asked how many "special occasions" Mr. Callister wanted per year for live entertainment in the summer garden. Mr. Callister indicated that he was seeking four occasions.
    - Commissioner Soderman moved that the ANC modify its settlement agreement with Callister Technology and Entertainment, LLC, t/a Duffy's Irish Pub at 1016 H Street NE (ABRA #111076) to allow for four special events per year with live music in the summer garden until 9:00 pm, provided that notice of the event be given to the Chair of the ANC and the Co-Chairs of the ABL at least 48 hours before the event. Mr. Samburg seconded, motion passed unanimously.





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- A modification to the establishment's settlement agreement to allow use of the potential "parklet" that may be established.
  - Mr. Callister noted that he had just learned of the possibilities of parklets, but that his current settlement agreement only allows for 9 seats in his sidewalk café, which would not enable him to seat patrons in the parklet.
  - Mr. Alberti clarified the breakdown between summer garden and sidewalk café seating in the establishment's settlement agreement, and asked how many additional sidewalk café seats would be required. Mr. Callister noted that his request would depend on the exact size of any parklet Duffy's receives.
  - Mr. Alberti noted that the ANC could approve a second sidewalk café, defined as the parklet space, and not provide a specific limit on occupancy in the settlement agreement.
  - Commissioner Soderman and Mr. Alberti discussed whether relevant city agencies were going to provide appropriate limits for occupancy, given current health conditions.
  - Mr. Alberti moved that the ANC modify its settlement agreement with Callister Technology and Entertainment, LLC, t/a Duffy's Irish Pub at 1016 H Street NE (ABRA #111076) to allow for a second sidewalk café, coterminous with the designated "parklet," with identical hours to the establishment's existing sidewalk café, and an occupancy limit consistent with all DC government guidance and restrictions. Ms. Gentile seconded, motion passed unanimously.
  - Mr. Alberti noted that the establishment issue may also need to go to a meeting of ANC 6A's Transportation and Public Space (TPS) Committee.
- Mr. Samburg moved to amend the agenda to add an item to discuss a request that ANC 6A seek additional members for the ABL. Mr. Alberti seconded, motion carried unanimously.
  - Mr. Samburg noted that the ABL has recently lost a member who moved out of the District, and that several members have not responded to emails or attended a meeting for some time. Mr. Samburg further noted that unless all active members and/or a Commissioner attend any given meeting, the ABL often does not have a quorum.
  - Mr. Alberti, Ms. Gentile, Commissioner Soderman, and Mr. Samburg discussed need for members to understand the commitment involved with service on the ABL Committee.
  - Mr. Dooling (via interpreter) asked whether each SMD within ANC6A is limited to a single ABL member. Mr. Samburg explained that there is no requirement that each SMD be represented, nor any limit on the number of ABL members from a given SMD.
  - Mr. Samburg moved that the ABL notify the ANC of the need for new membership. Ms. Gentile seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

#### V. Adjourn

The Committee adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting date: September 15, 2020



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



#### MINUTES

### ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting Call-in Conference via WebEx Monday, August 17, 2020

I. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

II. Introductions:

Committee members in attendance: Elizabeth Nelson (Chair), Marc Brumer, Maura Dundon, Jeff Fletcher, Hassan Christian

Commissioners in attendance: Amber Gove (6A04), Mike Soderman (6A03), Sondra Phillips-Gilbert (6A07)

III. Old Business

Andrew DeFrank from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) updated the Committee on outstanding ANC 6A traffic calming issues. He addressed the H St NE Corridor, and a traffic calming request for 1200-1500 blocks of C Street NE, submitted in June 2017.

Mr. DeFrank stated that there are no plans to comprehensively redesign the H Street corridor so he is instead trying to handle the issues raised through individual service requests. For C Street NE, the plan is still for a contractor to be brought on in the fall of 2020 and construction to begin before the end of this year.

In response to a question from Commissioner Gove, Mr. DeFrank clarified that a Traffic Safety Assessment request is the best procedure for a specific block or intersection. DDOT is currently encouraging requestors to focus on key blocks and intersections, rather than entire corridors.

IV. New Business

A. Slow Streets Program. Feedback on Signage and Requests to Expand  
Slow Streets are currently installed on:

- 12th Street NE (from Lincoln Park to K Street NE)
- G Street NE (from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to 15<sup>th</sup> Street NE)
- Gales Street NE (from 15<sup>th</sup> Street NE to 21<sup>st</sup> Street NE)

The Committee discussed that there are models of signage that may be improvements over the current signage (e.g., the Portland signage at end of document). Mr. Brummer and Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert said that the current signage is confusing to drivers.

Mr. DeFrank acknowledged that DDOT has received requests for better signage but stated that currently DDOT is not changing the signage, but also has not made a determination about what it can or cannot do yet.

Commissioner Sondra Phillips-Gilbert stated that she felt that DDOT had not properly informed the community or considered impacts on street traffic. She said her constituents are confused about where they can park. She requested that DDOT hold off on the Gales Street installation in the Rosedale neighborhood. The streets are too narrow, and community feedback was not solicited.



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Chair Elizabeth Nelson asked about flyers that DDOT could provide for distribution door to door. She said she had not seen many people using the streets, so they need to be encouraged or else it is not worth the inconvenience to drivers.

Mr. DeFrank stated that he sent an email to ANC Commissioners in June 2020 notifying them of additional Slow Streets pilots. On June 30, 2020, DDOT announced possible Phase 2 locations, including Gales Street, and solicited feedback. One reason the installation is happening now is that DC Council has passed legislation requiring installation of the selected routes by Sept 1, 2020. Mr. DeFrank said that Gales & Rosedale were chosen because they are local, narrow, with no bus traffic, and connect communities/places of interest. Narrow streets were chosen because cars are accustomed to using caution. This makes it easier for people to go into the roadway to maintain physical distancing. These closures are specifically for the pandemic when traffic volume is already low. DDOT chose low volume routes so there is not much traffic that will be displaced.

Mr. DeFrank stated that DDOT wants feedback on Slow Streets. Feedback can be submitted via the QR code on the door hangers, by email to [andrew.defrank@dc.gov](mailto:andrew.defrank@dc.gov), or online at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScysW\\_U\\_fpkjxZXX9bkPPEoKFB0VUnaYdUV1Ueg\\_v0itFMr9w/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScysW_U_fpkjxZXX9bkPPEoKFB0VUnaYdUV1Ueg_v0itFMr9w/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1).

Commissioner Mike Soderman shared feedback from constituents asking why 12th Street was chosen. Some on 9th Street would love to be part of it; some on 11th Street say that they are getting semis on that street; and some on 10th Street believe they are getting a lot of cut-through traffic during the pandemic.

Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert requested flyers from DDOT to distribute within her SMD.

Commissioner Amber Gove stated that the biggest issue is signage for drivers. She has gotten positive feedback from her constituents and requests for more Slow Streets.

B. Consideration of additional pedestrian/traffic safety issues as suggested by commissioners and community members.

Commissioner Gove noted that the list discussed at this meeting is a new list identifying traffic safety concerns raised by Commissioners and community members. The public should refer to the ANC6A website for locations that have already been the subject of pending or resolved requests by ANC6A.

1. There was consideration of a specific request for letter of support for 20-00105420, speed humps in the 1600 and 2000 blocks of D Street NE. Chair Nelson noted her preference for raised crosswalks over mid-block speed humps, which she perceives to be less effective at traffic calming given that pedestrians are expected to cross at crosswalks. Additionally, the vibration from large vehicles going over speed humps can damage homes.

*Commissioner Soderman made the motion that TPS recommend that ANC6A send a letter of support for the request 20-00105420 for speed humps on the 1600 and 2000 blocks of D Street NE. Ms. Dundon seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-1, including the three commissioners present with Chair Nelson opposed.*



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2. Making Acute Angle Intersections Safer. The Committee discussed the problem of the acute angle intersections and the possibility of raised crosswalks as an alternative to speed humps. It was Commissioner Gove's understanding that DDOT will not install raised crosswalks; Mr. DeFrank said he thought that they might. He will report back to the Commission prior to the September 21, 2020 TPS meeting. Intersections reported by Commissioner Gove include 1300 block of A Street NE, 1100 and 1200 block of F Street NE, 1300 block of G Street NE, south of Maryland Avenue NE.

3. Crosswalk Striping

Commissioner Gove noted a list (below) of proposed crosswalk striping requests that she made, and that she would like to receive additional community suggestions. Commissioner Soderman noted that the ANC 6A has pending striping requests that have not been fulfilled yet:

- D Street at each intersection from 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Street, plus 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Street
- 12<sup>th</sup> Street at C, D & E Streets, Wylie Court and I Street
- I Street from 8th Street to Florida Avenue NE
- 13<sup>th</sup> Street at D, E & F Streets NE

The Commission agreed to solicit additional proposed striping requests via social media.

*Commissioner Soderman made the motion: That the TPS Committee recommend that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting striping at a list of intersections to be assembled by the TPS, with opportunity for community input prior to the September 2020 ANC meeting. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0 including the three Commissioners present.*

4. Other items

Adding bike lanes with missing segments to a priority list will be considered at a future TPS meeting.

Commissioner Gove noted that all pending requests need to be reviewed with Mr. DeFrank item by item to learn the current status.

Commissioner Soderman noted that he will follow up on the 200 block of 9th Street NE.

Committee member Marc Brumer suggested identifying speed humps with missing paint as a priority. After some discussion, it was agreed that he would begin developing a list of problem humps. Chair Nelson noted that any new requests can be sent to an ANC commissioner and cc'd to her.

## V. Community Comment

Maureen Benitz, a resident of ANC 6A07, stated she is concerned about increased traffic onto Kramer Street from the Slow Streets closure. She felt very surprised by the Slow Streets installation, and does not recall any outreach. She also does not know if people are actually going walk on the roadways when there is still traffic on the street.

## VI. Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.



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Example of more-informative street sign (Portland)





## Committee Reports

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



September xx, 2020

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

Re: ANC6A Request for 20-00105420 for speed humps on the 1600 and 2000 blocks of D Street NE.

Dear Director Marootian:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting <sup>1</sup>on September 10, 2020, our Commission voted x-x (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send a letter to DDOT in support of Request 20-00205420, speed humps on the 1600 and 2000 blocks of D Street NE.

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

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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September xx, 2020

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

Re: ANC6A Request for Crosswalk Re-striping

Dear Director Marootian:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting <sup>1</sup>on September 10, 2020, our Commission voted x-x (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send a letter to DDOT requesting re-striping of the crosswalks at the following locations:

1. D Street at each intersection from 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Street, plus 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Street NE
2. 12<sup>th</sup> Street at C, D & E Streets, Wylie Court and I Street NE
3. I Street from 8th Street to Florida Avenue NE
4. 13<sup>th</sup> Street at D, E & F Streets NE
5. Intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Street & Constitution Avenue NE
6. Intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Massachusetts Avenue NE
7. Intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Massachusetts Avenue NE
8. Intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> and C Streets NE

[Other locations proposed by Commissioners to be added before submission]

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

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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September xx, 2020

Mr. Matthew Marcou  
Associate Director for Public Space Regulation  
District Department of Transportation  
55 M Street SE, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Public Space Application # 353808 - 1660 Gales St. NE, fence that exceeds 43” in public parking – request postponement

Dear Associate Director Marcou and Public Space Committee Members:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on September 10, 2020, our Commission voted x-x-x (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request an extension in this matter. The application was not submitted to the ANC until August 27, 2020 with a review due date of September 19, 2020, far less than 30 days and insufficient time for a proper review.

The application is for a non-conforming (> 42 in. in height, < 50% open) for a wooden fence that will be 6' high and 0% open, and running 42 ft, to replace an existing, compliant metal fence on public space on the 17th Street side of the property.

As such a fence will affect the pedestrian experience on this street, the matter must be considered carefully before rendering judgment. Therefore, we request an extension until October 13, 2020 so that the project can be reviewed by our Transportation and Public Space Committee at their September 2020 meeting and voted on by the commissioners at our October 8, 2020 ANC meeting.

Thank you for giving consideration to our ANC's feedback on this public space issue. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at [amberanc6a@gmail.com](mailto:amberanc6a@gmail.com).

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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<b>Work Location:</b>					
	<b>Location</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Locked?</b>		
1	1660 GALES STREET NE	Address	No		
<b>Type</b> Fixture: Fence (Exception over 42")					
<b>Description:</b> Change out portion of existing metal fence with 6 ft wooden fence in order to regain some level of privacy, prevent trash from collecting in the yard, and protect our outer assets and dog. Current fence posts will be used. Fence can be replaced in 6 ft long sections between each existing post.					
<b>Condition:</b> Hide					
<p>*A One Call ticket must be obtained and on site for any work in public space for which a One Call ticket is required. Permittee must immediately notify the One Call Center of damage that occurs during excavation.</p> <p>*All street trees located within the work zone shall have a 6' high chain link fence placed around the tree space to the extent of the box (min 4' x 9') or in a continuous planting space to the extent of the dripline. The fence shall be installed prior to work starting and removed after work has been completed.</p> <p>*All work must comply with all District regulations and statutes. Violation may result in revocation of this permit.</p> <p>*Must follow approved site plan without deviation.</p> <p>*No crossing of sidewalk with trucks.</p> <p>*No work in public space is allowed during official DC government holidays.</p> <p>*Permit holder is responsible for all damage to public space as a result of work done under this permit.</p> <p>*Permit holder responsible for obtaining any additional permits required by statute or regulation including DOH, DDOE and DCRA permits.</p> <p>*Person who posts an unauthorized sign or removes an authorized sign is subject to a fine of \$100 per day.</p> <p>*The Source Permit, renewal permit, TCP and all approved drawings are required to be on the premises and posted at all times.</p> <p>*This construction permit requires a separate valid permit for temporary occupancy to be on site during the time work is being performed.</p> <p>*This permit does not authorize the posting of No Parking signs. A separate public space occupancy permit is required.</p> <p>*This permit is not valid until the later of the Effective Date and the Issuance Date.</p> <p>*This permit is revocable at any time at the discretion of FEMS, MPD and/or DDOT</p> <p>*This permit must be on site at all times and visible from public space.</p> <p>*Work hours in public space are listed on the approved Traffic Control Plan. Any work in public space before 7am or after 7pm Mon. thru Sat. or all day Sun. requires an additional permit from DCRA.</p>					
<b>Applicant:</b> Cameron Rochelle <a href="#">1 other recent applications by this applicant</a>					



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<b>Permit Fee:</b> \$148.50 <i>technology fee included</i> <b>Last Updated By:</b> Cameron Rochelle <b>Owner:</b> Cameron Rochelle <b>Owner #:</b> 7022038221 <b>Permittee:</b> Cameron Rochelle <b>Permittee #:</b> 7022038221 <b>Agent:</b> N/A <b>Agent #:</b> N/A <b>Contractor:</b> N/A <b>Contractor #:</b> N/A	<b>Permit Fee Payment Date:</b> <b>Last Updated Date:</b> 08/27/2020 <b>Owner Address:</b> 1660 Gales St NE, Washington, DC 20002 <b>Owner Email:</b> crochelle357@gmail.com <b>Permittee Address:</b> 1660 Gales St NE, Washington, DC 20002 <b>Permittee Email:</b> crochelle357@gmail.com <b>Agent Address:</b> N/A <b>Agent Email:</b> N/A <b>Contractor Address:</b> N/A <b>Contractor Email:</b> N/A
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#### 1660 Gales St NE Fence Project

We, the homeowners of 1660 Gales St NE, Cameron Rochelle and Sarah Ruckriegle, are intentionally seeking this special exception permit for a portion of our fence in public space to be more than 50% transparent and more than 42" tall in order to mitigate issues related to our health and wellness, safety, and privacy.

**Health and Wellness:** Our current fence line poses threats to our health and wellness due primarily to trash. Multiple times a day we have to pick up everything from food trash to crime/drug paraphernalia to used COVID-19 PPE placing us and especially our dog at risk. With or without an ongoing pandemic, the increased exposure to bacteria, other people's germs, and dangerous materials poses a risk to our general wellbeing. Additionally, a portable bathroom in the empty lot behind us (north) does not help with sanitation issues. Whether the trash was thrown in our yard, or blown in by the wind, a taller and opaque fence would help to minimize access for trash and reduce build up in our yard.

**Safety:** The greatest safety concern posed by the current fence is primarily related to solicitation and harassment. On multiple occasions my wife has been in the yard tending to the garden or playing with the dog and has been sexually harassed. Additionally, we get solicited for money and/or food by passers-by almost once a week. While we try to be accommodating and neighborly when we can by giving food and snacks to those in need, it isn't right to turn our side yard into a charity, and saying "no" can sometime trigger adverse reactions by the solicitors. Lastly, we chose this house partly because our dog loves to be outside and hang out on the grass. This sometimes attracts visitors who attempt to give our dog food without our knowledge. This is highly dangerous for our dog and a risk we would like to minimize. By making the proposed modifications to the fence, we can not only prevent harassment and solicitation, but also help ensure the safety of our dog from potentially dangerous foods.

**Privacy:** Given that our house is an end unit row home, passersby on the street and in cars have a clear and plain view of our house and back yard. We frequently use our backyard for private outdoor dinner and exercise. On many occasions we have had individuals shout at us or make unwelcome comments during these occasions. It's easy to chalk it up to "city living" but we believe taking back some sort of privacy in this case is reasonable. Multiple ends of row homes in our neighborhood have backyards with the same type of 6' wooden slat fence we seek to build, and we don't believe placing this fence will be anything out of the norm.

**Proposed Work:** The proposed work would be to turn a portion of our fence line (east side along 17<sup>th</sup> St NE) into a wooden slat fence that is 6' tall. This height matches the fence of the lot directly behind us and would be seamlessly integrated into it. The 6' height would only continue for 42' and then taper down leaving the front of the house and the portion of the yard next to the intersection as is to ensure no traffic views are impeded and our front is open to the street like the rest of the neighborhood. We don't seek these changes to be reclusive or exclusive in our neighborhood, but only to improve the wellness and safety of people inside and outside of our home by mitigating easily preventable hazards.

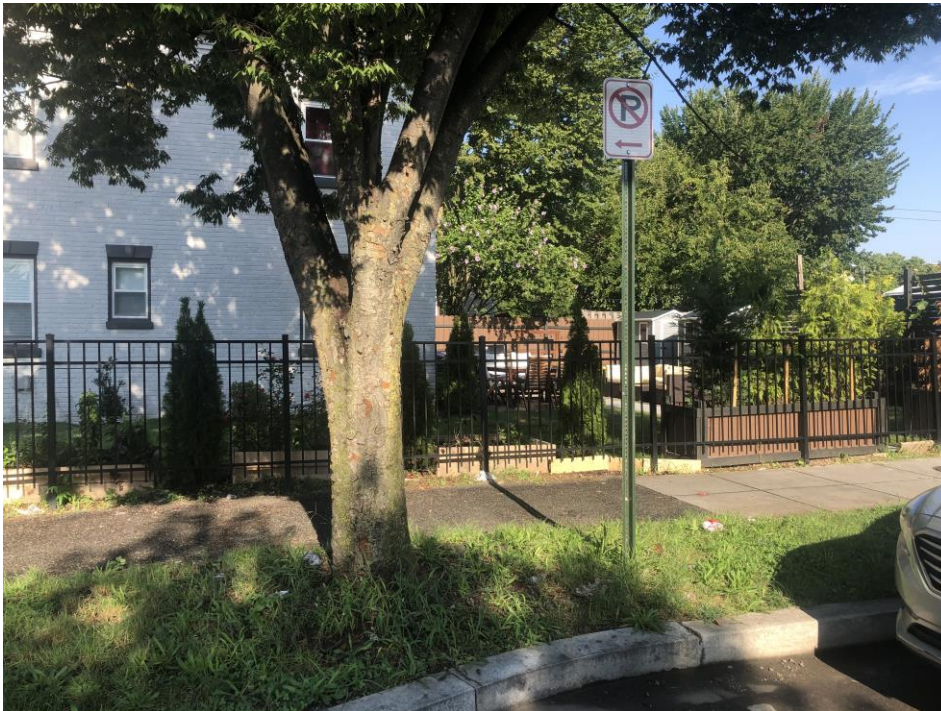






## Committee Reports

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





## Committee Reports Economic Development and Zoning Committee



### MINUTES

#### ANC 6A Economic Development & Zoning Space Committee Meeting Virtual Meeting via WebEx Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Present:

Members: Brad Greenfield (Chair), Jake Joyce, Nick Alberti, Mike Cushman,  
Commissioners: Brian Alcorn

Brad Greenfield chaired the meeting.

#### Community Comment

None.

#### Previously Heard Cases

None.

#### Old Business

1. 308 11th Street, NE (HPA Case#20-390): Request for historic approval for a new third floor addition and roof deck over an existing house in the Capitol Hill Historic District.

The project was presented by the architect, Jennifer Fowler. The owner stated that, at this point, they wanted to focus only on the addition of the third floor, which requires historic approval.

Mr. Greenfield asked what the façade of the house would look like. Ms. Fowler replied that the addition would not be visible from the front of the house. She said that they would be doing a detailed site line survey to ensure that it could not be visible from the front. The rear would have hardi board siding, but the color would blend with the rest of the house.

Ms. Fowler said that they are currently under permit to renovate the house. The work is for the interior, and does not include the doors and windows. There is a separate permit/review underway to cover the replacement of doors and windows.

Mr. Greenfield asked if any portion of the side of the building would be visible from the alley or the street. Ms. Fowler said that there will be some visibility from the alley, but the detail would come out of the mock-up that is going to be done.

Mr. Greenfield asked if there had been outreach to neighbors. The owner reported that they have met with many of the neighbors. Neighbors had expressed concerns about earlier plans that had been circulated. Those earlier plans had been withdrawn because of neighbor concerns. A light and air study is being conducted. E-mail communication has been ongoing.

Neighbors of the property expressed their concerns about the project. The concerns were that the project will disrupt the historic nature of the neighborhood. They also expressed concerns that the current site line survey is not adequate. Mr. Greenfield asked if there was any room for compromise on the project. The neighbors said that the project as it is right now would be unacceptable to them, and they have not seen a proposed version that would be acceptable.





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### Economic Development and Zoning Committee



Committee member Mike Cushman expressed concerns about the changes to the project, and that he felt that what was being considered today was not the full scope of the project.

Mr. Greenfield asked if there were any other properties in the neighborhood that had additions or roof decks. The owner reported that this would be the first property on the block that has an addition of this type.

Mr. Greenfield noted the significant amount of neighbor opposition, and that he wanted to see the mock-up and sight survey to ensure that the project would not be visible from the street. Mr. Cushman said he wanted to see the site survey, and the full plans. Committee member Jake Joyce and Commissioner Brian Alcorn echoed the desire to see the site survey.

Mr. Greenfield asked if the owners would be willing to suspend consideration of the project until the site survey was completed. The owners expressed a preference to move forward now, but agreed to delay consideration of the project until the September 2020 EDZ meeting.

Consideration of the project was tabled.

#### **New Business**

2. 722 19th Street, NE (BZA Case# 20295): Application pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle X, Chapter 9, for special exceptions under Subtitle E § 5201, from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 304.1, and from the rear yard requirements of Subtitle E § 306.1, to construct a second-story rear deck addition to an existing semi-detached principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 Zone.

No one appeared to present the project. Consideration of the project was tabled.

3. 1637 D Street, NE: Informational discussion on a project to remove an existing concrete rear deck and replace it with a rear addition.  
The project was presented by Mr. Fisher, the owner of the property. He stated that they were going to have to do some work on the rear deck, and that prompted him to consider a full rear addition. He plans to do an addition that is similar in scope and size to that of his neighbor. He has had preliminary discussions with his neighbor, and there is no opposition to date. The addition would only go back to where the existing deck ends.

Mr. Greenfield expressed the view that he should communicate early and often with his neighbors; anyone that could be impacted by the project. Mr. Greenfield recommended Mr. Fisher conduct a light study of the proposed addition. Commissioner Alcorn said that this property looks to have the shallowest rear wall of any of his neighbors. He also stated that the lots in this area were quite large.

Mr. Greenfield summarized the schedule and process for zoning approval and permitting for the project. Mr. Greenfield also explained ANC6A's standard of best efforts to get letters of support.

4. Discussion of criteria to be used when adding projects to the EDZ agenda.  
This discussion focused on what standards should be used for items to be added to the EDZ agenda. The initial discussion focused on whether a BZA number would be required before an item was added to the agenda.



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Mr. Cushman cited some of the past projects that came before the Committee and voiced the opinion that there were applicants that had not communicated fully to neighbors, so that neighbors who were impacted by a project did not know how to participate.

There was a lengthy discussion of what the notification requirements for BZA and HPRB are. Mr. Cushman felt that there is an imbalance between the property owners and neighbors because the property owners are more familiar with the process and deadlines and neighbors may not know them. Mr. Cushman expressed an interest in having an additional placard for the ANC being posted for projects, giving them notice of the EDZ committee.

Mr. Greenfield expressed skepticism that posting an additional placard would meaningfully increase the neighbor's understanding of a project. He expressed that informal communication, which the Committee currently encourages and requires, is more important and meaningful. Mr. Cushman noted that the Committee is dependent on the owners and architects reporting on those conversations and the conversations are not normally independently verified.

Mr. Cushman expressed that he thought that architects that come before the committee game the system to benefit the project. Mr. Greenfield disagreed, stating that following the existing process is not gaming the system.

Mr. Cushman expressed an interest in possibly sending out an e-mail notification to neighbors. Mr. Greenfield noted that there were several logistical problems with that problem; additionally, it would require the ANC to send out unsolicited e-mails to neighbors.

Mr. Greenfield committed to getting the EDZ agenda published at least a week before each EDZ meeting, to improve notification and communication.

Mr. Greenfield made a motion that, on a trial basis, ANC 6A require extra signage announcing upcoming EDZ meetings and ANC 6A meeting dates for all applicants for zoning and historic district relief before they are added to the agenda for the EDZ. The signage will be printed and made available by the ANC, and must be posted in a prominent location. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cushman. The motion passed unanimously.

**Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:  
Wednesday, September 16, 2020  
7:00-9:00 pm  
WebEx information to be posted on ANC6A Website**



## New Business

