

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

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Tuesday, July 6, 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.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded to approve the Agenda as amended. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

**III. PSA REPORTS – 1D, 3D**

**1D (PSA 103):** Capt. Jonathan Dorrough stated the numbers are looking good. Minor Property Crime decreased; uptick in activity in the MVT area during the Pandemic. Stolen Autos trending upward – MVT a hot spot for this. Citywide we are seeing carjackings and Stolen Autos. Homicide on 300 block of K Street (July 3, 2021) – 17-year-old engaged in a verbal altercation – shots fired and he was struck and killed.

**Q&A.**

- Commissioner Wiggins stated he would like to see more police presence at 4<sup>th</sup> and K. He stated there will be some retaliation.
- Commissioner Parlej stated a press release/notification should have been sent out to ANC 6E Commissioners;
- Officer Johnson (assigned to 1D) stated: **(1)** ( Night Out – August 3, 2021, 5 pm – 8 pm, Lincoln Park; **(2)** MPD recruiting DC residents, ages 27-24, to serve as MPD Cadets; paid education at UDC for two years; starting salary \$34,432;
- Resident asked Capt. Dorrough to expand on the lack of resources. Response: have had 3,800 officers for the last 3 years; need 4,000 to be fully staffed; no

hiring now and facing budget cuts; working with less manpower than we have had.

**3D (PSA 308):** Lt. Dae reported the following: **(1)** had a shooting at 405 N Street – June 28, 2021, 9:30 p.m. – case closed; **(2)** robbery on 400 block of N Street on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> involving juveniles – one arrest; **(3)** keeping our deployment pretty good on our blocks; **(4)** gun recovery on 1300 block of 5<sup>th</sup> Street, NW.

Q&A.

1. Commissioner Lopez – souped up vehicle noise on Florida Avenue.  
Response: Try and record the ATVs and take pictures.
2. Commissioner Eichler – lack of visible police presence in our community.

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

Talib Shakir, Ward 6 Liaison, reported the following: **(1)** 9<sup>th</sup> and French Street – move out trash placed outside – ignited – two cases of arson. Got DPW involved for clean-up; monitoring the area; **(2)** reached out to DPW for illegal dumping, abandoned vehicles, removal of trash cans; **(3)** shooting with a juvenile and a female; **(4)** 6<sup>th</sup> & M – street cleaning – got DPW involved.

Q&A.

- o Commissioner Wiggins – **(1)** 6E02 Bus Stop – Camping out. Commissioner Lopez elaborated. Reached out to DHS to assist the individual; **(2)** better communication needed about the shooting.
- o Commissioner Eichler – encampments at P Street, NW; trash at 8<sup>th</sup> & Q Street – remove the trash can!
- o Commissioner Nigro – expect emails about shootings from MOCRS in the future.

#### **V. REPORT FROM COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN’S OFFICE**

Naomi Mitchell of Councilmember Charles Allen’s Office did not join the call.

#### **VI. QUESTIONS FOR THE U. S. POSTAL SERVICE, APRIL JACKSON, WASHINGTON, DC**

Commissioner Nigro introduced April Jackson, DC Community Relations Coordinator with the United States Postal Service.

Ed Andersen stated there has been a deterioration of postal service deliveries, especially First Class and packages and asked what kind of steps can be taken to improve this issue. Response: Ms. Jackson asked for the tracking number of the missing package and stated that COVID has left USPS short staffed in some of their facilities. The backlog has lessened and he should see improvement in the coming days.

A resident stated that over the past 5 years she has had an issue with her mail holds not being honored. Ms. Jackson will work with the resident offline.

## VII. DDOT PRESENTATION ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET, NW PROTECTED BIKE LANES

Representatives Present: George Branyan, DDOT  
Mike Goodno, DDOT  
Andrew deFrank, DDOT

George Branyan provided a slide presentation which highlighted the following: DDOT's Bikeway Program, Project Planning Background, Project History, Key Project Features, Benefits, and Impacts, Project Plans, and Timeline for Next Steps.

Why Bike Lanes?

- o Safety for all road users
- o Individual Benefits (reduced transportation costs; exercise and health)
- o Economic Development (tourism; increases foot traffic/local spending)
- o Environmental Benefits (reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions)
- o System Management Benefits (reduced wear and tear; few cars on road)
- o Network is critical in supporting biking

\*Full Presentation will be uploaded to ANC 6E website.

## VIII. 317 K STREET, NW: PUBLIC SPACE APPLICATION FOR BAY WINDOW, MARQUEE, AND CANOPY PROJECTIONS, CURB CUT, VAULT, VALET PARKING, AND LOADING DOCK PARKING [6E07]

Representative Present: Carlos Iglesias, JMI Developers, LLC

Commissioner Lopez stated the applicant came before the TAC last week, provided a presentation, and the TAC voted to recommend ANC 6E support. Mr. Iglesias stated that the above items were previously presented to ANC 6E on June 5, 2018 as part of their BZA application and ANC 6E supported the Modification Request to BZA at that time.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Public Space Application of 317 K Street, NW for Bay Window, Marquee, Canopy Projections, Curb Cut, Vault, Valet Parking, and Loading Dock Parking in the public right of way and that said support be communicated in writing to DDOT. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

**IX. 899-999 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE UNION SQUARE PROJECT  
PRESENTATION ABOUT THE RENOVATION OF TWO EXISTING OFFICE  
BUILDINGS [ACROSS FROM 6E IN 6C]**

Representatives Present: Jeff Utz, Goulston & Stoops  
Dan Avery, Goulston & Stoops  
Sam Hollman, Network Realty Partners  
Traci Weems, GTM Architect

Jeff Utz stated this project is two phases – with the first phase being the renovation of the two existing office buildings at 899 and 999 N. Capitol and the introduction of bumpouts to bring these buildings out to the street (and fill in the “moats” around the buildings) and the second phase being the construction of a new retail and hotel building at 901 North Capitol Street in between the two existing buildings. The property is actually located in ANC 6C, but ANC 6E is right across North Capitol Street.

Tony Brown stated the applicant met with the ANC 6E Zoning Committee last week and the Committee was pleased with their presentation. However, the Committee had two issues: **(1)** the massing on 999 is somewhat darker than that on 899; **(2)** while they did a good job on green space, the Committee asked them to go back and add a little more.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that ANC 6E **support** Design Review Application #21-09 of 899-999 North Capitol Street, NE and that said support be communicated in writing to the Zoning Commission. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

**X. SHAW MAIN STREETS: REQUEST FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR FY 22  
PUBLIC ART COMMUNITIES GRANT APPLICATION FOR MURALS AT 941  
FRENCH STREET, NW AND 1730 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET, NW [6E01]**

Alex Padro, Executive Director, Shaw Main Streets, spoke regarding Shaw Main Streets' request for a letter of support for FY 22 Public Art Communities Grant Application for two murals.

Shaw Main Streets proposes to install painted outdoor murals in 6E01 on the north facing wall of Lincoln Westmoreland Apartments, 1730 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, facing S Street, and the west wall of 941 French Street, NW, facing French Street Park and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets. Shaw Main Streets' grant request is in the amount of \$125,000. No private match is required for this grant. Shaw Main Streets is a past DCCAHA PABC grantee. The murals will be installed next Spring and Summer. The letter of support needs to be received before July 16, 2021.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Shaw Main Streets for FY 22 Public Art Communities Grant Application for murals at 941 French Street, NW and 1730 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAHA). The Motion **passed** unanimously.

**XI. 508 P STREET, NW, SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR DPR PERMIT BACKPACK BLESSING EVENT AT THE KENNEDY RECREATION CENTER**

Springfield Baptist Church is seeking a letter of support for a DPR Permit Backpack Blessing Event at the Kennedy Recreation Center on July 31, 2021 from Noon to 4:00 p.m. Springfield Baptist Church anticipates distributing 450 backpacks.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request for support of Springfield Baptist Church for DPR Backpack Blessing event at the Kennedy Recreation Center on July 31, 2021 and that said support be communicated in writing to the DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). The Motion **passed** unanimously.

**XII. MVT CID: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A DC COMMISSION ON ARTS & HUMANITIES – PUBLIC ART BUILDING COMMUNITIES GRANT FOR A MIXED MEDIA MURAL/PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT ALONG THE 400 BLOCK OF K SREET, NW AS WELL AS WITHIN PRATHER’S ALLEY [6E05]**

Representatives Present: Kenyattah Robinson: MVT CID  
Mark Lawrence & Shariwa Sharada: EL Studio  
Adriana Navarro-Sertich: urbanSEED  
Noe Todorovich: Exposed DC

Kenyattah Robinson stated MVT CID has the support of all three (3) building owners for this project. A slide presentation was presented.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request for support of MVT CID for an application for a DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCA) – Public Art Building Communities Grant for a mixed media mural/photography project along the 400 block of K Street, NW as well as within Prather’s Alley and that said support be communicated in writing to the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCA). The Motion **passed** unanimously.

**XIII. NEAR NORTHWEST III SAFETY & MOBILITY STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Alex Lopez, Chair of the ANC 6E Transportation Advisory Committee, spoke in regard to the TAC recommendations for the Near Northwest III Safety & Mobility intersection draft designs per the following:

- o **11<sup>th</sup> Street/Q Street/Rhode Island Avenue, NW [6E01]**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Near Northwest III Safety & Mobility Study draft design for the intersection of Q Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Street, and Rhode Island Avenue NW with the following concerns that should be addressed with subsequent design:

1. Accommodating needs of the business at 1018 Rhode Island Avenue, NW to accommodate safe deliveries around the project areas;
2. Add crosswalk striping to the southbound edge of Q Street, NW as it crosses 11<sup>th</sup> Street, NW to match existing pedestrian signal head;
3. Incorporate previous DDOT designs to add turn hardening to Rhode Island Avenue, NW and Q Street, NW;
4. Accommodating the needs of Seaton Elementary buses that currently drop students at the corner of Rhode Island Avenue, NW and Q Street, NW and find a safer location for drop offs;
5. Address the current confusion around lack of pedestrian signal head on the south side of Rhode Island Avenue, NW where it crosses 10<sup>th</sup> Street, NW

and that said support be communicated in writing to DDOT. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

o **11<sup>th</sup> Street/Vermont Avenue, NW [6E01]**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Near Northwest III Safety & Mobility Study draft design for the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> Street, NW and Vermont Avenue, NW, noting that the designs will provide safe refuge for pedestrians, slower turn movements, and better protection for bicyclists. Additionally, DDOT should consider longer term changes for safer accommodations at this intersection, including closing one of the Vermont Avenue, NW slip lanes and/or consider eliminating the diagonal parking on 11<sup>th</sup> Street, NW to create a connected bike lane from Vermont Avenue, NW to Rhode Island Avenue, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to DDOT. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

**XIV. DDOT NOI TO INSTALL ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL AT THE INTERSECTION OF 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET, NW AND R STREET, NW (NOI-21-01) [6E01]**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 6E write a letter of support for the DDOT NOI for the all-way stop at 8<sup>th</sup> and R Street, NW and request that DDOT assess necessary changes to signal timing at the intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW and R Street, NW resulting from this change as necessary to insure safety and reduce speeding. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

**XV. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HYBRID (VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON) MEETINGS FOR ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS**

Commissioner Lopez led a discussion of a Resolution Supporting Hybrid (Virtual and In-Person) Meetings for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions. Commissioner Lopez asked for and received feedback from the Commissioners regarding the proposed Resolution. See below for text of Resolution:

“WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, including ANC 6E, have met virtually since Mayor Muriel Bowser declared a Public Health Emergency related to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, once the Public Health Emergency ends and emergency legislation expires on July 25, 2021, ANC Commissioners will need to be physically present to participate in the business of ANC meetings, including being counted toward the presence of a quorum and voting<sup>1</sup>;

WHEREAS, since switching to virtual meetings, ANC 6E has had a marked increase in the number of meeting attendees. Virtual meetings have improved the inclusivity and accessibility of Commission meetings for Commissioners and many residents, more fully satisfying the Commission’s statutory obligations to “hear the views of residents ... on problems or issues of concert”, “adequately consider community views”, “ensure the broadest dissemination of information”, and “involve all segments of the Commission population in [Commission] deliberations”<sup>2</sup>;

WHEREAS, at the expiration of the Public Health Emergency, ANCs will be required to return to in-person meetings to conduct official business;

WHEREAS, ANC 6E believes that the schedule for returning to in-person meetings should be determined by each ANC based on community vaccination rates<sup>3</sup> and community comfort with in-person meeting formats—indices that are not uniform across the various ANCs in the District;

WHEREAS, when ANCs ultimately resume in-person meetings, a hybrid meeting format, where Commissioners and the public are able to participate either in-person or virtually, will provide the greatest flexibility and accessibility for all members of our community. Additionally, the hybrid meeting format will allow ANCs to be more efficient, effective, and responsive to the constituents they serve;

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Support Act of 2020<sup>4</sup> created an Advisory Neighborhood Commission Technical Support and Assistance Fund that shall be used to provide services and support at the request of ANCs for purposes including:

- Ensuring that Advisory Neighborhood Commissions have access to remote meeting technologies necessary for their operations; and
- Providing or procuring audio-visual technology and services to support Advisory Neighborhood Commissions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests that the DC Council make necessary changes to the DC Code to provide ANCs with the flexibility to determine for themselves the best format for conducting Commission meetings, whether it be a virtual, hybrid, or in-person meeting format;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests that the DC Council make necessary changes to the DC Code to enable ANCs to determine the schedule for transitioning to a new meeting format as described above based on the actual needs of the communities that each ANC serves;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests that the DC Council allocate to the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Technical Support and Assistance Fund sufficient funding to allow ANCs to transition to a virtual or hybrid meeting format in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget;

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<sup>1</sup> [DC Code § 1-309.11\(b\)\(1A\) \(Perm\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> [D.C. Code §§ 1-309.11\(b\)\(3\), \(f\)](#)

<sup>3</sup> As of July 5, 2021, 60.8% of District residents have received at least one vaccination shot and 50.1% of residents are fully vaccinated. Source: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/data/vaccination>, accessed July 5, 2021.

<sup>4</sup> <https://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B23-0760>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests the DC Council to instruct the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to actually disperse said funds allocated to the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Technical Support and Assistance Fund to facilitate ANCs to transition to a hybrid meeting format.”

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that ANC 6E adopt the above Resolution as presented and that it be communicated in writing to the Council of the District of Columbia. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

\*\*Signed Resolution will be uploaded to the ANC 6E website.

#### **XVI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2021 AND JUNE 1, 2021 PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded to approve the Minutes of the **May 18, 2021 ANC 6E Special Public Meeting** and the Minutes of the **June 1, 2021 ANC 6E Public Meeting** with any edits to be submitted to the Recording Secretary. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

#### **XIX. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer Wiggins stated that the ending balance in the checking account is \$46,325.07.

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

#### **XX. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES**

1. **MOTION:** Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded to approve for payment the Zoom invoice in the amount of \$164.29 for videoconferencing services submitted by Commissioner Nigro. The Motion **passed** unanimously.
2. **MOTION:** Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded to reimburse Commissioner Nigro in the amount of \$28.94 for copy expenses for meeting flyers. The Motion **passed** unanimously.
3. **MOTION:** Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded to approve for payment the invoice submitted by Karen Jehle in the amount of \$125.00 for recording services for the **ANC 6E May 18, 2021 Special Public Meeting-MAGLEV**. The Motion **passed** unanimously.
4. **MOTION:** Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded to approve for payment the invoice submitted by Karen Jehle in the amount of \$250.00 for recording services for the **ANC 6E July 6, 2021 Public Meeting** and website maintenance. The Motion **passed** unanimously.



## XXI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Theresa DuBois, Acting Director of Community Engagement for Events DC, stated that Events DC is providing funding of \$500,000 for FY 22 during two grant cycles (\$250,000 for the first cycle and \$250,000 in the second cycle. The grant program provides financial support to qualifying non-profit organizations dedicated to supporting children through sports, performing arts or cultural arts in DC.
2. Alex Padro stated: **(1)** Shaw Main Streets “Art All Night” is coming back live to Shaw on September 25, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; **(2)** the DC Water Project continues.
3. Commissioner Wiggins asked Ms. DuBois about the renovation of the Convention Center and was informed the streetscape is on schedule. The completion date is October 22, 2021.

## XXII. NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

## XXIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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