

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E
Virtual Public Meeting
Tuesday, January 4, 2022**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Michael Eichler (Vice Chair), ANC 6E01
Alex Lopez (Secretary), 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. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Former ANC 6E Commissioner Alex Marriott was invited to preside over the Election of Officers. The following are the results:

Position	Nominee(s)	Motion	Second	Vote	
				Yeas	Nays
Chair	Michael Eichler	Rachelle Nigro	Frank Wiggins	7	0
Vice Chair	Rachelle Nigro	Denise Blackson	Michael Eichler	7	0
Secretary	Alex Lopez	Michael Eichler	Rachelle Nigro	7	0
Treasurer	Frank Wiggins	Denise Blackson	Rachelle Nigro	7	0

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. PSA REPORTS – 1D, 3D

1D (PSA 103): Lt. George Donigien reported there were two Violent Crimes in the last 30 days – both were shootings – 12/4/21: 400 block of K Street, NW, two groups pulled out guns, case still open; 12/18/21: North Capitol & M Street, NW – shots fired (25); one victim with non-life threatening injuries; 10 cars damaged in nearby buildings – case still open; Property Crime: looking better than last month; Thefts from Auto down; Stolen Autos up (delivery drivers-Door Dash, Uber Eats).

A question and answer period followed.

Commissioner Wiggins asked can't the businesses who use these delivery drivers educate them?

A resident raised issues of loitering and asked if the shooting in November on L Street had any connection to Plaza West. He stated Plaza West has private security, but he does not see them. Response: There is no law prohibiting loitering; Security is restricted to the private property they patrol.

3D (PSA 308): Lt. Dae stated there was a robbery on 12/28/21 in the 1000 block of 4th Street; on 12/18/21, there was a robbery in the 100 block of Q Street – construction workers were targeted. There has been a reduction in Thefts from Auto in 6E.

A question and answer period followed.

Commissioner Nigro stated there are concerns from the apartments on 7th and L Street, NW about cars being broken into in their lot and there was an apparent issue that MPD could not find the apartment complex.

Commissioner Eichler asked – **(1)** is there was any information about the gunfire at 12:00 am on January 1st at 8th & O Street, NW. Response: Lt. Dae responded there was property damage, i.e., broken glass windows, but no injuries; **(2)** what is the status of the Community Focused Patrol Unit being added to Shaw?

Response: Capt. Ryan Small responded that the Chief of Police decides on where the patrol units will be located based on recent crime data.

Commissioner Wiggins asked what MPD's proper response should have been regarding the gunshots at midnight on January 1st.

Commissioner Lopez stated he is excited about the Mayor's efforts to expand violence prevention and intervention efforts, including expanding the work of the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONES).

Commissioner Nigro stated more police presence is needed at Morgan and Kirby Streets.

V. REPORT FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES ALLEN ON REDISTRICTING

Ward 6 had to lose about 20,000 residents. The area south of New York Avenue will be in Ward 6; the area north of New York Avenue will be in Ward 2, and some will be in Ward 5. He appreciates the work that we have done together. He has spoken to Councilmember Pinto and anticipates a smooth transition.

The next part is Ward ANC realignment – have 6E split in half. New ANCs take effect in 2023. During the months of January, February, and March 2022, a task force will redraw these boundaries. He would welcome 6E recommendations. He noted that

anyone who serves on a Task Force cannot serve on an ANC. ANCs do not have to strictly follow Ward boundaries – he welcomes ANC 6E feedback.

A question and answer period followed.

Commissioner Lopez asked how many SMDs would this area need to create?

Response: SMDs represent roughly 2,000 residents; Parking: shifting parking passes? You want to address this through legislation for RPP.

Commissioner Wiggins requested Councilmember Allen to copy the Commissioners when responding to Commissioner Lopez about the SMDs.

Commissioner Parlej highlighted two areas as most pressing for his constituents during 2021 and asked Councilmember Allen to comment on both: **(1)** traffic safety issues arising from implementation challenges for the new bike lane on K Street and **(2)** Public Safety.

Councilmember Allen Response: Issue taking place on K Street is emblematic of similar ones happening across the city. DDOT is notably not willing to re-engage once the infrastructure has been installed. Serious concerns with DPW leadership at the highest levels for failure to enforce. Public safety is a concern. Government is attempting to address through programs such as the ONES initiative. The DC Department of Forensic Sciences needs to be rebuilt – there are failures in leadership, training, and oversight.

Commissioner Eichler – **(1)** Public Safety: Residents want police on the sidewalks – police say talk to the lawmakers; increase funding for police and staffing for community policing efforts; Response: CM Allen stated that the mayor and police chief had reduced the budget by \$120M, that attrition hasn't increased over the past few years, attrition metrics are the same year over year, **(2)** create an office of performance for the DC Government, i.e., a performance and accountability office. Response: Performance hearings will start in a week and a half.

Commissioner Lopez raised an issue wherein MPD tried to terminate at least 24 officers for criminal misconduct, but was blocked from doing so. Response: Legislation has since been enacted.

Commissioner Rogers raised an issue with the Bike Lanes wherein DDOT promised 25 parking spaces for 43 K Street, but have not followed through on their promise.

Commissioner Blackson raised resident concerns with gun violence and asked what say do Commissioners have with regard to the Violence Interrupters.

Commissioner Wiggins asked if there has been any update on the vacancy at the Office of Neighborhood Advisory Commissions.

VI. REPORT FROM COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN'S OFFICE

No report – update was covered by Councilmember Allen.

VII. REPORT FROM THE MAYOR’S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND SERVICES (MOCRS) WARD2/WARD 5, And Ward 2 Councilmember Constituent Services Representative

Ward 2 – Joseph Florio

Ward 5 – Nokomis Hunter, Nokomishunter@dpw.gov, 202-251-5049

Ward 6 – Kevin Pham

Ward 2 – Joseph Florio – **(1)** Vaccine Mandates: By 1/15/22, residents must have at least one dose and be fully vaccinated by 2/15/22; proof of vaccination will be required at restaurants, bars, nightclubs, indoor cultural and entertainment facilities, indoor exercise and recreational establishments, indoor event and meeting establishments; **(2)** Testing: ordered over 1 million rapid antigen test kits; available at libraries; proof of DC residency required; **(3)** indoor mask mandate reinstated until 1/31/22; **(4)** DPW:

Christmas tree pickups will be between January 3rd and February 8, 2022; leaf collection ongoing until 1/15/22; snow removal now; **(5)** Abandoned Vehicles: working with DPW on this.

Ward 5 – Nokomis Hunter – 12/9/21: The Mayor and Gun Violence Prevention Director Linda Harlee Harper, and the director of the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) Del McFadden announced the Violence Intervention Program; \$1.1 million in grant money to communities to reduce gun violence – reach out to ONES.

Ward 2 – Brian Romanowski (bromanowski@dccouncil.us) – Constituent Services Director to Councilmember Brooke Pinto (brookepinto@dc.gov.) Budget season is upon us. Thursday, January 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. for budget priorities.

VIII. 211 MORGAN STREET, NW: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A BZA APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT A REAR, TWO-STORY ADDITION, A SPIRAL STAIRCASE, TO AN EXISTING, ATTACHED TWO-STORY WITH BASEMENT FLAT IN THE RF-1 ZONE [6E04]

Representative Present: Kerry Burgott

Commissioner Nigro stated the Zoning Committee met and voted unanimously to support the application. She also confirmed that there is no internal staircase.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that ANC 6E support the BZA application of 211 Morgan Street to construct a rear, two-story addition, a spiral staircase, to an existing attached two-story with basement flat in the RF-1 Zone and that said support be communicated in writing to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). The Motion **passed** unanimously.

IX. PRESENTATION ON PARCEL 42 DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BY DANTES PARTNERS [6E02]

Representatives Present: Buwa Binitie, Dantes Partners
Stephen Vassor, Dantes Partners
Stacy Meyer, DMPED

Commissioner Lopez introduced the presenters and stated that Dantes is not seeking any type of variance – this is a by-right project.

Stacy Meyer stated that DMPED is pleased that Dantes Partners signed the disposition last year. They have been working with DMPED to come up with the right mix of design, funding, and density that will be successful.

Buwa Binitie narrated a slide presentation about the 110-unit development project at 1707 7th Street, NW. The project is estimated to take two years to complete. The presentation will be uploaded to the ANC 6E website.

A question and answer period followed.

X. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2021 PUBLIC MEETING

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded to approve the Minutes of the **December 7, 2021 ANC 6E Public Meeting** with any edits to be submitted to the Recording Secretary. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

XI. 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 December 31, 2021 of \$57,321.54. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

XII. 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 1/4/22 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.

ANC 6E Security Fund Participation

MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded to approve the payment of \$25.00 to the ANC 6E Security Fund. The Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded to approve the following ANC 6E 2022 Meeting Schedule:

Tuesday, February 1, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
NO AUGUST MEETING
Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

The Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Eichler stated that a proposal is moving forward for a new Planned Unit Development (PUD) at 1707 8th Street, NW. A meeting will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact: 6e01@anc.dc.gov

XV. NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022

Chair Nigro expressed her appreciation to Marcus Whitaker and Ed Andersen for their assistance to her as co-hosts for the Zoom meetings over the past two years.

XVI. 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 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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