

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E
Virtual Public Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Tuesday, November 10, 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 it has been another busy month in the Sursum Corda area – mainly Mt. Vernon Triangle. Had 6 robberies in the last 30 days; Property Crime stayed pretty much the same, but still seeing an increase in Stolen Autos and a decrease in Thefts from Auto. YTD looking at double the Violent Crime; Property Crime the same; 21 burglaries and Stolen Autos (delivery drivers leaving cars running); quadruple from last year. Have implemented a crime team in that area. It has been a quiet month in Sursum Corda for Violent Crime. Had a community walk through yesterday. MPD definitely has work to do, especially in the Mt. Vernon Triangle. 7-11 robbed in 700 block of K Street, NW and there was a robbery at the Smoothie King. Commissioner Wiggins asked if crime is coming from people living inside the park.

3D (PSA 308): Lieutenant Michael Dae stated that MPD has begun ticketing idling vehicles to bring down Stolen Autos. Have seen an uptick in vehicle break-ins and package thefts. Notice has been given to residents to be vigilant about leaving valuables in their cars. For package deliveries, residents are urged to pick up their packages from

Amazon Hot Spots such as the Whole Foods lockbox. Seeing a lot of Hondas being targeted for their airbags. Been a slower month from last month – seen a drop in crime. Have a light tower in the 400 block of N Street, NW and MPD has increased its crime patrols.

Commissioner Nigro stated there have been several car break-ins and asked why, when residents are trying to make police reports, they are running into difficulty. She was informed some calls get redirected to the Telephone Reporting Unit (TRU). Commissioner Nigro asked Lieutenant Dae to investigate and to follow up with Captain Augustine.

Commissioner Padro stated that on the 1300 block of 8th Street, there had been criminal activity on a monthly basis and he is happy to say that there is no longer any crime there. Commissioner Wiggins stated he observed the same thing. However, crime has now moved to the 600 block of O Street which is where it started originally. There is marijuana, drug dealings and bottles being passed between cars. Cars are lining up with their lights on. Lieutenant Dae responded that there is a crime patrol in that area. Commissioner Wiggins stated this situation is disheartening.

A question and answer period followed. A resident stated a couple of people she knows had a bad experience with cars getting broken into and had to wait for over an hour for MPD to show up. A family member experienced a car break-in in their driveway by a youth under the age of 12.

A resident reported speeding down the one way street in the 1200 block of 4th Street to get to the 3rd Street Tunnel. MPD has written a lot of tickets. A patrol car is needed in the 400 block of Ridge Street as well. Captain Dorrough responded a lot of this is coming down to resources. MPD no longer responds in person to Thefts from Auto calls or Petty Theft. Residents are being asked to file reports on line. As for speeding, he stated that DDOT should be contacted. As to juveniles under the age of 12, MPD is using a lot of discretion and contacting parents.

IV. 490 L STREET, NW, NAI SATURN EASTERN LLC (SAFEWAY): REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF RENEWAL OF CLASS B/RETAIL-GROCERY AND A TASTING ENDORSEMENT [6E05]

Commissioner Padro stated that due to changes in procedures, ABRA is no longer providing the contact information for licensees for renewal. In order to get this information, a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request must be filed. 490 L Street, NW (Safeway) and 99 H Street, NW (Wal-Mart) have investigative reports and the Safeway has a long list of violations. Commissioner Padro recommended that ANC 6E protest the renewals on the grounds of peace, order and quiet in order to have the opportunity to engage with the licensees and then consider their renewal applications at the December 1, 2020 ANC 6E Public Meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that ANC 6E *protest* the renewal application of 490 L Street, NW, NAI Saturn Eastern LLC (Safeway) on the grounds of peace, order and quiet and that said opposition be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion *passed* unanimously.

V. 99 H STREET, NW, WAL-MART STORE EAST, LP (WAL-MART): REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF RENEWAL OF CLASS B/RETAIL-GROCERY AND A TASTING ENDORSEMENT [6E07]

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that ANC 6E *protest* the renewal application of 99 H Street, NW, Wal-Mart Store East, LP (Wal-Mart) on the grounds of peace, order and quiet and that said opposition be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion *passed* unanimously.

VI. 1320 and 1322 8TH STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD [6E03]

Commissioner Padro stated the proposed development represents an addition to two existing contributing stories. These are additions that are vertical in nature that will be visible from 8th Street. There is a mixed context of architecture on the block because there has been high rise development taking place. The Zoning & Planning Committee met and heard a presentation from the applicant.

Jim Foster of Arcadia Design stated the proposed additions are set back from the fronts of those existing houses. This is a Concept Review for HPRB. Will include a complete restoration of the two existing houses with two floors and a penthouse that will not be visible from 8th Street. Will be providing three (3) parking spaces. The buildings will have 9 units. 80% of the historic fabric is being kept. Only thing being removed are the roofs. Have 18-20 letters of support from neighbors.

Commissioner Padro stated the ANC 6E Zoning & Planning Committee met and voted to support the General Concept, however there was concern raised about the penthouse. The Committee recommended support of the project, with the request that further refinements be made to reduce the massing, the amount of demolition, and increasing the setbacks so that the additions do not represent a burden on the historic context of the project.

Commissioner Wiggins asked: **(1)** what is the current square footage? **(2)** how much square footage is being added?; and **(3)** what are the materials being added on the second and third levels?; and **(4)** how long will the project take from start to finish? Mr. Foster responded that the current square footage is 2,000-2,500 square feet, 6,500 square feet is being added, have not focused on material usage, but the facades will be brick and the rest stucco and siding, and the timeline for the project is 18 months. A question was raised as to trash pickup.

MOTION: Commissioner Padro moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that ANC 6E *support* the Concept Design for the redevelopment of 1320 and 1322 8th Street, NW, subject to the requirements of demolition on the site and inclusion in the project of adjustments to the design, and that said support be communicated in writing to the Historic Preservation Review Board. The Motion *passed* unanimously.

VII. 454 RIDGE STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION FOR: (1) VARIANCE RELIEF FROM E-201.2 TO CONVERT THE NONCONFORMING TAX LOT TO A RECORD LOT; (2) VARIANCE RELIEF FOR LOT OCCUPANCY FROM 1043 TO 1156 (+6.5%); (3) VARIANCE RELIEF FOR LOT WIDTH (18 STANDARD TO 16 (EXISTING WIDTH)); (4) VARIANCE RELIEF FOR LOT AREA (1800 TO 1739) (.03%); (5) VARIANCE RELIEF FOR LOT COVERAGE 60% TO 66.5%; (6) SPECIAL EXCEPTION RELIEF FROM THE 10 FT EXTENSION RULE

Joel Heisey stated that their request has been reviewed previously by the ANC. There have been no substantive changes to the project, however, the Office of Planning is hesitant to recommend the variance for the 30 foot height for an accessory building.

Commissioner Padro stated the ANC 6E Zoning & Planning Committee met and heard a presentation that focused on the variances requested and special exception. The vote was unanimous in support for the requested relief.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Padro seconded that ANC 6E support the variances requested and special exception relief of 454 Ridge Street, NW for: **(1)** variance relief from E201.2 to convert the nonconforming tax lot to a record lot; **(2)** variance relief for lot occupancy from 1043 to 1156 (+6.5%); **(3)** variance relief for lot width (18 standard to 16) (existing width); **(4)** variance relief for lot area (1800 to 1739) (.03%) ; **(5)** variance relief for lot coverage 60% to 66.5%; and **(6)** special exception relief from the 10 t. extension rule, and that said support be communicated in writing to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). The Motion **passed** unanimously.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 10/6/2020 MEETING

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

X. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Wiggins stated that ANC 6E is now in compliance with the Office of Neighborhood Advisory Commissions. The Commission also has a "0" variance in the checking account, also received its allotment for October, and is now in compliance. The prior balance as of October 1, 2020 was \$43,265.54. Had one allotment check deposit in the amount of \$4,449.80; had four checks presented, two to Karen Jehle for \$250.00 each and two to Rachelle Nigro for \$68.89 each, leaving a balance of \$47,030.76.

MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Padro seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

XI. FY 21 BUDGET

Personal	\$ -
Direct Office Cost	\$ 500.00
Communication	\$ 5,000.00
Office Supplies	\$ 500.00
Grants	\$25,000.00
Local Transportation	\$ -
Purchase of Service	\$1,000.00
Bank Charges	\$ 300.00
Other	\$1,500.00
TOTAL	\$33,800.00

MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Padro seconded to approve the ANC 6E FY 21 Budget in the amount of \$33,800.00. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

XII. 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 November 10, 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 in the amount of \$68.89 submitted by Commissioner Nigro for videoconference services be approved for payment. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Commissioner Padro stated Small Business Saturday (November 27, 2020) will be different this year because of COVID-19.
- B. Mikaela Ferrill, Ward 6 Liaison, for the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), stated the following: **(1)** Happy Veterans Day to all veterans; there will be modified government services; **(2)** hypothermia season is here; residents should be looking out for the homeless by calling the Shelter at 202-399-7093 if they see homeless people in need; **(3)** Mayor Bowser issued updated travel advisory guidelines for the holidays. Visit: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov>; **(4)** DDOT is working to update their MoveDC and is soliciting feedback from the public in a survey. The survey is open until November 14, 2020; visit: <https://wemovedc.org>; **(5)** she was able to join the community safety walk in the Sursum Corda community and is hoping to resolve issues such as bulk trash and signage.

- C. Commissioner Nigro thanked Marcus Whitaker and Ed Andersen for serving as co-hosts of the Zoom Videoconference for tonight's ANC 6E Public Meeting and wished everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

XIV. NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020

IV. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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