

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

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened at the Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Library, 1630 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC, on Tuesday, March 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

Absent:

Alvin Judd, ANC 6E06
Kevin M. Rogers, ANC 6E07

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that the Agenda be approved as submitted. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 5 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Brown, and Marriott) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

III. SPECIAL GUEST: CONGRESSWOMAN ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton made some brief remarks on a number of subjects per the following:

(1) Republicans tried to overturn 151 laws, but were unsuccessful; three **(3)** of those were gun control laws; **(2)** her DC Statehood Bill continues to attract cosponsors; **(3)** she is a member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and was able to secure the majority of federal funding for rebuilding the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge (South Capitol Street Bridge) which is a vital gateway into two **(2)** new revenue-producing projects – the WHARF on the Southwest Waterfront and the Yards Park on the Southeast Waterfront; **(4)** DC Tuition Assistance Grants (DCTAG) – she secured \$40 million for DC Tuition Assistance Grants for a second straight year in the FY 2017 DC spending bill and she is fighting for a third straight year for \$40 million as FY 2018 budget negotiations continue; **(5)** stated in her opinion that the reduction of the State and

Local Tax (SALT) deduction in the Tax Reform bill will hurt the District of Columbia; **(6)** St. Elizabeths Campus – the \$400 million provided in the Administration’s FY 2019 budget for the new Department of Homeland Security (DHS) headquarters will be used by six (6) Homeland Security agencies and will provide construction job opportunities in the District; **(7)** Government Shutdown – if there is another government shutdown, her office will remain open; **(8)** Concealed Carry Bill – a Concealed Carry bill, with 80 co-sponsors, was defeated; **(9)** Frederick Douglass – she has been appointed to serve on the Frederick Douglass Bicentennial Commission which will plan, develop and carry out programs and activities throughout 2018 during the bicentennial anniversary of his birth.

A question and answer period followed. **(1)** Commissioner Jaffe asked about dedicated funding for the Metro; She responded that she is Chair of one of Metro’s subcommittees and noted that Uber and Lyft are big competitors; **(2)** A resident asked about the prospects of passage of her bill clarifying that the District of Columbia and the National Park Service (NPS) have the authority to enter into cooperative management agreements to maintain and operate NPS properties in the city, such as Franklin Park. The rehabilitation of Franklin Park would be funded through a public-private partnership between NPS, the D.C. government and the Downtown Business Improvement District (BID); **(3)** Commissioner Marriott asked about triangle parks; **(4)** a resident asked the Congresswoman’s opinion about the FBI staying in DC. She responded that consolidating more employees at the Hoover Building could mean more economic activity and development for DC.

IV. 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	2/1/17-2/28/17	2/1/18-2/28/18	Change
Homicide	0	0	↔
Sex Abuse	1	0	↓
Robbery Excluding Gun	4	3	↓
Robbery With Gun	1	0	↓
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	0	2	↑
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	0	0	↔
Total Violent Crime	6	5	↓
Burglary	0	1	↑
Theft	17	25	↑
Theft F/Auto	11	13	↑
Stolen Auto	2	1	↓
Arson	0	0	↔
Total Property Crime	30	40	↑
Total Crime	36	45	↑

Crime stats for 3D Police District (PSA 308)		Number of crimes reported between:		
Crime Type	2/1/17-2/28/17	2/1/18-2/28/18	Change	
Homicide	0	0	↔	
Sex Abuse	1	1	↔	
Robbery Excluding Gun	3	1	↓	
Robbery With Gun	0	0	↔	
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	1	1	↔	
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	1	1	↔	
Total Violent Crime	6	4	↓	
Burglary	0	2	↑	
Theft	10	13	↑	
Theft F/Auto	20	15	↓	
Stolen Auto	0	1	↑	
Arson	0	0	↔	
Total Property Crime	30	31	↑	
Total Crime	36	35	↓	

Crime stats for 5D Police District (PSA 501)		Number of crimes reported between:		
Crime Type	2/1/17-2/28/17	2/1/18-2/28/18	Change	
Homicide	0	0	↔	
Sex Abuse	0	1	↑	
Robbery Excluding Gun	1	0	↓	
Robbery With Gun	1	2	↑	
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	2	2	↔	
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	0	0	↔	
Total Violent Crime	4	5	↑	
Burglary	1	6	↑	
Theft	10	11	↑	
Theft F/Auto	19	15	↓	
Stolen Auto	5	7	↑	
Arson	0	0	↔	
Total Property Crime	35	39	↑	
Total Crime	39	44	↑	

1D (PSA 103) – Lt. Jason Bagshaw reported that Violent Crime is down 17% compared to last year. Big issues are: (1) Thefts from Auto; and (2) cell phone snatches in the Chinatown area. Contact info: jason.bagshaw@dc.gov

3D (PSA 308) – Lieutenant Thomas H. Smith, III reported on package thefts. He advised an individual was arrested and charged with four (4) offenses. However, the Attorney General charged him with only one offense because the quality of the video was not definitive. He urged residents that if they have video, to please report it. Commissioner Padro asked about a drive-by at 8th & R Streets and whether it was random. He urged MPD to communicate with the property management companies in that area.

5D (PSA 501) – Sgt. Brown reported that Violent Crime is down significantly over the past 30 days. There has been a bit of a problem with thefts in NoMa and MPD mountain bikes have been deployed in that area. There have been no Robberies or Homicides in the past seven days. Commissioner Jaffe stated he lives across from Dunbar High School and that during the summer there is smoking in the alley at Kirby and N Street, NW. He requested more active patrols in that area. He also raised an issue of construction workers parking on his street and that there is no parking enforcement there.

V. SPECIAL GUEST: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, CHRISTOPHER SHORTER

Christopher Shorter stated that the Department of Public Works (DPW) is divided into two areas: (1) solid waste management; and (2) parking enforcement. He asked a number of his staff who accompanied him to the meeting to introduce themselves.

He stated that DPS will be starting Street Sweeping routes March 1 – October 31 and that residents need to move their vehicles. Warning notices were issued during the period March 1-5, 2018 on streets where cars were parked.

DPS will be starting grounds maintenance season which involves mowing operations. He asked residents that if they see an area that has not been cut, to call 311.

Trash and Recycling: He stated that when there is a complaint for missed trash, it will be picked up the same day. DPW has reorganized the way trash and recycling routes are supervised. He also advised that there has been a lot of illegal dumping around public litter bins.

A question and answer period followed. Commissioner Padro stated that the lack of pickups on the 1700 blocks of 10th and 11th Streets, NW has now been addressed, but in the past week, there was no trash pickup in the 1500 and 1600 blocks of 8th Street, NW and when 311 was called, residents were informed it would be picked up two days later. The question was raised as to how often public trash cans are collected. Mr. Shorter advised they are emptied nightly anywhere from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Issues were raised about not pulling back in trash cans from alleys.

Commissioner Brown asked how often bulk trash is collected. Mr. Shorter responded this is done by private companies.

Commissioner Marriott stated he has seen parking enforcement meters that have been bagged, yet residents are still being ticketed.

VI. SPECIAL GUEST: DC FIRE AND EMS DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF SHERROD THOMAS RE *Right Care, Right Now*

Deputy Fire Chief Sherrod Thomas was unable to be present. Doug Buchanan, Chief Communications Officer, spoke about the *Right Care, Right Now* program of the DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (DCFEMS). The goal of the program is to connect 911 callers with medical needs to the most appropriate health care provider. This may or may not include transport to a hospital emergency department. Callers to 911 with non-emergency injuries or illnesses may be transferred to a nurse who will ask the caller questions so that the nurse can refer the caller to the most appropriate non-emergency medical care available. A handout with Frequently Asked Questions was provided.

VII. SPECIAL GUEST: VINCENT VAISE, CHIEF OF VISITOR SERVICES, NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKS-EAST FOR THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, FOR AN UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF THE CARTER G. WOODSON HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE AT 1538 9TH STREET, NW

Vincent Vaise, NPS Chief of Visitor Services, provided an update on the development and operation of the Carter G. Woodson Home National Historic Site. The first phase, which involved structure stabilization and restoration of the interior, has been completed and the home is open for tours on Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. There are two row homes that have not been rehabilitated yet and phase two and three will include building out these properties and developing and installing interpretative exhibits. Mr. Vaise pointed out that Commissioner Padro was an early crusader for the restoration of this National Historic Site. Contact info: vincent_vaise@nps.gov

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

Commissioner Jaffe advised that on February 7, 2018, ANC 6E sent a Letter of Support to Councilmember Charles Allen for naming of the alley in the rear of 1131 5th Street, NW. The councilmember responded that once a consensus was reached on a specific name, he would be happy to introduce legislation. Commissioner Jaffe stated that a consensus has been reached for "Yale Steam Alley."

Thereafter, Commissioner Padro suggested that further investigation should be done first by contacting EHT Traceries, Inc. to determine if the alley may have already been named in the past. Following discussion, the Commission **tabled** a decision on this matter.

IX. 303-317 K STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A TWO-YEAR TIME EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF CONSEQUENCE OF ORDER 19169 [6E07]

Samantha Mazo of Cozen O'Connor spoke regarding the applicant's request for support for a Two Year Time Extension and Modification of Consequence of Order. The case was approved on February 23, 2016 to allow construction of a 14 story, mixed use building with hotel uses on floors 1-11 and residential units on floors 12-14 with permitted rear yard, loading and off-street parking relief. There will be two floors of below-grade parking. Approval is valid until March 10, 2018. The request for time extension request was filed on February 13, 2018 based on the following: **(1)** Well documented weak hospitality financing market in 2016/2017 due to federal regulatory changes; **(2)** Applicant was able to obtain financing in late 2017; **(3)** Applicant closed on the purchase of the property December 29, 2017; **(4)** Applicant is now working to secure a hotel operator. Ms. Mazo confirmed that the building will be exclusively a hotel and will not contain residential units.

Commissioner Marriott asked what kind of market research has been done. Commissioner Brown stated the Zoning Committee met and supported the request for support.

MOTION: Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Jaffe seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Request for Support of 303-317 K Street, NW for a Two-Year Time Extension and Modification of Order 19169 and that said support be communicated in writing to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). The Motion **passed** unanimously, 5 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Brown, and Marriott) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

X. 111 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A MODIFICATION OF CONSEQUENCE [6E07]

Drew Turner, Development and Project Manager, Douglas Development Corporation, spoke in support of the request from 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW for a Modification of Consequence. He stated that they appeared before ANC 6E in June of 2016 and have since made tweaks to the design, per the following: **(1)** Refinements to geometry at ground level and upper levels (no overall increase in FAR); **(2)** Refinements to building entrance (now two-story lobby) and new tower element above; **(3)** Refinements to penthouse – revised geometry to accommodate mechanical equipment and enlarged penthouse habitable space; **(4)** Refinements to façade treatment along New Jersey Avenue, NW to address compliance with projections requirement under Construction

Code; **(5)** Refinements to green walls and balcony elements along Massachusetts Avenue, NW and H Street, NW; **(6)** Updates to Streetscape geometry along Massachusetts Avenue, NW and New Jersey Avenue, NW.

Commissioner Brown advised that the Zoning Committee met and supported the request for support.

MOTION: Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Request for Support of 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW for a Modification of Consequence and that said support be communicated in writing to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). The Motion **passed** unanimously, 5 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Brown, and Marriott) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XI. 923-927 5TH STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR AREA VARIANCES AND SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS, AND APPLICATION BEFORE THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD [6E05]

Alyssa Bigley of Cozen O'Connor, spoke on behalf of the applicant and outlined the requested relief per the following: **Area Variances** for: **(1)** Loading; **(2)** Closed Court dimensions; **(3)** Clear Floor-to-Ceiling Height. **Special Exception** for: **(1)** Rear Yard setback; **(2)** Penthouse setback; **(3)** Penthouse use. In addition, copies of letters of agreement from two garages, U Street Parking and Towne Park, were provided. In regard to parking, the Commission discussed having the applicant request from DDOT three (3) reserved spaces out front of the hotel.

Commissioner Brown stated the Zoning Committee met with the applicant and all the requested variances appeared reasonable. In addition, the applicant agreed to enclosed trash containment. Thereafter, the Zoning Committee supported the applicant's request unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Jaffe seconded that ANC 6E **support** the variances and special exceptions requested by 923-927 5th Street, NW on the condition that the applicant request from DDOT to have three (3) spaces reserved out front, that the penthouse be operated within the norms of the neighborhood, that the applicant continues to work with the selected property operator, and that said support be communicated in writing to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). The Motion **passed** unanimously, 5 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Brown, and Marriott) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XII. 1800 5TH STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT BEFORE THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT TO INCREASE ALLOWABLE UNITS ON PROPERTY FROM 4 TO 6 [6E02]

The applicant is requesting support before BZA to renovate the basement of the property located at 1800 5th Street, NW to increase the allowable units from four (4) to six (6).

Commissioner Brown stated the Zoning Committee met and voted to support the applicant's request.

Commissioner Padro urged the applicant to reach out to DCRA regarding the need for a Certificate of Occupancy for those two (2) new units.

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Marriott seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request for support of 1800 5th Street, NW to renovate the basement of the property to increase the allowable units on the property from four (4) to six (6) and that said support be communicated in writing to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). The Motion **passed** unanimously, 5 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Brown, and Marriott) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XIII. 1253 4TH STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION APPLICATION FOR NEW FOUR UNIT DEVELOPMENT [6E04]

Commissioner Jaffe stated the applicant is requesting Historic Preservation Review Board approval for a four (4) unit development at 1253 4th Street, NW. The exterior will be three (3) distinct row houses. The applicant met with the Zoning Committee which recommended that the balcony appearance on the bays be reduced. The applicant is working with HPRB on recessing the windows. There will be a roof top penthouse, but it will be recessed from the street. Commissioner Jaffe spoke to HPRB and they confirmed that the applicant is making edits to the parapet.

Commissioner Brown stated the Zoning Committee met and supported the request for support.

MOTION: Commissioner Jaffe moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request for support of 1253 4th Street, NW for HPRB support for a four (4) unit development and that said support be communicated in writing to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB). The Motion **passed** unanimously, 5 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Brown, and Marriott) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XIV. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None.

XV. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Jaffe again requested the Commissioners to submit their bios to him.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Jaffe moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that the Minutes of the **ANC 6E Public Meeting of February 6, 2018** be approved. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 5 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Marriott, Brown, and Jaffe) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XVII. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Wiggins stated he will present the Treasurer's Report at the April Public Meeting.

XVIII. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

MOTION: Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Jaffe 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, 5 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Brown, Wiggins, Marriott, and Jaffe) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XIX. SECRETARY'S REPORT ON ANC 6E WEBSITE

Due to time constraints, no report was given.

XX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to time constraints, no announcements were made.

XXI. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 3, 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 Jaffe moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 5 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Judd, Marriott, and Jaffe) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.