

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E
 Public Meeting
 Tuesday, March 3, 2020**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened at the Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Library, 1630 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC, on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

- Alexander M. Padro, ANC 6E01 (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)
- Michael J. Brown, Secretary, ANC 6E02
- Frank S. Wiggins, Vice Chair, ANC 6E03
- Rachelle Nigro, Chair, ANC 6E04
- Alex Marriott, Treasurer, ANC 6E05 (arrived at 6:36 p.m.)
- Alvin Judd, ANC 6E06 (arrived at 6:42 p.m.)

Absent:

- Kevin M. Rogers, ANC 6E07

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Rachelle Nigro.

II. 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	2/1/19-2/28/19	2/1/20-2/29/20
Homicide	0	0	↔
Sex Abuse	0	0	↔
Robbery Excluding Gun	0	1	↑
Robbery With Gun	0	0	↔
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	0	0	↔
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	0	0	↔
Total Violent Crime	0	1	↑
Burglary	0	0	↔
Theft	10	18	↑
Theft F/Auto	19	9	↓
Stolen Auto	2	1	↓
Arson	0	0	↔
Total Property Crime	31	28	↓
Total Crime	31	29	↓

Crime stats for 3D Police District (PSA 308)		Number of crimes reported between:		
Crime Type	2/1/19-2/28/19	2/1/20-2/29/20	Change	
Homicide	0	1	↑	
Sex Abuse	0	0	↔	
Robbery Excluding Gun	1	1	↔	
Robbery With Gun	5	0	↓	
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	0	1	↑	
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	3	0	↓	
Total Violent Crime	9	3	↓	
Burglary	2	3	↑	
Theft	15	20	↑	
Theft F/Auto	17	6	↓	
Stolen Auto	9	3	↓	
Arson	0	0	↔	
Total Property Crime	43	32	↓	
Total Crime	52	35	↓	

Crime stats for 5D Police District (PSA 503)		Number of crimes reported between:		
Crime Type	2/1/19-2/29/19	2/1/20-2/29/20	Change	
Homicide	0	0	↔	
Sex Abuse	0	0	↔	
Robbery Excluding Gun	1	0	↓	
Robbery With Gun	1	3	↑	
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Excluding Gun	2	3	↑	
Assault Dangerous Weapon (ADW) Gun	2	2	↔	
Total Violent Crime	6	8	↑	
Burglary	1	3	↑	
Theft	20	13	↓	
Theft F/Auto	31	29	↓	
Stolen Auto	5	6	↑	
Arson	0	0	↔	
Total Property Crime	57	51	↓	
Total Crime	63	59	↓	

1D (PSA 103): Lt. Steven Andelman reported on crime for the last 30 days compared to one year ago. ADW was up a little (two shootings in the 1200 block of North Capitol Street); Robberies up a little bit (there were two robberies in the 900 block of 5th Street); Stolen Auto and Thefts up a little bit. He noted there will be a transition in the Sursum Corda area and there is a crime suppression unit actively working in that area. The public's help is needed in reporting suspicious activity and this can be done by texting 50411 anonymously. Commissioner Nigro reconfirmed that there was a beat cop in Sursum Corda. Commissioner Marriott asked about car break-ins on 4th Street, NW.

3D (PSA 308): Captain Han Kim reported on two shootings, one on 2/24/20 at 9th and Rhode Island Avenue, NW (gunshot wound), and the second on 3/1/20 where 13-year-old Malachi Lukes was shot and killed in the 600 block of Glick Court, south of S Street, NW. Captain Kim stated there were officers at 8th & R Streets and 8th & S Streets, NW at the time of the shooting. He also noted that 3D has recovered 26 guns year-to-date. A question and answer period followed.

Commissioner Nigro asked about a homicide in front of Dunbar High School. Commander Stuart Emerman responded that this is still under investigation. Commissioner Wiggins asked if there was any information as to why the shooting on 3/1/20 took place. Commander Emerman responded there were no good leads as to why, but someone in the group that Malchi Lukes was with was targeted and Lukes was killed. They have not been able to find a motive. Commander Emerman stated that in all these shootings, handguns were involved and last year, MPD got 171 handguns off the street in 3D. Commissioner Padro asked for a moment of silence in memory of Malachi Lukes. Commissioner Padro also asked about illegal drug activity in Glick Court and reported drug dealing in the restrooms at Kennedy Recreation Center. Commander Emerman stated that MPD needs to look at repeat juvenile offenders. Commissioner Padro stated the Judah Project and Shaw Community Center have outreach programs for kids.

(Quorum reached with arrival of Commissioners Padro, Marriott, and Judd)

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that the Agenda be approved as amended to reverse the order of “DC College Savings Plan” and “Presentation from DPR and DGS”, correct “Play Off Pizza” to a “New” Retailer’s Class “C” Tavern ABRA License, and to add “Shaw Dog Park” toward the end of the Agenda. The Motion *passed* unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Nigro, Padro, Wiggins, Brown, Marriott, Judd) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

IV. PRESENTATION FROM DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION (DPR) AND DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES (DGS) ABOUT THE CONDITION AND MAINTENANCE OF DPR PROPERTIES, BOTH BUILDINGS AND PARKS, IN ANC6E

John Stokes, Associate Director of External Affairs, Department of General Services (DGS), Tommie Jones, Jr., Chief of External Affairs, Department of External Affairs, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), and Robert Robinson, the new Recreation Manager for the Kennedy Recreation Center, were invited to address ANC 6E’s concerns about the condition and maintenance of parks and buildings.

John Stokes (DGS) stated DGS handled 40,000 work orders last year. A work order must be generated first before it can be processed. It takes 45 to 60 days to review and assess any given work order.

Mr. Stokes stated the following:

- 7th & N Street, NW Park: Lighting assessment performed. All of the lights were working as of 3/2/20.

- The three pairs of shoes hanging from a tree were removed.
- A leaning fence was repaired, tree trimming was performed, and roach abatement was done.
- Kennedy Recreation Center: (1) Broken playground equipment – part ordered and repair expected by the end of March; (2) Turf resurfacing: getting pricing from vendors; (3) Slide needs repair as well as play surface; (4) Gazebo cover – April 2020;

A comment period followed.

- Commissioner Nigro stated that the condition of the parks in general is terrible – the concrete and grass need attention. The park at New Jersey & O: condition and homelessness. Park Rangers: What is the role of the rangers?
- Commissioner Judd: New York Avenue playground – lighting for baseball and basketball.
- Commissioner Marriott: Update on Cobb Park? Response: Talked about the future of the park and the designs the community wanted.
- Commissioner Padro: Kennedy Recreation Center is 17 years old and suffering from deferred maintenance. Using KRC as a hypothermia center is taking its toll. It needs more attention from DGS and DPR. Management of KRC has been a revolving door for years.
- Commissioner Wiggins: Thanked Tommie Jones for coming to a meeting. A sign that reads “video camera” needs to be posted on the pole at 7th & N Streets, NW.

V. 924 5TH STREET, NW (PLAY OFF PIZZA): REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A NEW RETAILER’S CLASS “C” TAVERN ABRA LICENSE TO ADD SPORTS WAGERING TO ITS OPERATIONS. ESTABLISHMENT WILL HAVE THREE KIOSKS AND MOBILE GEO FENCED APPLICATIONS INSIDE THE PREMISES. ADDITIONALLY, LICENSEE REQUESTS TO OFFER THE DRAGON’S ASCENT ELECTRONIC GAME OF SKILL AT THREE GAME MACHINES. LICENSEE IS ALSO REQUESTING ENTERTAINMENT ENDORSEMENT [6E05]

Mark Brody of Play Off Pizza stated that Play Off Pizza has applied for an ABRA license with Sports Betting and Games of skill. Mr. Brody acknowledged there are concerns about noise and security and advised that cameras will be installed out front and noise-cancelling baffles will be installed on the exterior of the building. The establishment will have kiosks and geo fencing and will offer pizza and other fun foods. They do not plan on paying out cash in big numbers.

Commissioner Marriott stated the establishment abuts the 555 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Condominium and residents there are concerned about noise and security, as is ANC 6E. Commissioner Marriott advised he will be attending 555 Massachusetts Avenue’s Board Meeting on March 16, 2020, but that ANC 6E will focus on the ABRA licensing for now.

It was noted that the Roll Call Hearing Date was not until April 6, 2020. Commissioner Padro stated the ANC 6E ABC Licensing Committee met and felt that some concerns can be addressed through a Settlement Agreement. In the meantime, the Committee recommended that ANC 6E protest the application.

MOTION: Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E **protest** the request for support for a New Retailers Class “C” Tavern License of Play Off Pizza, 924 5th Street, NW, and that said protest be communicated in writing to ABRA on the basis of disturbing the peace, order and quiet of the neighborhood, diminishment of property values, and the issue of increased parking. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Nigro, Padro, Wiggins, Brown, Marriott, Judd) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

VI. 425 I STREET, NW (BAAN SIAM, INC.): REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR NEW RETAILER’S CLASS “C” RESTAURANT ABRA LICENSE [6E05]

Thomas Healey was present. Commissioner Padro stated the ABC Licensing Committee met and adjusted the hours of operation and supported the licensee’s request for stipulated and permanent ABC licenses. Commissioner Marriott noted the adjusted hours per the following:

Hours of Operation Inside the Premises: Sunday through Thursday 7 am – 1 am, Friday and Saturday 7am - 2 am

Hours of Alcoholic Beverage Sales, Service, and Consumption Inside the Premises: Sunday through Thursday 8 am – 1:00 am, Friday and Saturday 8 am – 2 am

Hours of Operation for the Sidewalk Café: Sunday through Thursday 10 am – 11 pm, Friday and Saturday 10 am – 11 pm

Hours of Alcoholic Beverage Sales, Service, and Consumption for the Sidewalk Café: Sunday through Thursday 10 am – 11 pm – Friday and Saturday 10 am – 11 pm

MOTION: Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request for support for stipulated and permanent ABC licenses of Baan Siam, Inc., 425 K Street, NW, subject to the signing of a Settlement Agreement and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA and the ABC Board. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Nigro, Padro, Wiggins, Brown, Marriott, Judd) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

VII. 600 NEW YORK AVENUE, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR THE PUBLIC SPACE APPLICATION BY AT&T FOR 5G SMALL CELL FACILITY [6E05]

Did not appear.

VIII. 1212, 1214, 1218 4TH STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR CHANGING OF THE CURB CUTS ON RIDGE AND 4TH STREET, NW [6E04]

Alan Zapatka stated they are adding a rear addition to the existing building and a third story set back and building a new building on the corner. Three (3) new trees will be installed with tree boxes.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request for support for removal of three curb cuts and installation of one (1) curb cut for the project at Ridge and 4th Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Nigro, Padro, Wiggins, Brown, Marriott, Judd) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

IX. REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC SAFETY ASSESSMENT AND TURN HARDENING AT THE INTERSECTION OF RHODE ISLAND AVENUE AND Q STREET, NW [ANC 6E TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tabled until the April 7, 2020 ANC 6E Public Meeting.

X. SHAW DOG PARK

Commissioner Padro presented for consideration an ANC 6E Resolution on Closure of Shaw Recreation Center Facilities during Banneker High School Construction, a copy of which is attached and made a part of these minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that ANC 6E approve the Resolution on Closure of Shaw Recreation Center Facilities during Banneker High School Construction and that it be sent to the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the DC Department of General Services (DGS), the DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), the DC Department of Public Schools (DPS), and Councilmember Charles Allen. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Nigro, Padro, Wiggins, Brown, Marriott, Judd) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XI. DC COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN: INFORMATION ABOUT THE EXPANSION OF 529s

David Rydzeski spoke briefly about the DC College Savings Plan, some benefits of which include: **(1)** a Special DC tax deduction (\$8,000 for married couples; \$4,000 for individuals; **(2)** Tax-Deferred Growth; **(3)** Tax-Free Withdrawals.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

Quarterly Reports: Commissioner Marriott stated that the Quarterly Reports submitted last month are accurate, but that he found a calculation error in the Excel spreadsheet. He will submit Quarterly Reports for Q1-20 and Q2-20 at the April 7, 2020 ANC 6E Public Meeting.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 2/4/2020 MEETING

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Alex Marriott seconded that the Minutes of the **February 4, 2020** ANC 6E Public Meeting be approved as amended. The Motion **passed** unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Wiggins, Marriott, Brown, Nigro, Judd) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XIV. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Marriott stated that as of February 29, 2020, the balance in the checking account is \$45,478.52.

XV. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

- A. MOTION:** Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that the invoice submitted by Karen Jehle in the amount of \$250.00 for recording services for the **ANC 6E March 3, 2020 Public Meeting** and website maintenance be approved. The Motion *passed* unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Brown, Wiggins, Marriott, Nigro, Judd) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- B. MOTION:** Commissioner Marriott moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that Commissioner Wiggins be reimbursed in the amount of \$433.00 for the renewal of the Post Office Box at the Brentwood Station. The Motion *passed* unanimously, 6 yeas (Commissioners Padro, Brown, Wiggins, Marriott, Nigro, Judd) – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A.** Commissioner Padro stated the following: **(1)** the Shaw Main Streets Annual Meeting will be held on March 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.; **(2)** April 1, 2020 is Census Day. Residents will receive a postcard in the mail.
- B.** Naomi Mitchell of Councilmember Charles Allen's office stated the following: **(1)** Councilmember Charles Allen will hold office hours at A Baked Joint, 430 K Street, NW, on Friday, March 6, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.; **(2)** on March 19, 2020, the Mayor's Budget will go to the City Council; **(3)** on March 25, 2020, Councilmember Charles Allen will have a meeting detailing his priorities on how he is responding to the Mayor's budget; **(4)** the 9th Street Bike Lane legislation has been withdrawn; **(5)** Paid Leave for residents to vote is two (2) hours. June 2, 2020 is the Primary Election; **(6)** DC's "Red Flag" law has been enacted, but has not been enforced.
- C.** Mikaela Ferrill, Ward 6 Liaison, for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) reported the following: **(1)** if residents are interested in mentoring youth, they should reach out to her at: 202-538-1241; **(2)** budget season is wrapping up; **(3)** the city is in prevention mode for Corona virus: dchealth.dc.gov/coronavirus

XVII. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 7, 2020, Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Library, 1630 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC, 6:30 p.m.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: ANC 6E Resolution on Closure of Shaw Recreation Center Facilities During Banneker High School Construction

**ANC 6E RESOLUTION ON CLOSURE OF SHAW RECREATION CENTER FACILITIES
DURING
BANNEKER HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**

Whereas, the Department of General Services (DGS) is currently constructing a new Banneker Academic High School at 925 Rhode Island Avenue, NW in ANC 6E01; and

Whereas, the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) and DGS had previously assured the community that the recreation facilities at the Shaw Recreation Center, specifically, the Shaw Dog Park, Shaw Skate Park, and basketball courts, operated by the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), would remain open during construction of the new high school until such time as the facilities were ready to be upgraded and reconfigured as part of the overall Banneker High School capital project; and

Whereas, DPR recently advised community stakeholders that the Shaw Skate Park would close on April 1, 2020 for a period of one year; and

Whereas, DPR has made no arrangements for alternate facilities for users of the Shaw Dog Park, which is the largest official dog park in the District of Columbia; and

Whereas, DCPS, DGS and DPR have not demonstrated that part of the Shaw Dog Park could not be kept open during construction to reduce the impact that a total closure would impose on the community; and

Whereas, the closure of the Shaw Skate Park and basketball courts would represent a significant loss of recreation opportunities for youth in the community at a time when few alternatives for safe, healthy pursuits in the neighborhood are available and youth are increasingly falling prey to drug related crime and gun violence; and

Whereas, DPR has not identified alternate facilities for the community's use during a temporary closure of the Shaw Skate Park and basketball courts;

It is therefore RESOLVED that

- 1) ANC 6E requests that DCPS and DGS explore a partial closure of the Shaw Dog Park so that the balance of the space can continue to be used by the community during construction;
- 2) If a full closure of the Shaw Dog Park is required in order to permit school construction, ANC 6E requests that DPR identify a temporary location nearby for the use of Shaw Dog Park patrons during the temporary closure and have said facility available before the temporary closure of the Shaw Dog Park;
- 3) ANC 6E recommends that DPR identify and bring online alternate temporary facilities for the use of patrons of the basketball courts and Shaw Skate Park before any temporary closure of those facilities goes into effect.

Approved by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E at a public meeting held on March 3, 2020 at the Watha T. Daniel/Shaw Library, 1630 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001 by a vote of _____ in favor, _____ opposed, and _____ abstentions.