Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E Public Meeting Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened at the Northwest One Neighborhood Library, 155 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Alexander M. Padro, ANC 6E01 (arrived at 6:35 p.m.) Michael J. Brown, Secretary/Treasurer, ANC 6E02 Frank S. Wiggins, Vice Chair, ANC 6E03 Alex Marriott, Chair, ANC 6E05 Alvin Judd, ANC 6E06 Kevin M. Rogers, ANC 6E07

Absent:

[ANC 6E04 Vacant]

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

II. SPECIAL ELECTION FOR ANC 6E04 SEAT – FROM 6:35 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

Chair Marriott introduced Gottlieb Simon, Executive Director, Office of Neighborhood Advisory Commissions, who will preside over the Special Election for the vacant ANC 6E04 seat.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Judd seconded that the Agenda be approved as presented. The Motion *passed* unanimously, 5 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Wiggins, Brown, Judd, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. [Commissioner Padro had not yet arrived].

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	2/1/18-2/28/18	2/1/19-2/28/19	Change
Homicide	0	0	*
Sex Abuse	0	0	#
Robbery Excluding Gun	0	0	#
Robbery With Gun	0	0	#
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	1	0	-

Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	0	0	#
Total Violent Crime	1	0	-
Burglary	0	0	+
Theft	1	9	1
Theft F/Auto	12	18	1
Stolen Auto	0	2	1
Arson	0	0	+
Total Property Crime	13	29	1
Total Crime	14	29	•

Crime stats for 3D Police District (PSA 308)	Number of crimes	reported between:	
Crime Type	2/1/18-2/28/18	2/1/19-2/28/19	Change
Homicide	2	0	+
Sex Abuse	2	0	
Robbery Excluding Gun	2	2	#
Robbery With Gun	1	5	•
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	1	0	•
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	0	2	•
Total Violent Crime	8	9	•
Burglary	5	2	•
Theft	16	15	•
Theft F/Auto	19	17	•
Stolen Auto	4	9	1
Arson	0	0	#
Total Property Crime	44	43	•
Total Crime	52	52	1

Crime stats for 5D Police District (PSA 503)	Number of crimes	reported between:	
Crime Type	2/1/18-2/28/18	2/1/19-2/28/19	Change
Homicide	0	0	#
Sex Abuse	1	0	
Robbery Excluding Gun	0	1	1
Robbery With Gun	2	1	•
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	2	2	#
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	0	2	•
Total Violent Crime	5	6	•
Burglary	6	1	
Theft	11	20	1
Theft F/Auto	15	31	1
Stolen Auto	7	5	•
Arson	0	0	#
Total Property Crime	39	57	1
Total Crime	44	63	1

V. SPECIAL GUEST: WARD 6 DC COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES ALLEN

Councilmember Allen provided an update on the following: (1) Council: the Council started a new two (2) year term; (2) Committees: he Chairs the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety; he serves as a member of the Committee on Education, the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, and the Committee on Business, Consumer, and Regulatory Affairs. He also sits on the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board, a body of elected officials from the District, Virginia and Maryland; (3) Education: the Council today unanimously confirmed Dr. Lewis Ferebee to be the new DC Public Schools Chancellor. Councilmember Allen would like him to be a champion for neighborhood schools; he added that there is an achievement and equity gap that is unacceptable; a technology equity plan for every classroom needs to be developed; (4) Shaw Middle School: working hard to change this and it is a priority to Council members; (5) Pedestrian Safety: need to create safe intersections with the installation of more stop signs; DDOT is hiring a new Director; (6) Cobb Park: invest in green space in this park; (7) Oversight Hearings: completed; Mayor's Budget Proposal will be released March 20, 2019 - then Council will hold hearings on the budget; the Federal Government shutdown cost DC \$47 million. Overall, however, the District has a healthy budget and healthy reserves.

During the question and answer period that followed, Commissioners raised questions or made comments pertaining to Cobb Park, expansion of the Kennedy Recreation Center, continued focus on Shaw Middle School, the need for a stop sign at 1st and F Streets, NW, and lack of stop signs near Walker Jones.

Councilmember Charles Allen contact info: 202-724-8072; callen@dccouncil.us

VI. FRESH FARM: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF PUBLIC SPACE PERMIT FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE MOUNT VERNON TRIANGLE MARKET FOR THE 2019 SEASON LOCATED AT 5TH AND I STREETS, NW [6E05]

Carrie Hildebrandt, Community Engagement Manager, FreshFarm, requested ANC 6E support for renewal of FreshFarm's Public Space Permit for the 2019 season for the continued operation of the Mount Vernon Triangle Market located at 5th & I Streets, NW.

MOTION: Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E *support* the request for support of FreshFarm's application for the renewal of its Public Space Permit for the 2019 season for the continued operation of the Mount Vernon Triangle Market at 5th and I 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 Marriott, Wiggins, Brown, Judd, Padro, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

VII. RITO LOCO: 606 FLORIDA AVENUE, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR DDOT PUBLIC SPACE PERMIT AND ABRA SIDEWALK CAFÉ ENDORSEMENT [6E02]

Anthony Brown, Chair of the ANC 6E Zoning, Transportation and Planning Committee, stated Rito Loco is seeking ANC 6E support for BZA Special Exception Relief to add a sidewalk café. The café would consist of an enclosed space which will include approximately five (5) standup table tops encompassing 270 square feet to accommodate 18 patrons which will be gated with wrought iron fencing similar to other establishments in the neighborhood. The Zoning, Transportation and Planning Committee met on February 28, 2019 and unanimously supported the application.

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E *support* the request for support of Rito Loco, 606 Florida Avenue, NW, for a Public Space Permit to add a sidewalk café 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 Marriott, Wiggins, Brown, Judd, Padro, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

Commissioner Padro stated the ANC 6E ABC Licensing Committee met and the applicant agreed to the hours of the sidewalk café being limited to Midnight seven (7) days per week and that he will sign a Settlement Agreement to this effect.

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Judd seconded that ANC 6E *support* the request for support of Rito Loco, 606 Florida Avenue, NW, for an ABRA Sidewalk Café Endorsement, contingent upon the applicant signing the Settlement Agreement limiting the hours of the sidewalk cafe to Midnight seven (7) days per week and that said support be communicated in writing to the Alcoholic Beverage Regulatory Administration (ABRA). Further, in the event the Settlement Agreement is not executed, ANC 6E will protest the application. The Motion *passed* unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Wiggins, Brown, Judd, Padro, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

VIII. ELECTRIC COOL-AID, 512 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE, NW: CONSIDERATION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR A NEW RETAILER'S CLASS "C" TAVERN LICENSE WITH AN OUTDOOR BEER GARDEN [6E02]

Commissioner Brown stated that he was able to get ABRA to postpone the Status Hearing for the applicant from March 6, 2019 to March 13, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. The Protest Hearing is scheduled for April 10, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Due to the applicant's location near homes, ANC 6E proposed that the hours of the Outdoor Beer Garden be Sunday to Thursday until 11:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday to Midnight. While ANC 6E made it clear that it was supportive of the business, it was concerned with the hours of operation, in that their location is near homes, and would like the hours to be the same as Dacha Beer Garden.

However, Electric Cool-Aid chose not to sign the Settlement Agreement. Because of this, ANC 6E will have no choice but to *protest* the application.

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Marriott seconded that ANC 6E allocate \$7,500.00 as a base line to seek an attorney to **protest** the application of Electric Cool-Aid, 512 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, for a new Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License with an Outdoor Beer Garden. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Wiggins, Brown, Judd, Padro, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

IX. 1128 6TH STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT BEFORE HPRB FOR THE CONCEPT DESIGN TO ADD TWO STORIES IN THE BACK OF THE BUILDING AND ADD AN ADDITIONAL FLOOR THAT WILL BE SET BACK ENOUGH SO IT WILL NOT BE VISIBLE FROM THE STREET

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved to *table* this matter until the April 2, 2019 Public Meeting since it was not properly noticed, nor did it go to the Zoning, Transportation and Planning Committee. The Motion *failed* for lack of a second.

Elena Romero, Partner, Axis Architects, stated 1128 6th Street, NW is located in the Mt. Vernon Square Historic District. This area is characterized by a mix of high density tall multifamily and office buildings, low rise apartments, and row houses.

The proposed project converts a 2.5 story townhouse into a multi-family building of six (6) units. A 3-story addition in the rear and a penthouse are proposed for the building. The third floor and penthouse additions will be set back from the front façade and will not be visible from the street, preserving the historic character of the area. They are scheduled to meet with HPRB next week and a flag test is scheduled for this week. They will then go to BZA for the setback and then apply for permits. They hope to start construction in July 2019.

Chair Marriott asked that since ANC 6E did not receive the plans for the project until last Thursday, February 28, 2019, would the applicant be willing to have ANC 6E request an extension of the HPRB hearing date to March 28, 2019. The applicant agreed.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that this matter be *tabled* until the April 2, 2019 Public Meeting. The Motion *passed* unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Wiggins, Brown, Judd, Padro, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

X. PROVIDENCE HEALTH SERVICES: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HOSPITAL

Dr. Shadi Soufi, Internal Medicine Specialist at Providence Hospital, appeared before ANC 6E last month in regard to seeking ANC 6E support for their Certificate of Need for six (6) of their practices to take care of patients on an outpatient basis. A hearing was held on February 21, 2019 in which a letter of support from ANC 6E is needed within the next two (2) days. The letter of support should be directed to: Amha Selassie, Director, State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA), DC Department of Health, 899 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002.

MOTION: Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Judd seconded that ANC 6E provide a letter in support of the Certificate of Need of Providence Hospital for six (6) of their practices to care for patients on an out-patient basis, said letter to be directed to Amha Selassie, Director, State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA), DC Department of Health, 899 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Wiggins, Brown, Judd, Padro, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Wiggins turned over the Petty Cash box containing \$200.00 to Treasurer Michael Brown. He also provided the Treasurer with the receipt for \$205.00 paid to the U. S. Postal Service for the ANC P. O. Box for six (6) months.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Website/Training: Commissioner Marriott stated that he will be working with ANC 6E's web team to implement instructions, guidelines, and timelines for applicants/entities to follow when requesting to appear before the Commission as well as website training for Commissioners.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ANC 6E 2/5/19 PUBLIC MEETING

MOTION: Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that the Minutes of the **ANC 6E Public Meeting** of **February 5, 2019** be approved. The Motion *passed* unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Padro, Wiggins, Brown, Rogers, and Judd) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XIV. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Approval of the Treasurer's Report was *tabled* until the April 2, 2019 Public Meeting.

XV. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

- A. MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that the invoice submitted by Karen Jehle in the amount of \$250.00 for recording services for the ANC 6E March 5, 2019 Public Meeting and development of the website be approved. The Motion passed unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Padro, Brown, Wiggins, Judd, and Rogers) 0 nays 0 abstentions.
- **B. MOTION:** Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that the invoice submitted by Miller Copying in the amount of \$2,434.00 associated with copying and mailing the Notice of Special Election for ANC SMD 6E04 be approved for payment. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Padro, Brown, Wiggins, Judd, and Rogers) 0 nays 0 abstentions.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Commissioner Padro stated that DDOT will be scheduling a walkthrough for the commissioners of New Jersey Avenue, NW and its plans to change it from one-way to two-way.
- **B.** Naomi Mitchell of Councilmember Charles Allen's office stated that only for the month of March, the Councilmember will be at Compass Coffee on Friday, March 22, 2019 (not the usual first Friday) from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- C. Mikaela Ferrill, Ward 6 Liaison for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), stated the following: (1) the Mayor announced the Free Circulator Bus will be extended through March 2019; (2) the Mayor announced that the Capital Bikeshare program will be free for veterans. For more information, contact the Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs; (3) Street sweeping resumes on Monday, March 11, 2019; (4) there is a tax credit of up to \$1,000 per child for families with children in a licensed day care facility.
- **D. SMD 6E04 Special Election Results:** Commissioner Marriott announced the results of the ANC SMD 6E04 Special Election as follows:

Candidate	# of Votes
Rachelle Nigro	84
Sterlicia Rodney	54

"Whereas, the Board of Elections informed ANC 6E that the only candidates who qualified to fill the vacancy in SMD 6E 04 were Rachelle Nigro and Sterlicia Rodney; and

"Whereas, the Commission therefore conducted an election on March 5, 2019 at the Northwest One Library, 155 L Street, NW; and

"Whereas, the winner of the election was Rachelle Nigro; therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, that ANC 6E requests the Board of Elections declare the vacancy filled by Rachelle Nigro by publication in the District of Columbia Register; and,

"RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of the resolution also be sent to the Council, the Mayor, and Rachelle Nigro."

MOTION: Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that the above resolution be communicated to the Council, the Mayor, and Rachelle Nigro. The Motion *passed* unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Padro, Brown, Wiggins, Judd, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XVII. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Northwest One Neighborhood Library, 155 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 6:30 p.m.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The Motion *passed* unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Padro, Wiggins, Brown, Judd, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.