

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E
Virtual Public Meeting
Tuesday, July 5, 2022**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Michael Eichler (Chair), ANC 6E01
Frank S. Wiggins (Treasurer), ANC 6E03
Rachelle Nigro (Vice Chair), ANC 6E04
Patrick Parlej, ANC 6E05
Kevin M. Rogers, ANC 6E07

Absent:

Alex Lopez (Secretary), ANC 6E02
Denise Blackson, ANC 6E06

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded to approve the Minutes of the **June 7, 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. Phillip McHugh stated he was recently promoted to Lieutenant and provided a brief background on himself. YTD Violent Crime: we are the same place as last year. We are seeing numbers spike over 50% for Property Crime – stolen vehicles and thefts from auto in the K Street corridor, the Safeway, 400 block of L Street, NW. We are focusing on the double-parked cars in these areas and have reached out to the businesses in these areas. Violent Crime for the last 30 days: ADW, robbery with a knife; brandishing a gun (domestic related).

A question and answer period followed.

- Commissioner Parlej stated he received feedback from his constituents regarding the bike lane on K Street in that MPD is parking its vehicles in the bike lanes. Lt. McHugh will report this back to his office.

5. PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 3D

Lt. Jonathan Fleming reported on crime for the last 30 days. Had a decrease in almost all crime except for Thefts from Auto which is up 70% and which occur mostly on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. We are deploying officers on streets south of U Street. Arrested three people for vehicle break-ins and possession of firearms; There was a homicide at the South Shaw Metro Station involving an adult male and a juvenile who succumbed to his injuries. In regard to requests for foot patrols on French Street, he hopes residents saw the bike patrol and Segway officers there. We have asked for assistance from the Mayor's Bike Unit on Friday and Saturday nights, but this unit is for the entire city. We arrested four people for illegal firearms; there have been package thefts from porches, and possession of drugs with the intent to distribute.

A question and answer period followed.

- Commissioner Wiggins asked about the status of an incident on July 2, 2022 involving someone riding a bike, an attempted theft of the bike, and the bike rider was stabbed. Commissioner Wiggins stated the persons committing these crimes are nomadic. There are 3-4 guys selling drugs in the 1100 block of 7th Street by the Convention Center.
- Commissioner Nigro – raised the following: **(1)** status of a shooting on the 200 block of N Street, NW on 6/12/22; **(2)** status of shots fired on 6/25/22; **(3)** 7/3/22 – status of a shooting in the Cooperative; **(4)** Telephone number to report ATVs is not working; she will bring this up to the Office of Unified Communications Director; Lt. Fleming stated MPD is starting to use a helicopter now to spot the areas; **(5)** fireworks: there were fireworks going off tonight; **(6)** Foot Patrols: Where are they?
- Commissioner Rogers asked about the status of a 15-year-old youth who was killed by the Shaw Library and was informed there was no update yet.
- A resident raised the issue of illegal fireworks and that groups of drunk people from the bars on U Street, NW are sitting and talking directly below her window and leaving beer cans and trash.

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

Hazle Crawford stated he is new to this role. He reported the following: **(1)** the Mayor will be introducing proposed legislation – “Protecting Adjacent and Adjoining Property Owners from Construction Damage Amendment Act of 2022” – to help protect District homeowners from construction-related property damage; **(2)** the Mayor will launch Career Coach DC Program to connect DC residents to education, training, and employment opportunities.

A question and answer period followed.

- Commissioner Eichler asked what is the best way to follow up on the proposed Construction Damage legislation? Response: The Mayor will have a press conference on this and he will provide the information to Commissioners. Commissioner Eichler stated more advance notice is needed.
- Commissioner Nigro **(1)** noted that the Construction Damage legislation is proposed; **(2)** stated there is an illegal structure on New Jersey Avenue and N Street, NW and there is drug dealing going on there; **(3)** her area is Ward 2 and Ward 5, not Ward 6.

7. REPORT FROM WARD 2 COUNCILMEMBER PINTO'S OFFICE

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

Pablo Velasco Rodriguez filled in for Brian Romanowski and reported the following: **(1)** trash and recycling pickups slide to the next day this week; **(2)** if you notice rats, submit a request for treatment or request for a replacement trash container to 311; **(3)** DC is getting vaccines from the Federal Government for Monkeypox and offering vaccinations. Go to: <http://preventmonkeypox.dc.gov/>; **(4)** the DC City Council will be in recess from July 15 to September 15, 2022.

A question and answer period followed.

- Commissioner Nigro – **(1)** expressed concern about the Monkeypox vaccine schedule – slots are filling up too fast. She asked who is eligible for Monkeypox vaccinations and was informed the LGBTQ community is being prioritized for vaccinations; **(2)** there is an illegal structure on New Jersey Avenue and N Street, NW and the law needs to be enforced.
- Commissioner Rogers echoed Commissioner Nigro's comments about the illegal structure.

8. REPORT FROM WARD 6 COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN'S OFFICE

Jeanne Mattison reported the following: **(1)** encampments; **(2)** DC homeowner Housing Assistance Fund; **(3)** Events DC; **(4)** new ANC maps that have been approved and voted on; **(5)** PUDOs on K Street, NW between 4th and 6th Streets – working really hard to come up with a plan – trying to hold DDOT accountable; **(6)** public safety – it is time to deal with this; **(7)** she is really proud to step into Naomi Mitchell's shoes.

Commissioner Parlej stated he received an email from DDOT that addressed some, but not all, of our requests and he is looking forward to some progress on this.

9. PRESENTATION FROM DC OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AND ENGAGEMENT (ONSE)

Representative Present: Dana McDaniel, Deputy Director, ONSE

Ms. McDaniel provided an overview on ONES and reported on their Violence Intervention Initiative, Family & Survivor Support Services, Community Building and Engagement, and Pathways Program. Based on crime data, ONES looks at

communities with gun violence and then selects a neighborhood. The Ward 5 Network includes Rhode Island Avenue. We did community outreach in April/May; vetted individuals in the community. There are two Violence Interrupters for 6E. She asked commissioners to email her a list of concerns and names of individuals to contact.

A question and answer period followed.

- Commissioner Eichler asked which part of Shaw is within the Ward 5 Network? Response: Florida Avenue, 6th and 9th Streets down from 5th Street Market.
- Commissioner Nigro – **(1)** asked who is leading the organization now? Response: Delano Hunter is the Interim Director of ONSE and the Director of the DC Parks and Recreation (DPR); **(2)** asked about ONSE's data and was informed they have data now; Commissioner Nigro asked shouldn't this data be on your website? **(3)** asked how does ONSE measure success? Response: That would be specific to the community, but she would say a decrease in shooting incidents.
- Commissioner Parlej stated his SMD does not fall into ONSE's focus area. His SMD is interested in working more with Violence Interrupters. Are there ways constituents can engage with your organization? Response: A "Community Response Team" is created to work with you. ONSE offers Restorative Justice Training that is open to community members. If you have specific needs, please send her an email.
- Commissioner Eichler stated that 6E hears from the police each month. Can ONSE give us monthly updates on a regular basis? Response: Yes.
- Jeanne Mattison asked if ONSE is working with DPR? Response: Yes, with the Roving Leaders Program at DPR. She asked Ms. Mattison to please provide her with a list of community leaders.

10. **SUPPORT FOR ZC CASE NO. 22-09 – 1707 8TH STREET PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT**

Representative Present: Jamie Weinbaum, MidCity Development

Tony Brown provided an introduction and stated this is a new PUD and a lot of thought and effort has been put into it. They have done a great job on providing parking for this facility. 52 parking spaces are required and they are providing 93 parking spaces. The PUD will replace four (4) apartment buildings and make it a single building. They have provided a wonderful community benefits package. Shaw Main Street was not a recipient of the benefits package. The Zoning Committee voted and 4 of 6 approved with one abstention.

Jamie Weinbaum provided a slide presentation that focused on Project Facts, Project Timeline, and Proffers/Community Benefits.

John Shaw stated he is opposed to the PUD and asked that it be postponed.

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded that ANC 6E **support** the PUD at 1707 8th Street, NW, ZC Case No. 22-09, and that said support be communicated in writing to the Zoning Commission. The Motion **passed** 4 yeas (Commissioners Eichler, Parlej, Nigro, Wiggins) – 1 nay (Commissioner Rogers) – 0 abstentions.

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

11. SUPPORT FOR EXTENSION REQUEST BZA ORDER 19722 – ZONING RELIEF FOR 925-927 5TH STREET, NW

Representative Present: Meridith Moldenhauer, Cozen O'Connor

Tony Brown provided an introduction and stated the Zoning Committee approved the extension request. The project team was unable to attend the Zoning Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Parlej raised concerns and stated the property is unsecured, has become a dumping area, and is infested with rats. Ms. Moldenhauer stated she will inform her client and they will take care of it.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that ANC 6E **oppose** the extension request for BZA Order 19722 – Zoning Relief for 925-927 5th Street, NW and that said opposition be communicated in writing to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). The Motion **passed** unanimously.

12. UPDATE ON ZC CASE NO. 15-20D – SURSUM CORDA PUD PHASE 2

Representatives Present: Leila Batties, Holland & Knight
Forest Hayes
Susie Teal, CookFox Architects
Julia Telzak

Tony Brown provided an introduction and stated the PUD was broken into two phases. Phase 2 increased the number of units. There is also a change in the retail space – 19,000 square feet reduced to 11,000 square feet. The Zoning Committee voted to approve Phase 2 (North Parcel). The developer is investigating the possibility of homing the Northwest One Library. A public hearing is scheduled for October 17, 2022.

A slide presentation provided an overview of the Sursum Corda PUD, the Benefits & Amenities Package, Sursum Corda PUD – South Parcel, Sursum Corda PUD – North Parcel/Pending Application, and Sursum Corda PUD – North Parcel/Application Requests.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Sursum Corda PUD – North Parcel Phase 2 Modification of Development Program and the Second Stage PUD approval to implement building height, massing and development program, and building design and that said support be communicated in writing to the Zoning Commission. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

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13. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C HOTEL LICENSE FOR CAMBRIA SUITES WASHINGTON CITY MARKET – 899 O STREET, NW (ABRA-094523) [6E01}

Representative Present: Aaron Capple

Alex Padro stated there is no adverse activity on their investigative history for the last two years. The licensee was not present at the ABC Licensing Committee Meeting, so the Committee took no action.

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class C Hotel License for Cambria Suites Washington City Market – 899 O 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 CONVIVIAL – 801 O STREET, NW (ABRA-096296) [6E01]

Representative Present: Saied Azali

Alex Padro stated there were no negative findings on the investigative history for the past two years. The licensee attended the ABC Licensing Committee Meeting and the Committee recommended full support.

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class C Restaurant License for Convivial, 801 O Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

15. SUPPORT FOR SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE OF RENEWAL OF RETAILER'S CLASS C TAVERN LICENSE FOR 600 T STREET, NW (ABRA-100515) [6E02]

Representative Present: Stephen Lawrence

Alex Padro stated the licensee is requesting an addition to the Entertainment Endorsement to offer live entertainment inside the premises. The ABC Licensing Committee received a presentation from Mr. Lawrence and voted to approve contingent upon execution of a Settlement Agreement to include that all windows and doors shall remain closed during the live entertainment. The licensee signed the Settlement Agreement.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Substantial Change of Retailer's Class C Tavern License for 600 T, 600 T Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

16. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C RESTAURANT LICENSE FOR THE CAPITAL BURGER – 1005 7TH STREET, NW (ABRA-106205) [6E 04]

Alex Padro stated there were no adverse actions on their investigative history for the past two years. There was no representative at the ABC Licensing Committee Meeting so the Committee took no action.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class C Restaurant License for The Capital Burger, 1005 7th Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

17. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C RESTAURANT LICENSE FOR KINSHIP/METIER – 1015 7TH STREET, NW (ABRA-097172) [6E04]

Representative Present: Eric Ziebold

Alex Padro stated there were no negative findings on the investigate history for the last two years. There was no representative at the ABC Licensing Committee Meeting so the Committee took no action.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class C Restaurant License for Kinship/Metier – 1015 7th Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

18. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C RESTAURANT LICENSE FOR ALTA STRADA – 465 K STREET, NW (ABRA-100140) [6E05]

Representative Present: Travis Gray

Alex Padro stated there were no negative findings on the investigate history for the last two years. There was no representative at the ABC Licensing Committee Meeting so the Committee took no action.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class C Restaurant License for Alta Strada, 465 K 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 TOSCANA MARKET – 400 K STREET, NW (ABRA-114180) [6E05]

Representative Present: Daniel Catalani

Alex Padro stated there were no negative findings on the investigate history for the last two years. There was no representative at the ABC Licensing Committee Meeting so the Committee took no action.

Mr. Catalani stated that cooking classes are offered until 9:00 p.m., but the market closes at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class C Restaurant License for Toscana Market, 400 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 MANDU – 453 K STRET, NW (ABRA-085084) [6E05]

Representative Present: Danny Lee

Alex Padro stated there were no negative findings on the investigate history for the last two years. There was no representative at the ABC Licensing Committee Meeting so the Committee took no action.

Mr. Lee stated they are still not at full capacity and are trying to staff back up. The bar is only open four nights a week.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class C Restaurant License for Mandu, 453 K Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

21. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C RESTAURANT LICENSE FOR NICOLETTA ITALIAN KITCHEN – 901 4TH STREET, NW (ABRA-110211) [6E07]

Alex Padro stated there were no negative findings on the investigate history for the last two years. There was no representative at the ABC Licensing Committee Meeting so the Committee took no action.

MOTION: Commissioner Rogers moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the renewal of the Class C Restaurant License for Nicoletta Italian Kitchen, 901 4th Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

22. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C RESTAURANT LICENSE FOR RITO LOCO-ELTECHO – 606 FLORIDA AVENUE, NW (ABRA-104119) [6E02]

Representative Present: Sidon Yohannes
Louie Hankins, Owner

Alex Padro stated there are 15 items on their investigative history in the past two years. A number of them were resolved into settlement agreements. The ABC Licensing Committee heard presentations by their legal counsel and the licensee. The Committee voted to protest the license renewal due to rooftop noise.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded that ANC 6E **protest** the renewal of the Class C Restaurant License for Rito Loco-El Techo, 606 Florida Avenue, NW, based on an adverse impact on peace, order and quiet, and that said opposition be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

23. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C HOTEL LICENSE FOR AND APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR AC HOTEL WASHINGTON DC CONVENTION CENTER – 601 K STREET NW (ABRA-116274) [6E05]

Commissioner Parlej stated that at its May 3, 2022 meeting, ANC 6E voted to protest the renewal of the Class C Hotel License for the licensee. A settlement agreement stating that noise emanating from the premises is prohibited was reached and the hours were worked back for outdoor activities.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded that ANC 6E **rescind its protest** of the renewal of the Class C Hotel License for AC Hotel Washington DC Convention Center, 601 K Street, NW, **adopt** the Settlement Agreement reached, and that said actions be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

24. SUPPORT FOR SHAW MAIN STREETS, INC. APPLICATION FOR DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS & HUMANITIES FY2023 PUBLIC ART BUILDING COMMUNITIES GRANT TO FUND TWO PROPOSED MURALS AT 1816 8TH STREET, NW AND 1521 11TH STREET, NW [6E01]

Alex Padro presented a slide presentation detailing Shaw Main Streets, Inc. proposal to fund two proposed murals at 1816 8th Street, NW and 1521 11th Street, NW.

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that ANC 6E **support** Shaw Main Streets application for a DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities FY 2023 Public Art Building Communities Grant to fund two proposed murals at 1816 8th Street, NW and 1521 11th Street, NW and that said support be communicated in writing to the DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

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

25. SUPPORT FOR MOUNT VERNON CID APPLICATION FOR DC COMMISSION ON THE ARTS & HUMANITIES FY 2023 PUBLIC ART BUILDING COMMUNITIES GRANT [6E05]

Representatives Present: Kenyattah Robinson, Executive Director, MVT CID
My Ly, Artist

A slide presentation was provided.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Mount Vernon Triangle CID's application for a DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities FY 2023 Public Art Building Communities Grant and that said support be communicated in writing to the DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

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26. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Wiggins stated that for the period ending June 31, 2022, the beginning balance in the checking account was \$68,179.53 and the ending balance was \$67,829.90. Two checks cleared. A check to Rachelle Nigro in the amount of \$63.60 has not cleared as of 6/30/22.

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

27. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

MOTION: Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded to approve the following expenses: **(1)** reimbursement of \$68.26 to Commissioner Nigro for Agenda copies; **(2)** reimbursement of \$99.63 to Commissioner Eichler for the Zoom invoice; **(3)** payment of invoice in the amount of \$250.00 submitted by Karen Jehle for Minutes of the July 5, 2022 ANC 6E Public Meeting/Website Updating. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

28. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

29. NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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 10:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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