

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E
Virtual Public Meeting
Tuesday, June 7, 2022**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Michael Eichler (Chair), ANC 6E01
Alex Lopez (Secretary), ANC 6E02
Frank S. Wiggins (Treasurer), ANC 6E03
Rachelle Nigro (Vice Chair), ANC 6E04
Patrick Parlej, ANC 6E05 (joined at 6:45 p.m.)
Denise Blackson, ANC 6E06
Kevin M. Rogers, ANC 6E07 (joined slightly late)

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 of 5 out of 7 Commissioners present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Blackson 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 **May 3, 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 MVT has cooled off considerably. **(1)** The areas of North Capitol Street and M Street are becoming hot spots. There have been several incidents of gunfire with one homicide. MPD has an increased presence in this area and is working on the sounds of gunshots cases. **(2)** There were two violent crimes at North Capitol and H Street, NW on 5/23/22; there was a domestic assault inside the Walmart parking garage.

A question and answer period followed.

- Commissioner Nigro asked about the 5/23/22 shooting on the 1200 block of North Capitol Street and was informed this was the night before the homicide and has not been resolved yet.

5. PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 3D

Lt. Michael Dae stated things have cooled off. **(1)** There were sounds of gunshots two to three weeks ago in the 1200 block of N Street, NW – negative result. **(2)** He is aware of the border issue with 1D – increasing patrols on North Capitol and New York Avenue, NW; **(3)** Had a shooting in the 1700 block of 9th Street, NW – domestic related – it was a graze wound.

A question and answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Nigro – **(1)** Asked about the status of the robbery on the 400 block of Ridge Street on 5/27/22 and was informed there were no updates; **(2)** Asked about the status of the hit and run on 5/12/22 at 5th and M Streets, NW and was informed this is still outstanding; **(3)** There were fireworks last night – what is the procedure for this? **(4)** Asked about the drug bust on O Street, NW and was informed to reach out to a contact at the U. S. Department of Justice for an Impact Statement.
- o Commissioner Lopez asked whether MPD has changed its policy about releasing mug shots and was informed that, if approved, they are released. MPD does not release juvenile photos.

6. REPORT OF MAYOR’S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND SERVICES (MOCRS)

Jasmine Coilton stated Kevin Pham is no longer with MOCRS. She and Hazle Crawford are the new Community Relations Outreach Specialists for Ward 6. An email will be sent out shortly to schedule a meeting with 6E Commissioners.

She reported the following: (1) The Pride Parade is happening this Saturday, June 11, 2022; (2) Had the Open Streets event and the Mayor attended and spoke with a lot of your neighbors.

Commissioners informed Ms. Coilton that Redistricting has resulted in 6E being split between Ward 2 and Ward 6 and a couple of blocks in Ward 5. Ms. Coilton advised she will report information from Ward 2 at the ANC 6E July Public Meeting.

7. REP FROM WARD 2 COUNCILMEMBER PINTO’S OFFICE

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Brian Romanowski, Constituent Services Director, bromanowski@dccouncil.us

Brian Romanowski reported the following: **(1)** Councilmember Pinto enjoyed seeing everyone at the Shaw Main Streets event and the Open Streets event at 7th & Q Streets, NW on June 4, 2022; **(2)** the DC Council voted on the Budget and ANC Redistricting – no major issues; **(3)** DPR is holding Late Night Hype events at recreation centers including bounce houses, snow cones, popcorn and live music. The next Late Night Hype event will be at Kennedy Recreation Center on 6/17/22 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Late Night Drip on Friday, August 19, 2022 at Banneker Pool; **(4)** If residents are

having issues with rodents, call 311; **(5)** Election Day is in two weeks; voting can be done by mail or in person starting Friday, June 10, 2022; go to DCBOE.org to check registration status.

A question and answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Eichler – **(1)** Asked if there is a new date for the Community Bike Ride and was informed it will be rescheduled for some time in September; **(2)** asked about the derelict market on the corner and was informed follow up will be done by email.
- o Commissioner Lopez stated Kennedy Recreation Center will not be a voting center this year.
- o Commissioner Nigro asked whether he reached out about the trash concern.

8. REPORT FROM WARD 6 COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN'S OFFICE

Jeanne Mattison stated Naomi Mitchell will be retiring after 15 years. She will be the new point of contact.

Naomi Mitchell – **(1)** Reminded Commissioners that the sign up for running next year starts July 20 to August 10, 2022; new ANC's will be formed in 2023; **(2)** Stated this is her last ANC meeting; Jeanne Mattison is very knowledgeable about the ANC area.

Commissioners wished Ms. Mitchell well and thanked her for her service.

Commissioner Lopez asked Ms. Mattison to not lose momentum about the proposed closure of the Northwest One Library. She will follow with Councilmember Allen.

Commissioner Parlej asked about the status of the follow ups about the traffic safety walk in MVT and was informed a follow up will be coming from the #2 at DDOT.

9. PRESENTATION FROM U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL VIOLENCE REDUCTION PROGRAM

Representative Present: Kevin Fields, Ph.D., Executive Director, Father Factor, Inc./Cure the Streets DC, 202-738-3581, kevin.fields@fatherfactor.net or fatherfactor@gmail.com

Father Factor, Inc. will be implementing the Cure the Streets Violence Interruption Program in Ward 6. We have identified two Violence Interrupters in the community. Have five (5) employees with street ties to the community; have two Outreach workers; have two violence interrupters – Administrative Assistant and Program Manager Fierra Green (fierra.green@fatherfactor.net). After training is completed, will get out into the community. Commissioner Blackson has been very helpful to us and is well connected in the community.

A question and answer period followed.

Commissioner Lopez asked whether Ivy City and Sursum Corda are being targeted and was informed, yes, staff will float between the two communities – there will be six at each.

10. PRESENTATION FROM DC OFFICE OF TENANT ADVOCATE (OTA)

Representatives Present: Alyce McFarland, Program Analyst
Cristobal Puig, christobal.puig@dc.gov

Alyce McFarland provided a PowerPoint presentation.

- In 2006, the OTA was created as a division of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA). In 2007, OTA became an independent entity.
- Four (4) Departments: Legal Representation, Education and Outreach, Policy Advocacy, Emergency Housing
- Legal: Purpose: To provide technical advice and other legal services to tenants regarding disputes with landlords. Tenant Hotline: 202-719-6560
- Education and Outreach: Purpose: To educate and inform the tenant community about tenant rights and rental housing matters.
- Emergency Housing: Hotel accommodations – Provides temporary housing solutions that allows tenants to focus on new housing alternatives.
- Other Resources from OTA: Monthly Renter's Rights trainings every third Thursday; Youtube Tutorials, Posters, flyers and forms available, Tenant Association trainings
- Eviction Prevention: A tenant may be evicted for one of 10 specific reasons: The primary two are: (1) non-payment of et; (2) lease violations;
- Eviction Diversion: All tenants being evicted must receive a written notice including the reason for the eviction.
- Eviction Prevention: Tenant has the right to an opportunity to cure, to challenge the landlord's claims, and prevent eviction by paying the full amount of rent.
- OTA Tenant Hotline: 202-719,6560
- Social Media: @OTAatDC
- Website: ota.dc.gov

A question and answer period followed.

- Is there a data base of tenant complaints? No, but we do have a tracking system. DCRA does have a database.

11. SUPPORT FOR MAP AMENDMENT FOR PRESERVATION DC L&6, LLC AT 1100 6TH STREET, NW – (ZC CASE 22-22) [6E04]

Representatives Present: Alexandra Wilson, Sullivan & Barros, LLP
Robert Kuentzel, Bonstra Haresign Architects
Hayri Aydin, Registered Agent, Preservation DC L&6, LLC

Commissioner Nigro introduced the topic and stated the applicant, Preservation DC L&6, LLC, 1100 6th Street, NW, is seeking support for an amendment to the Zoning Map from RA-2 to MU-8.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that ANC 6E support the request of Preservation DC L&6, LLC, 1100 6th Street, NW, for a MAP Amendment from RA-2 to MU-8 and that said support be communicated in writing to the District of Columbia Zoning Commission. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that ANC 6E support the set down for Preservation DC L&6, LLC, 1100 6th Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to the District of Columbia Zoning Commission. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

12. **SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C RESTAURANT LICENSE FOR BEAU THAI, 1550 7TH STREET, NW (ABRA-115347 [6E01])**

Representative Present: Ralph Brabham

Alex Padro stated the only violations the licensee had were No ABC Manager on Duty and administrative paperwork. The ABC Licensing Committee recommended Commission support for the renewal.

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class C Restaurant License for Beau Thai, 1550 7th 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 OYSTER OYSTER, 1440 8TH STREET, NW (ABRA-115347) [6E01]**

Alex Padro stated there was an issue with a late filing on a quarterly statement. The ABC Licensing 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 Oyster Oyster, 1440 8th 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 BKK COOKSHOP, 1700 NEW JERSEY AVENUE, NW (ABRA-086393) [6E02]**

Representative Present: Ralph Brabham

Alex Padro stated the only issue was a late filing on a quarterly statement. The ABC Licensing 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 BKK Cookshop Restaurant, 1700 New Jersey Avenue, 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 ABAKEDJOINT, 430 K STREET, NW (ABRA-097479) [6E05]

Representative Present: Tessa Velasquez

Alex Padro stated the only issue was a late filing on a quarterly statement and the ABC Licensing 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 Abakedjoint, 430 K Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** 6 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Wiggins).

16. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C RESTAURANT LICENSE FOR BARTACO MT. VERNON, 1025 5TH STREET, NW (ABRA-119567) [6E05]

Representative Present: Levi Martin

Alex Padro stated there is no investigative history and the ABC Licensing 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 Bartaco Mt. Vernon, 1025 5th Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

17. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS D RESTAURANT LICENSE FOR dLENA, 476 K STREET, NW, (ABRA-117926) [6E05]

Representative Present: Matt Minora

Alex Padro stated the only issue was a late filing on a quarterly statement and the ABC Licensing Committee recommended Commission support for the renewal.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class C Restaurant License for dLena, 476 K Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

18. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C HOTEL LICENSE FOR LA BETTY, 420 K STREET, NW (ABRA-108498) [6E05]

Alex Padro stated the only issue was a late filing on a quarterly statement and the ABC Licensing 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 La Betty, 420 K Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

19. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS D RESTAURANT LICENSE FOR RASA, 485 K STREET, NW (ABRA-116402) [6E05]

Representative Present: Anthony Ruiz

Alex Padro stated there was only one incident of No ABC Manager on the premises and the ABC Licensing Committee voted to recommend Commission support for the renewal.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class C Restaurant License for Rasa, 485 K Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

20. SUPPORT FOR APPLICATION FOR AN UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ AT 508 K STREET, NW (STELLINA PIZZARIA) [6E05]

Representative Present: Antonio Matarazzo

Commissioner Lopez stated the Transportation Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 but did not have a quorum. Commissioners engaged in a conversation about ensuring that the plans for the unenclosed sidewalk café were fully accessible to all pedestrians. In the end, the Commissioners agreed that a 4 foot buffer parallel and adjacent to the alleyway would ensure the space was accessible and incorporated this into as a condition for ANC6E's support.

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded that ANC 6E **support** the application for an unenclosed sidewalk café of Stellina Pizzeria at 508 K Street, NW, provided that the design be changed to provide a 4' buffer parallel and adjacent to the alleyway and that said support be communicated in writing to the Public Space Committee of DDOT. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

21. SUPPORT FOR APPLICATION FOR AN UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ AT 1027 7TH STREET, NW (PETITE CERISE) [6E04]

Representative Present: Matt Minora

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 6E **support** the application for an unenclosed sidewalk café of Petite Cerise at 1027 7th Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to the Public Space Committee of DDOT. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

22. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Wiggins stated that for the period ending May 31, 2022, the beginning balance in the checking account was \$68,658.35 and the ending balance was \$68,179.53. All four checks written in May have been cashed.

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

23. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded to approve the following: **(1)** invoice in the amount of \$250.00 submitted by Karen Jehle for Minutes of the June 7, 2022 ANC 6E Public Meeting/Website Updating; **(2)** reimbursement of \$99.63 to Commission Eichler for the Zoom invoice; **(3)** reimbursement of \$63.60 to Commission Nigro for Agenda copies. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

24. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

25. NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022

26. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The Motion **passed** unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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