# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E Public Meeting Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened at the Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Library, 1630 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC, on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

### Present:

Alexander M. Padro, ANC 6E01 Michael J. Brown, Secretary, ANC 6E02 Frank S. Wiggins, Vice Chair, ANC 6E03 Rachelle Nigro, Chair, ANC 6E04 Alex Marriott, Treasurer, ANC 6E05 Alvin Judd, ANC 6E06 Kevin M. Rogers, ANC 6E07

### I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

# 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	1/1/19-1/31/19	1/1/20-1/31/20	Change
Homicide	0	0	<b>+</b>
Sex Abuse	0	0	#
Robbery Excluding Gun	0	3	•
Robbery With Gun	0	0	<b>#</b>
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	0	0	<b>+</b>
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	0	0	<b>#</b>
Total Violent Crime	0	3	1
Burglary	2	0	-
Theft	9	18	1
Theft F/Auto	14	12	+
Stolen Auto	1	0	+
Arson	0	0	<b>#</b>
Total Property Crime	26	30	1
Total Crime	26	33	1

Crime stats for 3D Police District (PSA 308)	Number of crimes reported between:		
Crime Type	1/1/19-1/31/19	1/1/20-1/31/20	Change
Homicide	1	1	<b>+</b>
Sex Abuse	1	0	
Robbery Excluding Gun	1	0	+
Robbery With Gun	1	2	<b>1</b>
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	4	0	
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	1	1	#
Total Violent Crime	9	4	
Burglary	4	1	+
Theft	16	21	1
Theft F/Auto	23	19	+
Stolen Auto	6	4	
Arson	0	0	<b>#</b>
Total Property Crime	49	45	+
Total Crime	58	49	+

Crime stats for 5D Police District (PSA 503)	3) Number of crimes reported between:		
Crime Type	1/1/19-1/31/19	1/1/20-1/31/20	Change
Homicide	0	1	1
Sex Abuse	0	0	#
Robbery Excluding Gun	0	1	•
Robbery With Gun	4	0	•
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	0	2	•
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	4	0	
Total Violent Crime	8	4	•
Burglary	7	2	
Theft	31	25	+
Theft F/Auto	44	50	1
Stolen Auto	3	9	•
Arson	0	0	<b>#</b>
Total Property Crime	85	86	1
Total Crime	93	90	+

**1D (PSA 103):** Sgt. Bernard reported that crime over the past 30 days was similar to last year. There was an uptick in Property Crimes and he urged residents not to keep valuables in their vehicles. There were two drug recoveries at New Jersey Avenue, NW and North Capitol Street, NW. A listserv has been set up at: mpdc.dc.gov

**3D (PSA 308):** Captain Han Kim reported the following: **(1)** 1/8/20: homicide at 1301 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW; gunshot; Sgt. Terrestre currently investigating and MPD has some videos; **(2)** 1/4/20: 1305 7<sup>th</sup> Street – recovered a handgun; **(3)** 1/9/20: recovered 40 caliber handgun and drugs; **(4)** 1/19/20: responded to sounds of gunshots – located a handgun; **(5)** 1/28/20: 1700 7<sup>th</sup> Street – arrested three individuals, recovered two

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handguns and substantial amount of drugs; **(6)** 2/4/20: arrested two individuals at 8<sup>th</sup> and O Streets for distribution of drugs; hope to keep this going.

In PSA 308, Violent Crime is down 44% and there was a 21% decrease in Thefts from Auto.

A question and answer period followed. Commissioner Nigro stated a beat cop was needed in her SMD. Commissioner Padro stated victim and impact statements are needed for these arrests. He expressed his appreciation to Sgt. D. J. Terrestre and his team at 8<sup>th</sup> and O Streets, NW. Commissioner Wiggins stated there is a drug presence in the alley at Glick Court.

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

# IV. PEPCO: UPDATE ON MOUNT VERNON SUBSTATION [6E07]

Travoris Culpepper, Public Affairs Manager and Jamaal Jordan, Senior External Affairs Specialist, were present from Pepco. The Capital Grid Project will upgrade infrastructure and increase capacity. The Public Service Commission (PSC) approved one portion of the project in its entirety in August 2019. In December 2019, the PSC approved the construction of the Mount Vernon Substation at the corner of 1st and K Streets, NW. Construction of the substation will not start any time soon – maybe later this year or early next year. Transmission line construction will go past T Street, NW starting from 16th Street and Florida Avenue, south on New Jersey Avenue, left on P Street, and south on 1st Street near Dunbar. The contractor will be CW & Sons. Residents will receive notice in the mail when construction will be taking place. Hours of construction will be 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A "Fact Sheet" can be found at: www.pepco.com/capitalgrid

A question and answer period followed. Commissioner Padro asked whether the artist for the public art on the Mount Vernon Substation will be selected via competitive bidding or done in-house. He was informed that the Walker Jones Education Campus will be collaborating on what the art will look like.

# V. DC OFFICE OF LOTTERY AND GAMING (OLG): INFORMATION ON SPORTS WAGERING

Luis Rendóne, Investment and Enforcement Officer, of the DC Office of Lottery and Gaming (OLG), stated that Sports Wagering is now legal in DC.

On December 18, 2018, the District of Columbia Council voted 11-2 in favor of the Sports Wagering Lottery Amendment Act of 2018 authorizing licensed and regulated sports wagering in the District of Columbia. It went into effect on May 3, 2019. The OLG adopted final regulations on August 30, 2019.

Current and prospective ABC licensees that want to add sports wagering devices or kiosks to their premises must secure advanced approval from the ABC Board.

The Office of Lottery and Gaming (OLG), formerly the Office of Lottery and Charitable Games, is the regulatory body over all licensed gaming in the District of Columbia, including Lottery, Charitable Gaming and Sports Wagering. The OLG regulates privately-operated sports wagering throughout the District, licensing and monitoring these operations and their gaming-related suppliers for compliance with applicable District and federal laws. In addition to license application fees associated with privately-operated sports wagering, the District collects a 10 percent tax on Operators' monthly gross gaming revenue.

Mr. Rendone stated the official process for the applicant to go through is via an on-line portal that opened up on December 3, 2019. To obtain a sports wagering license is a very complex and time-consuming process. OLG will do an in-depth background investigation on all applicants and will monitor all business operations for all Sports Wagering institutions. There must be a designated security person on staff to monitor the operation and cameras.

Below is a list of sports wagering license types available in the District of Columbia:

License	Description Initial License Fee		License	
Category			Term	
Operator	Class A	Sports wagering facilities located at Capital One Arena, Audi Field, Nationals Park, St. Elizabeth's East Entertainment and Sports Arena.	\$500,000	5 Years
	Class A Joint Venture Certified by DSLBD	1	\$125,000	5 Years
	Class B		\$100,000	5 Years
	Class B Joint Venture Certified by DSLBD	Individuals, group of individuals, or entities operating private sports wagering facilities and is a certified joint venture pursuant to the CBE	\$25,000	5 Years

		Act, where the joint venture has a CBE majority interest, and is also certified as either a Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), or Resident-owned Business (ROB). Sports wagering facility cannot be located within 2 blocks of any Class A facility.	
Management	Individual, group of	\$10,000	1 Year
Services	individuals or entity that		
Provider	contracts with an Operator		
	to manage its sport		
	wagering operations.		
Sports	Individual, group of	\$10,000	1 Year
Wagering	individuals, or entity that		
Supplier	sells or leases sports		
	wagering equipment,		
	systems, or other gaming		
	items necessary to conduct sports wagering.		
Occupational	Any individual employed		
Occupational	by a Sports Wagering		
	Operator or Management		
	Services Provider whose		
	work duties are directly		
	related to or involve sports		
	wagering operated under		
	the jurisdiction of the		
	Office.		

A question and answer period followed as to what the actual process will be. The Commission was informed that the ANC must first support or not support the application of the ABC licensee or prospective ABC licensee and communicate that to the ABC Board and ABRA. ABRA will then provide an endorsement, and then send the application on to the OLG for further vetting.

VI. 520 FLORIDA AVENUE, NW (SHAW'S TAVERN): REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE TO ITS RETAILER'S CLASS "C" TAVERN ABRA LICENSE TO ADD SPORTS WAGERING TO ITS OPERATIONS. SHAW TAVERN WILL HAVE NO PHYSICAL KIOSKS ON SITE – WAGERING/BETS WILL TAKE PLACE USING A MOBILE APPLICATION AVAILABLE ON THE PREMISES [6E02]

Eric Heidenberger and Frank Wilson were present from Shaw's Tavern. They stated that there will be no cash or kiosks on site and that wagering/bets will take place using a mobile application. They will be partnering with a third party who is

putting together a group of 30 restaurants/bars establishments. The third party will work with a gambling provider/operator (William Hill or Draft Kings). Shaw's Tavern will not be taking any risk – William Hill or Draft Kings will be taking the risk. Geo Comply will be doing the "geo fencing." The most important thing is that patrons will not see any change in their operation. This group of 30 restaurants/bars will have the ABRA endorsement and they will partner with Draft Kings or William Hill.

Commissioner Padro stated ANC 6E's ABC Licensing Committee met and found no negative aspects to their application.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E support the request of Shaw's Tavern, 520 Florida Avenue, NW, for a substantial change to its Retailer's Class "C" Tavern ABRA license to add Sports Wagering to its operations and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed**, 5 yeas (Commissioners Nigro, Padro, Brown, Marriott, Judd) – 2 nays (Commissioners Wiggins and Rogers) – 0 abstentions.

VII. 919 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET, NW (SILO-TRADE NAME COMMUNAL RESTAURANT):
REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE TO ITS
RETAILER'S CLASS "C" TAVERN ABRA LICENSE TO ADD SPORTS
WAGERING TO ITS OPERATIONS. SHAW TAVERN WILL HAVE NO
PHYSICAL KIOSKS ON SITE – WAGERING/BETS WILL TAKE PLACE USING
A MOBILE APPLICATION AVAILABLE ON THE PREMISES [6E02]

**MOTION:** Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E support the request of Silo (Trade Name: Communal Restaurant), 919 5<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, for a substantial change to its Retailer's Class "C" Tavern ABRA license to add Sports Wagering to its operations and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed**, 5 yeas (Commissioners Nigro, Padro, Brown, Marriott, Judd) – 2 nays (Commissioners Wiggins and Rogers) – 0 abstentions.

# VIII. WILTBERGER STREET: SYMBOLIC STREET NAME DESIGNATION OF WILTBERGER STREET TO CECELIA'S WAY [6E02]

Myla Moss, former Chair of ANC 1B, stated that Tina Boyd was ill and unable to attend tonight's meeting. Myla Moss requested ANC 6E's support for the Symbolic Street Name designation of Wiltberger Street to "Cecilia's Way" in honor of Cecilia Penny Scott, mother of Tina Boyd. They have been working with Commissioners Brown and Padro and Councilmember Charles Allen.

Cecilia Penny Scott was a Shaw entrepreneur. After moving to Washington, she was educated in the DC public schools, including Armstrong Manual Training School and Dunbar High School and attended Howard University. In 1953, Scott opened Cecilia's at 2002 12<sup>th</sup> Street. In 1958, she purchased the Stage Door restaurant at 618 T Street, NW, across Wiltberger Street from the Howard Theatre and renamed it Cecilia's. Scott was a founder of Banneker Plaza, Inc., Hospitality House, School Shoes, and CRM Development Corporation, the first

African American woman-owned real estate development company in the city. The west wall of the building at 618 T Street, NW that housed Cecelia's restaurant faces Wiltberger Street, NW, a one block street that extends from S Street, NW to T Street, NW. The façade of the building has been incorporated into The Shaw, a mixed use building that is currently under construction. It is therefore fitting that this street should be ceremonially named in honor of Cecelia Penny Scott and Cecilia's restaurant.

Commissioner Padro stated there will be a plaque installed on the side of the building at Wiltberger Street and T Streets.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E support the symbolic street name designation of Wiltberger Street to Cecilia's Way and that said support be communicated in writing to the Council of the District of Columbia. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 7 yeas (Commissioners Nigro, Padro, Wiggins, Brown, Marriott, Judd, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

### IX. ANC 6E TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

# A. Resolution for Traffic Safety Assessment for the Intersection of New York Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Street, NW and L Street, NW

Alex Lopez, ANC 6E Transportation Advisory Committee Chair, requested ANC 6E support for a Resolution for Traffic Safety Assessment for the Intersection of New York Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, and L Street, NW. He outlined the provisions of the resolution which was provided as a handout.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E support the Resolution for Traffic Safety Assessment for the Intersection of New York Avenue, NW, 5<sup>th</sup> Street,, NW, and L Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to the Director of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). The Motion *passed* unanimously, 7 yeas (Commissioners Nigro, Padro, Wiggins, Brown, Marriott, Judd, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

# B. North Capitol Street Traffic Safety Sign-On Letter

Alex Lopez, ANC 6E Transportation Advisory Committee Chair, requested ANC 6E support for a North Capitol Street Traffic Safety Sign-On Letter urging DDOT to implement the improvements from the North Capitol Needs Assessment study. He outlined the provisions of the sign-on letter which was provided as a handout.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Judd moved and Commissioner Marriott seconded that ANC 6E support the North Capitol Street Traffic Safety Sign-On Letter and that said support be communicated in writing to the Director of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). The Motion **passed** unanimously, 7 yeas (Commissioners Nigro, Padro, Wiggins, Brown, Marriott, Judd, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

# C. Resolution for Traffic Safety Assessment for Mount Vernon Square

Alex Lopez, ANC 6E Transportation Advisory Committee Chair, requested ANC 6E support for a Resolution for a Comprehensive Traffic Safety Plan for Mount Vernon Square and Adjacent Streets. He outlined the provisions of the resolution which was provided as a handout.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E endorse the Resolution for a Comprehensive Traffic Safety Plan for Mount Vernon Square and Adjacent Streets and that said endorsement be communicated in writing to the Director of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). The Motion **passed** unanimously, 7 yeas (Commissioners Nigro, Padro, Wiggins, Brown, Marriott, Judd, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

# X. REVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMENTS

Commissioner Padro stated that when 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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, inclusion of language in the Comprehensive Plan would allow for the inclusion of retail where zoning currently does not allow it.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 6E incorporate the following language in the Comprehensive Plan Near Northwest Area Element chapter and that said language be communicated in writing to the DC Office of Planning:

"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 7<sup>th</sup> Street corridor is a continued priority to support the development of additional housing and commercial amenities in Shaw."

The Motion *passed* unanimously, 7 yeas (Commissioners Nigro, Padro, Wiggins, Brown, Marriott, Judd, and Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

#### XI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

# XII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 1/7/2020 MEETING

**MOTION:** Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that the Minutes of the **January 7**, **2020** ANC 6E Public Meeting be approved as submitted. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 7 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Marriott, Brown, Rogers, Nigro, Judd) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

#### XIII. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

No report.

#### XIV. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

**MOTION:** Commissioner Marriott 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 February 4, 2020 Public Meeting** and maintenance of the website be approved. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 7 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Brown, Wiggins, Marriott, Nigro, Judd, Rogers) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

### XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Mikaela Ferrill, Ward 6 Liaison, for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) reported the following: (1) the Mayor's Office of the Clean City is hosting a Roll-Off Day in the 1500 block of 10<sup>th</sup> Street, NW on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon; (2) the Mayor's Department of Employment Services (DOES) will be hosting a summer youth program on February 14, 2020 from Noon to 4:00 p.m. at the offices of A Wider Circle, 1726 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW; applications will be live and open until February 29, 2020; (3) budget season is starting and Budget Engagement Forums will be held on February 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Edgewood Recreation Center in Ward 5, February 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at UDC Student Center in Ward 3, and February 22, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Kenilworth Recreation Center in Ward 7.
- **B.** Naomi Mitchell of Councilmember Charles Allen's office stated that Councilmember Charles Allen will hold office hours at Compass Coffee, 1535 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, on Friday, February 7, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- C. Commissioner Padro stated a Black History Month event will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at New Bethel Baptist Church, 1739 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, entitled "Eyewitness to History," an interview with Reverend Walter Fauntroy.

# XVI. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 3, 2020, Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Library, 1630 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC, 6:30 p.m.

# XVII. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 7 yeas (Commissioners Nigro, Padro, Wiggins, Brown, Marriott, Rogers, Judd) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,

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