



**District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Agenda for December 14, 2023**



**Second (2nd) Thursdays 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 Presentations**
Dr. Oye I. Owolewa, Shadow US Representative for Washington, DC
Tommie Jones Chief of External Affairs and Michael Watts, Program Manager Community Relations. Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)
- 7:50 pm **Officer Reports** **pg. 23**
1. Accept Treasurer's Report
- 7:55 pm **Standing Committee Reports:**
Community Outreach (COC) **pg. 24**
1. Accept November 2023 committee report.
2. No meeting in December 2023.
3. Next meeting: January 22, 2024 (4th Monday)
- 8:00 pm **Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)** **pg. 26**
1. No report. ABL did not meet in November 2023.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 19, 2023 (3rd Tuesday; usually 4th Tuesday)
- 8:05 pm **Transportation and Public Space (TPS)** **pg. 34**
1. Accept November 2023 committee report.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 18, 2023 (3rd Monday)
- 8:10 pm **Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)** **pg. 37**
1. No report. EDZ did not meet in November 2023.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, December 20, 2023 (3rd Wednesday)
- 8:15 pm **New Business** **pg. 38**
• Suggested Motion: ANC6A resolves to oppose Washington Gas' PROJECTpipes Phase 3 Application, authorize the Chair, Vice Chair, and/or their designee(s) to represent ANC 6A on this matter, and forward copies of our resolution to the DC Council, the Office of the Peoples Council, and the Office of Mayor Bowser.



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- Discussion of methods for cooperation between Ward 6 ANCs on the processing of Ward 6 Cannabis applications under the Emergency Regulations and on gathering of data and community feedback for any future regulatory modifications.

8:35 pm **Single Member District reports** (2 minute each)

8:50pm **Community Comments** (2 minutes each)

9:00 pm **Adjourn**



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2023



Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Minutes Virtual Meeting via Zoom November 9, 2023

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

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

Chair Amber Gove called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. The minutes for the ANC October 2023 meeting were accepted. The agenda for the November 2023 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

Community Presentations

Stop PROJECTPipes - Naomi Cohen-Shields, Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN) & CCAN Action Fund

Ms. Naomi Cohen-Shields from the Chesapeake Climate Action Network presented on Stop PROJECTPipes, which is a project run by Washington Gas and impacts many DC residents; gas pipelines across the district are quite old, bringing a risk of methane leaks and gas explosions. The project launched in 2014 and is a 40-year accelerated pipeline replacement program in which ratepayers rather than gas companies pay for the replacements. The first phase of the program, which ended in 2019, cost \$141.24 million (\$30+M over budget), the second phase (2021-2023) cost \$150 million, and the request for 2024-2028 is \$671.8 million; this brings the total cost to people of around \$4.5 billion, or \$27,000 per ratepayer. While some claim that the project is reducing greenhouse gases, the truth is that this further investment in gas pipelines will result in more greenhouse gas emissions in the future, and this project stands in the way of DC's climate goals. Methane gas continues to be dangerous and data shows that hazardous gas leaks in DC's system have increased by 15% in the last 6 years. A better solution is to replace and repair the worst sections of the pipe, knowing that DC will electrify in the coming years. Another issue is that as DC electrifies, wealthier households will likely be the first to move off of the gas network, meaning the remaining ratepayers will be lower-income residents forced to bear disproportionate costs of the project. The campaign against PROJECTPipes is a three-pronged approach: involve the DC council, raise public awareness, and outreach and coalition building among the public. The Florida Avenue project has been delayed by PROJECTPipes, and it has caused damage to the foundations of several properties. Stop PROJECTPipes would like ANCs to pass a resolution against the project. Anybody with questions can contact Ms. Cohen-Shields at [naomi\[at\]chesapeakeclimate.org](mailto:naomi[at]chesapeakeclimate.org).

Halcyon House Presentation on Impact-Driven Businesses - Mackenzie Loy, CEO, Homemade in DC and Emily Yu, CEO, AI Priori

Halcyon House is a community supporting impact-driven businesses, offering fellowships, mentorship, and funding. More information here: <https://www.halcyonhouse.org/>

Ms. Emily Yu shared a history of AI Priori, the startup that she runs, which is an online AI-powered platform that uses community centered data to help the public sector review their content at scale. AI Priori partners with nonprofits and community members, turning their experiences into data to provide deeper insights and more context. The DC-specific entrepreneurial experience provides immense access to local universities, safe spaces to connect and network with other entrepreneurs, and trusted mentors.



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Ms. Yu and Ms. Loy are both part of the Opportunity Intensive through Halcyon House, which is tailored towards DC metro area start-ups and provides funding, AWS credits, pro bono support from Deloitte, legal support, and other assets. Accelerators such as Halcyon House are so important, especially for underrepresented small business owners; for example, in 2023, less than 3% of all US venture capital funding goes to women, and even less to women of color - there are very real challenges to scaling and success. Organizations like Halcyon House are aiming to change that. More information on AI Priori: www.aipriori.com

Ms. Mackenzie Loy, CEO of Homemade in DC, showcased the homemade marketplace, focusing on closing the racial and gender wealth gap through food entrepreneurship. There are several barriers to scalable growth, and Homemade in DC offers corporate catering and custom giftboxes made by women, people of color, and LGBTQ entrepreneurs. Homemade in DC offers vendors new high-value customers, consistent, high-volume orders, and a scalable platform. Ms. Loy has worked with forty entrepreneurs in the DC area and generated \$115,000 in revenue from new customers. More information on Homemade in DC: <https://homemadeindc.com/>

Consent Agenda

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

- ANC 6A protest the application of Jerk at Nite, Inc. t/a Jerk at Night at 1100 H Street NE (ABRA-126009) for a Class C Restaurant License unless a settlement agreement is reached prior to the protest deadline, and that the Chair of the ABL Committee and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ANC represent the ANC in this matter.
- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the application of Mochi, Inc. t/a DC Supermarket at 539 8th Street NE (ABRA-074927) for renewal of its Class B Retail - Grocery License.
- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the renewal application of DSAY Corporation t/a Adams Market at 700 F Street NE (ABRA-077168) for renewal of its class B Retail - Grocery License.

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

- ANC 6A send a letter of support to DDOT for [Notice # 23-161-PSD - K Street NE Bike Lane Extension](https://ddotwiki.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/NI/pages/2225045537/NOI-23-161-PSD) (<https://ddotwiki.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/NI/pages/2225045537/NOI-23-161-PSD>) with the following additional requests: that DDOT consider removing the turn lanes in support of reducing vehicle speed; that DDOT explore options for pickup and drop-off areas on the 700 block of K Street NE; that DDOT review the turn radius at the intersection of 8th and K Streets NE; and that DDOT consider installing flex posts at intersections along the south side of K Street NE to prevent blockages.
- ANC 6A accept the TPS Committee inputs to the ANC 6A FY23 Annual Report.

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

- ANC 6A accept the EDZ Committee inputs to ANC 6A FY23 Annual Report.
- ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for Special Exception relief pursuant to Subtitle H § 1202 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the matter-of-right uses of Subtitle H § 1103 to permit a financial services use on the ground floor of an existing, six-story, mixed use building in the NMU-5A/H-H (formerly NC-10) zone at 650 H Street NE (BZA #20990).
- ANC 6A send a letter of support to BZA for Use Variance Relief pursuant to Subtitle X § 1002 from the matter-of-right uses of Subtitle U § 301 to expand an existing restaurant use to the second floor, of a semi-detached, two-story with basement, commercial building in the RF-1 zone at 106 13th Street SE (BZA #20996).



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Officer Reports:

1. The November 2023 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Steve Moilanen reviewed the three expenditures accrued in October: \$765.89 for webmaster services, \$250 for notetaking, \$58.29 for Zoom Premium, (checks #276-278, respectively). The opening uncommitted funds available were \$40,217.39. After accounts payable totaling \$2,148.63 the closing available checking balance is \$38,069.03. The savings account opened at \$100.05, gained no interest, and closed at \$100.05, and petty cash remained at \$25. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Commissioner Moilanen presented the Fiscal Year 2023 4th Quarter report, featuring an opening balance of \$33,559.04, disbursements of \$1,074.18, no receipts and an ending balance of \$32,484.86. The FY 2023 4th Quarter report was approved by unanimous consent.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach (COC)

4. No report. COC did not meet in October 2023.
5. Commissioner Keya Chatterjee moved and Commissioner Robb Dooling seconded the motion that ANC 6A appoint Paul Spires as a member of the Community Outreach Committee. The motion passed 6-0.
6. Next meeting: November 27, 2023 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

1. The October 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 28, 2023 (4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

1. The October 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Commissioner Gove moved and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support in response to DDOT's Notice of Intent 23-107 to lower the speed limit from 25 to 20 mph on the 800-1400 blocks of East Capitol Street (segments within ANC 6A). The motion passed 6-0.
3. Commissioner Gove moved and Commissioner Dave Wethington seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support in response to DDOT's Notice of Intent 23-108 to lower the speed limit from 25 mph to 20 mph on North Carolina Avenue NE between 13th Street NE and Constitution Avenue NE. The motion passed 6-0.
4. Commissioner Chatterjee moved and Commissioner Roberta Shapiro seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support in response to DDOT's Notice of Intent 23-105 to lower the speed limit from 25 mph to 20 mph on 8th Street NE between Florida Avenue and East Capitol Street. The motion passed 6-0.
5. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, November 20, 2023 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

1. The October 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, October 18, 2023 (3rd Wednesday)

New Business

Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A authorize Commissioners Gove and Dooling to finalize its Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023. The motion passed 5-0 (Commissioner Moilanen left the meeting prior to the vote).

Commission Business

Single Member District reports



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Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) received some good news from the city manager, who said \$1.4 million will be allocated this year to improve the Sherwood recreation center. The center will also no longer be a hypothermia center, allowing it to truly serve as a recreation center for the community. The Commissioner walked some of the neighborhood streets to review the sidewalk issues and continued struggles. Together with Commissioner Velasquez, the Commissioner was able to get DOB to change the status of a vacant property to blighted.

Commissioner Dave Wethington (6A05) continues to focus on public safety issues; there have been a few occurrences that left residences concerned. The Commissioner had some discussions with an old colleague who is now on the TPS committee and hopes to bring MPD in to speak to the TPS to continue the conversation around public safety and emphasize cameras. The Commissioner also participated in a discussion with an advocate for Kingsman Dog Park, reviewed the funding allocated for the park, and is looking forward to continuing partnership with that group.

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) is excited about the December 17th start of two 24-hour bus lines - the X2 and 92, which will make a difference to many service workers. The Commissioner is continuing to work on Florida Avenue matters and is as usual having issues with the Havana building and would love input on suggested next steps.

Commissioner Dooling (6A06) is working with various business owners interested in vacant businesses along H Street. Sooner or later, the ANC may be reviewing licenses for marijuana shops. Unfortunately, public safety continues to be a major concern, and funding is being filtered from community organizations to support more police; the Commissioner echoes Councilmember Allen's longstanding position of a both/and approach to public safety. More pickup/drop-off zones are needed at businesses, to be balanced with disability parking spaces, which the Commissioner is proud to have supported in the past. If anyone needs help applying for a disability parking space, please reach out to the Commissioner at robb.dooling@anc.dc.gov.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) flagged that if anyone knows of an organization working to support the wellbeing of residents, there are grant funds available through this ANC. The DC Tutoring and Mentoring Initiative will be at the Southeast Library this Saturday, concurrently with Eastern Market's 150-year celebration. The youth crisis in the city continues, with absenteeism at all-time highs. Eastern High School marching band held its homecoming parade and game. There have been several MPD safety discussions and walks, and the next movie night is Friday, December 8th. All of the ANC chairs across the city met virtually to think about how collaborating and sharing information. The Commissioner attended a troop meeting for the Daisies of Maury, who drew the ways that they get around their neighborhoods and have an extensive wish list including a bathroom, working water fountains, and an ice cream cart all at Lincoln Park.

Community Comment

Ms. Jen DeMayo, representative from Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen's office, noted that the Council confirmed Pamela Smith as the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and confirmed new leaders for the Department of Buildings, Department of Youth Rehabilitative Services, and others. Councilmember Allen also led an initiative to lower fines and speed up the start of enforcement for the Clear lanes program, which issues tickets to vehicles blocking bus lanes. Community members are encouraged to nominate individuals and businesses for the Brickie awards, happening on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. To nominate: https://www.charlesallenward6.com/2023_brickie_awards_nominations
To reach Ms. Demayo: jdemayo@dcccouncil.gov.



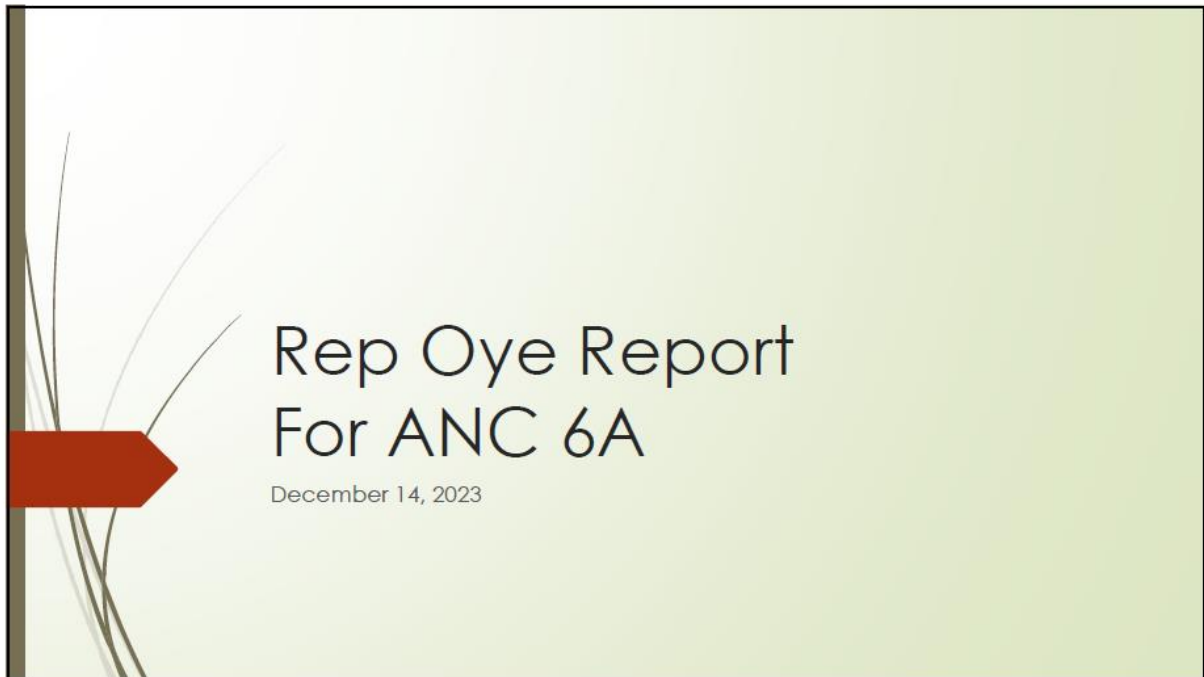
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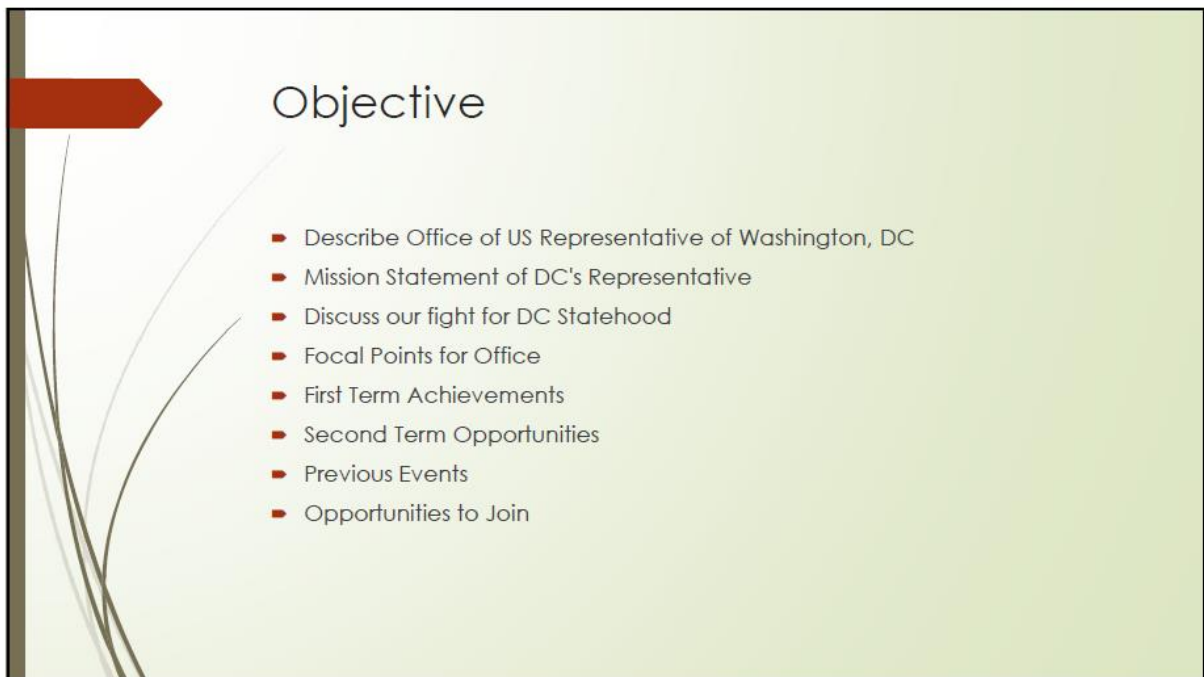
MOCR Jake Stolzenberg announced several HBCU events and noted that the DC Stabilization Center was opened for anyone suffering from substance abuse. Mr. Stolzenberg is attempting to walk all of 6A and submit 311s for every brick issue. Mr. Stolzenberg can be reached at 202-341-3659 or [jake.stolzenberg\[at\]dc.gov](mailto:jake.stolzenberg[at]dc.gov).

Two community members from ANC 6C and one from DuPont Circle had questions about traffic safety, lack of handicap parking, and qualms about the K Street requests passed under this month's consent agenda and discussed their participation at the ANC 6A TPS committee meeting. The three callers were opposed to bike lanes on K Street and believe the request harms those with disabilities and is a request of convenience rather than of actual safety. One caller would like better representation, engagement, and notification of all meetings and agenda items, and raised questions about the process of the consent agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.



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The Office of DC's Representative

- Located in John A Wilson Building (1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW C-09)
 - Not on Capitol Hill
- Not to be confused with Congresswoman (Delegate) Eleanor Holmes Norton
 - Located in Rayburn House Office
- DC's Rep lacks congressional vote and seat
- Mission Statement:
 - Serve as chief legislative lobbyist for DC Statehood
 - Show value of DC Statehood inside and out of the District
 - Mitigate what we lose in DC by not being a state



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The Fight for DC Statehood

- Greatest example of voter suppression in America
- DC residents pay taxes without voting representation
 - We have no say on policies we pay for (wars, tax cuts, supreme court justices)
- We lack full control over our resources
- Mayor is not commander in chief of national guard
- Criminal Justice System is controlled by Federal government
- Don't have final say over laws and/or budget
- Lack full self-autonomy
- Lose out on federal money/programs (i.e. CARES ACT)
- Left out of national stores.

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The Lack of DC Statehood Impacts:

- Healthcare
- Education and Youth Services
- Public Safety
- Environment
- Human Rights

As Representative, I address these matters as focal points

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Statehood Activity

- Since 2021, Rep Oye has amplified the fight for DC statehood by appearing in a dozen publications
- Successfully introduced DC Statehood Resolution into WV House of Delegates
- Held inaugural Supercar Rally 4 DC Statehood with local Sunset Auto Group
 - 2022 Supercar Rally 4 DC Statehood scheduled for 10/9/2022.
- Participated and helped organize 2021's "I have a Dream: March on Washington" Rally
- Partnered with Students for DC Statehood in virtual panels
- Support and defend DC's fight for Statehood



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Healthcare

- Lacking Statehood, DC was denied half of the resources from the CARES ACT to fight COVID.
- As a licensed pharmacist, Rep Oye makes an impact on the frontlines of healthcare
- Created Healthcare Providers in Policy Coalition to address latest news and legislation
- Helped increase vaccine access for DC residents during a shortage
- Vaccinated 10,000+ DC residents since 2021
- Participated with Howard University's School of Pharmacy to conduct health fairs
- Passed out hundreds and demonstrated the use of Narcan alongside Oxford House

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Education and Youth Services



- Collaborate with RESET to provide free in classroom science enrichment to elementary students
- Promote State Department Internships for high school and college students
- Collaborated with local sports teams and fitness groups to conduct an annual youth fitness day
- Create internships for high school and college students to get first-hand experience in The Office of DC's Representative
- Partner with Schools to provide dynamic Career Days

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Public Safety

- Without statehood, DC lacks control over its criminal justice system
 - Our judges and prosecutors are federally appointed
- Lacking a DC prison, incarcerated DC residents are housed all over the country
- Rep Oye, with assistance from DC Returning Citizens Caucus, successfully submitted a resolution to DOJ to revise COVID compassionate release to allow released offenders to finish their sentence at home
- Rep Oye participated and moderated 4 panels for Mayor's Office of Returning Citizens
- Rep Oye partners with organizations to conduct expungement clinics for returning citizens who qualify for record sealing



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Environmental Justice

- DC's Federal Parks often fall between the cracks of the local and federal government
- Rep Oye participated in wooded area cleanups with Ward 8 Woods
- Spoke to Rep Jim Clyburne's office regarding resources for DC forest areas
- Goal: To help remove at least 51 pounds of trash in federal parks every month
- Collaborate with DC Voters for Animals Educational Fund to make DC a cruelty free city
- Challenged NPS' decision to shoot deer for population control
- Goal: To ban all fur sales in DC
- Rep Oye's office recently joined Rock Creek Park's Carter Barron Alliance

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Human Rights


- Lacking DC Statehood, we're unable to have a say on today's most pressing human rights issues
- Lacking statehood, DC cannot help codify women's reproductive rights and are at risk of federal government overreach into current procedures in DC.
- LGBTQ+ rights: Unable to vote for the Equality Act, Rep Oye's office hosted the Equality Panel to discuss the importance of passing laws to protect the LGBTQ+ community
- Rep Oye collaborated with Planned Parenthood of DC and SMYAL to write an opinion piece discussing the need to protect gender affirming care for trans teens
- Rep Oye works with TENAC and local tenant associations to fight displacement and ensure dignity for our senior neighbors
- Rep Oye is working on increasing the political engagement of LatinX, Caribbean and African communities

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Past Events

- 2nd Annual Returning Citizens Day – May 19
- A Day at Payne Elementary School * – May 24
- Delaware's 'I Am Me' Seminar: Learn about the LGBTQ+ Community – June 3
- Business Capital Series 103 * - June 21st
- Expungement Clinic #4 * – Dec 10
- Supercar Rally for DC Statehood * – July 4th

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How to Get Involved

- Questions/Concerns? - Reach me directly at adeoye.owolewa@dc.gov
- Otherwise? Reach office at info@reposedc.com
- Find internship opportunities and possible collaborations at reposedc.com

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Organizations we've partnered with

- DC Voters for Animals Education Fund
- Raising Excitement for Science Engineering and Technology (RESET)
- Martha's Table
- Sunset Auto Group
- DC Democratic Party
- Stonewall Democrats of DC
- The Webster Foundation
- Rock Creek Park
- We Fit DC
- Georgetown University Baseball
- Destiny Church for All Nations
- Marty's Food and Catering
- Christian Legal Aid of DC
- Planned Parenthood of Washington, DC
- DC Public Schools
- Garfield Elementary School
- Nigerian-American Public Affairs Committee
- Ward 8 Woods Conservancy
- Veterans United for DC Statehood

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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Community Presentations



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Washington, DC 20003



September 15, 2023

Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 20960 (1244-1246 H Street, NE)

Dear BZA,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on September 14, 2023, our Commission voted 6-0-0 to support the request for a Special Exception pursuant to Subtitle H § 1107.1(e)(2) and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the matter-of-right uses of Subtitle H § 1103 to construct a side and rear addition, and permit a fast food establishment use, to an existing, attached, two-story commercial building in the NC14 zone.

The design has taken measures to ensure that the addition is in the character of the neighborhood and it will not disrupt the privacy, air and light of neighbors. The owner has proven that the special exception criteria have been met through submission of architectural elevations and 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 Brad Greenfield, Commissioner Chatterjee, 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, Commissioner Chatterjee at 6A01@anc.dc.gov and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at brad.greenfield@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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October 10, 2023

Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 20967 (1371/1375 H Street, NE)

Dear BZA,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on September 14, 2023, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for a Special Exception pursuant to Subtitle C § 703.2 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the minimum vehicle parking requirements of Subtitle C § 701, and Subtitle H § 6009.1a for designation of use as a dog boarding facility to construct a new, attached, six-story with roof deck, 30-unit, mixed use building in the NC-15 zone.

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

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Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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November 11, 2023

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

Re: BZA Case No. 20996 (106 13th Street, SE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on November 9, 2023, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for Use Variance Relief pursuant to Subtitle X § 1002 from the matter-of-right uses of Subtitle U § 301 to expand an existing restaurant use to the second floor, of a semi-detached, two-story with basement, commercial building in the RF-1 zone.

The use variance is required to allow the existing restaurant, Pacci's, to expand to the second floor of the building they currently own and occupy. The owner has proven that the variance is needed because the second floor is not viable for any other use, and the current footprint is too small for the restaurant to remain viable. Pacci's is a popular neighborhood amenity, and its expansion would greatly benefit the Capitol Hill neighborhood, including both ANC 6A and 6B.

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

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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November 11, 2023

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

Re: BZA Case No. 20990 (650 H Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on November 9, 2023, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for Special Exception relief pursuant to Subtitle H § 1202 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the matter-of-right uses of Subtitle H § 1103 to permit a financial services use on the ground floor of an existing, six-story, mixed use building in the NMU-5A/H-H (formerly NC-10) zone. The design has taken measures to ensure that the addition is in the character of the neighborhood and it will not disrupt the privacy, air and light of neighbors. The owner has proven that the special exception criteria have been met through submission of architectural elevations and 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.

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November 11, 2023

Abraham Diallo
DDOT Ward 6 Community Liaison
Via email

Re: ANC6A Support for NOI 23-107-TESD, NOI 23-108-TESD and NOI 23-105-TESD

Dear Mr. Diallo,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on November 9, 2023, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to express our support for the above-referenced Notices of Intent, which respond to three of the eight roadway segments requested by this Commission in November 2021.²

- NOI 23-107-TESD to lower the speed limit from 25 to 20 mph on the 800-1400 blocks of East Capitol Street (segments within ANC 6A). As an additional comment, we note that there are currently no speed limit signs posted on East Capitol between 1st and 8th Streets, which we request DDOT look into.
- NOI 23-108-TESD to lower the speed limit from 25 mph to 20 mph on North Carolina Avenue NE between 13th Street NE and Constitution Avenue NE.
- NOI 23-105-TESD to lower the speed limit from 25 mph to 20 mph on 8th Street NE between Florida Avenue and East Capitol Street.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at 6A04@anc.dc.gov and our Transportation and Public Space Co-Chairs at 6ATPSChair@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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² <https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-support-for-installation-of-20-mph-signs-on-collector-streets.pdf>



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



November 11, 2023

Mike Goodno
Bicycle Program Specialist
District Department of Transportation
Via email and the ANC Resolutions Website

Re: ANC 6A Support for Extension of Bike Facilities on K Street NE

Dear Mr. Goodno,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on November 9, 2023 our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to:

1. Support DDOT’s request to close the gap in the bicycle lane network, including with an extension of bike facilities on K Street NE from 7th Street NE to 8th Street NE, with reference to NOI-23-223-PSD, and support additional green space and a pocket park at 8th and K Streets and West Virginia Avenue NE;
2. Request that DDOT use the left turn lane on the 700 block of K Street NE to create space for the bicycle lane, thereby slowing traffic on K Street NE;
3. Request Pick-Up and Drop-Off (PUDO) spots on K Street NE and/or 8th Street NE for residents to load their vehicles, etc.;
4. Narrow vehicle lanes to 9 feet: <https://narrowlanes.americanhealth.jhu.edu/>;
5. Explore protection of the bicycle lane, especially after narrowing the vehicle lanes; and
6. Study the turn radius of large vehicles from West Virginia Avenue onto K Street NE, and redirect large vehicles to another route as needed.

Last year an ANC 6A constituent, Ralph Williamson, was killed on K Street NE when a driver crashed into him as he was unloading groceries. Slower speeds and pick up and drop off zones could have prevented that fatality and are therefore in our request today. This extension will improve safety for all road users and provide an important connection between the K Street NE and West Virginia Avenue bicycle facilities. The bicycle lanes would also connect to the pocket park to be installed at the intersection of West Virginia Avenue and K Street NE for increased stormwater retention. The District’s multimodal long-range transportation plan includes these blocks as a part of the Bicycle Priority Network. Having a safe, low-stress bicycling network is critical. A safe systems approach includes this element for safer roads: “Design roadway environments to mitigate human mistakes and account for injury tolerances, to encourage safer behaviors, and to facilitate safe travel by the most vulnerable users.”

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In addition to reducing traffic violence and fatalities, we are concerned about the impacts of climate change on our neighborhood such as increased rats, mosquitoes, mold, and flooding. This moves us to support safety interventions for residents. This project will create a buffer for residents traveling on the sidewalk and increase their safety, create a safer spot for bicycle riders, as well as slow traffic which will increase safety for all users.

Related letters of support for the pocket park, traffic calming, and bike facilities from this Commission are available at these links:

<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Support-for-Extension-of-Bike-Facilities-on-K-StreetNE.pdf>

<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-Support-for-DDOTs-plans-for-WV-Ave-Low-ImpactDevelopment-.pdf>

<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/ANC6A-re-Support-for-traffic-calming-800-block-WV-NE-andKStreet-NE.pdf>

<https://anc6a.org/wp-content/uploads/TSA-800-blk-W-Virginia-Ave-NE-redacted.pdf>

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, Commissioner Chatterjee at 6A01@anc.dc.gov, and our Transportation and Public Space Co-Chairs at 6ATPSChair@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



Officer Reports - Treasurer



Treasurer's Report December 2023

		December 1, 2023	November 1, 2023	October 1, 2023
Assets				
Type	Description			
Cash	Checking Account	\$ 40,217.39	\$ 40,217.39	\$ 30,911.33
Cash	Savings Account	\$ 100.05	\$ 100.05	\$ 100.05
Cash	Petty cash	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Liabilities				
Type	Description			
Current Liabilities	Accounts Payable	\$ 3,227.84		
Balance		\$ 37,114.60		

Individual/Organization	Expense	Amount	Check No.	Status
Irene Dworakowski	Administrative services Sept '23	\$ 765.89	2071	Unpaid
Anna Tsaar	Administrative services Sept '23	\$ 250.00	2074	Unpaid
Robb Dooling	Zoom Premium Sept '23	\$ 58.29	2075	Unpaid
Irene Dworakowski	Administrative services Oct '23	\$ 771.19	2076	Unpaid
Anna Tsaar	Administrative services Oct '23	\$ 250.00	2077	Unpaid
Robb Dooling	Zoom Premium Oct '23	\$ 58.29	2078	Unpaid
Irene Dworakowski	Administrative services Nov '23	\$ 765.89	2079	Unpaid
Anna Tsaar	Administrative services Nov '23	\$ 250.00	2080	Unpaid
Robb Dooling	Zoom Premium Nov '23	\$ 58.29	2081	Unpaid
		\$ 3,227.84		



Committee Reports

Community Outreach Committee (COC)



Minutes

ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Virtual Meeting via Zoom Regular Meeting - Nov. 27, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

COC members present: Adina Wadsworth (Chair), Gail Sullivan, Elizabeth Corinth, Angelique Dorazio Sanders, Clare Dougherty, Paul Spires

COC members absent: Stephanie Myers

ANC 6A Commissioners present: Amber Gove, Roberta Shapiro

Education Panel introduced:

Principal Steve Miller, Eastern High School
Principal Eric Fraser, Stuart-Hobson Middle School
Lena Heid, Connected Schools Facilitator, Eliot-Hine Middle School

Principal Miller on Eastern Senior High School:

- School on the rise
- Enrollment is up from 3 years ago (728, 835,870...projected to get to 900 students next year)
- IB—Only public high school with an IB Middle Years program (IB considered more rigorous than AP)
- EPIC—offers an honors program for 9th and 10th grade. In its third year.
- Dual enrollment programs with on-campus options (Wharton (Penn), Arizona State) offering college credit. Will likely double offerings next year
- IT Academy: 4-year set of courses so graduates can leave with 2-3 industry certifications
- NAF Health Sciences Academy offers EMT certification while still in high school
- Athletics, Esports, Band, Lady Gems—all award-winning at Eastern
- Capacity at Eastern is 1,200 students.

Questions from COC:

- Can high schoolers from other schools come to Eastern for Esports? Not clear if DCPS considers it a “sport” or “activity.” If “sport,” then yes.
- What is the typical class size? Depends on course, but usually in the teens or early twenties. PE is a larger class (30)
- How can the community support Eastern? Come to the school! See what Eastern is all about and the administration will plug you in.

Principal Fraser on Stuart-Hobson Middle School:

- Physically located in ANC6C, but borders three different ANCs
- Emphasizes a safe, predictable school day for students
- Pep assemblies once/month
- Modernized, state-of-the-art facilities.



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Community Outreach Committee (COC)



- Offers musical theater, visual arts, Band, basketball, football
- Enrollment is at 456 students (averages 440-470)
- Sixty percent from Ward 6; the rest from Wards 7 and 8; committed to holding a percentage of seats for students outside of the neighborhood
- High school acceptances: 23 Eastern; 11 School without Walls, 15 McKinley, 10 Duke Ellington, 7 Banneker
- Help prepare students for interviews and applications
- Seven period school day: 4 core classes, 2 electives everyday
- 40 students taking Algebra in eighth grade

Questions from COC:

- Can feeder elementary schools (JO Wilson) partner with Stuart-Hobson? Would the Jazz Ensemble band come to JO Wilson? Yes, reach out to the school. Biggest issue is transporting band equipment.

Lena Heid on Eliot Hine Middle School:

- EH has been drawn into Ward 7
- Culture driven by ERIC—Excellence, Responsibility, Integrity, Community
- Modernized facilities
- Middle Years IB school
- Offer accelerated math
- Enrollment is up. Five years ago, at 260 students. Today at 385 students and expected to continue growing
- Seventh graders are taking Algebra along with eighth graders
- Offering classes in Language & Literature; French and Spanish (must take both for at least one year for exposure); Visual Arts; Video Production
- Block scheduling of classes
- Social workers dedicated to mental health
- Summer bridge program for new sixth graders
- Grade 6 enrollment has exploded

December 2023 COC meeting: Will be canceled due to the conflict with holidays and other ANC 6A meetings.

New COC Chair: Chair Wadsworth's term ends in December. Will need to select new chair and induct new members to the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.



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Alcoholic Beverage and Licensing (ABL)



No report. EDZ did not meet in November 2023.



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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD

In the Matter of:)	
)	
Jerk At Nite, Inc.)	
t/a Jerk At Night)	
)	
Applicant for a New)	License No.: ABRA-126009
Retailer’s Class CR License)	Order No.: 2023-689
)	
at premises)	
1100 H Street, NE)	
Washington, D.C. 20002)	

Jerk At Nite, Inc., t/a Jerk At Night, Applicant

Erin Sullivan, on behalf of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A ABL Committee

BEFORE: Donovan Anderson, Chairperson
James Short, Member
Silas Grant, Jr., Member

ORDER ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The official records of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board (Board) reflect that Jerk At Nite, Inc., t/a Jerk At Night (Applicant), Applicant for a New Retailer’s Class CR License and ANC 6A have entered into a Settlement Agreement (Agreement), dated November 15, 2023, 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 Erin Sullivan, on behalf of ANC 6A, are signatories to the Agreement.



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Accordingly, it is this 6th day of December 2023, **ORDERED** that:

1. 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
2. Copies of this Order shall be sent to the Parties.



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District of Columbia
Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board

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Donovan Anderson
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Donovan Anderson, Chairperson

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James Short
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James Short, Member

Silas Grant, Jr., Member

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-433(d)(1), 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 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, DC 20009.

Also, pursuant to section 11 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 (30) 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 pursuant to 23 DCMR §1719.1 (2008) 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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Made this 15th day of November, 2023

by and between

Jerk At Night, Inc. t/a Jerk At Night (ABRA-126009)
1100 H Street, NE
Washington DC 20002

and

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Preamble

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

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

Witnesseth

Whereas, Applicant’s premises is within the boundaries of ANC 6A; and,

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

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

The Parties Agree As Follows:

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

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- c. Depositing trash, garbage, and recycling only in authorized rodent-proof dumpsters, and seeing that dumpster covers fit properly and remain fully closed except when trash, recycling, or garbage is being added or removed.
- d. Exercising due diligence to prevent and/or rid vermin infestation in and around the establishment, including following, minimally, the recommendations and guidelines of the Vector Control Division of the Department of Public Works.
- e. Assisting in maintenance of the curbs in front of the establishment to keep them free of trash and recycling, removing snow and ice from the sidewalk, and complying with all applicable D.C. laws and regulation in these respects.
- f. Generally tending to tree boxes directly in front of the subject premises, if any.
- g. Promptly removing or painting over any graffiti written on the exterior walls of the property.
- h. Requiring the owner and employees not to park on public space between the building and the curb.
- i. Not locating trash bins, chairs, tables, or other equipment on public space without a valid space permit.

2. Business Operations and Practices.

- a. Applicant will not, directly or indirectly, sell or deliver alcohol to any intoxicated person or to any person who appears to be intoxicated.
- b. Applicant agrees to take all necessary steps to prevent patron rowdiness, including refusing admission/service to rowdy and/or unruly persons.
- c. Applicant agrees to ensure that no patron shall bring an open container of an alcoholic beverage into the establishment from outside sources, nor shall exit the establishment with an open container of an alcoholic beverage.
- d. Applicant will not provide or sell alcoholic beverages “to go” except as authorized by DC law.
- e. Applicant agrees not to promote or participate in bar or pub “crawls” or any other event of this nature unless the event has been reviewed and approved by the ABC Board.
- f. The licensed establishment will be managed in person by Applicant or a board-licensed manager.
- g. Applicant, and all employees that are designated to serve alcoholic beverages, shall attend and complete an alcoholic beverage server training course/seminar.
- h. Applicant shall post a notice kept in good repair and visible from point of entry a sign that states:
 - i. Proper ID is required to be served and that the establishment will check IDs at all times prior to serving alcoholic beverages to patrons;
 - ii. It is illegal to sell alcohol to anyone under age 21;
 - iii. Patrons are requested not to litter, loiter, or make excessive noise in the neighborhood as they arrive or depart;
 - iv. Warning: Drinking alcoholic beverages during pregnancy can cause birth defects; and
 - v. The establishment requests that customers do not contribute to panhandlers.
- i. Applicant shall make every effort to prohibit and prevent criminal activity on or in front of the establishment premises, to include:
 - i. Calling appropriate emergency services if illegal activity is observed;
 - ii. Keeping a written record of dates and times (a “call log”) when emergency services are called for assistance; and
 - iii. Applicant will maintain a detailed incident log. An incident is defined as any activity by patrons of the establishment inside or immediately outside the establishment that could lead to an ABRA investigation. Each incident will contain the date, time, and location of each incident with a concise summary. Guests and staff involved or witnesses of the incident will be identified and listed. If there is a medical or police response, that information will also be noted.
- j. Upon request of the Board, Applicant’s call log and incident log shall be provided to the Board.
- k. Applicant will utilize and maintain high-intensity floodlights on the exterior of its premises so as to fully light any abutting alleyway from dusk until dawn, consistent with District of Columbia light



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- pollution regulations, 12-K DCMR § 409.
1. Applicant shall provide valet parking services only with valet parking companies as defined, licensed, and in compliance with D.C. Municipal Regulations Title 24 Chapter 16. Applicant will not engage in valet parking that results in vehicles parked in residential parking spaces.
 3. **Music / Dancing / Entertainment.**
 - a. Applicant agrees to ensure that sounds originating from within the establishment are mitigated by installing adequate soundproofing.
 - b. No sound, noise, music, or voices emanating from the licensed establishment shall be of such intensity that it may be heard in any premises other than the licensed establishment. This restriction does not apply to: (1) sound, noise, music, or voices heard in any premises which are located within a C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-M, or M zone, as defined in the zoning regulations for the District, and (2) sound, noise, music, or voices occasioned by the normal opening of entrance and exit doors for the purpose of ingress and egress.
 - c. In order to mitigate noise on a sidewalk café or summer garden the following steps will be taken:
 - i. Applicant shall not offer any type of entertainment or pre-recorded music on the summer garden and/or sidewalk café;
 - ii. A fence or other barrier will enclose the entire perimeter;
 - iii. No fewer than two signs will be clearly posted to remind guests to keep their voices at normal speaking volume;
 - iv. Staff will monitor the outdoor area to make sure guests do not raise their voices above normal speaking tones; and
 - v. Potted plants, trees, fountains, or other types of noise mitigation techniques will be incorporated into the decor.
 - d. The hours of operation for a sidewalk café and/or summer garden are limited until 11:00 pm Sunday through Thursday evenings and 12:00 am on Friday and Saturday evenings. The sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages must end at that time and the patio must be cleared of all patrons and staff.
 - e. Applicant may offer facilities for dancing for patrons only with an entertainment endorsement and may have recorded and background music without an entertainment endorsement. “Entertainment” means live music or any other live performance by an actual person, including live bands, karaoke, comedy shows, poetry readings, and disc jockeys. The term “entertainment” shall not include the operation of a jukebox, a television, a radio, or other prerecorded music.
 4. **Cooperation with ANC 6A.** Applicant is encouraged to work with ANC 6A, the Single Member District (SMD) ANC Commissioner within whose boundaries the establishment is located, the Chair of the ABL Committee, and other Commissioners whose SMDs are adjacent to the location of the establishment to address concerns arising from violations of this agreement.
 5. **Modifications.** This Agreement may be modified and such modification implemented by Applicant only by mutual agreement of the parties in writing and the subsequent approval of the modification by the ABC Board pursuant to DC Official Code § 25-446 or as required by District law.
 6. **Miscellaneous.**
 - a. Applicant shall retain a copy of this Settlement Agreement in the establishment and have it available for review upon request.
 - b. Applicant will operate in compliance with all applicable DC laws and regulations. Any reference to specific laws and regulations in this Settlement Agreement is meant for informational purposes only. ANC 6A does not intend for a violation of any DC law or regulation to also be considered a violation of this Settlement Agreement.
 - c. Applicant is encouraged to participate in a Business Improvement District if one exists.



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d. If any provision of this agreement, or any portion thereof, is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect.

7. Enforcement.

- a. If any party hereto believes in good faith that the applicant is in violation of this agreement, written notice specifying the alleged violation shall be delivered to the applicant. The applicant shall have ten (10) days after receipt of such written notice to come into compliance with this agreement or respond to said alleged notice of default. In cases where the defaulting Party reasonably requires more than ten (10) days to come into compliance, the defaulting Party shall, within ten (10) days, make substantial efforts toward compliance and pursue those efforts until the default is corrected.
- b. Applicant and the ANC 6A Commission agree to enter into this agreement. If the applicant should breach the conditions of this agreement and fail to come into compliance or make substantial efforts toward compliance as provided by Section 7(a) of this agreement, it is understood by all parties that the ANC 6A and/or its committees, or others may immediately petition the Alcohol Beverage Regulatory Administration (ABRA) to investigate violations of this agreement and take appropriate actions per 23 D.C.M.R.
- c. This Settlement Agreement is binding on the applicant and its successors and will continue in force for any and all subsequent license holders at this location.

In Witness Whereof

The parties have affixed hereto their hands and seals.

Applicant:

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By: _____ Date: 11/26/23

Signature: 

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Representative:

By: Erin Sullivan Date: 11/15/2023

Signature: 



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Transportation and Public Space (T&PS)



Minutes

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting

Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. Introductions & Announcements.

Committee members present: Shaun Lynch (Co-Chair), Caitlin Rogger (Co-Chair), Jeff Fletcher, Mark Sussman, Paul Angelone

Commissioners present: Amber Gove (ANC 6A Chair, 6A04), Keya Chatterjee (6A01)

- III. Old Business.

- A. DDOT update on the [Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project](#). Mr. Peyton Manning (Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project Outreach Team) and Mr. Nandlal Gevaria (Project Manager) updated the committee and community on progress on the Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project. Final repaving on 2nd and 6th Streets should be completed in a couple of weeks. Sidewalk work has moved down to 7th to 9th Streets NE on the south side. Outreach representatives have been out to the affected blocks to address concerns with affected neighbors and have ensured that trash and recycling will still get picked up. North side sidewalks work will continue in January and February 2024. Washington Gas continues working between 9th and 12th Streets NE and should be complete with all work by the end of January 2024. DC Water will be working on water and sewer lines in that area through the summer. The paving teams will continue work from 12th Street to H Street NE in the spring and then finish from 9th to 12th Streets NE after DC Water is complete. The team prioritized paving and marking 2nd to 6th Streets NE because it is heavily used by pedestrians and there are other commercial projects happening in that area.
 - i. Co-Chair Shaun Lynch asked about the delays to the sidewalk construction from M Street NE to 7th Street NE. Mr. Manning responded that he expects four more weeks until bio-retention is done, but sidewalks will be complete earlier.
 - ii. Commissioner Christy Kwan (ANC 6C 01) asked at what stage the concrete barriers will be installed. Mr. Gevaria responded that there were issues with the design of the concrete barriers as they did not match the approved plans for the avenue. He expects that they will be installed in the next two to three months. Commissioner Kwan also requested the project team update the website announcements page, as it has not been updated since October 2023.
 - iii. Co-Chair Lynch also updated the Committee that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) responded to Commissioner Chatterjee separately about the signalization of the traffic lights at K Street NE/12th Street NE/Florida Avenue NE/Montello Avenue NE intersections. DDOT says the signalization complies with federal safety standards, but that they will be adding 3 seconds to the leading pedestrian interval (LPI) at the intersection for vehicles traveling south onto 12th Street NE.

- IV. New Business.

- A. DDOT updates on the Vision Zero hardening design of the intersection at 11th Street NE/SE and East Capitol Street. Ms. [Emma Blondin](#), DDOT Transportation Specialist, presented the updated plans for the intersection. The 90% design removes the curb extensions due to extensive engineering and storm water work required. They also made the island much larger and install



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[Qwick Kurb®](#) posts on East Capitol Street to prevent vehicles from making U-turns. DDOT still intends to install this by the end of the year. Once complete, they hope to provide further input on a broader Lincoln Park traffic study.

- i. TPS Committee Member Mark Sussman noted the new design is a good compromise. He asked if the crosswalks to the island were at grade or raised. Ms. Blondin responded that it is at grade.
- ii. TPS Committee Member Jeff Fletcher asked if there were any other measures available to prevent people from making the U-turns on East Capitol Street. Ms. Blondin responded that the [Qwick Kurb®](#) posts planned for installation are a more robust form of flex post and should prevent the U-turns. She also noted seeing many instances of vehicles making that U-turn on East Capitol Street during site surveys.
- iii. Co-Chair Lynch noted that the 11th Street SE bike lane, south of East Capitol Street, remain unchanged from how they currently exist, which is a change from the earlier design. Ms. Blondin responded that shifting the bike lanes, as was originally designed, would have required other signalization changes that would have delayed the project. It also allowed the island to be larger.
- iv. Community Member Michael Cushman noted that there is no new signage on the north side of East Capitol Street [Lincoln Park]. The existing signs are not easy to see, and do not match the new marking. Ms. Blondin made a note on her design to ensure that is added. Mr. Cushman also asked if it was possible to give cyclists more of a bike lane at the curb on the north side of East Capitol Street opposite the pedestrian island. Ms. Blondin said that the hatched-out area on the pavement is designed to keep the cars out of there around the turn, though she expects they will still run over it. Mr. Cushman suggested a green path over the hatched area. Ms. Blondin said her team would revisit the bike lane in the area.
- v. Community Member D. Smith asked if the 11th Street crosswalk could be wider because it is regularly a congested area. She also expressed concern about reverting to an older traffic pattern regarding the left turn onto 11th Street NE from the north side of Lincoln Park. Ms. Blondin responded that the crosswalk has been widened to twenty feet and noted that signage at the left turn would be key.
- vi. Community Member Deborah Hirtz also noted the confusion of the left turn onto 11th Street NE. Committee Member Sussman clarified that, in this design, the right traffic lane has three options: continue straight through to Massachusetts Avenue NE; turn left onto the far-right lane of 11th Street to continue to the East Capitol Street turn; or turn left onto 11th Street NE and continue south. Existing markings do not facilitate continuing south on 11th Street and this causes last-second confusion for drivers unfamiliar with the intersection and abrupt lane-changing even by drivers who are familiar. Ms. Blondin agreed that the existing signs are very confusing, and agreed to consider adding larger and simplified signage, possibly in more locations.
- vii. Commissioner Amber Gove noted that there are also “No Turn on Red 7:00 am-7:00 pm” signs at that intersection of 11th Street NE and East Capitol Street [north side of Lincoln Park], where traffic cannot ever turn right onto 11th Street NE because it is one-way.
- viii. Community Member Jennifer [*no last name noted*] asked a question in the Q&A about whether the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) had been consulted about the narrowing of the turn onto East Capitol Street from 11th Street NE. Ms. Blondin responded that with the curb extensions removed in the new design it is less of an issue. DDOT does ensure that emergency vehicles, including National Guard vehicles are accommodated by the design, but they do not specifically consult with the National Guard.
- ix. Community Member Mark [*no last name noted*] asked a question in the Q&A about whether there are other additional measures that can be added to East Capitol Street to prevent



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drivers from making a U-turn. Ms. Blondin responded that the design as presented includes center line hardening (with the [Qwick Kurb®](#) posts), but that the road is not wide enough to install a center curb.

- x. Co-Chair Lynch asked how much longer DDOT is taking community comments. Ms. Blondin requested any additional comments by November 28, 2023 to her [email](#).
- B. Lincoln Park Traffic Design. Committee Member Sussman opened a conversation about the West Virginia Avenue NE. Co-Chair Lynch added that this topic has been brought up in several other TPS Committee meetings during discussion of adjacent Notices of Intent (NOIs) and is interested in what (if any) traffic studies have been conducted post-pandemic.
 - i. Commissioner Gove requested community members submit [Traffic Safety Investigation \(TSI\)](#) requests to the 311 system regarding Lincoln Park traffic safety issues
 - ii. Committee Member Sussman presented suggested goals of a new design: Dissuade cut-through traffic; Simplify traffic patterns; shorten pedestrian crossings by eliminating traffic lanes; and separate bikes and cars around the entirety of the park.
 - iii. Community Member Cushman asked about what the process is for redesigning this traffic flow and expressed concern that not enough notice or detail was provided about this topic in advance of the meeting. As for any modification to the existing flow, he believes that throttling any existing lanes around the park will ultimately result in cut-through traffic elsewhere in the neighborhood. Co-Chair Lynch responded that this Committee discussion was admittedly early in any process to make changes to the traffic pattern and was added as an agenda item as a matter of discussion specifically because it had been brought up on so many other occasions. No resolution to write a letter to DDOT was intended on being voted on. Mr. Cushman requested the Committee post links to the DDOT traffic and safety studies once they are complete, and recommended DDOT collect information on the “choke points” and traffic flows around the park.

V. Community Comment.

- A. Community Member Alex Kelly asked a question about the process of the Commission and the Committee distributing information about the meetings and collecting input from the community, and specifically why the October 2023 TPS Committee meeting minutes were not included in the November 2023 ANC 6A Commission Meeting. Co-Chair Lynch responded that the Committee Meeting minutes are due to the Commission at least three days in advance of the Commission meeting, and that the [Agendas](#) link on the ANC 6A website includes separate links to both a simple agenda and to full agenda package. The [November 9, 2023 ANC 6A meeting package](#) did include the October TPS Committee meeting minutes on page 72 of 111. Commissioner Gove added that the simple agenda includes the consent agenda and is posted a week prior to the Commission meeting, and that the full meeting package gets posted the night before the meeting.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.



Committee Reports
Economic Development and Zoning Committee



No report. EDZ did not meet in November 2023.



New Business



- **Suggested Motion:** ANC6A resolves to oppose Washington Gas' PROJECTpipes Phase 3 Application, authorize the Chair, Vice Chair, and/or their designee(s) to represent ANC 6A on this matter, and forward copies of our resolution to the DC Council, the Office of the Peoples Council, and the Office of Mayor Bowser.
- Discussion of methods for cooperation between Ward 6 ANCs on the processing of Ward 6 Cannabis applications under the Emergency Regulations and on gathering of data and community feedback for any future regulatory modifications.



ANC 6A RESOLUTION

December 2023

OPPOSITION TO WASHINGTON GAS' APPLICATION TO THE DC PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF THE PROJECTpipes 3 PLAN

Introduction

ANC 6A has been the unfortunate site of some of the implementation of “Project Pipes” with years of work ongoing on Florida Avenue NE. The Washington Gas contractors at this site have damaged the foundations of row houses on Florida Avenue NE and harassed constituents who are on foot and on bicycles. They have dropped metal plates from a height, having them crash down in front of homes; left loose metal plates on the roadway, resulting in neighbors being kept up at all hours with the sound of trucks running over metal plates; left rusty and rotting equipment in our community with no permit for the use of public space; failed to provide safe accommodations for pedestrians and people on bicycles, as required under DC law; and left construction vehicles idling for hours at a time in violation of DC law. The behavior of Washington Gas contractors has endangered the lives of our constituents. The shoddy work has also damaged cars passing through on Florida Avenue NE. We are appreciative of the efforts of DDOT to oversee and ameliorate the impact of this project, but the oversight is insufficient to prevent harm. The immediate impact of this unnecessary project is bad enough, but on top of that, the global impacts of Project Pipes are harrowing.

Global climate change is an existential danger, and it is worsening faster than expected. The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has released its Sixth Assessment Report indicating that “Earth is likely to cross a critical threshold for global warming within the next decade, and nations will need to make an immediate and drastic shift away from fossil fuels to prevent the planet from overheating dangerously beyond that level. . .” (New York Times, *Climate Change Is Speeding Toward Catastrophe. The Next Decade Is Crucial, U.N. Panel Says*, March 21, 2023)

The government of the District of Columbia has been at the national forefront in limiting greenhouse gas emissions that contribute directly to global warming. The District’s Building Energy Performance Standards require large existing commercial and residential buildings to increase their energy efficiency over time. In 2022, DC passed a law requiring that the District be “carbon neutral” by 2045, which means producing no greenhouse gas emissions that are not offset. At the same time, DC passed legislation requiring that after 2026 all new commercial building construction and major renovations be built to net-zero standards. DC also passed legislation requiring District government-owned or funded new buildings to be built to net-zero standards before 2026.



Moving towards carbon neutrality means there must be a decreased use of methane gas (so-called “natural gas”), particularly for building heat and hot water. However, Washington Gas Light Company (Washington Gas or WGL), the monopoly gas utility, is continuing a 40-year accelerated pipeline replacement project, PROJECTpipes, to replace nearly all of the gas infrastructure in the District.

The total PROJECTpipes cost is estimated at \$4.5 billion, which is paid by gas customers in the form of a gas rate surcharge, in addition to expenses already included in the regular rate.

Washington Gas is now asking the DC Public Service Commission (PSC) for \$671.8 million for Phase 3 of PROJECTpipes for the next five years, which is expected to cost the average District ratepayer at least an additional \$300 over that time period. Later phases of PROJECTpipes would cost ratepayers considerably more.

As has been shown in a recent report by the DC Department of Energy and the Environment, a significant number of the gas leaks in WGL’s system could be repaired at a fraction of the cost of full pipe replacement. When full replacement *is* truly necessary, as is sometimes the case, potentially WGL’s regular pipes maintenance program could adequately meet this need, discontinuing PROJECTpipes entirely.

As the District moves forward with electrification, there will be fewer ratepayers to cover the rising costs of gas infrastructure, thereby increasing the financial burden on remaining ratepayers, and disproportionately on low-income, disadvantaged gas customers. In addition, parts of the gas distribution system will be no longer used or useful and will become “stranded” assets, costs for which ratepayers, and possibly even taxpayers, will nonetheless be financially liable.

Consumer-quality “natural gas” burned in homes is up to 95% methane. When methane leaks, as it does regularly from the drilling and pipe network, as well as from household appliances, it adds to global warming at more than 80 times the rate of carbon dioxide in the 20 years after emission. Methane combustion in gas-powered appliances produces toxic air pollutants including nitrogen oxides, formaldehyde, benzene, and particulates, as well as both carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide.

Washington Gas needs to engage in a robust planning process to redefine its business model as the District of Columbia weans itself off fossil fuels.

The DC Public Service Commission must develop a plan to phase out the use of greenhouse-gas-producing fuels in coordination with the transition to clean, renewable energy.

WHEREAS: Washington Gas contractors implementing ‘Project Pipes’ on Florida Ave NE have damaged property and decreased the well-being of our constituents;

WHEREAS: Global climate change is an existential danger, and it is worsening faster than expected;

WHEREAS: The District of Columbia has committed through legislation to protecting the climate by reducing greenhouse gas emissions to a net-zero level by 2045;



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WHEREAS: PROJECTpipes is an exorbitantly expensive and wasteful plan that will keep the District locked into using methane fuels for decades to come; and

WHEREAS: Placing the burden on gas ratepayers to maintain a polluting and dangerous gas distribution system is unacceptable as the District moves away from methane fuels toward electrification;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A of the District of Columbia opposes Washington Gas' PROJECTpipes Phase 3 Application;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6A calls upon our elected officials to protect the interests of the residents of the District of Columbia over those of the monopoly utility, Washington Gas, and to hold hearings and work to oppose further harmful work under the auspices of 'Project Pipes'. Specifically, we ask our elected officials to ensure that Washington Gas engages in a robust planning process to redefine its business model as the District of Columbia weans itself off fossil fuel and that The DC Public Service Commission develops a plan to phase out the use of greenhouse-gas-producing fuels to bring about a just and equitable transition to clean, renewable energy, consistent with DC law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair, Vice Chair, and/or their designee(s) are authorized to represent ANC6A on this matter. Copies of this resolution will be sent to the DC Council, The Office of the Peoples Council, and the Office of Mayor Bowser.