

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E
Public Meeting
Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened at the Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Library, 1630 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC, on Tuesday, April 3, 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
Alvin Judd, ANC 6E06
Kevin M. Rogers, ANC 6E07

Absent:

Anthony Brown, ANC 6E02

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 Marriott moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that the Agenda be approved as submitted. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Marriott, Judd, 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	3/1/17-3/31/17	3/1/18-3/31/18	Change
Homicide	0	0	↔
Sex Abuse	0	0	↔
Robbery Excluding Gun	0	1	↑
Robbery With Gun	0	0	↔
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	3	0	↓
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	0	0	↔
Total Violent Crime	3	1	↓

Crime stats for 1D Police District (PSA 103)	Number of crimes reported between:		
Burglary	0	0	↔
Theft	27	24	↓
Theft F/Auto	8	9	↑
Stolen Auto	3	1	↓
Arson	0	0	↔
Total Property Crime	38	34	↓
Total Crime	41	35	↓

Crime stats for 3D Police District (PSA 308)	Number of crimes reported between:		
Crime Type	3/1/17-3/31/17	3/1/18-3/31/18	Change
Homicide	0	0	↔
Sex Abuse	0	0	↔
Robbery Excluding Gun	3	1	↓
Robbery With Gun	0	0	↔
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	1	2	↑
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	1	0	↓
Total Violent Crime	5	3	↓
Burglary	0	0	↔
Theft	13	8	↓
Theft F/Auto	16	9	↓
Stolen Auto	3	1	↓
Arson	0	0	↔
Total Property Crime	32	18	↓
Total Crime	37	21	↓

Crime stats for 5D Police District (PSA 501)	Number of crimes reported between:		
Crime Type	3/1/17-3/31/17	3/1/18-3/31/18	Change
Homicide	0	0	↔
Sex Abuse	0	0	↔
Robbery Excluding Gun	1	0	↓
Robbery With Gun	1	0	↓
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	2	4	↑
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	0	0	↔
Total Violent Crime	4	4	↔
Burglary	5	5	↔
Theft	15	40	↑
Theft F/Auto	20	23	↑
Stolen Auto	4	5	↑
Arson	0	0	↔
Total Property Crime	44	73	↑
Total Crime	48	77	↑

1D (PSA 103) – Lt. Jason Bagshaw reported that there were no Violent Crime incidents. Thefts from Auto had a slight decline, however, laptops are being stolen from being left in vehicles. The only other issue is thefts and shoplifting from Walmart. A question and answer period followed. Commissioner Jaffe asked about the traffic backups on H Street. A question was raised regarding crime in Sursum Corda. Lt. Bagshaw responded that a special beat covering a two block area has been assigned.

3D (PSA 308) – Officer Thomas Sloane stated that 3D has just gotten a brand new bike unit. **Lieutenant Thomas H. Smith, III** reported on crime compared to a year ago. ADW is down 67%; Robberies down 50%; Thefts from Auto down 47%; Other Thefts down 27%; Total Property Crime down 40% and total Violent Crime down 60%. A question and answer period followed. Commissioner Jaffe stated there is a vacant property in his district where there is an individual squatting with a vicious dog. He asked what residents are allowed to do with vacant properties.

On behalf of Commissioner Brown who was absent, Commissioner Padro raised an issue with parking in the alley by the Kipp School. Lt. Smith responded he sent an email to the Kipp School with suggested measures to take. Commissioner Padro then suggested inviting a representative from the Kipp School to a future meeting to discuss their proposed resolution to this problem.

Commissioner Wiggins reported there is a fence down on the ground on the south side of Kennedy Playground at O Street across from Giant.

Commissioner Rogers raised an issue regarding the Bike Share Program where bikes are getting left on sidewalks and not getting returned to docking stations.

5D (PSA 501) – An officer reported issues (loud parties, etc.) with homes that are being rented by college students from Howard University. He is addressing this with Howard University. Commissioner Jaffe stated he lives across from Dunbar High School and there are issues with students throwing trash and that officers are sitting in their vehicles rather than getting out and walking/patrolling that area. The officer responded he will reach out to the school resource officer about this.

IV. SPECIAL GUEST: SARAH FASHBAUGH, COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICER, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION (ABRA)

Sarah Fashbaugh, Community Resource Officer for DC's Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA), stated that community training for the public will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2018 at ABRA headquarters, 2000 14th Street, NW, 4th Floor, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Class A liquor licenses are up for renewal with a 45 day comment period where the public may file protest letters. Enforcement Hotline #202-329-6347.

V. 1700 NEW JERSEY AVENUE, NW (BEAU THAI, LLC): REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A RETAILER’S CLASS “C” RESTAURANT LICENSE [6E02]

Beau Thai, LLC is requesting ANC 6E support for a Sidewalk Café at an existing establishment as well as a Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License. The Sidewalk Café will have 52 seats and the proposed hours will be 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sunday through Saturday. It was noted that Commissioner Brown, who was absent, had no complaints about the applicant’s requests and was supportive of both.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Jaffe seconded that ANC 6E *support* the Public Space Application for the Sidewalk Café as well as the request for support for a Retailer’s Class “C” Restaurant License of Beau Thai, LLC, 1700 New Jersey Avenue, NW and that said support be communicated in writing to DC’s Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) and the Public Space Committee of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). The Motion *passed* unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Marriott, Judd, Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

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

At the March ANC Public Meeting, Commissioner Jaffe advised that 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.

Update 4/3/18: Commissioner Jaffe advised that EHT Traceries, Inc. was contacted and provided findings that suggested additional community outreach was necessary before deciding on a name for the alley.

VII. 1509 9TH STREET, NW: PUBLIC SPACE PERMIT TO CONVERT PATIO TO ENCLOSED CAFÉ AND CONCEPT APPROVAL FOR NEW ADDITION TO BUILD ENCLOSED CAFÉ (CHAPLIN’S) [6E01]

A representative of Chaplin’s stated that they have been working with HPRB for about six months in regard to their request for a Public Space Permit for an enclosed cafe (specifically, HPRB is asking that the enclosure be moved up to the front). Chaplin’s intent is to have an enclosure and an existing patio that respects the existing sidewalk and greenspace and then only enclose the space when there is inclement weather. The enclosure is made out of glass, except for the steel railing, and HPRB has approved same. Chaplin’s is requesting ANC 6E support for: (1) their Public Space Application and (2) Concept Design for HPRB.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Marriott seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Public Space Application and the HPRB Concept Design Application of Chaplin's, 1509 9th Street, NW for the addition/covered seating, with the provision that all the painted elements be painted black, and that said support be communicated in writing to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB). The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Marriott, Judd, Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

VIII. 1735-1737 10TH STREET, NW: HPO CONCEPT APPROVAL (HPA #18-303) FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION RESIDENCE [6E01]

Commissioner Padro stated that the District has finally chosen a developer for this site. Charles Warren of Teass/Warren Architects stated this property is zoned RF-1. A Concept Application has been filed and the HPRB hearing is scheduled in April. Two identical row houses are planned on two existing vacant lots, there will be affordable workforce housing in the lower units (120% of AMI) and the upper units will be two bedrooms. They are proposing a 35' tall building. They have received positive feedback from the community. They are here this evening only for the Concept Approval. There are, however, two Zoning issues that have come up which are non-conformity issues that will be addressed next month.

Commissioner Padro stated the ANC 6E Zoning Committee met and heard the applicant's presentation and enthusiastically supported most of the zoning relief, but has significant concerns with the amount of glazing on the 10th Street façade and the color palette of materials. The committee did not have a recommendation to the full ANC related to the HPO Concept Approval. The Zoning Committee's recommendation was unanimous to move forward and support the zoning relief that is needed.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Marriott seconded that ANC 6E **support** the overall massing and concept design for new construction at 1735-1737 10th Street, NW, but is asking the developer to work with HPRB staff to address concerns related to the amount of fenestration on the 10th Street façade and materials and color palettes for both the 10th Street and alley facades of the building, and that said support be communicated in writing to the HPRB. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Marriott, Judd, Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

A resident adjacent to the property expressed concern about fire safety and asked that the DC Fire Department give an opinion on the matter (no access to back of property).

IX. 923-927 5TH STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR AREA VARIANCES AND SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS (BZA CASE #19722), AND APPLICATION BEFORE THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD (HPA 18-212) (KLINE OPERATIONS) [6E05]

Alyssa Bigley of Cozen O'Connor appeared before the Commission last month and provided an update regarding their application. They have added one area of zoning relief (request for relief from the loading access requirement). They appeared before ANC 6E's Zoning Committee last week and they expressed their approval of this.

The applicant appeared before the HPRB last month and the HPRB Board approved the massing and general concept of the project and asked the applicant to continue working with HPRB staff on the base of the building, the profile and material of the columns, among other things, refining how the new building meets the historic element and amending the materials, particularly for the penthouse, and return to the Board for a final review.

Commissioner Marriott stated there have been a couple of objections from abutting property owners, so at this time he has recommended to the Commission that it not take any official action until the BZA hearing tomorrow.

MOTION: Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Judd seconded that ANC 6E **support** the application before HPRB of 923-927 5th Street, NW and that said support be communicated in writing to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB). The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Marriott, Judd, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

X. 5TH AND EYE STREETS, NW (SLS HOTEL): REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A CURB CUT ON EYE STREET FROM DDOT [6E05]

R. Donahue Peebles, Chair and CEO, Peebles Corporation stated that the project is moving forward. They are looking forward to breaking ground in June or July of this year. In anticipation of this, he is here to discuss their Public Space Application for a curb cut on Eye Street, NW. They will be improving the sidewalk and pavers. This is a 12 story hotel and there will be 100 spaces of underground parking. They are coordinating with property owners about construction. Commissioner Padro stated the Zoning Committee met and reviewed their application. The Committee requested specs for bike racks and planters, and specified that materials purchased are slip resistant as much as possible. Support for the application was unanimous.

MOTION: Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Public Space Application for a curb cut on Eye Street from 5th and Eye Streets, NW and that said support be communicated in writing to the Public Space Committee of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Marriott, Judd, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XI. SPECIAL GUEST: MS. LISA HUNTER, CANDIDATE FOR WARD 6 COUNCILMEMBER

Ms. Hunter opened her remarks by stating that the DC Primary Election is on June 19, 2018. She has lived in the District for ten (10) years, is an advocate for social justice, and served in the Peace Corps in Guyana where she taught literacy. Following this, she joined Obama's campaign, moved to Washington, fell in love with the city, and worked on Obamacare. Her issues are housing as well as addressing social services to help homeless residents, especially women and families. Her hope is to push leaders to bring compassion to the issues. She pledged transparency and expressed her appreciation to the Commissioners for the opportunity to speak. A question and answer period followed where subjects raised were Museum Square and the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA), and the Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results (NEAR) Act. Ms. Hunter asked questions of the commissioners regarding the District's Comprehensive Plan, the ANC's position on crime and security, and the ANC's hot issues.

XII. SPECIAL GUEST: EVENTS DC

Theresa DuBois, Community and Outreach Engagement Manager, stated that Events DC is the operator of the Walter E. Washington Convention Center and historic Carnegie Library at Mount Vernon Square. She advised there will be an event at the Convention Center on April 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. where general updates will be provided on their events and activities, the status of their retail spaces, and where plans will be shared for streetscapes and exterior improvements to the Convention Center.

XIII. GRACE COVENANT CHURCH: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR ANNUAL ACTIVITY AT KENNEDY RECREATION CENTER PLAYGROUND ON JULY 14, 2018 [6E01]

Commissioner Padro reported that Grace Covenant Church appeared before the Zoning Committee in regard to an event they are planning at the Kennedy Recreation Center Playground on July 14, 2018. Set-up will be at 9:00 a.m., activities will be from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and cleanup will be from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Jaffe seconded that ANC 6E **support** the application of Grace Covenant Church to the Department of Parks and Recreation to hold an event on July 14, 2018 at the Kennedy Recreation Center Playground and that said support be communicated in writing to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Marriott, Judd, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XIV. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

MUSEUM SQUARE

Commissioner Marriott stated he attended a tenants' association meeting last month at Museum Square. Residents there are suffering with no heat, no hot water, rat and roach infestation, and non-working elevators. He spoke with Director Doe and he is reaching out to DCRA to look into this. Commissioner Marriott mentioned that he would bring this up to the ANC to consider writing a letter to DCRA.

MOTION: Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E write a letter to DCRA to communicate the complaints that the residents of Museum Square have been voicing, and copying Councilmember Charles Allen, members of the DC City Council, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Jaffe, Marriott, Judd, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XV. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XVI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ANC 6E 3/6/18 PUBLIC MEETING

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

XVII. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Wiggins reported that the balance in the checking account is \$55,846.94.

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

XVIII. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

- A. 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 April 3, 2018** and development of the website be approved for payment. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Rogers, Judd, Wiggins, Marriott, and Jaffe) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

- B. MOTION:** Commissioner Jaffe moved and Commissioner Marriott seconded that the invoice submitted by the 80 Port for website services in the amount of \$3,297.50 be approved for payment. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Rogers, Judd, Wiggins, Marriott, and Jaffe) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XIX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A.** Naomi Mitchell of Councilmember Charles Allen’s office announced the following: **(1)** The Councilmember will be at Compass Coffee on April 13, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.; **(2)** DC Water will hold a Ward 6 Town Hall Meeting on April 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Payne Elementary, 1445 C Street, SE; **(3)** April 16, 2018 is Emancipation Day; **(4)** DC Budget Oversight Hearing on April 23, 2018; **(5)** Job Fair at Arena Stage on April 27, 2018; **(6)** a Candidate Forum for Ward 6 Councilmember will be held on April 30, 2018 at the Hill Center, 921 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- B.** Commissioner Padro stated the following: **(1)** April 4, 2018 is the 15th anniversary of the riots that occurred following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King; **(2)** the Washington Architectural Foundation and Shaw Main Street will offer a guided tour on April 7, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the pocket park at 7th and New York Avenue, NW with photos and histories on how the neighborhood was affected following the riots of 1968 and how it has been revitalized; **(3)** “Taste of Shaw” Shaw Main Streets Gala will be held at the Howard Theatre on April 18, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

XX. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 1, 2018, Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Neighborhood Library, 1630 7th Street, NW, 6:30 p.m.

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Judd 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 8:54 p.m.