

## District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Agenda for October 10, 2024



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

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Public Meeting - All are welcome

7:00 pm Call to order

7:01 pm Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes

7:02 pm Community Presentation

Fred Moosally, Director, Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA)

7:30 pm Consent Agenda

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7:35 pm Officer Reports

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- 1. Accept Treasurer's Report
- 2. Approve FY2025 Budget Plan
- 3. Suggested Motion: Renew service agreements for package prep/web services and notetaker for FY2025.

## Standing Committee Reports:

8:00 pm Community Outreach (COC)

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- 1. Accept September 2024 committee report.
- 2. Next meeting: October 28, 2024 (4th Monday)

## 8:05 pm Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)

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- 1. Accept September 2024 committee report.
- 2. Recommendation: ANC 6A send a letter to the DC Council Chair Mendelson and Mayor Bowser requesting the following actions:
  - 1. The City Council adopt and the Mayor sign legislation making public input on medical cannabis licenses equivalent to the input allowed for liquor licenses, specifically allowing adjacent property owners and a group of five to protest medical cannabis licenses, as provided for in Title 25 of D.C. Official Code and Title 23 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.
  - 2. The City Council adopt and the Mayor sign legislation providing for moratoriums on new medical cannabis licenses equivalent to the provisions for liquor licenses contained in Title 25 of D.C. Official Code and Title 23 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.
  - 3. The City Council adopt and the Mayor sign legislation providing for fines for landlords who allow for and eviction of tenants who engage in serious violations of liquor and cannabis law and regulation and, certificates of occupancy and basic business licenses in furtherance of operating any business that violates liquor and cannabis law.
  - 4. The City Council adopt and the Mayor sign legislation requiring temporary or permanent closure of establishments who fail to remediate serious violations of liquor and cannabis licenses or health, safety, or other licenses and permits required in furtherance of operating a business that engages in the commerce of liquor or cannabis or illegal substances. Further, that such action should be taken immediately if the Chief of Police deems public safety and immediate and serious risk, including but not limited to violent acts or the recovery of firearms.
- 3. Recommendation: ANC 6A will automatically send a letter of protest of alcoholic beverage license and medical cannabis applications and renewals unless the Commission is able to meet and consider such an application before the published protest deadline. In that case, the protest will be due to the effect of the establishment on peace, order and quiet, including the noise and litter provisions, pursuant to the allowable appropriateness standards set forth in DC Municipal Regulations.
- 4. Next meeting: October 29, 2024 (4th Tuesday)

8:30 pm Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

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1. Accept September 2024 committee report.



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- 2. Recommendation: ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting conversion of the 1400 block of G Street NE to a one-way westbound.
- 3. Suggested motion: ANC 6A send a letter of support for NOI-24-262-CPD for parking adjustments on H Street NE.
- 4. Next meeting 7:00 pm, October 21, 2024 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

## 8:35 pm Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

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- 1. Accept September 2024 committee report.
- 2. Next meeting 7:00 pm, October 16, 2024 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

## 8:40 pm New Business

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- 1. Suggested Motion: ANC 6A send a letter to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Appiah, the City Council and relevant Council committees recognizing the serious and life-threatening failures of the Office of Unified Communications (OUC) and requesting measures to include, but not limited to, monthly (at minimum) reporting to a public meeting of the Council or its designated committee, and an attestation to the accuracy by the OUC Director. Such reporting would include performance against key national 911 performance metrics as well as against staffing metrics and adverse event reporting and analyses. The letter would also request that the Council review the need for an external monitor or advisor to oversee the operations and performance of the OUC.
- 2. Suggested Motion: ANC 6A send a letter to Chief Smith asking for a 30-day drug free zone on 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE and continuous police presence in response to the increased drug activity and shootings.
- 8:45 pm Single Member District reports (2 minute each)
- 8:55 pm Community Comments (2 minutes each)
- 9:00 pm Adjourn





# Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Minutes Zoom Meeting September 5, 2024

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove, Roberta Shapiro, Robb Dooling, Dave Wethington, Steve Moilanen, and Mike Velasquez were present.

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

Commissioner Amber Gove called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. Commissioner Roberta Shapiro moved and Commissioner Dave Wethington seconded the motion to formally amend the July meeting minutes to reflect the correct name of a grant applicant, Hill Family Biking; the motion was approved 6-0 and the amended ANC July 2024 meeting minutes were accepted. Commissioner Gove moved and Commissioner Robb Dooling seconded the motion to amend the agenda to include a request from the Eliot-Hine food pantry for a letter of support from ANC 6A for their application to serve as a Capitol Area Food Bank community location. The motion was approved 6-0 and the agenda as amended was accepted by unanimous consent.

The community received meeting notice via listservs, the Hill Rag, ANC website, X, and Facebook.

## Consent Agenda:

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

## Community Outreach (COC)

- ANC 6A approve a grant to Guerilla Gardeners of Washington DC in the amount of \$1,000.00 to plant tulips bulbs at Sasha Bruce House at 1022 Maryland Avenue NE.
- ANC 6A approve a grant to Atlas Performing Arts Center in the amount of \$1,500.00 to host a free lobby event on November 2, 2024.

## Officer Reports:

1. The September 2024 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Steve Moilanen reviewed the expenditures accrued in July: \$59.35 for Zoom Premium, \$250.00 for notetaking, \$771.19 for webmaster services, and \$15.90 for a DocuSign subscription (checks #2118-#2121, respectively). The opening uncommitted funds available were \$37,412.84. After accounts payable totaling \$4,092.48 the closing available checking balance is \$33,320.36. The savings account opened at \$100.05, gained no interest, and closed at \$100.05, and petty cash remained at \$25.00. Commissioner Moilanen confirmed that moving forward, meetings will be held on the OANC Zoom account, so ANC 6A will no longer need or pay for a Zoom Premium subscription. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent.

## Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach (COC)

- 3. The July 2024 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
- 4. Next meeting: September 23, 2024 (4th Monday)

## Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)

- 1. The July 2024 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
- 2. Preliminary discussion on a proposed letter to the DC Council and appropriate agencies to improve application process, oversight and enforcement of violations for establishments selling Cannabis





and/or Alcohol. Commissioner Shapiro led a discussion on the current issues with cannabis and liquor licensing procedures, noting an asymmetry in the regulations for cannabis and liquor licenses. For cannabis licenses, only the ANC can protest, whereas for liquor licenses community associations or neighbor aggregates can protest. There are currently at least 18 cannabis and drug establishments operating on H Street, many of which are not operating with valid or legal licenses and ABCA is not enforcing its own guidelines. Commissioner Shapiro and Commissioner Mike Velasquez have met with Councilmember Allen and drafted four motions to address these challenges as well as a fifth addressing the timing of protest deadlines, ANC approval, settlement agreements, and licensing.

3. Next meeting - September 24, 2024 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)

## Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

- 1. No reports. Committee did not meet in July and August 2024.
- 2. Next meeting 7:00 pm, September 16, 2024 (3rd Monday)

## Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

- 1. The July 2024 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
- 2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Wethington seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support to the BZA for a Special Exception from the height requirements of Subtitle E § 203.2, pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201.1 and Subtitle X § 901.2 at 1351 C Street, NE. (BZA# 21156) The proposal is to construct a rooftop penthouse; the current height limit in the zone is 35 feet, and this structure would bring it to almost 42 feet. The current construction has a door flat with the roof and leaks; the applicants would like to replace it with a staircase and a structure to enclose it. The applicants first presented in June and a close, non-adjacent neighbor expressed concern about the impact to his solar panels. A shadow study was done in July and another concern was raised by another non-adjacent neighbor, too far away for reasonable concern. There would be nominal if any effect and would certainly fall under the 5% threshold the regulations allow. The applicants and the originally concerned neighbors have come to an agreement. The motion passed 6-0.
- 3. Next meeting 7:00 pm, September 18, 2024 (3rd Wednesday)

## New Business

1. Commissioner Velasquez moved and Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion that ANC 6A protest the license application of Aldi #15 (801 H Street NE, ABRA-127993) unless a Settlement Agreement is reached between the ANC and the license applicant prior to the protest deadline. Committee member Erin Blumenthal is appointed to represent the ANC along with Commissioner Velasquez and the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC. The settlement agreement mirrors those of Giant and Whole Foods on H Street and includes common neighborhood concerns like sanitation and parking; this will be the third Aldi in DC. The Aldi representatives will look into additional bicycle parking spots and how unsellable or expired food gets treated. The motion passed 6-0.

## Commission Business

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Velasquez (6A02) is excited to welcome Aldi to the community and hopes its presence will help dissuade persistent illegal activity on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and H Streets. The Commissioner salutes DC and DDOT for their cleaning up of the alley on the 1200 block of Maryland Avenue. A constituent noted that 1227 Maryland Avenue seems to be vacant and the Commissioner will be engaging with DC agencies to address this.

Commissioner Dooling (6A06) is pushing for an all-way stop sign on E Street and Tennessee Avenue and has heard several constituents ask for the portion of G street next to Chick-fil-A to be one-way.





Providencia, the new bar from the team behind Maketto, is now open in the alley behind Atlas theater and has received terrific reviews from neighbors so far.

Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) lost her phone driver's license and was impressed with the process of getting a virtual license. There are complaints again about the vacant building at 11<sup>th</sup> and F Streets, which has been vacant for at least five years but is showing signs of occupancy. DOB is coming out for an inspection but enforcement continues to be an issue. Multiple requests for traffic calming on 11<sup>th</sup> Street continue after a community member had a third car damaged by a speeding driver. The \$1.4M of renovations of Sherwood Recreation Center have yet to be started. The Commissioner recently walked along H Street and noted the immense amount of trash along the corridor.

Commissioner Wethington (6A05) reported that a community meeting occurred with regard to Kingsman Dog Park where a substrate of engineered wood fiber was chosen and construction is set to start this fall. The Commissioner is grateful to DPR and DGS for the replacement of basketball hoops at the park, slightly sooner than anticipated. The Commissioner participated in a meeting with Commissioner Dooling and community members with interesting ideas for the revitalization of H Street. Alley paving started happening in late August/early September to rave reviews in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Moilanen (6A07) is disappointed that there is a giant pothole in the middle of the SWS playground, only about 9 months after it was resurfaced. The Commissioner is grateful to Commissioner Velasquez for the relicensing of 7 River Mart, who are lovely compliant neighbors and under new ownership.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) noted that there will be a site visit at 11<sup>th</sup> and East Capitol Streets, where DDOT is working to reconfigure signage of what they intend drivers to do around Lincoln Park. Eastern High School Homecoming is on September 27, 2024 and there will be a parade and the official dedication renaming ceremony will be held for Blue and White Marching Machine Way. The crosswalk mural that ANC 6A supported looks great and was widely celebrated. It is prime block party season and Commissioner Gove encourages all Commissioners to help constituents organize and support more neighborhood engagement and block parties.

## Community Comment

Commissioner Gove moved and Commissioner Wethington seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support of the Eliot-Hine food pantry to support their application to be a community partner for the capitol area food bank. Jean Kohanek from the community pantry at Eliot-Hine spoke, noting that ANC 6A had previously supported the organization through a grant in 2020 to help fund the pantry. With the initial grant, the pantry purchased refrigerators and shelves that are still in use today and allow the organization to serve many community members. For the last two years, the pantry had been part of a school pantry program at the capital area food bank through which they were receiving free food produce every month. This program is being discontinued, meaning the pantry will now apply to partner with the food bank and pay for the food rather than receiving it for free. As part of the application, the pantry is seeking a letter of support from the ANC, proving that their services have benefited the community. The pantry serves an average of 184 households each month and moved 17,000 pounds of food last year. The motion passed 6-0.

MOCR Marcus Manning noted that it is 202 Creates month, celebrating DC's art and creative scene and there is an extensive calendar of events taking place, including H Street Festival. The calendar is available here: <a href="www.Mayor.dc.gov/202creates.com">www.Mayor.dc.gov/202creates.com</a>. On September 7, 2024 there will be a Ward 6 Roll-Off day meant for neighbors to bring e-waste, bulk trash, and appliances to the King-Greenleaf





Recreation Center from 10am-2pm. On September 20, 2024 a public safety job fair will take place at the DC Armory:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=8Unkj5SLt0-ZBm-Tnagtc\_vT1tqTocZPofUGfFPO5dUM1dCUVk5VEFSWUtIUDBJVjNSSEFTMjA1WCQIQCN0PWcu Mr. Manning can be reached at (202) 538-1241 or marcus.manning[at]dc.gov.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Community Presentations





# Commission Correspondence of September 5, 2024 Meeting





District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A PO Box 15020 Washington, DC 20003



September 15, 2024

Ms. Keara Mehlert Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment Board of Zoning Adjustment 441 4th Street NW, Suite 210 Washington, DC 20001

Re: ANC 6A regarding BZA Case No. 21156 (1351 C Street, NE)

Dear Ms. Mehlert:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on September 5, 2024, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for a Special Exception for relief from the height requirements of Subtitle E § 203.2 pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201.1 and Subtitle X § 901.2 to construct a penthouse and roof deck to an existing, attached, two-story, flat 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 has been met through submission of architectural drawings and discussions with 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 Joal Mendonsa, Michael Cushman, and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, Mr. Cushman at michael.cushman@gmail.com, and Joal Mendonsa at joal.mendonsa@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

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Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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September 15, 2024

Erin Brown DC Partnership Coordinator Capital Area Food Bank 4900 Puerto Rico Avenue NE Washington, DC 20017

Re: ANC 6A Support for Eliot-Hine Community Pantry

Dear Ms. Brown:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on September 5, 2024, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send a letter of support for the Community Pantry at Eliot-Hine, as part of their application to become a Partner with the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB).

In October 2020, the Community Pantry received a grant from ANC6A to start an emergency relief pantry for the Eliot-Hine Middle School community and surrounding area during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. These grant funds were used to purchase cold storage, shelving, utility carts, and other infrastructure, allowing the pantry to set up and begin service almost immediately.

Since the grant, the Community Pantry has quickly grown in its capacity to serve the community. From its initial scope of emergency relief and holiday care baskets, the pantry evolved to offer a monthly distribution during the 2021–2022 school year, and then ramped up to twice-weekly distributions as a grantee of the CAFB's School Pantry Program, beginning in October 2022. As the parent of two Eliot-Hine students, and as a pantry volunteer, I have seen personally how the stable source of food from the CAFB allowed the pantry to establish itself as a trusted and reliable resource in our community. As a Commissioner, I am gratified to know that our initial investment continues to benefit our community years later.

Though we understand that the School Pantry Program has ended, we believe the Community Pantry at Eliot-Hine provides a vital connection to food and other resources for the school and surrounding community. ANC6A fully supports their application to become a Partner with the CAFB and believes the Community Pantry is well-positioned to make the most of this partnership if granted.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 6A04@anc.dc.gov.

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Establishment Name (ABCA – XXXXXX)
Establishment Address, Washington, DC 20002

## and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

#### Witnessed

Through this Settlement Agreement, both parties aim to create an environment whereby the applicant may operate as a viable contributing business to the Near Northeast community, while curtailing any adverse effects the business could have on the surrounding neighborhood. The Applicant is encouraged to work regularly with the ANC, neighborhood associations, and residents to ensure the business operations do not adversely affect the surrounding neighborhood. All parties believe the statements and provisions contained in this agreement are reasonable and must become integrated into the day-to-day operations of the establishment.

The Applicant's premises is within the boundaries of ANC 6A. The parties desire to enter into an agreement regarding the issuance, renewal, or modification of a Retailer's Class "A" or Class "B" Liquor License, including any special endorsements. The parties wish to state their mutual commitment to neighborhood peace, safety, and equity. Both parties recognize the importance of commercial districts and limited commercial operations within residential districts and of adjacent neighborhoods that are safe, clean, and pedestrian-friendly.

#### The Parties Agree As Follows:

- 1. As Required by District of Columbia Law: Listed for informational purposes only:
  - 1.1. Public Space: Applicant shall not allow parking on sidewalks or in RPP or other restricted zones and not locate trash bins, chairs, tables, or other items on public space without a public space permit.
  - 1.2. Alcohol and Other Controlled Substances: Applicant shall comply with all laws related to production, sales, distribution, and use of alcohol and other controlled substances.
  - 1.3. Written Notification (24 Hours): As required by Section 5604.4 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, the establishment will provide to the ABCA and Law Enforcement Written Notice, within 24 hours of discovery of evidence of the following 'triggering events:' (1) any alarm activation; (2) any other event which requires public safety response; (3) any breach of security; (4) the failure of the security alarm system due to loss of electrical support or mechanical support; (5) fire; (6) any incident involving hazardous material; and (7) any incident that requires an emergency response.
  - 1.4. Noise: Applicant shall comply with <u>DC Code § 25–725: Noise from licensed premises</u>, including that the Applicant "shall not produce any sound, noise, or music of such intensity that it may be heard in any premises other than the licensed establishment".

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#### 2. As Required by ANC 6A:

- 2.1. Noise and Odor Mitigation: Applicant shall:
  - 2.1.1. Ensure that smoke or smells are not of such intensity that it is detectable in any premises other than the licensed establishment.
  - 2.1.2. Monitor outdoors areas to ensure guests do not raise their voices above normal speaking tones, enclose the entire perimeter of a summer garden and/or sidewalk cafe with a fence or other barrier, and not offer any type of entertainment or pre-recorded music outdoors.
  - 2.1.3. Close sidewalk cafes and/or summer gardens by 11:00pm Sunday through Thursday evenings and by 12:00am on Friday and Saturday evenings. Sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages must end at that time and the patio must be cleared of all patrons and staff.

## 2.2. Public Safety: Applicant shall:

- 2.2.1. Make every reasonable effort to prohibit and prevent crime and patron rowdiness, including refusing admission/service to rowdy and/or unruly persons.
- 2.2.2. Call appropriate emergency services if Applicant observes illegal or dangerous activity or situations.
- 2.2.3. Keep a written record of dates and times (a "call log") when the Applicant calls emergency services for assistance;
- 2.2.4. Maintain a detailed incident log. An incident is defined as any activity by patrons of the establishment that lead to acts of violence or damage to property. Each incident will contain the date, time, and location of each incident with a concise summary. Guests and staff involved or witnesses of the incident will be identified and listed. If there is a medical or police response, that information will also be noted.
- 2.2.5. Maintain and make available to the ANC, upon request, a comprehensive security plan.

#### 2.3. Sanitation: Applicant shall:

- 2.3.1. Maintain public space (minimally the front sidewalk up to and including the gutter in front of the subject premises, and the alleyway behind or on the side of the subject premises) adjacent to the establishment in a clean and litter-free condition.
- 2.3.2. Pick up trash and recycling a minimum of twice daily, once before business hours and after closing.
- 2.3.3. Maintain regular trash, garbage, and recycling removal service; regularly remove trash and recycling from the trash and dumpster area; and see that the trash and dumpster area remain clean.

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2.3.4. Follow all current recommendations by DC Health "Using Dumpsters to Prevent Rodent Problems".1

#### 2.4. Other:

- 2.4.1. Applicant shall make best efforts to prevent illegal public consumption of alcohol and cannabis adjacent to the licensed premises.
- 2.4.2. Applicant is encouraged to attend or send a representative, from time to time, to ANC 6A public meetings posted on anc6a.org

#### 3. As Required to Modify or Enforce this Settlement Agreement: Applicant and ANC agree:

- 3.1.1. To retain a copy of this Settlement Agreement in the establishment and on the ANC website and have it available for review upon request.
- 3.1.2. That if any provision of this agreement or any portion thereof is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the agreement shall nonetheless remain in full force and effect.
- 3.1.3. To respond within 10 days to any party that believes in good faith that the Applicant or ANC is in violation of this agreement and provides a written notice specifying the alleged violation to the applicant. In cases where the defaulting Party reasonably requires more than 10 days to come into compliance, the defaulting Party shall, within 10 days, make substantial efforts toward compliance and pursue those efforts until the default is corrected.
- 3.1.4. That if the applicant should breach the conditions of this agreement and fail to come into compliance or make substantial efforts toward compliance, ANC 6A and/or its committees, or others may immediately petition the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) to investigate violations of this agreement and take appropriate actions per 23 D.C.M.R.
- 3.1.5. This agreement is binding on the applicant and its successors and that it will continue in force for any and all subsequent license holders at this location.

- Clean Dumpsters and storage areas with a hose. Make sure the water flows into a drain so there are no puddles left, since
  rats need water.
- Use a chain and lock on the Dumpster lid if necessary to prevent scavenging and unauthorized use. Keep chains and cables from touching the ground, since rats can climb them.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Using Dumpsters to Prevent Rodent Problems (accessed via DC Health website on July 21, 2024) Mice, rats, gulls, pigeons, and other animal pests can find food, water, and shelter in and around Dumpsters. Follow these tips to prevent rodent problems near Dumpsters.

Use Dumpsters with tight-fitting lids. Keep lids and doors closed at all times. This prevents trash from overflowing onto the
ground, wind from blowing trash out, and rodents from jumping inside. Dumpsters with lightweight plastic lids or sliding
doors are easier for children and seniors to use.

<sup>•</sup> Rats can jump three feet vertically and four feet horizontally! Mice can run up concrete walls. Consider these facts and place Dumpsters away from walls and fences. Place them on pavement rather than soil, because rats like to burrow in soil and underneath large objects.

<sup>·</sup> Choose the right type and size of Dumpster for your needs, and don't allow trash to overflow.

<sup>•</sup> Dumpsters sometimes rust along their bottom edges, resulting in holes and access for rodents. Insist that your waste disposal company provide a Dumpster made of sound metal or heavy-duty plastic, and free of openings 1/4-inch or larger.

Rodents can enter Dumpsters through the 1½-inch or 1½-inch drain sometimes present in the rear wall or side. Ask your
waste disposal company to put a drain plug in the Dumpster. If drain threads are damaged, a rubber plug can be installed.
 Supermarkets sell inexpensive copper scrubbers that can be used as temporary barriers in drain holes.

Clean under and around dumpsters daily if necessary, and sweep up any spilled debris after collection. Trash tends to
accumulate especially under and around compactors. Ask your waste disposal company for a dumpster or compactor that
will minimize spillage.



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3.1.6. Modifications of this agreement are permissible by mutual agreement of the parties in writing and subsequent approval of the modification by the ABC Board pursuant to <a href="DC Code \sigma 25-446">DC Code \sigma 25-446</a>. Settlement agreements; approval process; penalties for violations.

This is an agreement between ORGANIZATION NAME, t/a NAME, (ABRA License No. XXXXX), and ANC 6A.

Applicant:		
Ву:	Date:	
Signature:		
ANC 6A Representative:		
Ву:	Date:	
Signature:		







This is an agreement made this XXnd/th day of month, 2024 by and between

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#### Witnessed

Through this Settlement Agreement, both parties aim to create an environment whereby the applicant may operate as a viable contributing business to the Near Northeast community, while curtailing any adverse effects the business could have on the surrounding neighborhood. The Applicant is encouraged to work regularly with the ANC, neighborhood associations, and residents to ensure the business operations do not adversely affect the surrounding neighborhood. All parties believe the statements and provisions contained in this agreement are reasonable and must become integrated into the day-to-day operations of the establishment.

The Applicant's premises is within the boundaries of ANC 6A. The parties desire to enter into an agreement regarding the issuance, renewal, or modification of a Medical Cannabis Business License, including any special endorsements. The parties wish to state their mutual commitment to neighborhood peace, safety, and equity. Both parties recognize the importance of commercial districts and limited commercial operations within residential districts and of adjacent neighborhoods that are safe, clean, and pedestrian-friendly.

## The Parties Agree As Follows:

- 1. As Required by District of Columbia Law: Listed for informational purposes only:
  - 1.1. Public Space: Applicant shall not allow parking on sidewalks or in RPP or other restricted zones and not locate trash bins, chairs, tables, or other items on public space without a public space permit.
  - 1.2. Cannabis: Applicant shall comply with all laws related to production, sales, distribution, and use of cannabis.
  - 1.3. Written Notification (24 Hours): As required by Section 5604.4 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, the establishment will provide to the ABCA and Law Enforcement Written Notice, within 24 hours of discovery of evidence of the following 'triggering events:' (1) actual loss, theft or diversion of Medical Marijuana; (2) any alarm activation; (3) any other event which requires public safety response; (4) any breach of security; (5) the failure of the security alarm system due to loss of electrical support or mechanical support; (6) fire; (7) any

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- incident involving hazardous material; and (8) any incident that requires an emergency response.
- 1.4. **Noise**: Applicant shall not produce any sound, noise, or music of such intensity that it may be heard in any premises other than the licensed establishment.

## 2. As Required by ANC 6A:

- 2.1. Noise and Odor Mitigation: Applicant shall:
  - 2.1.1. Ensure that cannabis or hookah smoke or smells are not of such intensity that it is detectable in any premises other than the licensed establishment.
  - 2.1.2. Monitor outdoors areas to ensure guests do not raise their voices above normal speaking tones, enclose the entire perimeter of a summer garden and/or sidewalk cafe with a fence or other barrier, and not offer any type of entertainment or pre-recorded music outdoors
  - 2.1.3. Close sidewalk cafes and/or summer gardens by 11:00pm Sunday through Thursday evenings and by 12:00am on Friday and Saturday evenings.

## 2.2. Public Safety: Applicant shall:

- 2.2.1. Make every reasonable effort to prohibit and prevent crime and patron rowdiness, including refusing admission/service to rowdy and/or unruly persons.
- 2.2.2. Call appropriate emergency services if Applicant observes illegal or dangerous activity or situations.
- 2.2.3. Keep a written record of dates and times (a "call log") when the Applicant calls emergency services for assistance;
- 2.2.4. Maintain a detailed incident log. An incident is defined as any activity by patrons of the establishment that lead to acts of violence or damage to property. Each incident will contain the date, time, and location of each incident with a concise summary. Guests and staff involved or witnesses of the incident will be identified and listed. If there is a medical or police response, that information will also be noted.

## 2.3. Sanitation: Applicant shall:

- 2.3.1. Maintain public space (minimally the front sidewalk up to and including the gutter in front of the subject premises, and the alleyway behind or on the side of the subject premises) adjacent to the establishment in a clean and litter-free condition.
- 2.3.2. Pick up trash and recycling a minimum of twice daily, once before business hours and after closing.
- 2.3.3. Maintain regular trash, garbage, and recycling removal service; regularly remove trash and recycling from the trash and dumpster area; and see that the trash and dumpster area remain clean.





2.3.4. Follow all recommendations on the DC Health "Using Dumpsters to Prevent Rodent Problems" webpage.<sup>1</sup>

## 2.4. Other:

- 2.4.1. Applicant shall make best efforts to prevent illegal public consumption of alcohol or cannabis adjacent to the licensed premises.
- 2.4.2. Applicant is encouraged to attend or send a representative, from time to time, to ANC 6A public meetings posted on anc6a.org

### 3. As Required to Modify or Enforce this Settlement Agreement: Applicant and ANC agree:

- 3.1.1. To retain a copy of this Settlement Agreement in the establishment and on the ANC website and have it available for review upon request.
- 3.1.2. That if any provision of this agreement or any portion thereof is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the agreement shall nonetheless remain in full force and effect.
- 3.1.3. To respond within 10 days to any party that believes in good faith that the Applicant or ANC is in violation of this agreement and provides a written notice specifying the alleged violation to the applicant. In cases where the defaulting Party reasonably requires more than 10 days to come into compliance, the defaulting Party shall, within 10 days, make

- Use Dumpsters with tight-fitting lids. Keep lids and doors closed at all times. This prevents trash
  from overflowing onto the ground, wind from blowing trash out, and rodents from jumping
  inside. Dumpsters with lightweight plastic lids or sliding doors are easier for children and
  seniors to use.
- Rats can jump three feet vertically and four feet horizontally! Mice can run up concrete walls.
   Consider these facts and place Dumpsters away from walls and fences. Place them on pavement rather than soil, because rats like to burrow in soil and underneath large objects.
- Choose the right type and size of Dumpster for your needs, and don't allow trash to overflow.
- Dumpsters sometimes rust along their bottom edges, resulting in holes and access for rodents.
   Insist that your waste disposal company provide a Dumpster made of sound metal or heavyduty plastic, and free of openings ¼-inch or larger.
- Rodents can enter Dumpsters through the 1¼-inch or 1½-inch drain sometimes present in the rear wall or side. Ask your waste disposal company to put a drain plug in the Dumpster. If drain threads are damaged, a rubber plug can be installed. Supermarkets sell inexpensive copper scrubbers that can be used as temporary barriers in drain holes.
- Clean under and around dumpsters daily if necessary, and sweep up any spilled debris after
  collection. Trash tends to accumulate especially under and around compactors. Ask your waste
  disposal company for a dumpster or compactor that will minimize spillage.
- Clean Dumpsters and storage areas with a hose. Make sure the water flows into a drain so there are no puddles left, since rats need water.
- Use a chain and lock on the Dumpster lid if necessary to prevent scavenging and unauthorized use. Keep chains and cables from touching the ground, since rats can climb them.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Using Dumpsters to Prevent Rodent Problems (accessed via DC Health website on July 21, 2024) Mice, rats, gulls, pigeons, and other animal pests can find food, water, and shelter in and around Dumpsters. Follow these tips to prevent rodent problems near Dumpsters.





- substantial efforts toward compliance and pursue those efforts until the default is corrected.
- 3.1.4. That if the applicant should breach the conditions of this agreement and fail to come into compliance or make substantial efforts toward compliance, ANC 6A and/or its committees, or others may immediately petition the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABCA) to investigate violations of this agreement and take appropriate actions.
- 3.1.5. This agreement is binding on the applicant and its successors and that it will continue in force for any and all subsequent license holders at this location.
- 3.1.6. Modifications of this agreement are permissible by mutual agreement of the parties in writing and subsequent approval of the modification by the ABC Board as permitted by law.

Applicant:		
Ву:	Date:	
Signature:		
ANC 6A Representative:		
Ву:	Date:	
Signature:		

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October XX, 2024

Director Sharon Kershbaum
District Department of Transportation
Via email and the ANC Resolutions Website

Re: ANC 6A Support for traffic calming on 11th Street NE between Florida Avenue and East Capitol Street

## Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on October 10, 2024 our Commission voted X-X-X (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that DDOT provide an update on prior commitments to traffic calming on 11th Street NE. As noted in our June 2023 letter (https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Support-for-traffic-calming-11th-Street-NE.pdf), residents have long requested vertical traffic calming and automated traffic enforcement to slow drivers. In response to this letter your agency replied (on July 7, 2023) that they planned to install 10 speed humps along the corridor. This promise was later rescinded for reasons we still do not fully understand.

In the ensuing months there have been several crashes, including one into a corner store at 11th and C Street NE. One resident has had three cars parked on the street totaled by dangerous drivers. We urgently request your attention to this corridor before additional property and safety are threatened.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, and Transportation and Public Space Committee Chair Shaun Lynch can be contacted at 6ATPSChair@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

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October xx, 2024

Ms. Sharon Kershbaum Director, District Department of Transportation 250 M Street SE Washington, DC 20003

Re: Urgently Requested Traffic Calming and Public Safety Measures at the Intersection of 14<sup>th</sup> St NE and Tennessee Ave NE

## Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on October 10, 2024<sup>1</sup>, our Commission voted x-x-x (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to reaffirm previous requests and public testimony regarding the urgent need for the installation of an all-way stop sign at the intersection of 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE and Tennessee Avenue NE. Recent TSIs considering this intersection include 24-00166427, 23-00526259, 23-00530148, and 23-00530246.

This intersection poses an array of problems for drivers and pedestrians alike. As a resident of 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE, I have personally witnessed numerous near-miss situations at this intersection. Southbound traffic on 14<sup>th</sup> Street must stop at nearly every intersection, but does not stop at Tennessee Avenue, while drivers on Tennessee Avenue expect cross-traffic to stop. Furthermore, the sharp angle of this intersection makes it difficult for drivers navigating Tennessee Avenue to see oncoming traffic. The close proximity of a secondary school and several elementary schools further raises ANC 6A's concerns for pedestrian safety at this location.

Pedestrian and biker safety are further compromised immediately adjacent to this location, at the intersection of 14<sup>th</sup> and E Streets NE. A raised crosswalk which had previously been installed, was removed to accommodate roadway improvements, and has not been reinstalled. The painted bike lane markings along 14<sup>th</sup> Street have also not been restored. At a minimum, the raised crosswalk provided a modicum of traffic calming as drivers proceeded down 14<sup>th</sup> Street, approaching the compromised intersection with Tennessee Avenue NE. Now, the situation is exceptionally dire, as motorists can travel unimpeded up through the 400 block of 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE.

Based on the testimony of residents in ANC 6A, the Commission strongly recommends that DDOT address this public safety hazard with due urgency. Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, and Transportation and Public Space Committee Chair Shaun Lynch can be contacted at 6ATPSChair@gmail.com.

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October XX, 2024

Director Sharon Kershbaum
District Department of Transportation
Via email and the ANC Resolutions Website

Re: ANC 6A Support for All-Way Stop Signs at Tennessee Avenue and E Street NE

Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on October 10, 2024, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support all-way stop signs at Tennessee Avenue and E Street NE.

In addition, our Commission reiterates long-standing requests for traffic safety, focused on the need to reduce speeding and add stop signs, at this location (TSIs 23-00021567, 23-0034634, 23-000530158, 23-00530242, 23-00530255, 24-000486671, 24-00486725, 24-00486759, 24-00487043, 24-00487110, and 24-00497866).

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, and Transportation and Public Space Committee Chair Shaun Lynch can be contacted at 6ATPSChair@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

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October XX, 2024

Ms. Keara Mehlert Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment Board of Zoning Adjustment 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 210 Washington, DC 20001

Re: ANC 6A BZA #21196 Support for Special Exception (910 12th Street, NE)

Dear Ms. Mehlert:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on October 10, 2024, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for a Special Exception for relief from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 210.1 pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201.1 and Subtitle X § 901.2, the roof top and upper floor element requirements of Subtitle E § 204.1 pursuant to Subtitle E § 204.4 and Subtitle X § 901.2, and the rear wall requirements of Subtitle E § 207.4 pursuant to Subtitle E § 207.5 to construct a two-story with cellar, rear addition, to an existing, attached, three-story, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.

The design has taken measures to ensure that the addition is in the character of the neighborhood and it will not disrupt the privacy, air and light of neighbors. The owner has proven that the Special Exception criteria has been met through submission of architectural drawings and discussions with 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 Joal Mendonsa, Michael Cushman, 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, Mr. Cushman at michael.cushman@gmail.com, and Joal Mendonsa at joal.mendonsa@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

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#### BEFORE THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



## FORM 120 - APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE AND/OR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

#### **GIS INFORMATION**

Square	Lot(s)	Zone	ANC
0980	0053	RF-1	6A01

Address of Property: 910 12th Street, NE

#### **ZONING INFORMATION**

Relief from section(s): E § 204.1, E § 210.1

Type of Relief: Special Exception

Brief description of proposed project: The Applicant is proposing to construct a third story with roof deck and a three-story rear

addition

Present use of Property: The Property is a single-family row dwelling.

Proposed use of Property: The Property will remain a single-family row dwelling.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

#### **Owner Information**

Name: John Kenkel and Marka Peterson E-mail: msullivan@sullivanbarros.com

Address: 1155 15th St #1003 Washington

Phone No.s: (202)503-1704 Phone No. Alternate:

## **Authorized Agent Information**

Name: Martin Sullivan

E-mail: msullivan@sullivanbarros.com Address: 1155 15th St #1003Washington

Phone No.s: (202)503-1704 Phone No. Alternate:

## **WAIVERS**

- Solar:
- Pursuant to Subtitle D § 208.1/E § 206.3, I hereby certify there is no solar energy system on an abutting property

## **FEE CALCULATOR**

Fee Type	Fee	Unit	Total
Owner-occupied dwelling - single dwelling unit or flat, regardless of the number of variances and/or special excpetions	\$325	1	\$325
Grand Total			325

SIGNATURE	Date

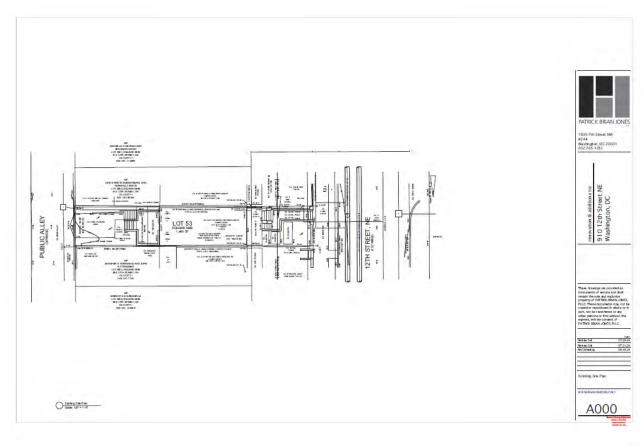
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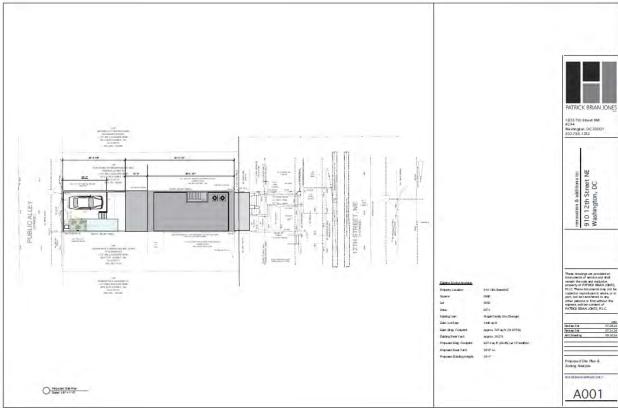
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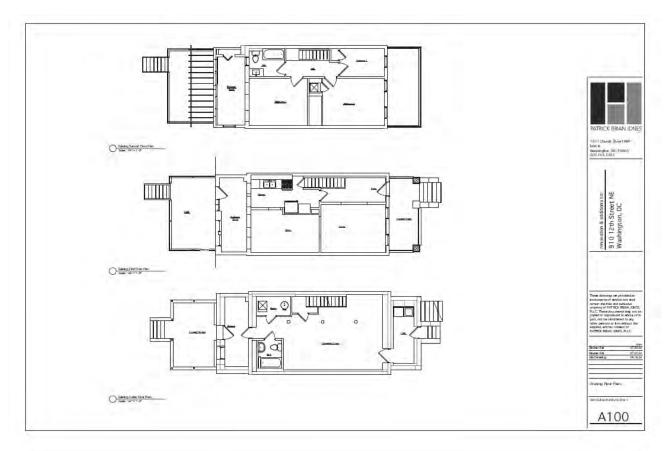


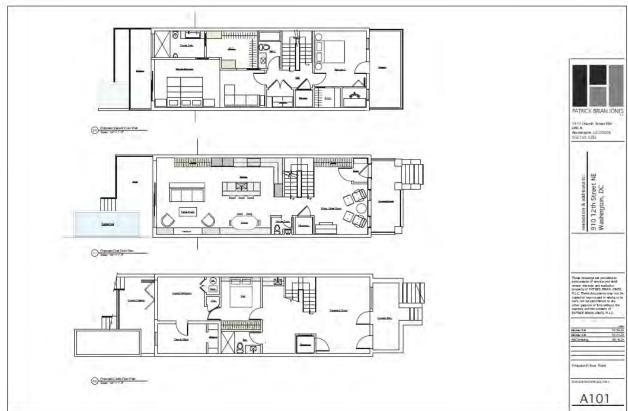








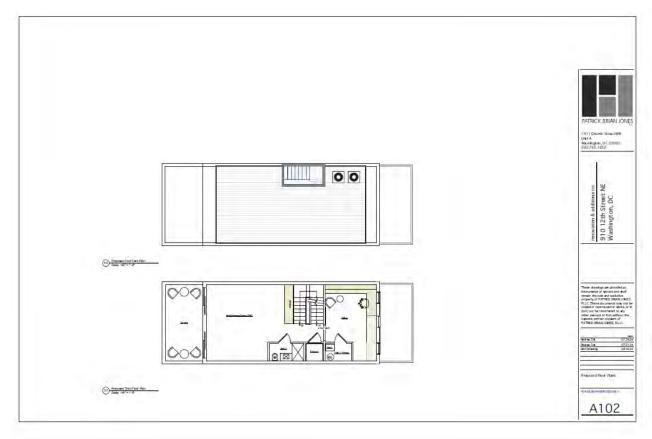


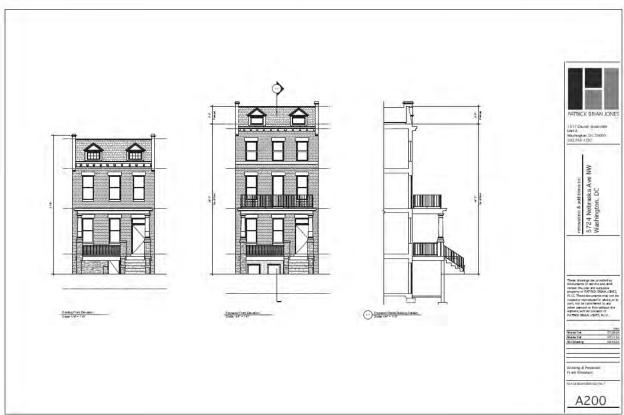








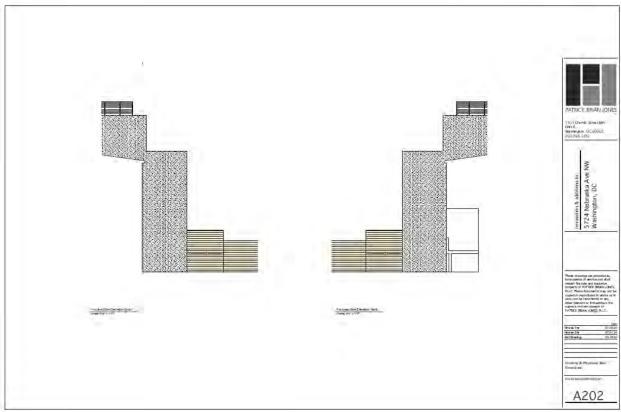








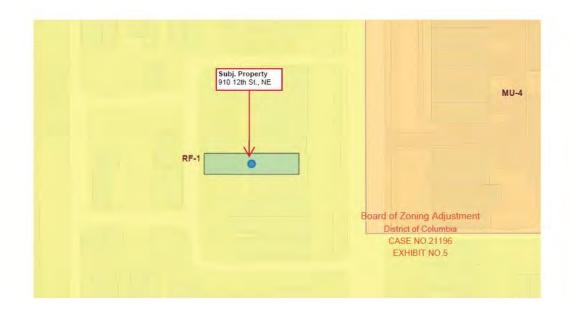




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## Treasurer's Report October 2024

		Oct	ober 1, 2024	Sept	ember 1, 2024	July 1, 2024
Ass	sets					
Туре	Description					
Cash	Checking Account	\$	31,691.00	\$	37,413.84	\$ 32,326.32
Cash	Savings Account	\$	100.05	\$	100.05	\$ 100.09
Cash	Petty cash	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	\$ 25.00
Liab	ilities					
Туре	Description					\$ 37,538.89
Current Liabilities	Accounts Payable	\$	4,090.06	\$	4,092.48	
Pal	ance	\$	27,725.99			

Payee	Expense	A	mount	Check No.	Status
Robb Dooling	Zoom Premium   Sep '23	\$	58.29	2074	Unpaid
Robb Dooling	Zoom Premium   Jan '24	\$	58.29	2090	Unpaid
Amber Gove	Supplies	\$	88.78	2093	Unpaid
Robb Dooling	Zoom Premium   Feb '24	\$	58.29	2094	Unpaid
Robb Dooling	Zoom Premium   March '24	\$	59.35	2097	Unpaid
Anna Tsaur	Administrative services   March '24	\$	250.00	2098	Unpaid
Robb Dooling	Zoom Premium   April '24	\$	59.35	2102	Unpaid
Robb Dooling	Zoom Premium   May '24	\$	59.35	2106	Unpaid
Steve Moilanen	Docusign subscription   May '24	\$	15.90	2109	Unpaid
Steve Moilanen	Docusign subscription   June '24	\$	15.90	2116	Unpaid
Anna Tsaur	Administrative services   July '24	\$	250.00	2118	Unpaid
Irene Dworakowski	Administrative services   July '24	\$	771.19	2119	Unpaid
Irene Dworakowski	Administrative services   August '24	\$	471.19	2120	Unpaid
Steve Moilanen	Docusign subscription   July '24	\$	15.90	2121	Unpaid
OANC	Security fund payment	\$	50.00	2125	Unpaid
Anna Tsaur	Administrative services   September	\$	250.00	2126	Unpaid
Irene Dworakowski	Administrative services   September	\$	771.19	2127	Unpaid
Steve Moilanen	Docusign Subscription   September	\$	15.90	2128	Unpaid
		\$	4,090.06		-

## Officer Reports - Treasurer



## Fiscal Year 2025 ANC 6A Proposed Budget

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Software	\$	14.00	5	16.00	\$ 16.00	5	16.00	1.	16.00	\$ 16.00	L	16.00	5	16.00	5	16.00	\$	16.00	5	16.00	\$	176.00
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## Minutes

ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Virtual Regular Meeting - September 23, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

<u>Attendance:</u> Paul Spires (Chair), Adina Wadsworth, Renee Dworakowski, Gale Sullivan, Clare Dougherty

Motion to adopt the agenda and approve the minutes. Passed

<u>Ice Breaker</u>: What is your favorite place in DC? The Wharf, Arboretum, Capitol, LOC Jefferson and Kennedy Center (Terrace)

## Announcements and Updates:

- Reminder Sunday morning clean-ups on "I" Street NE. 9:30 am.
- H Street Festival: Packed! Great turn-out, but traffic patterns and parking seemed different.
- People's Front of H Street WhatsApp Group: anyone can join (Lauren Mendonsa.
- Hakuna Matata has opened on H Street (the old Cusbah location)
- COC Grant recipient Lauren Mendonsa announced Art All Night will engage kids from ages 12-17 at the old Auto Zone parking lot Saturday, September 28, 7:00 pm until 11:00 pm.

Art All Night: 28 Main Streets in DC and many H Street restaurants participate,.

H Street Alliance Bingo Night: Next one is September 26, 2024 7:00-9:00 pm at H Street Liquors.

ANC 6A Grant application instruction form revisions: (Renee Dworakowski)—Remove Roni Holliman's name and contact information from the form. Chair Spires to reach out to Holliman to find out if there is a way to streamline the process. Seems onerous to grant seekers.

## Community Comments:

Gail Sullivan: Rat abatement willing to come to a COC meeting. Stephen Kolb introduced as candidate for ANC6A07 rep.

Next Meeting: October 28, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.



# Committee Reports Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)



## Minutes

Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis (ABC) Committee Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 7:00 pm Virtual Meeting—Held on Zoom

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis (ABC) Committee ("Committee") of ANC 6A was held commencing at 7:00 pm ET on July 23, 2024, on a publicly posted Zoom event.

Committee Members Present: Erin Blumenthal

Commissioners Present: Steve Moilanen (partial), Roberta Shapiro (partial), Mike Velasquez Establishment Representatives Present:

- I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes
  - Interim Chair Velasquez called the meeting to order just after 7pm.
  - The Committee approved the agenda by unanimous consent.

## II. Community Comment

• No community members requested to comment.

## III. New Business

- 7 River Mart: Commissioner Velasquez welcomed Mr. Demissie of 7 River Mart
  - o Earlier this year the ABC and ANC approved a license renewal for 7 River Mart
  - Mr. Velasquez stated that at time of the original license application and consideration by the ANC, the ANC and the establishment reached a settlement that restricted the sales of spirits. The new owners requested to modify the settlement agreement to allow the sale of spirits per the existing license granted by the ABC
  - o Mr. Demissie and his brother recently purchase 7 River Mart and are excited to be owners and part of the community. Customers have asked them to carry liquor items. They intend to use no more than 10 percent of the store space to sell alcoholic beverages.
  - o Commissioner Moilanen endorsed this request and spoke on how the new owners have been good additions to the community.
  - o Ms. Blumenthal reminded the Committee that we want to get all establishments on the new settlement, simpler agreement.
  - o Ms. Blumenthal recommend that the ANC reach a new settlement agreement with 7 River Mart and that Commissioner Velasquez be authorized to represent the ANC. The motion passed 4-0.

## ANC Protests:

- o Commissioner Shapiro discussed the need for the ANC to change its practice to ensure that the ANC can exercise its right to protest regardless of the timing of ANC meetings and alcoholic beverage and medical cannabis applications.
- o She described some occasions when the protest deadline expired before the ANC could meet to consider a medical cannabis or alcoholic beverage license.





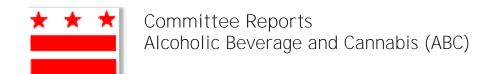
- Commissioner Velasquez agreed that proceeding without a full ANC meeting unfairly restricts the rights of the community to comment on relevant licenses.
   And he shared his observation that the timing of some applications makes full ANC consideration challenging.
- o Commissioner Shapiro moved that ANC 6A automatically send a letter of protest of alcoholic beverage license and medical cannabis applications and renewals unless the Commission is able to meet and consider such an application before the published protest deadline. In that case, the protest will be due to the effect of the establishment on peace, order and quiet, including the noise and litter provisions, pursuant to the allowable appropriateness standards set forth in DC Municipal Regulations. The motion passed 3-0.
- Recent ABCA Actions: Commissioner Velasquez shared the latest ABCA enforcement actions, including recent closure of two establishments on H Street engaged in the illegal commerce of marijuana.
  - Ms. Blumenthal noted that none of the enforcement actions were for establishments whose medical cannabis applications had been considered by the ABC and ANC.
  - o Both Ms. Blumenthal and Commissioner Shapiro noted stores in 6A are advertising the sales of THC and other substances without a license.
- Recommended changes to DC law and regulations: Commissioner Shapiro discussed several proposed changes to improve the consideration of and enforcement of medical cannabis and alcoholic beverage licenses.
  - o Commissioner Shapiro noted that there are 18 pot shops on H Street and that ABCA has cited and then continued enforcement actions against some establishments with alcoholic beverage licenses for over a year, effectively resulting in no enforcement
  - o She also described the differences in community involvement in the process to consider medical cannabis licenses compared to the process to consider alcoholic beverage licenses and that it's in the public interest to improve the community's ability to protest medical cannabis licenses.
  - o Commissioner Shapiro noted in Washington State in a community of 440,000 people, slightly more than half the population of DC, there are only five licensed marijuana dispensaries about one per 90,000 residents.
  - o Commissioner Velasquez expressed appreciation and his desire for H Street to not be known as the pot corridor. Ms. Blumenthal also expressed appreciation for Commissioner Shapiro's work and focus in balanced approached.
  - o Commissioner Velasquez moved that the ABC recommend that the ANC send a letter to various city officials, a draft of which will be included in this report, urging the City Council adopt and Mayor sign legislation:
    - making public input on medical cannabis licenses equivalent to the input allowed for liquor licenses, specifically allowing adjacent property owners and a group of five to protest medical cannabis licenses, as provided for in in Title 25 of D.C. Official Code and Title 23 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations;





- providing for moratoriums on new medical cannabis licenses equivalent to the provisions for liquor licenses contained in Title 25 of D.C. Official Code and Title 23 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations;
- providing for fines for landlords who allow for and eviction of tenants who
  engage in serious violations of liquor and cannabis law and regulation and,
  certificates of occupancy and basic business licenses in furtherance of
  operating any business that violates liquor and cannabis law; and
- requiring temporary or permanent closure of establishments who fail to remediate serious violations of liquor and cannabis licenses or health, safety, or other licenses and permits required in furtherance of operating a business that engages in the commerce of liquor or cannabis or illegal substances. Further, that such action should be taken immediately if the Chief of Police deems public safety and immediate and serious risk, including but not limited to violent acts or the recovery of firearms.
- The motion passed 3-0.
- Separate Settlement Agreements: Commissioner Velasquez noted that ABCA did not approved a settlement agreement that mentioned both medical cannabis and alcoholic beverages in the same agreement.
  - o Ms. Blumenthal noted other technical corrections that ABCA requested.
  - o Commissioner Velasquez moved that the ANC approve two new settlement agreements. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned around 7:48 pm.





## THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD

In the Matter of:	)		
Aldi Inc. (Maryland)	)		
t/a Aldi #15	) )		
Applicant for a New	) C	ase No.:	24-PRO-00102
Retailer's Class B License	,	cense No.: rder No.:	ABRA-127993 2024-626
at premises	)		
801 H Street, NE	)		
Washington, D.C. 20002	)		

Aldi Inc. (Maryland), t/a Aldi #15, Applicant

Matthew Minora, Counsel, on behalf of the Applicant

Mike Velasquez, Commissioner, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A, Protestant

**BEFORE:** Donovan Anderson, Chairperson

James Short, Member Silas Grant, Jr., Member

## ORDER ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND WITHDRAWAL OF ANC 6A'S PROTEST

The Application filed by Aldi Inc. (Maryland), t/a Aldi #15 (Applicant), for a New Retailer's Class B License, was protested by ANC 6A.

The official records of the Board reflect that the Applicant and ANC 6A entered into a Settlement Agreement (Agreement), dated September 5, 2024, that governs the operations of the Applicant's establishment.

The Agreement has been reduced to writing and has been properly executed and filed with the Board. The Applicant and Commissioner Mike Velasquez, on behalf ANC 6A, are signatories to the Agreement.





This Agreement constitutes a withdrawal of the Protest filed by ANC 6A of this Application.

Accordingly, it is this 11th day of September 2024, **ORDERED** that:

- The Application filed by Aldi Inc. (Maryland), t/a Aldi #15, for a New Retailer's Class B License, located at 801 H Street, NE, Washington, D.C., is GRANTED;
- 2. The Protest of ANC 6A in this matter is hereby WITHDRAWN;
- The above-referenced Settlement Agreement submitted by the parties to govern the operations of the Applicant's establishment is APPROVED and INCORPORATED as part of this Order; and
- 4. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Parties.





District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board

> Donovan Anderson Kep 0042/06/06/06/06/05/06/02/06/06/06

Donovan Anderson, Chairperson

James Short, Member

Silas Grant, Jr., Member

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-433(d)(1) (applicable to alcohol matters) or 22-C DCMR § 9720 (applicable to medical cannabis matters), any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration, 2000 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, DC 20009.

Also, pursuant to section II of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, Pub. L. 90-614, 82 Stat. 1209, D.C. Official Code § 2-510 (2001), and Rule 15 of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, any party adversely affected has the right to appeal this Order by filing a petition for review, within thirty days of the date of service of this Order, with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 430 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001 (202/879-1010). However, the timely filing of a Motion for Reconsideration stays the time for filing a petition for review in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals until the Board rules on the motion. *See* D.C. App. Rule 15(b) (2004).





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#### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024 by and between Aldi Inc. (Marland) t/a Aldi #15 at 801 H Street, NE, ABRA-127993 ("Applicant") and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A ("the ANC"), (collectively, the "Parties").

#### PREAMBLE

Through this Agreement both Parties aim to create an environment in which the Applicant may operate as a viable contributing establishment in the ANC 6A community.

#### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Applicant has applied for a Retailer's Class B Full-Service Grocery ABC License No. ABRA-127993 ("License") to operate a full-service grocery store ("Establishment") at 801 H Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 ("Premises");

WHEREAS, the ANC has concerns regarding this License application;

WHEREAS, Parties wish to enter into this Agreement pursuant to DC Official Code §25-446 to address concerns related to Applicant's operations on the surrounding community and to eliminate the need for a Protest Hearing regarding the License application;

WHEREAS, Parties request that the Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Board ("ABC Board") approve the Applicant's License application conditioned upon Applicant's compliance with the terms of this Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals set forth above and the mutual covenants and conditions set forth below, the Parties agree as follows:

- 1. Recitals Incorporated. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. Deliveries. Applicant shall make commercially reasonable effort to require its vendors to make all deliveries of food, beverages, and supplies between the hours of 7:00am and 10:00pm and to make such deliveries through the loading dock. No deliveries shall be received through the front entrance of the store on H Street, NE, other than U.S. mail and other correspondence hand-delivered or delivered by overnight delivery services. Applicant shall make commercially reasonable efforts to require its vendors' delivery vehicles not to idle on the public street or in the area outside delivery hours.
- Parking. As provided in the Applicant's lease, and so long as patron parking and validation services are provided by the landlord, patrons shall have free validated parking provided by the Applicant's landlord for the duration permitted by the landlord.
- Removal of Grease and Oils. Applicant shall provide for the proper removal of grease and oils as needed per D.C. Regulations.
- Pest Control. Applicant shall use commercially reasonable efforts to control pests and rodents.
- Refuse Pick-Up. Applicant shall use commercially reasonable efforts to require any trash or recycling contractor to pick-up trash only between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm.

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- 7. Construction of Agreement. Any reference to specific laws and regulations in this Agreement is meant for informational purposes only. ANC 6A does not intend for a violation of any DC law or regulation to also be considered a violation of this Agreement.
- 8. Notice & Opportunity to Cure. In the event that either party believes the other has materially breached any obligations under the Agreement, such party shall give written notice to the other of the existence and specific nature of the breach. The party alleged to be in breach shall have fourteen (14) days to cure the alleged breach. If the breach is not cured within the notice period—or, with respect to a breach which reasonably requires more than fourteen (14) days to cure, efforts to cure the breach have not been commenced—failure shall constitute cause for the ANC to file a complaint with the ABC Board pursuant to District law to enforce the Agreement. Any notices required to be made under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent either via e-mail or U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the Parties to this Agreement at the addresses below. Notice shall be deemed given as of the time of receipt or refusal of receipt.

If to Applicant: Aldi Inc. (Maryland) 8751 Gas House Pike Frederick, MD 21701

If to ANC 6A: ANC 6A P.O. Box 15020 Washington, DC 20003 ANC6A@yahoo.com

Either Party may change its notice address by written notice to the other. Failure to give notice shall not constitute waiver or acquiescence to the violation, but notice shall be a prerequisite to the filing of a complaint with the ABC Board or any other enforcement action.

9. No Protest. Upon execution of this Agreement by the Parties and its acceptance by the ABC Board, and in reliance hereupon, the ANC shall not file a protest against the Applicant's pending License application or, if the ANC has filed a protest, it shall withdraw its protest of the Applicant's pending License application.

[signatures on following page]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date and year first written above.

Applicant:

Aldi Inc. (Maryland)

By: 47064 Jeff Baehr, Division Vice President

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Representative:

Mike Velasquez, Commissioner 6A02





# Minutes ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting Monday, September 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.
- II. Introductions & Announcements.

Committee members present: Caitlin Rogger (Secretary), Jeff Fletcher, Mark Sussman, Paul Angelone, and Patrick Bloomstine.

Commissioners present: Amber Gove (6A04), Dave Wethington (6A05), and Robb Dooling (6A06).

- III. Old Business.
  - A. DDOT update on the <u>Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project</u>. This business item was deferred, as no one from the project team was present for tonight's meeting.
  - B. H Street NE Bus Priority Project (NOI-24-07-TDD). Mr. Zack Gambetti-Mendez, H St Bus Priority Project Manager, and Mr. <u>David Lipscomb</u>, DDOT Curbside Manager presented updates on parking regulations. DDOT hosted a survey from July 25 to August 11 regarding parking regulations on H Street NE, and DDOT's proposal has been informed by this survey along with the joint letter from ANC 6A and 6C earlier this year. Survey responses were not generally supportive of 10-minute parking spots, but DDOT added such locations where they had been specifically requested by businesses or the community. This included 10-minute parking along the north side of the 400-block, north and south side of the 600-block (west of the signalized mid-block crosswalk), north side of 800-block, half the south side of the 900-block, approximately 5 spots on the north side of the 1200-block centered around the signalized midblock crossing, and the entire south side of the 1300-block. There is no parking on the south side of the 1400-block, which is how it is currently marked, despite vehicles consistently parked there. DDOT has been coordinating with DC Streetcar operations and the State Safety Oversight Office, which took longer than expected, but the 90% design is due out any day now. The project expected to break ground as one of the first DDOT projects in 2025. Mr. Lipscomb presented data on pick-up/drop-off (PUDO) zones that began as a pilot in Dupont Circle in 2017 as well as the Short Term Parking Program. Data recorded for DDOT by curb Flow found that 90% of PUDO usage lasted 15 minutes or less, and that double parking was the most frequent unsafe behavior among multiple surveys. DDOT is hoping to provide increased enforcement of the PUDO zones, and they are moving toward automated enforcement.
    - i. Commissioner Gove as for clarification of a "fully signalized crosswalk." Mr. Gambetti responded that it includes a traffic light with red, yellow, and green lights such as at every vehicular intersection.
    - ii. Committee Member Mark Sussman asked what the process would be for reevaluating the parking once the project is complete. Mr. Lipscomb replied that DDOT would have to discuss that internally, and that with projects like these DDOT continually monitors them through informal and formal means. The curbside team will survey the site in person, and they also receive feedback from the community and the ANCs. Mr. Lipscomb added that the 10-minute parking will be mobile payment only, and that the team will be regularly monitoring activity with that. The 10-minute parking is moving on from being a pilot program to a more formal program. The best tool for feedback will be direct from the community.





- iii. Mr. Sussman also asked about the bike lane on 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE and its interaction with the bus stop at the intersection with H Street. Mr. Gambetti responded that he does not have any updates because it had to go back to traffic analysis, but it is still being worked on.
- C. Traffic calming on 11<sup>th</sup> Street NE from East Capitol Street to Florida Avenue NE. The DDOT community liaison was not available to provide an update.

Commissioner Gove made the motion recommending: ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting urgent action along the corridor and then clarify their plans for traffic calming along 11<sup>th</sup> Street NE between Florida Avenue NE and East Capitol Street

Committee Member Bloomstine seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with all commissioners and committee members present voting in favor.

- D. Signage at the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> Street NE/East Capitol Street/Massachusetts Avenue NE. Commissioner Gove noted that she and Commissioner Velasquez had met previously with DDOT at this location about traffic flow and configuration. Commissioner Gove expressed disappointment that DDOT was not present at tonight's committee meeting to provide an update and suggested they should be invited to the full commission meeting in October.
- E. Request for an all-way stop sign at the intersection of Tennessee Avenue NE and 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE. Commissioner Wethington presented background on the issues at this intersection, where near misses on vehicle collisions are commonplace.

Commissioner Wethington made the motion recommending: ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting an all-way stop sign at the intersection of Tennessee Avenue NE and 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE. Committee Member offered a friendly amendment to the motion: also requesting repainting of the bike lane on 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE between E Street NE and Tennessee Avenue NE, following repaving that had occurred last year.

Committee Member Bloomstine seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with all commissioners and committee members present voting in favor.

## IV. New Business.

A. Request for an all-way stop sign at the intersection of Tennessee Avenue NE & E Street NE. Commissioner Dooling presented background on the issues at the intersection. Community Member Gimbiya spoke of a recent accident she had at this intersection because drivers cannot see cross traffic down Tennessee Avenue without moving into the intersection. Committee Member Sussman added that all modes of traffic fly down the hill at that intersection, and that it is a game of chicken all the time and an accident waiting to happen.

Commissioner Dooling made the motion recommending: ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting an all-way stop sign at the intersection of Tennessee Avenue NE and E Street NE. Committee Member Sussman seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with all commissioners and committee members present voting in favor.

B. Consideration of converting 1400-block of G Street NE to one-way. Commissioner Dooling opened the discussion by noting that neighbors have been advocating conversion of this block





to a one-way configuration since he became a commissioner. DDOT has stated they will not conduct a study unless the community supports a specific direction of the one-way. Commissioner Dooling noted that he has not supported a specific direction but has asked for community input to guide the direction. So far he has received input from individual constituents, five of whom supported a one-way, and three who do not, but he noted there's time to get input in until the October 10, 2024 ANC 6A meeting. He reviewed the history of the community process of converting the 1300-block of North Carolina Avenue NE into a one-way, but that it has made the street safer.

- i. Committee Member Bloomstine believes that a one-way conversion would make the street much safer, and added that the committee should consider any letter on the topic include converting to a pocket park the short segment of the 1300-block of G Street NE between Maryland Avenue NE and 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE because vehicles too often veer off of Maryland Avenue and roll through the stop sign at 14<sup>th</sup> and G Streets NE. Commissioner Dooling suggested a pocket park should be a separate discussion.
- ii. Community Member John Jones expressed concern of converting the block to a one-way as it would result in directing traffic through the alleyway, potentially endangering neighborhood children.
- iii. Community Member Dom Cirincione greatly supports a one-way conversion. There is a significant burden on this street due to traffic volume, including from Chick-Fil-A, and he believes pedestrian safety is of great concern.
- iv. Community Member Felix G agreed with Mr. Cirincione wholeheartedly. He also noted concerns of the recent influx of motor scooters picking up delivery from Chick-Fil-A.
- v. Community Member Kasey Ferrell expressed concerns about the one-way, and noted prior DDOT study (of an eastbound one-way) that did not recommend conversion.
- vi. Community Member Gimbiya **asked how long such DDOT studies take and if it's worth DDOT** revisiting this block under possibly new traffic conditions. Committee Member Rogger noted that these studies can take a while, and that DDOT rarely revisits former areas of study, but that with changes in traffic patterns due to PUDOs and food delivery vehicles is enough of a change to make a new study worthwhile. Commissioner Dooling reiterated that DDOT is not going to do another study without a specific direction recommendation from the community.
- vii. Mr. Cirincione clarified that the previous DDOT study was from 2013 and only considered an eastbound direction to flow into Gales Street NE on the other side of 15<sup>th</sup> Street NE. He understands that the rationale for why DDOT did not recommend an eastbound conversion was an excessively complicated westbound egress back onto Maryland Ave NE for those residents living between 14<sup>th</sup> Place NE and 15<sup>th</sup> Street NE. DDOT did not study a westbound one-way on the 1400-block of G Street NE. He acknowledged the inconvenience that would be put onto some neighbors with a one-way, himself included, but that the impact on public safety would be worth it.

Commissioner Dooling made the motion recommending: ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting conversion of the 1400-block of G Street NE to a one-way westbound. Committee Member Bloomstime seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with all commissioners and committee members present voting in favor.

C. Restoration of raised crosswalk at 14<sup>th</sup> and E Streets NE. Commissioner Wethington presented background on this issue, and noted that it will be addressed in a previous approved letter to DDOT for an all-way stop sign at the intersection of Tennessee Avenue NE and 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE.





- D. Public Space Permit application #453622. Commissioner Wethington stated that the permit is for a USPS mailbox in the public right-of-way in front of new construction at 423 13<sup>th</sup> Street NE. There have been several new buildings construed in this area, and that a mailbox here would not be inconsistent with other construction in the city.
- V. Community Comment. None.
- VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.





October xx, 2024

Ms. Sharon Kershbaum Director, District Department of Transportation 250 M Street SE Washington, DC 20003

Re: Urgently Requested Traffic Calming and Public Safety Measures at the Intersection of 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE and Tennessee Avenue NE

#### Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on October 10, 2024, our Commission voted x-x-x (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to reaffirm previous requests and public testimony regarding the urgent need for the installation of an all-way stop sign at the intersection of 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE and Tennessee Avenue NE. Recent TSIs considering this intersection include 24-00166427, 23-00526259, 23-00530148, and 23-00530246. This intersection poses an array of problems for drivers and pedestrians alike. As a resident of 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE, I have personally witnessed numerous near-miss situations at this intersection. Southbound traffic on 14<sup>th</sup> Street must stop at nearly every intersection, but does not stop at Tennessee Avenue, while drivers on Tennessee Avenue expect crosstraffic to stop. Furthermore, the sharp angle of this intersection makes it difficult for drivers navigating Tennessee Avenue to see oncoming traffic. The close proximity of a secondary school and several elementary schools further raises ANC 6A's concerns for pedestrian safety at this location.

Pedestrian and biker safety are further compromised immediately adjacent to this location, at the intersection of 14<sup>th</sup> and E Streets NE. A raised crosswalk which had previously been installed, was removed to accommodate roadway improvements, and has not been reinstalled. The painted bike lane markings along 14<sup>th</sup> Street have also not been restored. At a minimum, the raised crosswalk provided a modicum of traffic calming as drivers proceeded down 14<sup>th</sup> Street, approaching the compromised intersection with Tennessee Avenue NE. Now, the situation is exceptionally dire, as motorists can travel unimpeded up through the 400 block of 14<sup>th</sup> Street NE.

Based on the testimony of residents in ANC 6A, the Commission strongly recommends that DDOT address this public safety hazard with due urgency. Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. I can be reached at 6A05@anc.dc.gov.

On behalf of the Commission,

Dave Wethington Vice-Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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





October XX, 2024

Director Sharon Kershbaum
District Department of Transportation
Via email and the ANC Resolutions Website

Re: ANC 6A Support for H Street NE Bus Priority: NOI-24-262-CPD

Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on October 10, 2024 our Commission voted X-X-X (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support DDOT's Notice of Intent NOI-24-262-CPD to convert 2-hour metered parking zones to 10-minute metered parking zones and Accessible (ADA) parking zones along the 300-1400 blocks of H Street NE. This follows ANC 6A's previous enthusiastic support of the H Street NE Bus Priority Project to install full-time (24/7) transit-only lanes on H Street NE. We are very excited to see this project move forward early in the new year.

Our ANC truly appreciates the continued engagement that DDOT has had with the community on this significant project, and we are glad to see that our input has been reflected in updates to short-term and ADA parking along the corridor as presented in the NOI. Upon completion of the project we request DDOT continue to survey curbside usage and present findings to the ANC.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, and Transportation and Public Space Committee Chair Shaun Lynch can be contacted at 6ATPSChair@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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## **Government of the District of Columbia**

**Department of Transportation** 



September 24, 2024

Commissioner Salvador Sauceda-Guzman Chairperson, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5D Email: 5D05@anc.dc.gov

Commissioner Amber Gove Chairperson, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Email: 6A04@anc.dc.gov

Commissioner Mark Eckenwiler Chairperson, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 6C Email: 6C04@anc.dc.gov

NOI# 24-262-CPD

Re: Conversion of 2-hour metered parking zones to 10-minute metered parking zones and Accessible (ADA) parking zones along the 300-1400 blocks of H Street NE.

Dear Chairpersons Sauceda-Guzman, Gove, and Eckenwiler,

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

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

DDOT will convert some existing on-street 2-hour metered parking zones on H Street NE to 10-minute metered parking zones and ADA parking zones. Additionally, small adjustments to parking will be made near intersections to be consistent with DDOT's engineering standards to ensure adequate visibility for turning vehicles and pedestrians and to accommodate traffic calming measures such as curb extensions.

### DETAILED PROPOSED ACTIONS

DDOT will convert the existing on-street 2-hour metered parking zones on the following blocks to 10-minute metered parking zones:

- North side 400 block H Street NE Approx. 132 feet (full block)
- North side 600 block H Street NE Approx. 197 feet (east of Metrobus zone)
- South side 600 block H Street NE Approx. 146 feet (east of Metrobus zone)
- North side <u>800 block H Street NE</u> Approx. 128 feet (full block)



- South side 900 block H Street NE Approx. 50 feet (east of ADA parking zone)
- North side 1200 block H Street NE Approx. 58 feet (west of new mid-block crossing)
- North side 1200 block H Street NE Approx. 20 feet (east of new mid-block crossing)
- South side 1300 block H Street NE Approx 465 feet (full block)

DDOT will convert some existing on-street 2-hour metered parking zones to Accessible (ADA) metered parking zones. Accessible metered spaces are reserved for the exclusive use of persons with disabilities. These spaces require payment and allow additional time to park. These zones will be located at the following locations:

- 20 feet on 500 block of H Street NE south side (nearest 5<sup>th</sup> Street NE)
- 24 feet on 600 block of H Street NE south side (adjacent to the new midblock crossing)
- 20 feet on 900 block of H Street NE south side (nearest 9<sup>th</sup> Street NE)
- 20 feet on 1100 block of H Street NE south side (nearest 12<sup>th</sup> Street NE)
- 28 feet on 1200 block of H Street NE north side (nearest 13<sup>th</sup> Street NE)

DDOT will convert the existing on-street 2-hour metered parking zones to "No Standing or Parking Anytime" zones to accommodate the installation of new mid-block crossings and clear zones ("daylighting") around the crosswalk for proper visibility. These zones will be installed at the following locations:

- Approximately 90 feet on the north side of the 600 block of H Street NE
- Approximately 95 feet on the south side of the 600 block of H Street NE
- Approximately 125 feet on the north side of the 1200 block of H Street NE
- Approximately 92 feet on the south side of the 1200 block of H Street NE
- Approximately 86 feet on the north side of the 1300 block of H Street NE
- Approximately 72 feet on the south side of the 1300 block of H Street NE

#### VISUAL AID

Below are examples of new parking signage that will be placed along the H Street NE corridor to denote the new 10-minute metered parking zones and Accessible (ADA) metered parking zones. Signage for all other zones currently present along the corridor will remain unchanged.



Sample image of the parking sign denoting 10-minute metered parking zones.



Sample image of the parking sign denoting Accessible (ADA) metered parking zones.





Below are excerpts from a presentation provided on September 16, 2024, highlighting the locations of new 10-minute metered parking zones and Accessible (ADA) metered parking zones. Yellow boxes designated "2-hour pay to park" represent the existing parking regulations along the corridor and will not change. Orange boxes represent areas where bus boarding platforms will be added either in concrete (labeled "bus boarding platform") or modular materials (labeled "Zicla platform").

## 300 block

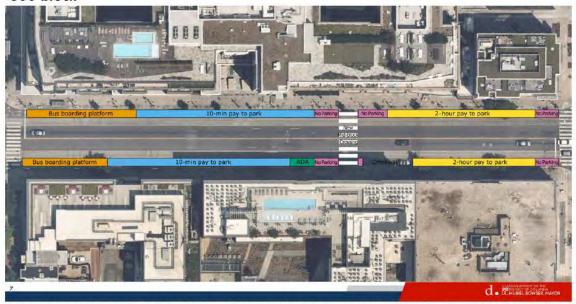


## 400 & 500 blocks





## 600 block



\*Note: this image was modified after the September 16, 2024 meeting to reflect the correct location of the Accessible (ADA) metered parking space on this block.

## 700 block







Below are excerpts from a presentation provided on September 16, 2024, highlighting the locations of new 10-minute metered parking zones and Accessible (ADA) metered parking zones. Yellow boxes designated "2-hour pay to park" represent the existing parking regulations along the corridor and will not change. Orange boxes represent areas where bus boarding platforms will be added either in concrete (labeled "bus boarding platform") or modular materials (labeled "Zicla platform").

## 300 block



## 400 & 500 blocks







## 600 block



\*Note: this image was modified after the September 16, 2024 meeting to reflect the correct location of the Accessible (ADA) metered parking space on this block.

## 700 block







## 800 & 900 blocks



## 1000 block







## 1100 block



## 1200 block







## 1300 block (part 1)



## 1300 block (part 2)





#### PREVIOUS PUBLIC OUTREACH

### **H** Street NE Bus Priority

The plan for the H Street NE bus priority project was developed in coordination with the community from 2022 through 2024. Detailed community engagement information specific to the transit-only lanes, mid-block crossings, and safety improvements can be found in NOI-24-07-TDD, which was issued in January 2024 and closed in March 2024.

## H Street NE Curbside Changes

- During the comment period for NOI-24-07-TDD, DDOT received multiple comments about the proposed parking regulations during ANC meetings and via email.
- DDOT attended the ANC 6A Transportation and Public Space Committee meeting on June 17, 2024 to discuss the project overall, including additional input regarding parking along the corridor.
- DDOT surveyed H Street NE businesses about parking regulations from July 25 through August 11, 2024.
  - From July 25 through July 30 DDOT staff flyered businesses door-to-door with the survey information.
  - On July 29, DDOT staff emailed the Transportation and Public Space Committee for ANCs 6A and 6C, as well as the ANC Chairpersons for ANC 6A and 6C with the survey information.
  - On July 30, DDOT staff emailed the survey information to a list of businesses who signed a letter in January 2021 supporting safety improvements and roadway changes.
- On September 16, 2024, DDOT staff presented updated proposed parking regulations to the ANC 6A Transportation and Public Space Committee.
- On September 19, 2024, DDOT staff emailed the presentation with updated proposed parking regulations to the Transportation and Public Space Committee for ANCs 6A and 6C, as well as the ANC Chairpersons for ANC 6A, 6C, and 5D.

#### COMMENTS

All comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing by November 7, 2024 (thirty business days after the date of this notice), with the District Department of Transportation, Zack Gambetti-Mendez, Capital Planning Division, 250 M Street, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003 or by email to <a href="mailto:zack.gambetti@dc.gov">zack.gambetti@dc.gov</a>.

If you would like to check the status of this Notice of Intent (NOI), please visit DDOT's website at: <a href="https://ddot.dc.gov/service/ddot-notice-intent">https://ddot.dc.gov/service/ddot-notice-intent</a>. If you are having any trouble accessing the NOI site or are unable to do so, please contact the DDOT Customer Service Clearinghouse at 202-671-2800.



Sincerely,

Žack Gambetti-Mendez, AICP

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Transportation Planner, Bus Priority Program Capital Planning Division

District Department of Transportation (DDOT)

#### CC:

Juan McCullum, ANC Commissioner, 5D07

Keya Chatterjee, ANC Commissioner, 6A01

Mike Velasquez, ANC Commissioner, 6A02

Robb Dooling, ANC Commissioner, 6A06

Christy Kwan, ANC Commissioner, 6C01

Mark Eckenwiler, ANC Commissioner, 6C04

Joel Kelty, ANC Commissioner, 6C05

Patricia Eguino, ANC Commissioner, 6C06

Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council of the District of Columbia

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Jennifer DeMayo, Constituent Services Coordinator (NE), Councilmember Allen

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October XX, 2024

Director Sharon Kershbaum
District Department of Transportation
Via email and the ANC Resolutions Website

Re: ANC 6A Support for Conversion of 1400 Block of G Street NE to One-Way Westbound

#### Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on October 10, 2024, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the conversion of the 1400 block of G Street NE to a one-way street going westbound from 15th Street NE to 14th Street NE.

We understand that a one-way street (our preference for the 1400 block of G Street NE) going into another one-way street (the 600 block of 14th Place NE, which is currently one-way southbound) is unusual. However, constituents on the 600 block of 14th Place NE have expressed strong support for conversion to a one-way street, including in the September 16, 2024 regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting of ANC 6A's Transportation and Public Space Committee.

The current 1400 block of G Street NE is too narrow for vehicles to safely pass each other going in both directions and susceptible to speeding; recently installed speed humps have not solved the problem. In addition, all of G Street NE west of this block is already one-way only; and all of Gales Street NE east of this block is already one-way only. We hope you will consider this letter and take urgent action to convert the 1400 block of G Street NE to one-way.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, and Transportation and Public Space Committee Chair Shaun Lynch can be contacted at 6ATPSChair@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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## Committee Reports Economic Development and Zoning Committee



# Minutes ANC 6A Economic Development & Zoning Committee 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Tuesday September 18, 2024 Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attending:

Committee members: Joal Mendonsa, Ziad Demian, Becca Buthe, and Mike Cushman.

7:00 pm Welcome/Introductions

## 7:01 pm Resolution of previously heard cases

- EDZ Recommended / ANC Supported / BZA Approved 813 7th Street, NE (BZA #21145): To construct a detached, two-story accessory garage with accessory dwelling to an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.
- 2. The special exception relief sought was to be able to occupy the new building soon after construction rather than wait the (mandated) five years.
- 3. EDZ Suggested / ANC Supported / BZA Approved 1252 H Street NE (BZA #20742-A): To construct a rear addition to an existing, attached, twostory with basement, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.
- 4. This was to approve an extension for the approval previously granted. The BZA approval lapses after two years unless construction is begun or an extension is sought and granted. The EDZ recommended approval (noting that there is now a tenant operating a restaurant business in the building it was vacant two years ago when approval was given). ANC recommended and BZA approved.

## Old Business

None.

## **New Business**

910 12th Street, NE (BZA #21196):

To construct a third story with roof deck and a three-story with cellar rear addition, to an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone. The new construction requires special exceptions, one for the upper floor decorative elements, one for the lot occupancy requirements, and (possibly) one for exceeding the 10-foot rule on extending structures beyond neighboring rear walls.

The initial submission was not clear on the building lines and did not include side elevations.

## Comments/Discussion:

Marty Sullivan and Patrick Brian Jones (architect) presented on behalf of the homeowner Marka Peterson. They explained that regulations provide that you cannot have an addition 10 feet past furthest rear wall of adjoining development. The building to the south of their building is flush with the rear building at the second story where the original sleeping porch has been enclosed but the first story was not enclosed and the rear first floor wall is 16 feet from the applicant's proposed addition's rear wall. It is arguable that they do not need this special exception but they are requesting it in an abundance of caution. The renderings and architectural designs were shown for the renovations and additions. A Google Street View was then enhanced to show how the rooftop deck could be built as a matter-of-right, where the deck is set back but clearly visible from the street. This highlighted the efforts being taken by the applicant to shield the deck from the street by replicating the design elements of the mansard roof (now



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above the  $2^{nd}$  story) to the new façade. The homeowner preemptively talked to neighbors to see what design they would support and this is the result of those discussions.

## Comments/Discussion:

Mike Cushman: Asked to see letters of support from both adjoining neighbors which were mentioned by the applicant but which were not in the exhibits submitted to the EDZ nor in the BZA's IZIS case files. He noted that the revised submission clarified the situation with the first-floor sun porch and second floor enclosed porch which made the applicability of the ten-foot rule unclear, and that the other special exception was only for 4% more for lot area coverage which he had no issues with. Mike praised the homeowner's attention to fitting the new construction with the look and feel of the existing architecture. (He did request that the windows in the mansard roof replicate the eight-pane windows in the existing roof elements).

Marka Peterson (homeowner): Confirmed that both adjoining neighbors support and pulled up emails with letters of support. Missing letters will be updated to the portal before the ANC meeting.

Ziad made a motion to approve, all committee members voted in support bringing it to the consent agenda for the ANC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

## ★ ★ ★ New Business



Suggested Motion: ANC 6A send a letter to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Appiah, the City Council and relevant Council committees recognizing the serious and life-threatening failures of the Office of Unified Communications (OUC) and requesting measures to include, but not limited to, monthly (at minimum) reporting to a public meeting of the Council or its designated committee, and an attestation to the accuracy by the OUC Director. Such reporting would include performance against key national 911 performance metrics as well as against staffing metrics and adverse event reporting and analyses. The letter would also request that the Council review the need for an external monitor or advisor to oversee the operations and performance of the OUC.

Suggested Motion: ANC 6A send a letter to Chief Smith asking for a 30-day drug free zone on the 800 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE and continuous police presence in response to the increased drug activity and shootings.





October xx, 2024

Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia Honorable Muriel Bowser, Mayor of the District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

Re: Office of Uniform Communications (OUC)

Dear Chairman Mendelson and Mayor Bowser:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>8</sup> on October 10, 2024, our Commission voted X-X-X (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) requesting that the Council and the Mayor recognize the serious and life-threatening failures of the Office of Unified Communications (OUC) and consider measures to include, but not limited to monthly (at minimum) reporting to a public meeting of the Council or its designated committee, and an attestation to the accuracy by the OUC Director. Such reporting may include OUC performance against key national 911 performance metrics, as well as against staffing metrics and adverse event reporting and analyses. The Commission also requests that the Council review the need for an external monitor or advisor to oversee the operations and performance of the OUC.

Since at least 2021, audits and other performance reviews, published by the DC Auditor, the press and other entities, have systematically documented what ANC commissioners, Council members and members of the press have heard on a case-by-case basis from DC resident. That is, the frightening and ongoing performance failures at the Office of OUC.

These problems include but are not limited to failures to meet national standards for call answering times; call dispatch (action) times; system accessibility (versus down time) and accuracy in event coding, dispatch type and dispatch information.

At minimum, these problems cause anxiety for constituents calling 911 and for first responders. In the worst cases, these problems have been associated with deaths of DC residents, including an infant, causing grief and loss for their families and trauma for first responders

The responses of OUC leadership, the mayor and other members of the executive branch have, it appears, only exacerbated these problems and impeded critically needed remediation. These responses seem to focus on "spin" rather than on full disclosure, thereby preventing a timely, transparent and evidence-driven continuous quality improvement effort. Quite simply, the City needs and deserves a rapid, professional and effective response to this dangerous and, at times, catastrophic operational failure.

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Accordingly, we ask the Council and the Administration to consider and implement the recommendations enumerated above, or comparable strategies for achieving, monitoring and reporting timely, significant and substantial progress toward a 911 service that meets or exceeds national standards and that supports city residents, businesses and first responders facing urgent and emergent situations.

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

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Honorable Brianne Nadeau, Ward 1 Councilmember

Honorable Brooke Pinto, Ward 2 Councilmember

Honorable Matthew Fruman, Ward 3 Councilmember,

Honorable Janeese Lewis George, Ward 4 Councilmember

Honorable Zachary Parker, Ward 5 Councilmember

Honorable Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember

Honorable Vincent C. Gray, Ward 7 Councilmember

Honorable Trayon White, Sr., Ward 8 Councilmember

Honorable Kenyan McDuffie, Chair Pro Tempore of the Council of the District of Columbia

Honorable Anita Bonds, At-Large Councilmember

Honorable Christina Henderson, At-Large Councilmember

Honorable Robert White, At-Large Councilmember

Ms. Lindsey Appiah, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice

Pamela Smith, Chief of Police, Metropolitan Police Department



October xx, 2024

## By Email

Pamela Smith Chief of Police Metropolitan Police Department 441 4th Street, NW, 7th Floor Washington, DC 20001

Re: Open Air Drug Market and Associated Violence on 8th Street NE

## Dear Chief Smith:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>9</sup> on October 10, 2024 our Commission voted X-X-X (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that you establish a continuous police presence on the 800 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE and immediately declare a drug free zone for a 30-day period.

As you are aware, the Secure DC Omnibus Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 provides you with the power to declare an area a "drug free zone." [D.C. Code § 48-1002(a)] Within such a zone, it "unlawful for a person to congregate in a group of 2 or more persons for the purpose of committing a[] [drug-related] offense . . . within the boundaries of a drug free zone, and to fail to disperse after being instructed to disperse by a uniformed officer of the Police Department who reasonably believes the person is congregating for the purpose of committing a[] [drug-related] offense." [Id. § 48-1003(a)]

In deciding whether an area should be declared a drug free zone, you must consider whether in the preceding six months, there has been "the occurrence of a disproportionately high number of":

- drug-related arrests,
- reports of dangerous crimes or crimes of violence,
- homicides,
- "[o]bjective evidence or verifiable information that shows that illegal drugs are being sold and distributed on public space on public property," or
- "[a]ny other verifiable evidence information" should that that "the health or safety of residents who live in the proposed drug free zone are endangered by the purchase, sale, or use of illegal drugs or other illegal activity."

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## **New Business**





Every single one of these tests is amply met. Within the preceding week, there have been two homicides. Multiple individuals have been arrested for drug and weapon offenses. And residents have provided first-hand accounts indicating that drugs are being openly trafficked. The evidence is overwhelming and undeniable. At core, the situation on 8th from G Street NE to I Street NE is precisely what this statute was written to combat: brazen and lawless drug trafficking that poses an immediate risk to the health and safety of residents, including children.

Importantly, the declaration of a drug free zone is not limited to a single five-day period, as is often reported. The statute states that "[t]he Chief of Police may declare any public area a drug free zone for a period not to exceed 120 consecutive hours." [Id. § 48-1002(a)]. But you can declare an area to be a drug free zone multiple times during a 30-day period, arguably up to a maximum of 15 consecutive days. [See id. § 48-1002(d)].

Such an approach is entirely appropriate here, where the circumstances indicate a grave and continuing risk to the community, one which has been in place for months, if not years. Now is the time for decisive action to protect public safety.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. Should you have any questions, please contact me at amberanc6a@gmail.com or 202-306-4116. In addition to me, Commissioner Mike Velasquez (SMD 6A02) is authorized to represent the ANC in this matter.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

### Copies to:

Ms. Lindsey Appiah, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice LaShay Makal, Assistant Chief, Patrol Services South, Metropolitan Police Department Colin Hall, First District Commander, Metropolitan Police Department Honorable Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember Honorable Brooke Pinto, Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary