

Minutes
**ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Regular Meeting - March 28, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Quorum present.

COC members present: Marc Friend (Acting Chair), Sarah Bell and Adina Wadsworth

COC members absent: Roni Hollmon (Chair), Gladys Mack and Jason Gresh

Commissioners present: Amber Gove

Panelists: Lora Nunn, Vice President, Friends of Kingman and Heritage Islands

Community members present: none

A round of introductions were made. Adina Wadsworth was welcomed to her first COC meeting as a member.

Ms. Lora Nunn gave a history of the Kingman and Heritage Islands. In 2018, the Mayor announced a 4.7 million dollar investment in the Islands. Control shifted to the Department of Energy and Environment, the Islands were designated as a state conservation area and the southern portion of Kingsman Island was designated as a critical wildlife area.. Day to day management is done by Living Classrooms, a non-profit organization based in Baltimore that conducts educational programs in District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) across the city. There is a Junior Ranger program under the summer jobs program for high school students , in addition to the Ranger Program for adults which introduces and trains individuals for jobs in the green sector. There is also the Kingman Explorers Program for elementary school children and their parents to visit and have hands-on experience.

There will be an Earth Day Clean Up on April 23, 2022, a City Nature Challenge on April 29 to May 2, 2022. Frog Watch is on the 3rd Thursday each month. The program requires online training; participants go out for 2 hours and monitor the frogs on the islands.

Committee Member Wadsworth inquired if the Mayor had mentioned anything about Kingman Island at her press conference. Ms. Nunn responded not specifically; there is a lot of discussion, but nothing concrete.

Committee Member Sarah Bell inquired about volunteer opportunities.

Ms. Nunn said that more changes are coming, such as bathroom facilities. Right now they are focusing on eco reconstruction. There is currently removal of bush sickles. They are having some board changes right now, so they will be able to have regular opportunities.

Commissioner Amber Gove inquired about the last Events DC meeting and where to send people for information. Ms. Nunn said the best place is the Facebook page. They are in the process of moving their list serve to another provider and will have that up soon. As far as the meeting, it was fiscally focused, there is no timeline on the demolition of the stadium.

Metro is working on Lot 6 and there will be construction there for the next 18 months. Her group is advocating for continued access to the area during construction.

Commissioner Gove inquired about the Dog Behavior Program and its effectiveness. Ms. Nunn said now that fines have been sorted out, enforcement of violations of the leash law with tickets should happen going forward.

Commissioner Gove inquired how ANC 6A can help with a grant. Ms. Nunn said, with the board in flux, they do not have a clear picture yet.

Acting Chair Marc Friend inquired about any letters of support that ANC 6A could write on the organization's behalf. Ms. Nunn said there was none presently.

Everyone thanked Ms. Nunn for a fabulous presentation and she thanked the group for allowing her to come and would be sending information for ANC 6A Facebook page.

The meeting adjourned 7:51 pm.