

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

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

Present:

Michael Eichler (Chair), ANC 6E01
Alex Lopez (Secretary), ANC 6E02
Rachelle Nigro (Vice Chair), ANC 6E04
Patrick Parlej, ANC 6E05
Denise Blackson, ANC 6E06
Kevin M. Rogers, ANC 6E07

(Treasurer) – See Item 4.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chair Michael Eichler with a quorum of 5 out of 6 Commissioners present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded to approve the Agenda as submitted. The Motion **passed** unanimously. [Commissioner Blackson had not yet joined the call.]

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded to approve the Minutes of the **September 6, 2022 ANC 6E Public Meeting** with any edits to be submitted to the Recording Secretary. The Motion **passed** unanimously. [Commissioner Blackson had not yet joined the call.]

4. ELECTION OF TREASURER

Rachel Nigro was elected ANC 6E Treasurer by unanimous consent.

5. PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 1D

Captain Justin Roth reported there have been some personnel changes in 1D. He started in June of this year and this is the first meeting he was able to attend. Captain Harding got here in June. Lt. Kniseley is working tonight. He provided some personal background on himself– he was promoted to Captain in June; has been with the department for 14 years; happy to be here; he works the midnight shift. Contact info: justin.roth@dc.gov

Last 30 days Violent Crime down 50% and Property Crime down to 20%; overall 24% decrease. 3 Violent Crimes in last 30 days: **(1)** robbery – 1000 5th Street, NW – looking for male suspect; **(2)** 10/1/22: robbery – pickpocket – 400 block of K Street, NW – cell phone – arrest made; **(3)** 10/2/22: homicide 1200 North Capital Street; appears to be targeted – looking for vehicle. Motor Vehicle Thefts trending down in 1st District as a whole (making a lot of arrests in Chinatown area). Need some help with Motor Vehicle Thefts – using QR codes – he will be meeting with the BIDs to push these out and doing checks inside the businesses -- and anti-theft flyers reminding people not to leave their cars running.

A question and answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Parlej asked how is MPD partnering with the 7-Eleven on K Street and are there any other efficiencies we can enable in that area?
Response: 7-Eleven has hired private security. Relative to clearing the front of the building, there are no loitering laws in DC. MPD will continue to respond to calls. Homelessness in the area become a problem.
- o Commissioner Rogers stated he heard rapid gunfire at 1:15 this morning.
Response: Had an unlawful discharge of weapons – vehicle struck by gunfire; no injuries.

6. **PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 3D**

Captain Chris Moore stated he is new to 3D. He has 23-1/2 years with MPD. He stated crime is up all over the city. Robberies are a big thing, although the last 30 days, they have been down. Burglaries up for the last 30 days. Overall YTD Violent Crime down 7%; Property Crime down 11%; Homicides up – 5 so far this year. Robberies are up 16%. Motor Vehicle Thefts up. Last homicide 9/9/22 – 1313 5th Street – adult male – looks like he was targeted. No suspect information.

Robberies are up 16%. Robbery – 9/12/22 – 442 N Street, NW – stolen cell phone; Robbery 9/26/22 with knife - \$80.00 – 1520 Marion Street, NWW – case still open. Robbery 9/30/22 – 1811 Wiltberger Stret, NW – iPad and wallet – two suspects. Robbery with gun 10/2/22 – 1807 Wiltberger Street, NW – stolen Volkswagen Jetta. Robbery 10/3/22 – 1514 New Jersey Avenue, NW – stolen shoes and iPhone – two suspects.

ADW – 1730 7th Street, NW – suspects arrested.

Burglary 9/8/22 – 1550 8th Street, NW – closed by arrest.

Burglary 9/8/22 – 1314 9th Street, NW – open case.

Burglary 9/10/22 – 1317 5th Street, NW – open case.

Burglary 9/19/22 – 1245 5th Street, NW – open case.

Got 242 guns off the street compared to last year.

Have crime patrol units on North Capital Street corridor.

A question and answer period followed.

- Commissioner Nigro – **(1)** stated the murder of Keith Allen, a constituent in her area, was horrific and MPD needs to do whatever it can to solve the case; **(2)** robbery at 400 block of N Street – was this close to Dunbar High School? Response: We do have School Resource Officers at Dunbar High School – “Safe Passage”. It is going to get tougher for us because they are doing away with the School Resource Officer program; **(3)** asked whether MPD is aware of the attempted Robbery at Rumi’s Kitchen in the 600 block of L Street, NW.

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

No representative present.

8. REPORT FROM WARD 2 COUNCILMEMBER PINTO’S OFFICE

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

Brian Romanowski reported the following: **(1)** the DC Council voted today to change the election code to permit all noncitizens residing in the District of Columbia to vote in local elections; **(2)** the DC Council had a first vote that would make Vote By Mail permanent as well as ballot drop boxes; it would also close DC Public Schools on voting days; **(3)** the DC Council had a first vote on a bill to legally protect anyone who comes to DC for an abortion; **(4)** the DC Council had a final vote on the Safe Streets bill that bans right turns on reds at most intersections by 2025; **(5)** the DC Council passed a bill today where District government employees will get more paid family and medical leave; **(6)** the DC Council approved changes to the new Office of Migrant Services to insure that DC noncitizens currently in immigration proceedings are not excluded from services; **(7)** there will be a hearing on 10/11/22 on B24-0653 – Period Equity Righting an Injustice of District Residents Act of 2022 (“PERIOD Act”) requires the provision of free period products in District buildings and government operated spaces; **(8)** on 10/28/22, the Committee on Transportation and the Environment will hold a Public Hearing on B24-433, the Rightsizing Residential Permit Parking Regulation Amendment Act of 2021. As introduced, the bill

would resize Residential Permit Parking (RPP) zones to align with Advisory Neighborhood Commission boundaries; **(9)** the Committee on Recreation, Libraries and Youth Affairs is holding a markup on a bill to increase Council oversight on private use of public space; **(10)** The DC Council Committee of the Whole held a Hearing on Bill 24-570, the “Schools First in Budgeting Amendment Act of 2021” which aims to elevate schools in the budgeting process for DCPS by ensuring that schools receive the funding they need to educate students; **(11)** Effective 10/1/22, the DC Council voted to split DCRA into two separate entities: the Department of Buildings (DOB) and the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP); **(12)** the Ward 2 Bike Ride has been rescheduled to 10/22/22 at 10:00 a.m. – Noon; **(13)** leaf collection for Ward 2 begins on 11/7/22.

A question and answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Lopez – **(1)** stated he was appreciative of the legislation allowing noncitizens to vote in DC local elections; **(2)** stated he sent an email to Councilmember Pinto about ANC finances. Ten years ago, when new ANCs were created, the balance of the ANC account from the predecessor was divided equally. For ANC 6E it was a 50/50 split. We have about \$67,000 in the ANC 6E account. Right now, this would stay with 6E and when ANC 2G is created next year, it would be given new start-up funds. He would encourage that the allocations that have accumulated in 6E’s account be divided equally between 6E and 2G.
- o Commissioner Eichler asked about the status of ANCs to continue being allowed to meet virtually.

9. REPORT FROM WARD 6 COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN’S OFFICE

Jeanne Mattison reported the following: **(1)** the DC Council voted on emergency legislation from Councilmember Allen to give DC’s Department For-Hire Vehicles authority to enforce traffic violations by app-based food, beverage, and parcel delivery services such as Uber Eats, Grubhub, and others; **(2)** Councilmember Charles Allen led a bill that updates DC’s laws governing powers of attorney and protects seniors from financial abuse; **(3)** 9 bills today on public safety – she will email to Commissioners tomorrow; **(4)** went from .us to .gov; **(5)** effective 10/1/22, DCRA splitting up into two separate entities, the Department of Buildings (DOB) and the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP); **(6)** ballots for election gone out – should receive in the next couple of days.

10. REPORT FROM WARD 5 COUNCILMEMBER McDUFFIE’S OFFICE

No representative present.

11. PRESENTATION FROM DC WATER ON STORM WATER AND FLOODING MITIGATION

Representatives Present: Emanuel Briggs
Moussa Wone
Salil Khakar

Moussa Wone narrated a slide presentation on the Northeast Boundary Tunnel Project and measures to mitigate flooding.

A question and answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Eichler stated there is not a lot of feedback after problems are reported. Response: The DC Water Command Center should be contacted by phone (202-612-3400) and then a work order is created.
- o Commissioner Nigro stated under “ANC 6E Flooding Locations,” 215 Morgan Street needs to be corrected to 213 Morgan Street.
- o Commissioner Lopez asked whether DC renters can engage with DC Water and was informed yes.

*Full presentation can be found on ANC 6E website.

12. PRESENTATION FROM 7-ELEVEN ON STOREFRONT AT 1622 7TH STREET, NW [6E01]

Representative Present: Jim Evans, Regional Director of NE Operations, 7-Eleven

Mr. Evans stated the question was raised as to whether or not the storefront at 1622 7th Street, NW was going to be rebuilt. He stated yes, construction will start within the next several months and it will be a traditional 7-Eleven.

A question and answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Parlej stated he sent an email to Mr. Evans providing contact information for Stellina at 400 K Street, NW. Mr. Evans responded he did receive it, and stated that he would follow up with Stellina.
- o Commissioner Lopez stated for the record there is more density on this lot and he thinks this is a pretty poor use of valuable District land and he would love to see housing there, with a 7-Eleven on the first floor.
- o Commissioner Nigro thanked Mr. Evans for the enhanced security at the K Street 7-Eleven.

13. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C NIGHTCLUB LICENSE FOR CLOAKROOM – 476 K STREET, NW (ABRA-087875) [6E05]

Representative Present: Tony Cavasilios

Alex Padro, Chair of the ABC Licensing Committee stated there were three violations since the last renewal – (1) February 20, 2022 – Operating outside of

approved hours; **(2)** a violation regarding an employee who engaged in sexual acts; **(3)** a violation related to Covid-19 – matter resolved. The licensee did provide the Committee with explanations. Commissioner Parlej stated – **(1)** one constituent provided him a noise complaint; and **(2)** people perceive a linkage to crime. Alex Padro stated that the ABC Committee recommended support of this license.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Class C Nightclub License renewal of Cloakroom, 476 K Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 1 nay (Commissioner Nigro) – 0 abstentions.

14. SUPPORT FOR ZONING RELIEF FOR 1001 6TH STREET, NW (501 K ST PROPERTY OWNER LLC) – BZA APPLICATION NO. 20832 [6E06]

Representatives Present: Sean Sullivan, BXP
David Avitubilee
Guy Steuart

Commissioner Nigro introduced this topic and stated this is a by-right project. The applicant has two design modification requests – **(1)** Additional street level building setback; and **(2)** Penthouse Structure Relief. Commissioner Parlej stated ANC 6E has jurisdiction on whether the zoning relief the developer is seeking is reasonable, not whether this project as a whole should move forward.

A slide presentation was provided.

There are two Conceptual Schemes: **(1)** All Residential; or **(2)** Hotel-Residential.

2 Design Modification Requests: **(1)** Additional Street Level Building Setback; **(2)** Penthouse Structure Relief.

A question and answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Parlej thanked the team and asked whether there are any plans for affordable housing. He was informed there is no affordable housing requirement.
- o Commissioner Nigro stated she would welcome affordable housing if the project were going to be 100% residential.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 6E support the zoning relief requested for 1001 6th Street, NW (501 K ST Property Owner LLC) BZA Application No. 20832 and that said support be communicated in writing to BZA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

*Presentation can be found on the ANC 6E website.

15. REQUEST TO CONVERT ALLEY ON THE 600 BLOCK OF K STREET NW (655 K ST NW ALLEY) FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND AND ADD TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES [6E05]

Representative Present: Allison Aldrich

Commissioner Lopez stated the Transportation Advisory Committee met and recommended support for conversion of the alley on the 600 block of K Street, NW from two-way to one-way southbound and to add traffic calming measures.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 6E submit a letter to DDOT requesting that the alleyway on the 600 block of K Street, NW be converted from two-way to one-way southbound and that DDOT also add traffic calming measures. The Motion *passed* unanimously.

16. RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT DDOT STUDY CONVERSION OF UNPROTECTED BIKE LANES ON Q & R STREETS NW TO PROTECTED BIKE LANES [6E01; 6E02]

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 6E requests that DDOT study and publish for public comment designs for fully protected bike lanes on Q Street, NW and R Street, NW between Massachusetts Avenue, NW and the Metropolitan Branch Trail; and further that ANC 6E requests that in the study DDOT include opportunities to calm traffic and improve transportation safety for all road users along this project corridor. The Motion *passed* unanimously.

17. RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT DDOT STUDY CONVERSION OF UNPROTECTED BIKE LANES ON 11TH STREET NW TO PROTECTED BIKE LANES [6E01]

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 6E requests that DDOT study and publish for public comment designs for fully protected bike lanes on 11th Street, NW between Pennsylvania Avenue, NW and Spring Road, NW; and further that ANC 6E requests that DDOT additionally include in its study opportunities to calm traffic and improve transportation safety for all road users along this project corridor. The Motion *passed* unanimously.

18. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

No report.

19. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded to approve the following expenses: **(1)** reimbursement of \$34.13 to Commissioner Nigro for Agenda copies; **(2)** payment of invoice in the amount of \$250.00 submitted by Karen Jehle for Minutes of the October 4, 2022 ANC 6E Public Meeting/Website Updating; and **(3)** reimbursement of \$99.63 to Commissioner Eichler for the Zoom invoice. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

20. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Lopez stated on 9/26/22, a Seaton elementary parent and student were hit by a driver at 6th and Q Street, NW, one of many dangerous intersections in his neighborhood. He is hosting a Shaw Traffic Safety Walk on 10/11/22 at 8:00 a.m. with representatives of DDOT and Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto's office and interested neighbors, parents and students.
- Commissioner Blackson stated she is hosting a Community Engagement Event at Walker Jones Education Campus, 1125 New Jersey Avenue, NW, on Saturday, 10/8/22 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be games, face painting, book bag giveaways, and resources to help the public with high utilities, etc.

21. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 1, 2022

22. 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 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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