

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E
Virtual Public Meeting
Tuesday, December 7, 2021**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Tuesday, December 7, 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

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

III. PSA REPORTS – 1D, 3D

1D (PSA 103): Capt. Jonathan Dorrough stated that YTD still looking good. Violent Crime is down 30%; Property Crime flat – 2% reduction; only area for increase is Petty Theft. Decrease in Stolen Autos; However, there have been two concerning incidents – **(1)** shooting at 4th and L Street, December 7, 9:00 p.m. – two individuals – verbal altercation; victim also a suspect; investigation ongoing. Both subjects have ties to that immediate area; **(2)** incidents over the weekend Dec 4, 5:30 pm – two groups of individuals in 400 block of K Street – firearms – started firing at each other. One individual hit in head – case is at the Homicide Division; arrest made, but not the suspect who shot our victim. Victim is someone who is known to us.

A question and answer period followed. Commissioner Parlej – stated people are asking him if there has been any gang involvement in the incidents on Saturday and what is MPD’s plan for gangs. Response: loose neighborhood-based; no information that it was related to gangs; no crews active in that area. This is the kind of activity seen across the city; focus is getting guns off the street; still facing serious challenges with MPD manpower.

Commissioner Rogers stated he appreciates the job MPD is doing, but more police presence is needed on K Street and the surrounding community.

Commissioner Blackson stated more police presence is needed in her area as well.

Community Q&A.

- A resident raised a question pertaining to an alleged kidnapping on 12/6/21; Capt. Dorrough had no information on this incident.
- Melanie Kolkin – **(1)** was the shooting on 4th between L and K last month related to a drug deal? Response: No narcotics activity. Capt. Dorrough stated there will be a revamp of Tittle 22 (drinking alcohol in public will no longer be a crime) – possession of open containers of alcohol; **(2)** 911 Operator call on Saturday, concierge asked to check the guy who was shot. Response: 911 has their own protocols – Office of Unified Communications.
- A resident raised concerns about drug sale related issues north of the Convention Center and is this related to the illegal marijuana trade?
- Gisele Roget – issues with behavior on 4th Street between L and K – the November incident and Saturday incident – persons involved only being charged with weapons violations – is this true? Response: People have a right to defend themselves – self-defense.
- How are we partnering with local schools to address these violence issues? Response: Have School Resource Officers.
- Frederick Hawkins – **(1)** has MPD partnered with any violence interrupters and, if so, are there any positive results from those relationships? Response: Violence Interrupters only in certain neighborhoods – there is a new one coming to Sursum Corda; **(2)** what about installing more cameras to offset the staffing challenges?
- A resident asked if the guns used in the shootings were “ghost” guns and have they been recovered?
- Terrence White – why is MPD losing officers? Response: Retirement, Medical reasons; folks moving on. It takes about a year to get new officers trained.

3D (PSA 308): Capt. R.P. Small stated Violent Crime is down 33%; ADWs down; Property Crime up.

Commissioner Nigro asked if there were any updates on the robbery in the 400 block of M Street, NW. Response: Still under investigation, but will update as soon as he can. Commissioner Nigro stated more foot patrols are needed. Commissioner Lopez stated there has been an increase in dangerous drivers in vehicles with fake temporary tags—what can MPD do to crack down on this trend? Response: Cannot stop people from getting them. MPD only has visibility into temporary tag issuance from certain states. Commissioner Eichler asked about the Mayor’s initiative regarding traffic safety around schools, in particular Banneker High School – what strategies are you implementing? Enforced traffic enforcement at school zones.

Community Q&A.

- Alex Padro – recent gunfire at 1400 block of 7th Street – two weeks in row; Response: One person arrested; investigation still active.
- A resident asked about mitigating drug activity between 6th and 7th Street, NW.
- A resident asked what percentage of Violent Crimes are prosecuted? Response: MPD has no numbers; have to contact the U. S. Attorney’s Office.

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

Talib Shakir is no longer with MOCRS.

Joseph Florio, 202-805-7122; joseph.florio@dc.gov; reported: **(1)** Indoor mask mandate lifted on November 22, 2021; **(2)** press conference on new variant; **(3)** masks will still be required for public transportation (buses, trains, airports), schools, libraries, nursing facilities; **(2)** new MPD program regarding illegal guns – offer up to \$2,500 reward towards recovery of illegal guns; **(3)** outdoor camera rebate program; **(4)** safety enhancements around schools implemented; **(5)** vaccines for children ages 5-11 available; booster shots available at all walkup sites; **(6)** leaf collection began November 1, 2021 and will go to January 15, 2022.

A question and answer period followed. Commissioner Eichler asked if MOCRS can do anything to facilitate traffic enforcement in front of Banneker High School.

A resident asked whether the Council has voted on the encampments. Response: Vote scheduled for December 21, 2021; When is the vote on Redistricting?

V. REPORT FROM COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN'S OFFICE

Naomi Mitchell did not join the call.

VI. PRESENTATION FROM DDOT ON THE NEW JERSEY AVENUE NW TRAFFIC CALMING AND PROTECTED BIKE LANE BETWEEN N STREET NW AND FLORIDA AVENUE NW [6E02, 6E04]

Representative Present: Will Handsfield, DDOT

Will Handsfield of DDOT provided a PowerPoint presentation which will be uploaded to the ANC 6E website.

a. Design Recommendations for the proposed New Jersey Avenue, NW Traffic Calming and Protected Bike Lane Project

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that ANC 6E supports DDOT's concept plans for the New Jersey Avenue NW Corridor Safety Project and requests that DDOT move forward with all expediency to the 30% design phase for this project;

Further, ANC 6E recommends that the following design changes be incorporated into the New Jersey Avenue NW Corridor Safety Project:

- o Install accessible raised platforms at bus stops along the New Jersey Avenue NW project corridor (ZICLA Platforms), similar to the raised platforms that are installed at bus stops along the K Street NW protected bike lane;
- o Implement traffic calming and bicycle protection measures at the complex intersection of New Jersey Avenue NW, P Street NW, and 4th Street NW to reduce the risk of right hooks to bicyclists from drivers turning right from New Jersey Avenue NW northbound onto 4th Street NW northbound;
- o Install a pedestrian crosswalk and ADA curb ramps on the east leg of the intersection of New Jersey Avenue NW and Franklin Street NW;
- o Close slip lanes exiting New Jersey Avenue NW at the following locations and create straight pedestrian crossings:
 - 4th Street NW between New Jersey Avenue NW and O Street NW
 - 3rd Street NW between New Jersey Avenue NW and N Street NW
- o Reduce the number of sidewalk curb cuts leading to commercial parking areas from two to one at the following locations:
 - Marathon Gas Station at 1739 New Jersey Avenue NW
 - Valero Gas Station at 420 Rhode Island Avenue NW
 - Strip mall between and Q Street NW and Franklin Street NW (1541-1545 New Jersey Avenue NW)
- o Improve pedestrian access and accessibility by paving the clear desire path from New Jersey Avenue NW to O Street NW along the Dunbar High School fence; and
- o Work with DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services (“FEMS”) to either remove the traffic signal next to the fire station at 1300 New Jersey Avenue NW that is not currently used by the station or to change the signal from green to permanent flashing yellow to caution drivers passing the fire station.

The Motion ***passed*** unanimously.

VII. 456 RIDGE STREET, NW HPA 22-035, SUPPORT FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD FOR A CONCEPT/DEMOLITION OF CURRENT STRUCTURE [6E04]

Representatives Present: Trudy E. Scott, Owner
Byongwook Oh, Architect

Tony Brown, Chair of ANC 6E’s Zoning Committee, stated the Committee met and voted not to support (6 nay votes) the application of 456 Ridge Street, NW to change their status from contributing to non-contributing and to seek a raze permit.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded that ANC 6E **not support** the request of 456 Ridge Street NW for the status change to be non-contributing and that it remain a contributing structure in the Mount Vernon Square neighborhood and that this be communicated in writing to HPRB. The Motion resulted in a **tie vote** 3 yeas (Commissioners Nigro, Rogers, Blackson) – 3 nays (Commissioners Lopez, Eichler, Wiggins) – 1 abstention (Commissioner Parlej) and **did not pass**.

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request of 456 Ridge Street NW for the status change to be non-contributing in order to seek a raze permit and that said support be communicated in writing to HPRB. The Motion resulted in a **tie vote** 3 yeas (Commissioners Lopez, Eichler, Wiggins) – 3 nays (Commissioners Nigro, Rogers, Blackson) – 1 abstention (Commissioner Parlej) and **did not pass**.

VIII. 1552 8TH STREET, NW, HPA 21-0564, SUPPORT FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD FOR PERMIT/CONSTRUCT THREE-STORY ADDITION AT REAR [6E01]

Representative Present: Brandon Wells

Tony Brown, Chair of ANC 6E's Zoning Committee, stated the Committee met and voted 6 yeas and 1 abstention to support the application of 1552 8th Street, NW (HPA 21-0564) for Permit/Construct Three-Story addition at the rear.

Commissioner Eichler stated to Mr. Wells that the property has been neglected for a long time and urged completion of the project as soon as possible.

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 6E **support** the application for 1552 8th Street, NW (HPA 21-0564) for Permit/Construct Three Story Addition at the Rear and that said support be communicated in writing to HPRB. The Motion **passed** 6 yeas (Commissioners Eichler, Lopez, Wiggins, Parlej, Nigro, Blackson). Commissioner Rogers dropped off the call.

[Commissioner Rogers re-joins the call].

IX. 1612-1616 7TH STREET, NW, HPA 21-038, SUPPORT FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD FOR PERMIT/STORE FRONT ALTERATIONS, CONSTRUCT THREE-STORY BUILDING AT REAR [6E01]

Representative Present: Rich Markus

Tony Brown, Chair of ANC 6E's Zoning Committee, stated the Committee met and voted to support (6 yeas) the application of 1612-1616 7th Street, NW (HPA 21-038) for Permit/Store Front Alterations, Construct Three-Story Building at Rear.

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that ANC 6E **support** the application for 1612-1616 7th Street, NW (HPA 21-038) for Permit/Store Front Alterations, Construct Three-Story Building at Rear and that said support be communicated in writing to HPRB. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

X. 1510 10TH STREET, NW, HPA 22-075, SUPPORT FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD FOR PERMIT/CONSTRUCT TWO-STORY ADDITION AT REAR WITH EXTERIOR STAIR AND ROOF DECK; NEW FRONT STEPS AND WINDOW AT BASEMENT [6E01]

Representatives Present: Viswanath Gundavarapu, Owner
Marcelo Ayala

Tony Brown, Chair of ANC 6E's Zoning Committee, stated the Committee met and voted 5 yeas and 1 abstention to support the application of 1510 10th Street, NW (HPA 22-075) for Permit/Construct Two-Story Addition at Rear with Exterior Stair and Roof Deck; New Front Steps and Window at Basement.

Commissioner Eichler raised issues with the owner regarding rats, construction without permits, and no fencing.

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that ANC 6E **support** the application for 1510 10th Street, NW (HPA 22-075) for Permit/Construct Two-Story Addition at Rear with Exterior Stair and Roof Deck; New Front Steps and Window at Basement and that said support be communicated in writing to HPRB. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

XI. 508 K ST REBEL TACO, LLC: SUPPORT FOR RETAILER'S CLASS "C" RESTAURANT LICENSE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT [6E05]

Representative Present: Sean Morris

Alex Padro, Chair of ANC 6E's ABC Licensing Committee, stated the Committee met and voted to support the request of 508 K Street Rebel Taco, LLC for a Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License, with a stipulated license, subject to the terms of the Settlement Agreement that was reached.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded that ANC 6E **support** 508 K St Rebel Taco, LLC request for support for a Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License, with a stipulated license, within the terms of the ANC 6E Settlement Agreement that was reached and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

XII. 508 K ST ITALIANI K STREET, LLC (STELLINA PIZZERIA): SUPPORT FOR RETAILER'S CLASS "C" RESTAURANT LICENSE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT [6E05]

Alex Padro, Chair of ANC 6E's ABC Licensing Committee, stated the Committee met and voted to support the request of 508 K Street Italiani K Street, LLC (Stellina Pizzeria) for a Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License, with a stipulated license, subject to the terms of the Settlement Agreement that was reached.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request for support of 508 K St Italiani K Street, LLC (Stellina Pizzeria) for a Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant License, with a stipulated license, within the terms of the ANC 6E Settlement Agreement that was reached and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

XIII. 449 K STREET, NW, SALT N' PEPPERS BURGERS (MELANGE), LLC: SUPPORT FOR RETAILER'S CLASS "C" TAVERN LICENSE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT [6E05]

Representative Present: Richard Bianco

Alex Padro, Chair of ANC 6E's ABC Licensing Committee, stated the Committee met and voted to support the request of 449 K Street, NW Salt N' Peppers Burgers (Melange), LLC for a Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License, with a stipulated license, subject to the terms of the Settlement Agreement that was reached.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request for support of 449 K Street, NW, Salt N' Peppers Burgers (Melange), LLC for a Retailer's Class "C" Tavern License with a stipulated license within the terms of the ANC 6E Settlement Agreement that was reached and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

XIV. TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

a. Request for Traffic Calming at the intersection of 5th Street and P Street, NW [6E02]

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that ANC 6E requests DDOT to conduct a Traffic Safety Assessment for the intersection of 5th Street NW and P Street NW and that appropriate traffic calming measures be implemented;

Further, that ANC 6E requests DDOT to implement the following measures as part of the traffic calming initiative for the intersection of 5th Street, NW and P Street, NW:

- o Install raised crosswalks at the intersection of 5th Street, NW and P Street, NW;
- o Install speed humps on the 1500 Block of 5th Street, NW and P Street, NW;
- o Install a raised crosswalk and/or speed table for the midblock crosswalk across P Street, NW between New Jersey Avenue NW and 5th Street, NW.

The Motion **passed** unanimously.

XV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2021 PUBLIC MEETING

MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded to approve the Minutes of the **November 2, 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

MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report reflecting a closing balance in the checking account as of November 30, 2021 of \$57,762.97. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

XVII. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

1. **MOTION:** Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded to approve for payment the invoice in the amount of \$250.00 submitted by Karen Jehle for Minutes of the 12/7/21 meeting and website maintenance. The Motion passed unanimously.
2. **MOTION:** Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded to reimburse Commissioner Nigro for the Zoom invoice in the amount of \$164.29. The Motion passed unanimously.
3. **MOTION:** Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded to reimburse Commissioner Nigro in the amount of \$27.14 for FedEx Office copying expenses for the Agenda. The Motion passed unanimously.

XVIII. ANC 6E FY 22 BUDGET

MOTION: In the matter of the ANC 6E FY 22 Budget, Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded to reallocate \$7,000.00 from "Grants" to "Purchase of Service," which would reduce the "Grants" budget to \$18,000.00 and increase the "Purchase of Service" to \$8,000.00. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

XIX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

XX. NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022

XXI. 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. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jehle
Recording Secretary
Cell: 703-606-2010
Email: karen-jehle@outlook.com