

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E
Virtual Public Meeting
Tuesday, May 4, 2021**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Michael Eichler, ANC 6E01
Alex Lopez, ANC 6E02
Frank S. Wiggins (Treasurer), ANC 6E03
Rachelle Nigro (Chair), ANC 6E04
Patrick Parlej, ANC 6E05
Denise Blackson, ANC 6E06
Kevin M. Rogers, ANC 6E07

Absent:

None

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Rachelle Nigro with a quorum present. Commissioner Nigro expressed her heartfelt thanks to Ed and Marcus for overseeing the Zoom meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded to approve the Agenda as presented. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

III. PSA REPORTS – 1D, 3D

1D (PSA 103): Capt. Jonathan Dorrough reported on crime per the following: Things are looking fairly good; Violent Crime is down 1 over the prior 30 days; YTD down 5. Property Crime down 5 in last 30 days and flat YTD. He is nervous that Stolen Autos and Thefts from Auto will be going up. There were two (2) violent crimes: (1) one inside Tyler House; (2) ADW on 5/2/21 -1100 1st Place – fatality while struggling for a gun.

A question and answer period followed. Commissioner Parlej raised the following: **(1)** the Patricia Handy Place for Women has closed and is now a men’s shelter. Can you speak to this? Response: There has been more activity since it transitioned to a men’s shelter. The activity is low level and MPD is working with city agencies on this; we are addressing the narcotics activity in Chinatown; **(2)** Noise from ATVs and motorcycles – Response: We have a “no chase” policy and are trying to catch them on video tape.

Commissioner Blackson stated she has not often seen officers at the intersection of the 1100 block of 1st Place and M Street – there are only two units with one officer in each. Response: MPD still has two (2) units there and MPD is encouraging them to drive around and not park there. Two officers are actually a lot for this area.

3D (PSA 308): Capt. Augustine reported the following: It is illegal to operate ATVs on the road, but there is no legislation for this. Crime: 4/18 – Homicide; 4/29 – ADW; ADW 500 block of L Street (bicyclist); ADW – 1300 7th Street; ADW 1500 10th Street, NW; ADW – corkscrew; A lot of these have been closed; 4/23-24/21 – six air bags stolen from vehicles – Honda vehicles targeted – preventive measure: put clubs on steering wheels. There have been three (3) gun recoveries. As more things open up, Thefts from Auto will increase.

A question and answer period followed. Commissioner Wiggins asked about an incident on O Street where there was a large police presence. He was informed it was an unpermitted block party that occurred on a Wednesday night. Commissioner Eichler - **(1)** reported hearing sirens at 3:00 a.m. and that we need to think broader about solutions; **(2)** asked about the gun arrest in the 600 block of Q Street and it being linked to the encampment; Response: MPD did a lot of notifications to the public.

John Shaw asked about a dice game at 7th and T; Katie Riley – no notification was given to Seton Elementary about the gun arrest on Q Street; J. Holm – increased drug dealing and marijuana next to children’s playground at Kennedy Rec Center – can you keep a closer eye on this? Alex Padro asked whether MPD monitors social media in regard to the large block party on O Street (150 people) with food trucks and grills and the fact that it happened on a Wednesday night.

IV. REPORT FROM THE MAYOR’S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND SERVICES (MOCRS)

Talib Shakir, Ward 6 Liaison, did not join the call.

V. REPORT FROM COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN’S OFFICE

Naomi Mitchell of Councilmember Charles Allen’s Office stated the following: **(1)** organizing a special mobile unit to assist seniors in getting vaccinated; **(2)** partial census data released; **(3)** DC Police Reform Commission report will provide recommendations for policing and schools; **(4)** budget will be late this year because the City is waiting for the Federal money; **(5)** Special Committee on Pandemic Recovery – there will be two public hearings, one on May 21, 2021 and one on May 26, 2021.

Commissioner Eichler expressed concern about the growing amount of lawlessness and could she raise this concern with Councilmember Allen.

A member of the public stated more communication from the city is needed about what the actual plan is for the encampments.

VI. REMARKS FROM THE DC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR CHRISTINE DAVIS CONCERNING THE ANC 6E RESOLUTION

Director Davis stated the Pandemic has exposed issues with litter cans and service. DPW is figuring out routes and whether the cans are being serviced or not. DPW shares ANC 6E's concerns and looks forward to resolving them. Commissioner Eichler stated he hoped Director Davis would take him up on his offer to form a task force. He also stated: **(1)** we have neighborhood cleanups for poop bags; the cans are degraded; and we need protocols to maintain the cans well; **(2)** cans abused by known parties; **(3)** change the design of the cans themselves; **(4)** ticket violators and impose fines. Response: We are assessing the condition of the cans – over 6,600 cans – does not include the BID. Part of the assessment is determining the condition of the cans; issue of the trash can liner and the bin – looking at a different design, but it requires a financial investment. Enforcement: we do enforce, but if there is no way to identify the person, cannot issue the ticket. Fines - \$75 - \$150 - \$300 - \$600. Doing education on the proper use of cans – revising some of our litter campaigns. Putting notices and signs on the cans, i.e., no household waste in the cans. Trash increased incrementally during the Pandemic. Hope there will be a shift to the appropriate way to handle trash. Commissioner Eichler offered his assistance.

Commissioner Wiggins asked about the 101 beer bottles discarded after the block party on the 600 block of O Street. He also asked about the status of his requests to remove the graffiti at 1713 7th Street, NW (Parcel 42). He has had no response for several months and has submitted three requests. Director Davis responded she will follow up on this matter.

Commissioner Lopez commended DPW staff for the trash pickup during the Pandemic.

Commissioner Nigro expressed her appreciation to Celeste Duffie, DPW Community Relations Specialist, and Cedric Morris, DPW Communications Specialist.

A member of the public asked about the role of DPW and the encampments. Director Davis responded that DPW plays a support role and only removes things that are determined to be trash.

VII. ANC 6E REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A RENEWAL CLASS A RETAIL LIQUOR STORE LICENSE

Alex Padro stated the ABC Licensing Committee met last week and voted to support the renewal of the following Class A Retail Liquor Store applicants:

- o **1748 7TH Street, NW: Pushpjan, Inc. (Angel Share Wine and Liquors) [6E01]**

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class A Retail Liquor Store License of Pushpjan, Inc., 1748 7th Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 1 abstention (Commissioner Wiggins). Commissioner Blackson dropped off the call.

- o **1550 7th Street, NW: Grand Cata, LLC (Grand Cata) [6E01]**

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class A Retail Liquor Store License of Grand Cata, LLC (Grand Cata), 1550 7th Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** 5 years – 1 abstention (Commissioner Wiggins). Commissioner Blackson dropped off the call.

- o **1401 6th Street, NW: M& K, Inc. (ABC Grocery) [6E02]**

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class A Retail Liquor Store License of M&K, Inc. (ABC Grocery), 1401 6th Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** 6 years – 1 abstention (Commissioner Wiggins).

- o **446 Rhode Island Avenue, NW: YDK, Inc. (Guilford Liquor) [6E02]**

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class A Retail Liquor Store License of YDK, Inc. (Guilford Liquor), 446 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** 6 years – 1 abstention (Commissioner Wiggins).

- o **425 I Street, NW: 401 Inc. (Eye Street Cellars) [6E05]**

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class A Retail Liquor Store License of 401 Inc. (Eye Street Cellars), 425 I Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** 5 years – 1 abstention (Commissioner Wiggins). Commissioner Blackson dropped off the call.

- o **500 K Street, NW: 500 K, LLC (Select Reserves) [6E05]**

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class A Retail Liquor Store License of 500 K, LLC (Select Reserves), 500 K Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** 5 years – 1 abstention (Commissioner Wiggins). Commissioner Blackson dropped off the call.

VIII. 1027 7th Street, NW, 7TH AND L STREET RESTAURANT, LLC (PETITE CERISE): REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A RETAILERS CLASS “C” LICENSE [6E04]

Representative Present: Matt Minora

Alex Padro stated the ABC Licensing Committee met and recommended unanimous support for the applicant, based on the approval of a Settlement Agreement and also recommended that ANC 6E support a stipulated license.

Matt Minora outlined the hours of operation per the Settlement Agreement as follows:

Interior Hours:

- a) Hours of Operation:
 1. Sunday through Thursday: 7:00 am to 12:00 am; and
 2. Friday and Saturday: 7:00 am to 1:00 am
- b) Alcoholic Beverage Sales:
 1. Sunday through Thursday: 8:00 am to 12:00 am; and
 2. Friday and Saturday: 8:00 am to 1:00 am

Sidewalk Café

- a) Hours of Operations:
 1. Sunday through Thursday: 7:00 am to 10:00 pm; and
 2. Friday and Saturday: 7:00 am to 11:00 pm
- b) Alcoholic Beverage Sales:
 1. Sunday through Thursday: 8:00 am to 10:00 pm; and
 2. Friday and Saturday: 8:00 am to 11:00 pm
- c) No amplified sound, entertainment, live music, or karaoke.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request for support for stipulated and permanent Retailers Class “C” to licenses for 7th and L Street Restaurant, LLC (Petite Cerise), 1027 7th Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 1 abstention (Commissioner Wiggins). Commissioner Blackson dropped off the call.

IX. 473 RIDGE STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR THE HISTORIC AND REVIEW BOARD FOR AN ADDITION [6E04]

Representative Present: Gregory Kearley, Architect

Tony Brown, Chair of ANC 6E’s Zoning Committee, stated the applicant is seeking approval of a by-right addition of a second story to an existing structure in an Historic District. The addition does not require any type of zoning relief. The project will involve adding a second level to the existing structure. The property, however, has a neighboring apartment on the east side which has a side yard. Due to the side yard, by code, there is not a requirement which mandates the exterior wall match the existing masonry of the primary structure. The composition of the addition will be siding/paneling. There are other properties as well with rear second story structures.

HPRB requires that the addition not be visible from the far side of the street, however, due to the side yard of the neighboring structure, that would allow view of the addition. The Zoning Committee does not believe the side view is an issue and is allowable from an historic perspective. There is another exact structure on the opposite side of Ridge Street which exists and did receive HPRB approval. The Zoning Committee unanimously voted to support the by-right second story addition at 473 Ridge Street.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request for support of 473 Ridge Street, NW for a by-right second story addition to an existing structure and that said support be communicated in writing to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB). The Motion **passed** unanimously.

X. WILTBERGER EAST ALLEYS HONORARY DESIGNATIONS DISCUSSION [6E02]

Representatives Present: John Shaw, Barrington Scott

Tony Brown, Chair of ANC 6E's Zoning Committee, stated the Committee met and heard a convincing background from John Shaw on the Honorary Designations which he and others have researched. John has been working with a member of the Historic Preservation, Kim Williams, who has a significant background regarding the Shaw Historic District and alley honorary designations. The Committee also heard personal accounts from family members Barrington Scott and Carolyn Swingon who provided an overview of the owners of those establishments or had close family ties and pictures corroborating these historic institutions.

The Zoning Committee unanimously voted to recommend to ANC 6E to support submitting a recommendation to Councilmember Charles Allen that the three Wiltberger East alleys receive ceremonial names and that he introduce legislation pertaining to same to the Council of the District of Columbia.

John Shaw provided a detailed overview of the history of the Wiltberger East alleyways – Holzbeierlein Bakery, Joe and Mae Hurd All Sports Club, and Wiltberger Club House. He also advised that honorary designations must use the words “plaza” or “way,” not “alley.”

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that ANC 6E **support** the honorary designation of the three alley ways as: “Holzbeierlein Bakery Way,” “Joe and Mae Hurd All Sports Club Way,” and “Wiltberger Club House Way” and that said support be communicated in writing to Councilmember Charles Allen and the Council of the District of Columbia. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

XI. 425 I STREET, NW CHEZ LILY REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SPACE APPLICATION FOR OUTDOOR SEATING [6E05]

Representative Present: Lama Hamoudi

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request for support for the Public Space Application for a Sidewalk Cafe of Chez Lily, 425 I Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to DDOT. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

XII. DDOT PRESENTATION ON H STREET BUS PRIORITY PROJECT

Representative Present: Megan Kanagy

Megan Kanagy provided an overview of the Bus Priority Program and the H Street, NW project.

The Bus Priority Vision is to:

- Improve bus speeds and reliability for riders across all eight wards of the District.
- Faster and more reliable transit provides better access to more jobs and opportunity.
- Almost half of District Metrobus riders make under \$30,000 per year and two thirds live in zero-car households.
- Improve the entire rider experience, including:
 - Pedestrian improvements to ensure bus stop accessibility
 - Bus lanes to reduce congestion delay
 - Transit signal priority and queue jumps to address signal delay
- Provide comments to DDOT by May 31, 2021

*Full presentation will be uploaded to ANC 6E website.

XIII. PRESENTATION BY THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS (OHR)

Representative Present: Ajan Brown, Community Engagement Specialist

Ajan Brown provided an overview of OHR and stated OHR's mission is to: **(1)** eradicate discrimination; **(2)** increase equal opportunity; **(3)** protect civil rights through enforcement of Federal and local laws . Areas covered: Employment, Housing, Public Accommodation, Educational Institutions.

21 Protected Traits: Race, Color, Sex, National Origin, Religion, Disability, Age, Sex Orientation, Gender Identity & Expression, Genetic Information, Marital Status, Matriculation, Political Affiliation, Personal Appearance, Credit Information, Victim of Domestic Violence, Sexual Offenses, and Stalking (DVSOS), Source of Income, Status as Victim of an Intrafamily Offense, Familial Status, Place of Residence or Business, Family Responsibilities.

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XIV. ANC 6E TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

o **DDOT NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) – INSTALL A MEDIAN ON NEW YORK AVENUE, NW BETWEEN NORTH CAPITOL STREET AND FIRST STREET, NW [6E07]**

Alex Lopez provided an overview and stated ANC 6E should support DDOT’s Notice of Intent (NOI) to install a brick median on New York Avenue NW between North Capitol Street and First Street, NW. The intent of the median is to prevent midblock U-turns and illegal left turns from N Street onto New York Avenue, NW.

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that ANC 6E **supports** the DDOT Notice of Intent to install a median on the Unit Block of New York Avenue, NW, with the following recommended improvements:

- The plans should be modified to extend the median through the crosswalk on the east leg of the intersection of First Street and New York Avenue, NW to create a pedestrian refuge island and prevent turning drivers from cutting the corner through the crosswalk.
- The end of the median on the east leg of the intersection of First Street and New York Avenue, NW should be clearly demarcated to increase visibility for drivers making a left turn from First Street SB to New York Avenue EB.
- DDOT should coordinate with FEMS to ensure the median design does not interfere with emergency vehicle response.
- DDOT should also pursue traffic calming and sidewalk improvements at the high crash intersections bookending this project at New York Avenue and First Street NW and New York Avenue and North Capitol Street.

The Motion **passed** 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. Commissioner Wiggins dropped off the call.

o **DDOT NOTICE OF INTENT: PROHIBITION OF LEFT TURNS FROM SOUTHBOUND 7TH STREET, NW ONTO EASTBOUND K STREET, NW [6E05]**

Alex Lopez stated ANC 6E’s Transportation Advisory Committee recommended support of the DDOT Notice of Intent (NOI) to prohibit left turns from Southbound 7th Street onto Eastbound K Street, NW to improve the safety of the intersection. DDOT proposes to install one (1) diagrammatic No Left Turn sign on an existing lamppost at the intersection and install flexible delineators along the centerline to physically prevent the southbound left turn movement.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 6E **support** the DDOT Notice of Intent (NOI) to prohibit left turns from southbound 7th Street, NW onto Eastbound K Street, NW and that said support be communicated in writing to DDOT. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

o **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING THE VISION ZERO ENHANCEMENT OMNIBUS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2020 IN FY22 BUDGET**

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that:

- ANC 6E calls on the Mayor and the Council to include funding for the full implementation of the Vision Zero Act in the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.
- ANC 6E commits to redouble its efforts to improve street safety in our neighborhoods and to hold DDOT accountable for the full and complete implementation of the Vision Zero Act because no life lost to traffic violence is acceptable.

The motion passed unanimously.

XV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2021 PUBLIC MEETING

MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded to approve the Minutes of the **April 6, 2021** ANC 6E Public Meeting with any edits to be submitted to the Recording Secretary. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

XVI. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Wiggins stated the balance in the checking account as of April 30, 2021 was \$42,852.17.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded to support a stop payment on Check #5273 dated 3/2/21 for \$17.00 issued to Commissioner Parlej and that a new check be hand-delivered to him. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

XVII. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

A. MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded to reimburse Commissioner Nigro in the amount of \$28.78 for Meeting Flyers (Agenda). The Motion **passed** unanimously.

B. MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded to approve for payment the Zoom Invoice in the amount of \$68.89 submitted by Commissioner Nigro for videoconference services. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

C. MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded to reimburse Commissioner Eichler in the amount of \$72.06 for Meeting Flyers (Agenda) in SMD 6E01. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

- D. MOTION:** Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded to reimburse Commissioner Eichler in the amount of \$46.64 for business cards. The Motion *passed* unanimously.
- E. MOTION:** Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded to approve for payment the invoice submitted by Karen Jehle in the amount of \$250.00 for recording services for the **ANC 6E May 4, 2021 Public Meeting** and website maintenance. The Motion *passed* unanimously.

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

Modification of Past Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded to approve the modification of past minutes as outlined in the May 4, 2021 email from Commissioner Lopez. The Motion *passed* unanimously.

XIX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANC 6E will schedule a Special Meeting to vote on a resolution for the MAGLEV Project.

XX. NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The Motion *passed* unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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