

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E
Virtual Public Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2022**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Michael Eichler (Chair), ANC 6E01
Alex Lopez (Secretary), ANC 6E02
Frank S. Wiggins (Treasurer), ANC 6E03 (joined at 6:35 p.m.)
Rachelle Nigro (Vice Chair), ANC 6E04
Patrick Parlej, ANC 6E05
Denise Blackson, ANC 6E06
Kevin M. Rogers, ANC 6E07

Absent:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Michael Eichler with a quorum present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded to approve the Minutes of the **April 5, 2022 ANC 6E Public Meeting** with any edits to be submitted to the Recording Secretary. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

4. PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 1D

Lt. George Donigian stated there was an armed carjacking attempt in the 1000 block of 5th Street, NW, a gun was fired, but no one was injured; there was a robbery on 4/27/22 at 7th and Massachusetts Avenue, NW where the victim had his phone taken; Trends: Thefts are looking better and trending downward. The big thing is the news out of the Supreme court – patrol officers will be reassigned starting tomorrow.

A question and answer period followed. A resident says thanks for the police presence in Mount Vernon Triangle and Chinatown. Commissioner Parlej stated he is pleased that things have normalized in Mount Vernon Triangle and expressed his thanks for Officer Lewis coming out for a walkthrough.

5. PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 3D

Lt. Michael Daele stated – **(1)** Commander Kim is no longer in 3D. Commander James Boteler has replaced him. Commander Boteler is very active and hands on; **(2)** he spoke to Commissioner Nigro about an unlawful discharge of gunfire on April 30, 2022 – shell casings were recovered; **(3)** rolling into summer – there will be increased foot traffic in the area; **(4)** he would like to do a community event in 6E in the near future.

A question and answer period followed.

- Commissioner Nigro – **(1)** stated that the person shot on 4/30/22 in the 400 block of Q Street, NW did not say where he was shot and did not give any more information. What happens when they don't give MPD any information? **(2)** there were shots fired in the Co-Op – a window was broken; **(3)** what is the policy with the ATVs? Response: Send a text to 50411 or email Lt. Daele. There is a "No Chase" policy, but officers do turn on their cameras.
- Commissioner Eichler – **(1)** asked whether texting is helpful and was informed yes; **(2)** asked about providing anonymous tips on the MPD website.
- Commissioner Wiggins asked about the shots fired at the Co-Op on Saturday.

Community Q&A

- Incident at 6th & L Street, NW – building struck by vehicle.
- Charles Walker – gunfire at 1:00 a.m.; officer came and asked to see his camera footage; on 4/13/22 at 10:20 p.m., he heard 10 gunshots. Response: No updates.

6. REPORT OF MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND SERVICES (MOCRS) Kevin Pham, kevin.pham@dc.gov, 202-341-3659

Jasmine Coilton filled in for Kevin Pham and reported the following: **(1)** Mayor Bowser awards \$1.25 million to 16 locally owned businesses through the Inclusive Innovation Equity Impact Fund; **(2)** \$3.5 million awarded in grant funding to support non-profit organizations working with youth (ages 5 to 18 this summer); **(3)** Mayor Bowser announced new Intelligence-Led Policing Unit Focusing on Violent Crime.

7. PRESENTATION ON JUNE 4, 2022 OPEN STREETS EVENT IN 6E

Representative Present: Abraham Diallo, Community Engagement Specialist, DDOT

Mr. Diallo narrated a slide presentation describing an Open Streets event on Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on 7th Street, NW from Florida Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue. Confirmed programming activities include:

- Double Dutch
- Scooter and bike safety riding lessons
- Entertainment, music and a Gogo band
- Capital Bikeshare bicycle demonstrations
- Activation zones with fitness classes
- Demonstrations
- Art

Further information can be found at: www.openstreets.dc.gov

Commissioners would like to have local vendors and artists at future events.

Alex Padro stated he is working with the Downtown BID. The businesses that are on 7th Street, NW cannot perform transactions outside – they must be done inside. No other businesses are allowed to do any vending. Side streets will only be accessible between 6th and 9th Street, NW.

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

8. REPORT FROM WARD 2 COUNCILMEMBER PINTO'S OFFICE

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Pablo Velasco Rodriguez reported the following: **(1)** Georgetown Community Office Hours: Councilmember Pinto will be in Volta Park from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2022; **(2)** Community Bike Ride at 9th & R Streets, NW on Saturday, May 21, 2022, 10:00 a.m.-Noon; **(3)** In response to recent illegal removals of protected Heritage Trees, Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh introduced the Urban Forest Preservation Stop Work Order Authority emergency and Temporary Amendments Act of 2022. Councilmember Pinto wondered whether additional penalties could be tacked onto fines to violators of the Heritage Tree law; **(4)** a final Budget vote will be taking place on May 24, 2022; **(5)** Redistricting vote - no date scheduled yet.

A question and answer period followed.

Commissioner Lopez expressed his appreciation to the Committee on Government Operations and Facilities for funding for a public restroom at the Shaw Skate Park.

9. REPORT FROM WARD 6 COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN'S OFFICE

No report – Naomi Mitchell absent.

10. RECOMMENDATION TO SET DOWN PUD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – 1707 8TH STREET, NW [6E01]

Representatives Present: Jamie Weinbaum, MidCity
Stephanie Liotta-Atkinson

Commissioner Eichler stated the deadline for comments to the set down expired.

Mr. Weinbaum stated the Zoning Commission is taking up the case on May 12, 2022. There have been no changes to the plans since it was presented to ANC 6E on February 1, 2022. The next steps are hopefully that the Zoning Commission sets down the public hearing and then we can present ANC 6E with a community benefits and proffers package. A hearing is scheduled for September.

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 6E support the set down for the PUD for Public Comment for 1707 8th Street, NW. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

11. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C RESTAURANT LICENSE FOR CHAPLIN'S, 1501 9TH STREET, NW (ABRA-095700) [6E01]

Representative Present: R. E. Wilder

Alex Padro stated the licensee has no violations or investigative history. The licensee appeared at the ABC Licensing Committee meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2022. The Committee recommended Commission support for the renewal.

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class C Restaurant License for Chaplin's, 1501 9th Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

12. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C RESTAURANT LICENSE FOR ZEPPELIN, 1544 9TH STREET, NW (ABRA-111146) [6E01]

Representative Present: R. E. Wilder

Alex Padro stated there was an issue in April 2021 relating to wearing of masks and social distancing and a warning was issued. That issue has now been resolved. The Committee recommended Commission support for the renewal.

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class C Restaurant License for Zeppelin, 1544 9th Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

13. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C RESTAURANT LICENSE FOR COMMUNAL RESTAURANT, 919 5TH STREET, NW (ABRA-108392) [6E05]

Representative Present: Eric Heidenberger

Alex Padro stated there is no investigative history. There was no recommendation from the Committee due to lack of notice.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class C Restaurant License for Communal Restaurant, 919 5th Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

14. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C RESTAURANT LICENSE FOR STELLINA PIZZERIA, 508 K STREET, NW (ABRA-119742) [6E05]

Representative Present: Antonio Matarazzo

Alex Padro stated there is no investigative history. There was no recommendation from the Committee due to lack of notice.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class C Restaurant License for Stellina Pizzeria, 508 K Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

15. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C RESTAURANT LICENSE FOR BUSBOYS & POETS, 450 K STREET, NW (ABRA-110280) [6E05]

Counsel Present: Maralle Mahmoud, Mallios O'Brien & Sandground, PLLC

Alex Padro stated there is no investigative history and the Committee recommended Commission support for the renewal.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class C Restaurant License for Busboys & Poets, 450 K Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

16. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS D RESTAURANT LICENSE FOR GIANT #2376, 1400 7TH STREET, NW (ABRA-092843) [6E01]

Alex Padro stated there have been no violations for the past two years and the Committee recommended Commission support for the renewal.

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class C Restaurant License for Giant #2376, 1400 7th Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

17. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C HOTEL LICENSE FOR AC HOTEL WASHINGTON DC CONVENTION CENTER, 601 K STREET, NW (ABRA-116274) [6E05]

Counsel Present: Maralle Mahmoud, Mallios O'Brien & Sandground, PLLC

Alex Padro stated there were no violations noted. The Committee received information from Commissioner Parlej relating to sound complaints. The Committee recommended that the Commission protest this license renewal with the goal of signing a Settlement Agreement.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded that ANC 6E adopt the resolution presented to **protest** the renewal of the Class C Hotel License for AC Hotel Washington, DC Convention Center, 601 K Street, NW on the grounds of an adverse effect on peace, order, and quiet in the neighborhood, and that said resolution be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

18. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS D RESTAURANT LICENSE FOR PEARL'S BAGELS, 1017 7TH STREET, NW (ABRA-116638) [6E04]

Representative Present: Oliver Cox

Alex Padro stated there have been no violations and the Committee voted to recommend Commission support for the renewal.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class C Restaurant License for Pearl's Bagels, 1017 7th Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

19. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C RESTAURANT LICENSE FOR RPM ITALIAN/CAFÉ 110, 650 K STREET, NW (ABRA-098593) [6E05]

Alex Padro stated there were only administrative matters on their investigative history and the Committee voted to recommend Commission support for the renewal.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class C Restaurant License for RPM Italian/Café 110, 650 K Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

20. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C RESTAURANT LICENSE FOR RUMI'S KITCHEN, 655 NEW YORK AVENUE, NW (ABRA-114693) [6E04]

Representative Present: Sean Crum

Alex Padro stated there are no violations and that the Committee recommended Commission support for the renewal.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class C Restaurant License for Rumi's Kitchen, 655 New York Avenue, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

21. REQUEST FOR AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT PILOT FOR PUDO ZONES ON THE 400 BLOCK OF K STREET, NW [6E05]

Commissioner Lopez shared a proposed letter to DDOT requesting an Automated Enforcement Pilot for pick-up and drop-off zones (PUDO Zones) on the 400 Block of K Street, NW. The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended Commission

support for the letter.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 6E **adopt** the letter presented requesting an automated enforcement pilot and/or short-term metering for PUDO zones on the 400 block of K Street, NW and that said letter be communicated in writing to DDOT. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

22. DDOT NOI 22-91-TOA: INSTALLATION OF COMMERCIAL LOADING ZONE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE 1000 BLOCK OF 5TH STREET, NW [6E05]

Commissioner Lopez shared a proposed letter to DDOT in opposition to the installation of a commercial loading zone on the west side of the 1000 block of 5th Street, NW. The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended Commission support for the letter in opposition.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 6E **adopt** the letter presented in opposition to DDOT NOI 22-91-TOA – Installation of Commercial Loading Zone on the West Side of the 1000 block of 5th Street, NW and that said letter be communicated in writing to DDOT. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

23. DDOT NOI 22-149-TOA: BUS STOP RELOCATION AND CURBSIDE REDESIGNATIONS OF 5TH, 6TH, AND K STREETS, NW [6E05]

Commissioner Lopez shared a proposed letter to DDOT to express support for DDOT NOI 22-149-TOA – Bus Stop Relocation and Curbside Redesignations of 5th, 6th, and K Streets, NW. The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended Commission support for the letter.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded that ANC 6E **adopt** the letter presented in support of DDOT NOI 22-149-TOA – Bus Stop Relocation and Curbside Redesignations of 5th, 6th, and K Streets, NW and that said letter be communicated in writing to DDOT. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

24. DDOT NOI-22-94-TESD: ROADWAY RECONFIGURATION, LANE REDUCTION, AND PROTECTED BIKE LANES ON NEW JERSEY AVENUE, NW FROM RHODE ISLAND AVENUE, NW TO N STREET, NW [6E02, 6E04]

Commissioner Lopez shared a proposed resolution to DDOT to express support for DDOT NOI 22-94-TESD – Roadway Reconfiguration, Lane Reduction, and Protected Bike Lanes on New Jersey Avenue, NW from Rhode Island Avenue, NW to N Street, NW. The Transportation Advisory Committee recommended Commission support for the letter.

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded that ANC 6E **adopt** the resolution presented in support of DDOT NOI 22-94-TESD– Roadway Reconfiguration, Lane Reduction, and Protected Bike Lanes on New Jersey Avenue, NW from Rhode Island Avenue, NW to N Street, NW and that said resolution be

communicated in writing to DDOT. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas (Commissioners Lopez, Parlej, Eichler, Nigro, Blackson) – 1 nay (Commissioner Rogers) – 1 abstention (Commissioner Wiggins).

25. APPROVAL OF CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES REGARDING FINANCIALS

Commissioner Lopez requested Commission approval of corrections to the February 1, 2022 and March 1, 2022 minutes per the following:

Add to “Approval of Expenses” for February 1, 2022 Minutes:

- MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded to approve the payment of \$424.00 to the United States Postal Service for renewal of the ANC 6E Post Office Box. The Motion passed unanimously.

Amend under “Approval of Expenses” for March 1, 2022 Minutes:

- MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded to reimburse Commissioner Nigro in the amount of \$18.66 for copying expenses for the Agenda. The Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded to approve the aforementioned corrections to the February 1, 2022 and March 1, 2022 Minutes. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

26. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

Commissioner Wiggins stated that for the period ending April 30, 2022, the beginning balance in the checking account was \$69,050.59 and the ending balance was \$68,658.35. All three checks written in April have been cashed.

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

27. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

A. **MOTION:** Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded to approve the invoice in the amount of \$250.00 submitted by Karen Jehle for Minutes of the May 3, 2022 ANC 6E Public Meeting/Website Updating. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

B. **MOTION:** Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded to reimburse Commissioner Eichler in the amount of \$99.63 for the Zoom Invoice. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

C. **MOTION:** Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded to reimburse Commissioner Nigro in the amount of \$57.62 for Agenda copies and \$71.57 for copies of the NOI for 4th & M Streets, NW Safety Improvements. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

28. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Blackson announced she ran unopposed in the DC Housing Authority's 2022 Resident Commissioner Elections and was elected as a Resident Commissioner (Family).

29. NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022

30. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The Motion *passed* unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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