

Minutes
**ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) of
Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Regular Meeting - September 27, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

Quorum present.

COC members present: Roni Hollmon (Chair), Sarah Bell, Stephanie Thangavelu, Gladys Mack and Marc Friend

COC members absent: Jason Gresh

Commissioners present: Amber Gove, Laura Gentile

Presenters: Kris Garrity, DC Universal Basic Income (UBI) Coalition

Community members present: none

UBI Coalition - Mx. Garrity gave an in depth presentation on UBI and how it differs from Guaranteed Income. After a robust discussion and understanding the importance of having Mayor Bowser move this idea forward, the Committee decided a letter is necessary. Mx. Garrity encouraged everyone to sign the petition which is located at <https://tinyurl.com/DCUBIPetition>

Recommendation: Chair Hollmon moved and Committee Member Thangavelu seconded that a letter of support be written on behalf of the UBI Coalition, urging Mayor Bowser to join the [Mayors for a Guaranteed Income](#) (MGI), as one demonstration of support for a guaranteed income for the residents of the District of Columbia. Motion passed 6-0-1.

FY2022 Budget Proposal - Commissioner Alcorn could not attend the meeting due to an emergency. ANC Chair Gove desired to get input, on behalf of the Treasurer, to some questions.

First issue on the table is, given the ANC payments are behind at least 6 months, how much money should the ANC hold in reserve? The consensus was 9 months to a year since the money does not disappear at the end of the fiscal year. However, given the redistricting process, if the ANC loses some residents, the amount of distribution would change accordingly; that would impact FY23 and not FY22.

Questions from the COC - How much money does the ANC currently have in reserve? When does the ANC anticipate receiving payments from the DC government that are in arrears?

Second issue on the table is in-person meetings versus virtual meetings. ANC Chair Gove recommends that all Committees remain virtual. At some point the ANC meeting may need to be held in person or hybrid. ANC Chair Gove has been in negotiations with Eliot Hine Middle School Media Department, run by Mr. Birks, to have the students record and stream the meeting, but that will not be until at least February 2022 or later, depending on COVID protocols. Currently ANC 6A does not have to print agendas, but the ANC wasted quite a bit of money doing so, as many were thrown away at the end of the night.

Committee Member Thangavelu suggested the ANC use a QR code where constituents could pull up the agenda on their phone and limit the amount of agendas printed.

Chair Hollmon suggested that the ANC find out from Mr. Birks if it would be possible to stream on one of the DC Public Access Stations, thus broadening the ANC's reach further.

All agreed that the ANC could certainly cut costs. ANC Chair Gove said that a raise for the note taker would also be included in the budget, since the position had not been given a raise since 2014. The services of the note taker and the webmaster are necessary expenditures and employ constituents within our ANC.

Chair Hollmon requested that ANC Chair Gove request Commissioner Alcorn get something to the COC as soon as possible, for our information and for posting on Facebook.

Community Comments - Chair Hollmon received permission from ANC Chair Gove to write our DOJ Prosecutor to inquire why so many plea deals are being accepted from January 6 arrestees. Chair Hollmon will include ANC Chair Gove in the email.

Committee Member Friend shared that he attended the 5D meeting, which was not posted anywhere and he had to call the precinct to get the information. He requested that we have 5D appear before the ANC. ANC Chair Gove said the October agenda was full, but will get MPD in soon.

Meeting adjourned 7:58 pm.