

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E
Public Meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 2018**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened at the Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Library, 1630 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC, on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Alex Marriott, Chair, ANC 6E05
Frank S. Wiggins, Vice Chair/Treasurer, ANC 6E03
David Jaffe, Secretary, ANC 6E04
Alexander M. Padro, ANC 6E01
Anthony Brown, ANC 6E02
Kevin M. Rogers, ANC 6E07

Absent:

Alvin Judd, ANC 6E06

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Marriott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the presence of a quorum was noted.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Jaffe seconded that the Agenda be approved as submitted. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Brown, Marriott, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

III. PSA REPORTS – 1D, 3D, 5D

Crime statistics for the indicated periods are as follows:

Crime stats for 1D Police District (PSA 103)	Number of crimes reported between:		
Crime Type	1/1/17-1/31/17	1/1/18-1/31/18	Change
Homicide	1	0	↓
Sex Abuse	0	0	↔
Robbery Excluding Gun	1	4	↑
Robbery With Gun	1	0	↓
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	3	1	↓
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	0	0	↔
Total Violent Crime	6	5	↓

Crime stats for 1D Police District (PSA 103)		Number of crimes reported between:	
Burglary	0	0	↔
Theft	21	20	↓
Theft F/Auto	25	3	↓
Stolen Auto	1	1	↔
Arson	0	0	↔
Total Property Crime	47	24	↓
Total Crime	53	29	↓

Crime stats for 3D Police District (PSA 308)		Number of crimes reported between:	
Crime Type	1/1/17-1/31/17	1/1/18-1/31/18	Change
Homicide	0	0	↔
Sex Abuse	0	0	↔
Robbery Excluding Gun	1	1	↔
Robbery With Gun	0	1	↑
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	2	1	↓
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	2	1	↓
Total Violent Crime	5	4	↓
Burglary	2	2	↔
Theft	22	16	↓
Theft F/Auto	27	22	↓
Stolen Auto	4	1	↓
Arson	0	0	↔
Total Property Crime	55	41	↓
Total Crime	60	45	↓

Crime stats for 5D Police District (PSA 501)		Number of crimes reported between:	
Crime Type	1/1/17-1/31/17	1/1/18-1/31/18	Change
Homicide	0	0	↔
Sex Abuse	0	0	↔
Robbery Excluding Gun	1	1	↔
Robbery With Gun	4	1	↓
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	1	1	↔
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	1	1	↔
Total Violent Crime	7	4	↓
Burglary	9	2	↓
Theft	25	41	↑
Theft F/Auto	38	22	↓
Stolen Auto	3	2	↓
Arson	0	0	↔
Total Property Crime	75	67	↓
Total Crime	82	71	↓

3D (PSA 308) - Lieutenants Thomas H. Smith, III and Paul Hrebenak who work on the Evening and Midnight shifts, respectively, reported on crime. They noted an increase in package thefts and Thefts from Auto, particularly in the night life area. For residents who do not want to call in a crime, they urged them to text 50411 to report a crime and also attach photos if possible.

Commissioner Padro stated the following: (1) there has been a rash of break-ins and armed robberies of businesses after midnight; (2) there has been an uptick in street robberies and assaults north of F Street, NW.

IV. SPECIAL GUEST: COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES ALLEN

Special guest, Councilmember Charles Allen, provided an update on a number of his activities per the following:

- 1. Committee Oversight and Budget Oversight Hearings:** Performance Oversight Hearings for the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, of which he is Chair, will be held this month.
- 2. NEAR Act:** The Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results (NEAR) Amendment Act of 2016 is funded by the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety. It is a comprehensive crime-prevention bill that supports a public health approach to reducing violence and collaborative work with human services agencies to address unmet behavioral and mental health needs. NEAR creates the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement and the Office of Violence Prevention and Health Equity.
- 3. Camera Rebate Program:** The Private Security Camera Incentive Program encourages residents, businesses, non-profits, and religious institutions to install security camera systems on their property and register them with the Metropolitan Police Department. Homeowners and renters are eligible for a \$500 rebate. So far, there have been 3,000 applicants and 8,000 cameras installed which have helped police close cases.
- 4. Housing Incentive Program – Police and Firefighters:** The DC City Council enacted into law his bill that provides up to \$45,000 in down payment assistance for police, firefighters, EMTs, and corrections officers toward the purchase of their first home in the District. Only about 20 percent of DC's first responders live in DC, and the number one barrier they face is the cost of housing.
- 5. Rat Abatement:** There are only nine (9) inspectors and abatement officers, some performing inspection duties and the others abatement duties. He would like to have these personnel perform both inspection and abatement at the same time. He also wants to toughen the laws governing how businesses, including restaurants, store trash. He noted that a number of restaurants have started indoor trash storage.

6. **Shaw Middle School:** He stated that he has pushed and pushed for the school to be reopened and rebuilt to no avail. He put in the budget a feasibility study but DCPS did not act on it. He would like to put \$3 million in the budget to kick start a planning process for Shaw Middle School to be reopened and modernized.
7. **Affordable Housing:** He noted that Ward 6 is the largest ward in the city. 1,500 new homes have been added in Ward 6, with another 1,500 in the pipeline. This is still not enough. He is trying to focus on 2-3 bedroom units.
8. **Small Business Growth:** Ward 6 is a good environment for new businesses and he would like to see the growth of small businesses and entrepreneurs continue.
9. **Constituent Services Coordinator Vacancy:** His office is hiring for a new Constituent Services Coordinator to replace Jamaal Jordan who left to pursue a position as Senior External Affairs Specialist at Pepco Holdings.

Question and Answer Period

1. Commissioner Jaffe asked about the Councilmember's bill to sponsor changes at DCRA.

The Councilmember responded that he has co-introduced legislation to break up the DCRA into two entities: **(1) Department of Buildings** (responsible for all building, construction and inspection duties); and **(2) Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection** (responsible for regulatory investigation, consumer protection, and business/professional licensing). The legislation will bring in professionals to serve 5 year terms.
2. Commissioner Padro thanked the Councilmember for his concern about Shaw Middle School. Commissioner Padro advised he has been contacted by parents of four different wards and will be starting regular meetings to press the Mayor to take action. He also advised that the perimeter lights of the school are dark and requested the Councilmember to send an email to the Director of DGS.
3. Members of the community made comments and asked questions regarding the NEAR Act.

V. SPECIAL GUEST: PRESIDENT KENYATTAH ROBINSON OF MVT CID – UPDATE ON OPEN SPACES STUDY

Kenyattah Robinson, President of the Mount Vernon Triangle CID, provided a slide presentation regarding their Open Spaces Study. In response to neighborhood and public input advocating that the preservation and addition of green, open and public-use spaces is of utmost importance, the MVT CID engaged a consulting team to facilitate a strategic planning effort to meet the neighborhood's identified open space requirements. The results of the study, which commenced in December and will take approximately two to three months to complete, will help outline future opportunities for this shared community resource and amenity.

As part of the study, the consultants—AECOM and Robinson Public Affairs—will assess potential sites, engage with community stakeholders, and research international best practices for the design and programming of urban parks. An open space strategy will be developed based on community feedback.

The slide presentation addressed Study Approach and Methodology, Study Timeline, Public Meeting and Planning Workshop, Locations for Consideration, and Activities Polled.

The community will be kept apprised of the study's progress.

VI. 1704 10TH STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR HPRB DESIGN CONCEPT APPROVAL FOR RENOVATION AND ADDITION (URBAN CAPITAL) [6E01]

Commissioner Padro introduced Emilie Rottman of Square 134 Architects who spoke regarding the request for support of 1704 10th Street, NW, for HPRB Design Concept Approval and a waiver from the Public Space requirements for a staircase to extend into public space. She advised that the goal is to keep the site a single family residence with an option for a rental unit in the basement.

Commissioner Brown advised the Zoning Committee met, had no issues with the applicant, and voted unanimously to approve the applicant's request.

Commissioner Padro advised that the civic association also met with the applicant.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Jaffe seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request of 1704 10th Street, NW for HPRB Design Concept Approval. Further, that ANC 6E also support the Public Space relief required to allow the staircase to extend into public space, and that said support be communicated in writing to the HPRB and the Public Space Committee of DDOT. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Brown, Marriott, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

VII. 1300 AND 1400 BLOCKS OF 6TH STREET, NW, FIRST RISING MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH AND SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT TO EXTEND DIAGONAL PARKING UNTIL 6:30 P.M. ON SUNDAYS [6E02 AND 6E03]

It was noted that DDOT was favorable to this request for support.

MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request for support of First Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church and Springfield Baptist Church to extend diagonal parking until 6:30 p.m. on Sundays in the 1300 and 1400 blocks of 6th Street NW and that said support be communicated in writing to DDOT. The Motion **passed**, 5 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Brown, Marriott, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Jaffe).

VIII. 433 M STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE TO CONVERT AN EXISTING CARRIAGE HOUSE TO A THIRD ONE-FAMILY DWELLING UNIT [6E04]

Alex Wilton spoke regarding the request for support of 433 M Street, NW, for BZA special exception relief and variance relief from the alley access requirements in order to convert an existing carriage house to a third one-family dwelling unit. The Zoning Committee met and voted in favor of the application.

MOTION: Commissioner Jaffe moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request of 433 M Street, NW for BZA special exception relief and variance relief from the alley access requirements in order to convert an existing carriage house to a third one-family dwelling unit, and that said support be communicated in writing to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Brown, Marriott, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

IX. ALLEYWAY OF 400 BLOCK OF M STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR OFFICIALLY NAMING THE ALLEYWAY [6E04]

The resident of 1131 5th Street, NW (Rear) spoke regarding his request for support for legislation to officially name the alley where he lives, based on the following considerations: (1) mail and package delivery; (2) visitors; (3) safety; and (4) sense of place. He proposed that it be named “Historic Yale Alley.”

MOTION: Commissioner Jaffe moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that, on behalf of the resident at 1131 5th Street, NW (Rear), ANC 6E provide a letter of support to Councilmember Charles Allen to begin the study process to have the alley named. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Brown, Marriott, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

X. 207 NEW YORK AVENUE, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF VARIANCE TO ALLOW RETAIL SPACE

The applicant is requesting support for a use variance to allow for a retail establishment at 207 New York Avenue, NW.

The Zoning Committee met and noted that the material on the front façade did not match. The applicant advised that the developer will correct this. Thereafter, the Zoning Committee supported the application.

MOTION: Commissioner Jaffe moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request for a use variance to allow for a retail establishment at 207 New York Avenue, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA), with the additional request that whatever the retail establishment is, it not have a liquor license. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Brown, Marriott, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XI. 400 K STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A RETAILER'S CLASS "C" RESTAURANT LICENSE (BW3, LLC) [6E05]

The applicant is requesting ANC 6E support for a Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License with an Entertainment Endorsement and a sidewalk café.

Commissioner Marriott negotiated a Settlement Agreement which included adjustments in outdoor seating, rodent control, hours of operation, and restrictions on front loading/ deliveries. ANC 6E's ABC Licensing Committee met and voted to support the application, contingent upon the applicant's compliance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

MOTION: Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request for support of BW3, LLC, 400 K Street, NW for a Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License, contingent upon the applicant's compliance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement, and that said support be communicated in writing to the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Administration (ABRA). The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Brown, Marriott, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XII. RHYTHM & EATS, LLC T/A PRATHER'S ON THE ALLEY, 455 I STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR STIPULATED RETAILER'S CLASS "C" RESTAURANT LICENSE [6E05]

Matthew Minora of Mallios & O'Brien, PLLC spoke regarding the request of Prather's on the Alley, 455 I Street, NW, for a stipulated Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License. Inside capacity will be 99; the outdoor café will have 30 seats. A Settlement Agreement was negotiated on Hours of Operation. There is no Entertainment Endorsement.

MOTION: Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Jaffe seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request for support of Prather's on the Alley, 455 I Street, NW, for a stipulated Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License, contingent upon the applicant's compliance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement, and that said support be communicated in writing to the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Administration (ABRA). The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Brown, Marriott, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XIII. REQUEST FOR A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEAR ACT

The text of the Resolution is attached and made a part of these Minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that ANC 6E sign the proposed Resolution in Support of Full Implementation of the NEAR Act. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Brown, Marriott, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XIV. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Parking Issues: Commissioner Jaffe stated he had a conversation with DDOT about Resident Only Parking on the 200 block of N Street, NW, the 400 block of M Street, NW, and the 1100 block of 4th and Ridge Streets, NW. He was informed that DDOT will only be considering Resident Only Parking on a SMD basis.

Commissioner Wiggins stated the constituents in his SMD are NOT seeking Restricted Residential Parking, although not against restricted parking in 6E 04. It would be harmful to the Convention Center and parishioners coming to and from their place of worship in 6E 03.

MOTION: Commissioner Jaffe moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that ANC 6E provide a letter to DDOT requesting their support to implement a feasibility study for residents of 6E 04 and 6E 03. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Brown, Marriott, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XVI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ANC 6E 1/2/18 PUBLIC MEETING

MOTION: Commissioner Jaffe moved and Commissioner Marriott seconded that the Minutes of the **ANC 6E Public Meeting of January 2, 2018** be approved. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Marriott, Brown, Rogers, and Jaffe) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XVII. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Wiggins reported that the balance in the checking account as of January 31, 2018 is \$52,728.20.

MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Jaffe seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Marriott, Brown, Rogers, and Jaffe) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XVIII. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

MOTION: Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that the invoice submitted by Karen Jehle in the amount of \$250.00 for recording services for the **ANC 6E Public Meeting of February 6, 2018** and development of the website be approved. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Brown, Wiggins, Marriott, Rogers, and Jaffe) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XIX. SECRETARY'S REPORT ON ANC 6E WEBSITE

Commissioner Jaffe reported that the website is currently in the final stages of development. The developers are finalizing all the different pages and will begin to request content for the site. Commissioner Jaffe requested that the other commissioners send over photos, a short bio, and their preferred contact method to be added to the website. It is hoped to have the website up and running by the next meeting.

XX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A.** A representative of the DC College Savings Plan spoke briefly about the Plan which the District has implemented to help DC residents save for college and vocational expenses on a tax-free basis. The representative left brochures for the community. More information can be found at: dc529.com
- B.** Commissioner Padro advised that February is Black History Month and he will be serving as a guide for tours of the Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site, 1538 9th Street, NW, on Saturday, February 24, 2018.

XXI. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 6, 2018, Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Neighborhood Library, 1630 7th Street, NW, 6:30 p.m.

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Jaffe seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The Motion ***passed*** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Judd, Marriott, Rogers, and Jaffe) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Attachment: NEAR Resolution

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E
Resolution In Support Of Full Implementation Of The NEAR Act

Whereas, the Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results (NEAR) Act is law in the District of Columbia;

Whereas, the Act passed the DC Council unanimously in March of 2016, and had the support of the following current¹ Councilmembers representing this ANC

Anita Bonds (At Large)
David Grosso (At Large)
Phil Mendelson (Chair, At Large)
Elissa Silverman (At Large)

Charles Allen (Ward 6);

Whereas, the Act has been fully-funded in the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget;

Whereas, the Act codified a number of comprehensive approaches to preventing violence before it occurs that are evidence-based, community-focused, and have proven to reduce violence by up to 80% when fully and faithfully implemented;

Whereas, the Act created two offices, the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) and the Office of Violence Prevention and Health Equity (OVPHE), and established a range of new statistical measures to collect and publicly-report comprehensive information on community violence, police violence and other police activities;

Whereas, the purpose of ONSE is to identify individuals at the greatest risk of committing or being the victim of violence, and to provide intensive wraparound services to prevent violence, including supporting those at-risk community members while they transition to job and educational opportunities;

Whereas, ONSE was established in 2017 and under the FY 2018 Budget, required to be fully operational before the close of FY 2018, with an Executive Director who will oversee a staff of *at least* five full-time “violence interrupters” as well as community workers doing similar work, and will also take over the administration of a grant-making program designed to bolster community efforts to address violence;

Whereas, in the FY 2018 Budget, OVPHE has been implemented through the creation of the Office of Health Equity in the Department of Health and the creation of a pilot program to better connect emergency rooms to trauma services for victims of community violence;

Whereas, the Act established the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Community Crime Prevention Team (CCPT) Pilot Program to ensure that the MPD can refer persons who might be

¹ See <http://lms.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B21-0360?FromSearchResults=true>. Councilmembers Vincent Gray (Ward 7), Robert White (At Large), and Trayon White (Ward 8) were not on the Council at the time.

homeless, have mental disorders, or substance abuse disorders to available services at the Department of Behavioral Health or Department of Human Services, and mandates the creation of “at least five teams comprised of mental health clinicians, outreach specialists, and MPD officers”;

Whereas, the Act required the MPD to collect and publicize data on information regarding all “stops and frisks” conducted in the District, including the race, gender, and date of birth of each person stopped, as well as whether and for what reason each stop resulted in a search and/or arrest;

Whereas, the Act reestablished the Comprehensive Homicide Elimination Strategy Task Force to develop a plan to eliminate homicide in the District, and required the Task Force to have twenty members (half appointed by the [Mayor](#) and half appointed by the [Council](#)) who, as of December 1, 2017, have now been appointed;

Whereas, community engagement, public awareness, and government transparency are critical to the success of the comprehensive, evidence-based approaches in the NEAR Act; and

Whereas, members of the DC community care deeply about ensuring that all elements of the NEAR Act are fully and faithfully implemented as promised, including a sufficient number of staff and violence interrupters, an effective job training program, and comprehensive statistical measurement system(s) to track and report the progress and outcomes of the Act’s programs and police activities;

Therefore, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E urges:

1. The **MPD** to affirm their commitment to following the law by collecting, reporting and regularly publicizing comprehensive information on community encounters with police, including community complaints, use of force incidents, and detailed information on every resident stopped by police, the reason for stopping them, and the result of the encounter;
2. The **Council** of the District of Columbia and the **Mayor** to publicly affirm their commitment to fully implementing all elements of the NEAR Act, including job training and data collection and reporting components;
3. The **Director of ONSE** to commit to serving at least 50 individuals per quarter and to supporting a full staff of *at least* five violence interrupters;
4. The **Director of ONSE** and the **Mayor** to commit to actively and regularly seeking meaningful input and participation from community organizations and residents - in particular those individuals and organizations who have previously engaged in violence interruption work with or without government support - with a written and publicly-available plan for regular outreach and community input;

5. The **Council and the Mayor** to make the Comprehensive Homicide Elimination Strategy Task Force a permanent Board or Commission rather than dissolving after producing one Report;
6. The **Mayor and the MPD** to commit to immediately implementing the Community Crime Prevention Team Pilot Program and the creation of “at least five teams comprised of mental health clinicians, outreach specialists, and MPD officers”;
7. The **Mayor, relevant Deputy Mayors, the Chief of Police, and the Directors of the ONSE, OVPHE, Department of Health, Department of Behavioral Health, Department of Human Services, Department of Employment Services, Department of Parks and Recreation**, and any other relevant individuals or government offices to commit to regularly and transparently reporting to the public on the progress and outcomes of NEAR Act provisions;
8. The **Council and Mayor** to commit to providing sufficient attention, staff, and resources to effectively accomplish all elements of the NEAR Act, and to make DC an example for a better approach to public safety.

The Commission would like to extend an invitation to the offices of the Mayor, the ONSE, and the MPD to join us at our next meeting [on _____] to begin a dialogue in regards to our requests. If you are unable to join we can reschedule or would welcome a written response by [January 1, 2018.]

ADOPTED ON _____