

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E
Public Meeting
Tuesday, October 1, 2019**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened at the Northwest One Neighborhood Library, 155 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Alexander M. Padro, ANC 6E01
Michael J. Brown, Treasurer, ANC 6E02
Frank S. Wiggins, Vice Chair, ANC 6E03
Rachelle Nigro, Secretary, ANC 6E04
Alex Marriott, Chair, ANC 6E05
Kevin M. Rogers, ANC 6E07

Absent:

Alvin Judd, ANC 6E06

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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

III. PSA REPORTS: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, 1D, 3D AND 5D

Crime stats for the indicated periods are as follows:

Crime stats for 1D Police District (PSA 103)	Number of crimes reported between:		
Crime Type	9/1/18-9/30/18	9/1/19-9/30/19	Change
Homicide	0	0	↔
Sex Abuse	0	0	↔
Robbery Excluding Gun	1	1	↔
Robbery With Gun	0	0	↔
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	0	2	↑
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	0	0	↔
Total Violent Crime	1	3	↑

Burglary	1	0	↓
Theft	13	21	↑
Theft F/Auto	14	17	↑
Stolen Auto	1	1	↔
Arson	0	0	↔
Total Property Crime	29	39	↑
Total Crime	30	42	↑

Crime stats for 3D Police District (PSA 308)		Number of crimes reported between:	
Crime Type	9/1/18-9/30/18	9/1/19-9/30/19	Change
Homicide	0	0	↔
Sex Abuse	0	0	↔
Robbery Excluding Gun	4	5	↑
Robbery With Gun	0	3	↑
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	0	0	↔
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	0	1	↑
Total Violent Crime	4	9	↑
Burglary	4	6	↑
Theft	21	17	↓
Theft F/Auto	25	29	↑
Stolen Auto	7	5	↓
Arson	0	0	↔
Total Property Crime	57	57	↔
Total Crime	61	66	↑

Crime stats for 5D Police District (PSA 503)		Number of crimes reported between:	
Crime Type	9/1/18-9/30/19	9/1/19-9/30/19	Change
Homicide	0	0	↔
Sex Abuse	0	0	↔
Robbery Excluding Gun	1	2	↑
Robbery With Gun	1	0	↓
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	0	0	↔
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	0	1	↑
Total Violent Crime	2	3	↑
Burglary	2	0	↓
Theft	23	19	↓
Theft F/Auto	41	26	↓
Stolen Auto	8	5	↓
Arson	0	0	↔
Total Property Crime	74	50	↓
Total Crime	76	53	↓

1D (PSA 103): Officer S. Andelman reported the following: **(1)** Violent Crime is trending upward; **(2)** Property Crime is trending downward; **(3)** compared to 2018, total Property Crimes decreased from 61 to 36; YTD decreased 29% from 390 to 278; **(4)** YTD ADW increased from 7 to 11, **(5)** robbery decreased; **(6)** 18 Thefts from Auto on K Street, NW; **(7)** Property Crime actually higher than Violent Crime.

3D (PSA 308): Lt. J. P. Ross reported the following: **(1)** there has been an uptick in robberies with three closures; **(2)** 4 guns recovered from 7th Street corridor.

Captain H. S. Kim reported the following: **(1)** the shooting that occurred the other evening is still under investigation – this was not a random incident – it was an altercation; **(2)** 4 gun recoveries; **(3)** MPD bike units in the area and crime suppression units there.

Lengthy discussion followed between commissioners and residents. **(1)** Commissioner Padro stated that less than two blocks away, had a mid-day robbery; MPD needs to have a more visible presence in the neighborhood. Captain Kim responded that this area has the highest concentration of officers and that police and the community need to work together; Commissioner Padro stated that a zero tolerance policy needs to be implemented to bring this crime to an end; **(2)** Commissioner Wiggins stated that it is important for the community to reach out to MPD and asked about placing a portable camera in the high crime areas; **(3)** Ibrahim Mumin raised the issue of loitering in the 1900 block of 7th Street and that the community DC City Council and MPD need to work together; **(4)** Mikaela Ferrell stated that the Department of Employment Services (DOES) van was out during the summer; **(5)** Commissioner Nigro raised the issue of: **a)** the DC Government-owned land at the lot on Kirby and New York Avenue where there is drunkenness and drug activity; **b)** crime activity at the Kennedy Recreation Center; **c)** an incident in the alley at 437 New York Avenue, NW; **(6)** Commissioner Brown urged those present to mobilize their neighbors to come to ANC 6E meetings.

5D (PSA 503) – No officer was present.

IV. MICHELLE M. GARCIA, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES AND JUSTICE GRANTS (OVSJG): PRESENTATION ON OVSJG'S PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS [6E05]

Michelle Garcia, Director, Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG), spoke regarding the mission of OVSJG which is to develop, fund, and coordinate programs that improve public safety; enhance the administration of justice; and create systems of care for crime victims, youth and their families in the District. She made particular reference to the following: **(1)** Private Security Camera Incentive Program; and **(2)** the DC Victim Hotline, dial or text 1-844-4HELPDC (1-844-443-5732) or access the online chat at: www.DCvictim.org

V. YASMIN VAFA, RIGHTS4GIRLS: PRESENTATION ON CURRENT LEGISLATION ON THE DECRIMINALIZATION OF SEX WORK IN THE DISTRICT [6E05]

Yasmin Vafa, Executive Director of Rights4Girls, spoke in opposition to a new bill being championed by several DC Council members called the “Community Safety and Health Amendment Act of 2019” (B23-0318). This legislation would fully decriminalize the sex trade in DC, including acts of pimping, purchasing sex and operating brothels. The measure not only threatens the well-being of vulnerable women and children throughout the DMV area, but it will also greatly exacerbate sex trafficking in the District. She stated that it is important to keep the existing laws on the books. She requested an ANC 6E resolution or letter to the DC Council against the legislation. A hearing is scheduled to be held on October 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. She invited anyone interested to attend a screening of “Nameless” to be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Busboys and Poets, 450 K Street, NW.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that ANC 6E send a letter to the DC City Council and the Mayor expressing its opposition to the legislation, urging that it not be given a hearing this month, and that there should be more community outreach and comment. The Motion **passed**, 5 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Padro, Wiggins, Rogers, Nigro) – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Brown).

VI. OYSTER, OYSTER, 1440 8TH STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A STIPULATED ABRA CLASS “C” RETAILER’S LICENSE [6E01]

Matt Minora, Mallios & O’Brien, PLLC, spoke in support for new and stipulated Retailer’s Class C Restaurant License for Oyster, Oyster, 1440 8th Street, NW.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 6E **support** both permanent and stipulated Class “C” Restaurant licenses and that said support be communicated in writing to the ABC Board and ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Padro, Wiggins, Brown, Rogers, Nigro) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

VII. PEPSCO SUBSTATION PRESENTATION

Pepco representatives spoke regarding the Capital Grid Project which, if approved by the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, will upgrade three (3) existing Pepco substations in the District and Maryland and construct a new Mount Vernon Substation to increase capacity and to connect to a 10 mile transmission line. The new Mount Vernon Substation will upgrade the grid to ensure continued reliability and enhanced sustainability for current and future residents in this community. Pepco has engaged in community outreach since 2016 and will continue to do so. More public meetings are anticipated and ANC 6E will be updated. The construction of the 10 mile transmission line is expected to start some time next year.

VIII. 1201 4TH STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A PUBLIC SPACE PERMIT [6E04]

Nneka Shelton spoke. The applicant's scope of work for the Public Space Permit is to enlarge the window well for the front-facing bay window and is hoping to receive an approval from the ANC to access a portion of the sidewalk to carry the materials across.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request for support of 1201 4th Street, NW for a Public Space Permit to enlarge the window well for the front-facing bay window, permit access to a portion of the sidewalk to carry the materials across, and that said support be communicated in writing to the Public Space Committee of DDOT. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Padro, Wiggins, Brown, Rogers, Nigro) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

IX. MQW, LLC C/O QUADRANGLE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, SQUARE 560, LOT 28, 811 3RD STREET, NW: PRESENTATION TO PROVIDE UPDATE ON UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION STAGING [6E07]

Troy Balkema, Quadrangle Development Corporation, provided an update on upcoming construction staging at 811 3rd Street, NW. This will be a 275 unit apartment building with two levels of below grade parking (88 spaces) and 39 surface spaces. He is looking for a letter of support from ANC 6E to close the sidewalk for their part of the construction (the north end of AIPAC and I Street NW will be closed during construction).

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that this matter be **tabled** so that the applicant can appear before ANC 6E's Transportation Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Padro, Wiggins, Brown, Rogers, Nigro) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

X. 509 O STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR A BALCONY TO THE REAR OF THE BUILDING ON THE TOP FLOOR THAT WILL BRING THE PROPERTY TO 65% LOT OCCUPANCY [6E02]

Eric Teran, Eustilus Architecture, stated the original structure on the property was demolished and a building permit was issued. The applicant is seeking ANC support of their BZA application for a variance for Lot Size/Lot Coverage. The request is for an additional 4.7%, from 62.3% to 64.7% lot coverage. This additional coverage is primarily to accommodate an upper spiral staircase to the roof. Due to structural design within the building, the stairs had to be extended to the rear of the building to alleviate undue safety concerns.

Anthony Brown stated the Zoning Committee met and supported the request for a special exception. The applicant reached out to his neighbors and has 22 signatures.

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request for support of 509 O Street, NW for their BZA application for a variance for Lot Size/Lot Coverage and that said support be communicated in writing to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Padro, Wiggins, Brown, Rogers, Nigro) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XI. GENERAL COMMISSION DISCUSSION ON TESTIMONY ON TRANSPORTATION BILLS BEFORE THE DC CITY COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The DC Council is currently reviewing several bills related to transportation for which the Committee on Transportation and the Environment will receive testimony at a hearing scheduled for October 24, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. Lengthy discussion ensued among the ANC 6E commissioners.

A. MOTION: In the matter of **B-23-288**, the “**Vision Zero Enhancement Omnibus Amendment Act of 2019**,” Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E **withhold its support and show opposition** to the Citizen Traffic Safety Enforcement Pilot; further that the notice requirement to ANCs be changed to 45 days prior to the proposed construction.

Further, that ANC 6E **support B23-292**, the “**Curb Extensions Act of 2019**,” and that said support be communicated in writing to the Council of the District of Columbia and the Committee on Transportation and the Environment. The Motion **passed**, 4 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Padro, Brown, Rogers) – 0 nays – 2 abstentions (Commissioners Wiggins and Nigro).

B. MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Marriott seconded that written testimony on the “**Vision Zero Enhancement Amendment Act of 2019** and the “**Curb Extensions Act of 2019**” be submitted with the modifications to the prepared testimony that the Commission discussed earlier. The Motion **passed**, 4 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Padro, Brown, Rogers) – 1 nay (Commissioner Wiggins) – 1 abstention (Commissioner Nigro).

C. B23-257: The Mandatory Protected Cycling Lane Amendment Act of 2019: The Commission took no action on this proposed bill.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

New Banneker High School: Commissioner Padro stated that in the new plans for the new Banneker High School, there is a proposal to reduce the size of the Dog Park and the Skate Park by 30%.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Marriott seconded that ANC 6E **oppose** the proposed reduction in size of the Dog Park and the Skate Park by 30% as a result of the construction of the new Banneker High School and that said opposition be communicated in writing to the Mayor, the DC City Council, and the Department of Public Schools. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Padro, Wiggins, Brown, Rogers, Nigro) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

XIV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 9/3/2019 MEETING

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Marriott seconded that the Minutes of the ANC 6E Public Meeting of **September 3, 2019** be approved. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Wiggins, Padro, Nigro, Brown, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XV. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Brown reported that as of September 30, 2019, the balance in the checking account was \$41,440.20.

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

XVI. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

A. MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Marriott seconded that the invoice submitted by Karen Jehle in the amount of \$250.00 for recording services for the **ANC 6E October 1, 2019 Public Meeting** and maintenance of the website be approved. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Padro, Wiggins, Nigro, Brown, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

B. MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Marriott seconded that Commissioner Wiggins be reimbursed in the amount of \$227.00 for renewal of the post office box at Brentwood for six (6) months. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Padro, Wiggins, Nigro, Brown, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A.** Commissioner Padro stated that the “Friends of the Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Library” will be holding its annual book sale on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- B.** Gloria Hightower stated she has concerns about the Shaw Middle School. She added that Mayor Bowser will be at the ANC 2F meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, October 2, 2019, and she would like to see some representation from ANC 6E there. The ANC meeting is being held at the Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle, NW, at 7:00 p.m.
- C.** Naomi Mitchell of Councilmember Charles Allen’s office stated the Councilmember will resume his office hours this Friday, October 4, 2019, at Compass Coffee, 1535 7th Street, NW, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- D.** Mikaela Ferrill, Ward 6 Liaison for the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), stated the following: **(1)** on October 1, 2019, the Mayor’s elimination of the tax on diapers went into effect; **(2)** the first Open Streets event will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Georgia Avenue between Missouri Avenue, NW and Barry Place, NW;

XVIII. NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Marriott seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Marriott, Padro, Wiggins, Nigro, Brown, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.