

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E  
Virtual Public Meeting  
Tuesday, October 6, 2020**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

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

ANC 6E05 Vacant

Absent:

Alvin Judd, ANC 6E06

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chair Rachelle Nigro with a quorum present.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that the Agenda be approved as amended. The Motion ***passed*** unanimously.

**III. PSA REPORTS – 1D, 3D**

**1D (PSA 103):** Captain Jonathan Dorrough reported a homicide at 1<sup>st</sup> and L Street, NW where an individual on the street was approached and shot. MPD detectives are working on it. There were officers down the block when it happened; they heard the gunshots. This was in an area where we see a lot of street level activity, but not a lot of violent crime; received complaints about paintball activity on Pierce Street.

A question and answer period followed. Commissioner Rogers – **(1)** stated he noticed that the camera in that area had been moved and now it has been put back. If it had been left where it was, perhaps it would have captured the crime taking place. The individual murdered was the grandson of an acquaintance of his; **(2)** asked about car break-ins and the fact that officers are put in a certain area and then they are pulled; Captain Dorrough responded a permanent camera was installed at 1<sup>st</sup> and Pierce Streets this week. The 1<sup>st</sup> and K Street incidents were very targeted. MPD's deployment in the neighborhood has not changed. Have a crime patrol in Mount Vernon Triangle. Commissioner Wiggins stated there were car break-ins in the 600 block of M and L Streets.

**3D (PSA 308):** Captain David Augustine and Lieutenant Michael Daee joined the meeting. Captain Augustine reported that over Labor Day, there was a significant amount of sounds of gunshots at 5<sup>th</sup> & O Streets, NW. Had a homicide at the 600 block of O Street, NW that is currently being investigated – no new information. On 9/23/20, MPD's Violent Crime Reduction unit and the FBI went into the Second Street Cooperative and made several arrests for narcotics and handguns. Made 9 arrests; seized 150 grams of Fentanyl and 2 firearms. Thefts from Auto in the 600 block of L Streets. A resident reported that vehicle registrations are being stolen; he will pass this on to detectives. He reiterated that the biggest increase has been in Stolen Autos where delivery drivers have been leaving their vehicles running. He advised the Camera Rebate Program has been very useful. Commissioner Nigro thanked him for the police presence in the 400 block of N Street. Commissioner Padro again raised the issue of lawlessness in the 1300 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street, NW and asked whether any progress has been made in this area. A question and answer period followed.

**IV. 944 S STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD CONCERNING THIRD FLOOR ADDITION [6E01]**

Applicant Jim Martin was present and spoke regarding his request for support for the Historic Preservation Review Board for a third floor addition. Anthony Brown, Chair of ANC 6E's Zoning Committee, stated the applicant already had a flag test with positive results. However, there was mention that the flag was visible from 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The Committee feels that Historic Preservation may allow due to the front result being okay. The applicant has notified and received an OK from both neighbors concerning his proposed addition.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 6E **support** the proposed vertical addition at 944 S Street, NW, noting that there is a minor visibility of the addition from 10<sup>th</sup> Street of which ANC 6E is not concerned and that said support be communicated in writing to the Historic Preservation Office and the Historic Preservation Review Board. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

**V. PARCEL 42, 4 STREET AND 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET, NW – OFFICE OF PLANNING: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A MAP AMENDMENT [6E02]**

Jennifer Steingasser and Maxine Brown Roberts of the Office of Planning spoke in regard to their request for support for a Map Amendment to rezone Parcel 42 from an ARTS 2 zone to an ARTS 4 zone. Maxine Brown Roberts presented an overview of the difference between ARTS 2 and ARTS 4 Zoning, making the argument and rationale of the decision to pursue this action. The hearing date is 10/19/20.

Anthony Brown, Chair of ANC 6E's Zoning Committee, stated the committee agreed that this rezoning effort would serve the neighborhood well. However, the committee believed that this process would not provide ANC 6E the ability to collaborate on the design of the building and its use. The Office of Planning requested a list of things they should consider in making this important determination of this development.

The Committee recommended that the Office of Planning ensure that the following are taken into consideration in deciding on the development:

1. First and foremost, excellence in design that will stand the test of time;
2. Maximizing the below grade parking on the site;
3. Making good use of public space on Rhode Island Avenue and R Street frontage and have this wonderful opportunity to have a space that would actively engage the community;
4. Energy efficiency/green building.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request from the Office of Planning for a Map Amendment of Parcel 42, 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, from an ARTS 2 zone to an ARTS 4 zone, subject to DMPED providing vehicles ensuring the community benefits agreement and a process for community involvement and input into the final designs of the building, and that said support be communicated in writing to DMPED. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

#### VI. 20 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR BZA SPECIAL EXCEPTION [ADJACENT TO 6E07]

David Lewis, Goulston & Storrs PC, spoke regarding their request for support from ANC 6E as an abutting ANC for the development of this property located in ANC 6C. They are seeking relief for: **(1)** building location to Capitol Complex (exceeds 90' in height); **(2)** seeking approval for a rooftop restaurant and bar.

Anthony Brown, Chair of ANC 6E's Zoning Committee, stated the developer has already presented to ANC 6C, who have already approved the plans for this development. The ANC 6E Zoning Committee had one concern regarding the sidewalk component which provides public seating. In light of some recent difficulties in ANC 6E regarding encampments, ANC 6E's concern was if the developers and owners had taken into consideration a plan to maintain the public seating. The developer advised that this building will be in active operation 24/7 and that the proper building and public space area would be safe and secured around the clock.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that ANC 6E **support** the zoning relief requested for the redevelopment of 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW and that said support be communicated in writing to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). The Motion **passed** unanimously.

#### VII. PEPSCO: UPDATE ON CAPITAL GRID PROJECT

Jamaal Jordan and Tavoris Culpepper provided a slide presentation update on the Capital Grid Project. The Capital Grid project will create multiple pathways of power supply to connect multiple substations in the Capital area with higher electrical load capacity. The Mt. Vernon Substation will address the new demands this growth puts on the grid, so Pepco can continue to provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy to these communities. The Public Service Commission directed Pepco to convene Community Advisory Groups. An overview of the construction and transmission schedule was

provided. Projected milestone dates: start in January 2021; completion end of 2022 or early 2023.

### **VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR S STREET REVITALIZATION PROJECT [ANC 6E TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE]**

Alex Lopez, Chair of ANC 6E's Transportation Advisory Committee, stated the Committee met on 9/29/20 and took the following actions:

**Motion #1.1:** The TAC recommends that ANC 6E communicate to DDOT the following position regarding the S Street NW Revitalization project:

1. Support the closure of S Street through the triangle created by Florida, Rhode Island, and New Jersey Avenues, NW.
  - a. Support for either Alternative 2 or Alternative 3, with preference for whichever of these two options is supported by the LeDroit Park Civic Association; and
  - b. Request that DDOT continue to work with ANC 6E on the design of public space for Florida Avenue, Rhode Island Avenue, New Jersey Avenue triangle created by the closure of S Street.
2. Support the changes to the 700, 600, and 500 block of S Street, NW and the 1700 block of 6thh Street, NW outlined in the 30% design with the following recommendations:
  - a. DDOT construction for this project should be coordinated with utility replacement, especially natural gas distribution mains which are a chronic source of leaks at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> and S Street, NW.
  - b. Add curb extensions/bulb on S Street outs across 7<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - c. Request that DDOT Urban Forestry Division work with ANC 6E to identify which trees will be planted for this project; and
  - d. Request that additional trees be planted on the northwest side of the 700 block of S Street and on the 600 block of S Street in front of the Wonderbread Factory building.
3. Communicate ANC 6E's support for appropriating capital funding in future DC government budgets to complete this project, with special notice provided to the Ward 6 Councilmember, at-large Councilmembers, Council Chair, and the Chair of the Council Committee on Transportation and Environment.

**Motion #1.2:** The TAC recommends the ANC reiterates its support for immediate safety improvements along the corridor of the S Street NW Revitalization project to include a four-way stop at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and S Street; high-visibility crosswalks, and flex post curb extensions at intersections.

Commissioner Padro stated that vehicle egress needs to continue from the parking lot of the post office.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Brown seconded that ANC 6E **adopt** the above recommendations from ANC 6E's Transportation Advisory Committee with the addition of maintaining vehicle egress from the parking lot of the post office and that said support be communicated in writing to DDOT, the Ward 6 Councilmember, at-large Councilmembers, and Council Chair. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

#### **IX. RECOMMENDATION TO DMPED RE PARCEL 42 [ANC 6E TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE]**

Alex Lopez, Chair of ANC 6E's Transportation Advisory Committee, stated the Committee met on 9/29/20 and took the following action:

Discussion of the narrow sidewalk in front of the triangle lot of Parcel 42 (north side of Rhode Island Avenue between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets).

Motion: The TAC recommends that ANC 6E requests DMPED to move the fence back bordering the triangle lot of Parcel 42 abutting Rhode Island Avenue and that DDOT extend the sidewalk in front of the fence.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that ANC 6E request DMPED to move the fence back bordering the triangle lot of Parcel 42 (north side of Rhode Island Avenue between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets), that DDOT extend the sidewalk in front of the fence, and that this work be done as soon as possible to facilitate and protect pedestrian safety. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

Commissioner Wiggins stated that a soft sidewalk be installed by the roots of the tree.

#### **X. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 9/1/2020 MEETING**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded to approve the Minutes of the **September 1, 2020** ANC 6E Public Meeting with any edits to be submitted to the Recording Secretary. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

#### **XII. APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY REPORTS**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E approve the quarterly reports for Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4 with the following adjustments: \$750.00 written to Karen Jehle, bringing the balance in the checking account for Q3 to \$42,665.04 and the balance in the checking account for Q4 to \$42,308.59. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

### **XIII. 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 October 6, 2020 Public Meeting** and website maintenance be approved for payment. The Motion **passed** unanimously.
- B. MOTION:** Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that the Zoom Invoice dated 9/26/20 in the amount of \$68.89 submitted by Commissioner Nigro for videoconference services be approved for payment. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

### **XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A.** Mikaela Ferrill, Ward 6 Liaison, for the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), stated the following: **(1)** Census 2020 has been extended until October 31, 2020 <https://2020census.gov/>; **(2)** the Department of Health released guidelines on how to safely celebrate Halloween; it discouraged door-to-door trick or treating; **(3)** Mayor Bowser announced \$3 million is being made available for office resiliency fund; deadline of October 15, 2020 to apply; **(4)** flooding on 9/10/20 – DC Water has resources: [dcwater.gov](http://dcwater.gov)
- B.** Commissioner Nigro thanked Marcus Whitaker and Ed Andersen for serving as co-hosts of the Zoom Videoconference for tonight's ANC 6E Public Meeting.

### **IV. NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

### **V. 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. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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