



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6E
PO Box 93020 Brentwood Station, Washington, DC 20090

February 12, 2020

Andrew Trueblood
Director
Office of Planning
1100 4th Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Re: ANC 6E Comments on the DC Comprehensive Plan

Dear Director Trueblood:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E conducted a public meeting on Tuesday, February 4th, 2020 at the Shaw Library, located at 1630 7th Street NW, to consider additional language for the Comprehensive Plan.

The ANC 6E Zoning Committee explained to the Commission as urban renewal was implemented in the 1970s using the Shaw School Urban Renewal Area Plan, the traditional practice of including ground floor retail was not incorporated when new housing was constructed (with the exception of the United House of Prayer's building on the 1100 block of 7th Street) because retail was not included among the options available under the zoning for those blocks. As these buildings age and are slated for replacement, the ANC 6E Zoning Committee recommended language in the Comprehensive Plan that would allow for the inclusion of retail where zoning currently does not allow it. It would allow for flexibility for opportunities for additional commerce which could lead to additional employment and more visitors to the area.

At the Commission's meeting, duly noticed, with a quorum present (four out of seven Commissioners required to be in attendance to achieve a quorum), ANC 6E voted unanimously (7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstention) to support that the Office of Planning incorporate the following language in the Comprehensive Plan Near Northwest Area Element chapter:

The Comprehensive Plan should facilitate new market rate and mixed income housing and retail development. Maximizing density within the vicinity of the Shaw-Howard University and Mount Vernon Square Metro Stations and the 7th Street corridor is a continued priority to support the development of additional housing and commercial amenities in Shaw.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rachelle Nigro'.

Rachelle Nigro
Chair
ANC 6E