

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E  
Virtual Public Meeting  
Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Chris Hart (Chair), ANC 6E01

Kevin Rogers, ANC 6E03

Denise Blackson, ANC 6E04 (joined at 6:50 p.m. due to the Zoom link not working)

Ahmad Abu-Khalaf, ANC 6E05

Dylan Forest (Secretary), ANC 6E06

Ritanch Hans, (Vice Chair & Treasurer), ANC 6E09

Absent:

George Viedma, ANC 6E02

(Vacant), ANC 6E07

(Vacant), ANC 6E08

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Chris Hart with a quorum of 5 out of 7 Commissioners present.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Forest moved and Commissioner Hans seconded to approve the Agenda as amended. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hans moved and Commissioner Forest seconded to approve the Minutes of the **January 17, 2023 ANC 6E Public Meeting** with any edits to be submitted to the Recording Secretary. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

**4. PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 1D**

Lt. Kniseley reported that overall crime numbers are down. There was a 33% increase YTD in Property Crime from the same period last year. There were 7 Violent crimes. Robberies increased, largely having to do with venue events at Capital One Arena. Theft numbers are looking pretty good in terms of YTD figures.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- Commissioner Hart stated he received a question from a constituent and asked whether Lt. Kniseley could speak to the prevalence of shoplifting in the neighborhood. He responded that Shoplifting is included in the Thefts category and that reporting of same is not always accurate. Shoplifting is not captured in the numbers he is giving us. One of the more problem areas is the 7-Eleven in the 500 block of K Street. There are patrols there now and the 7-Eleven has installed security cameras. The bigger problem is Theft from Autos. MPD does not always receive accurate reports from the storefronts.
- Commissioner Hart asked if there were any updates on the stolen valet stand at RPM in the 600 block of K Street NW. He was informed Valet thefts are largely more of a problem in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District. Businesses have licenses, but they subcontract out the valet services. MPD has reached out to the Valet people asking them to not leave their stands unattended and to secure their valet boxes.
- Commissioner Hans stated there have been reports of drug activity at 471 and 473 H Street NW and he has scheduled a meeting with Captain Roth. MPD has been trying to treat drug activity as a disorderly conduct issue rather than a crime.
- Commissioner Rogers asked about robberies in the area, specifically SMD 6E03. Robberies being reported as a result of events at Capital One Arena. 3 of the 5 robberies were people who were residents of New Jersey. Trying to get more police visibility in the area.
- Chat: How can we as community members have an impact on drug use, shoplifting, etc.? Response: Some citizens do not feel comfortable about reporting crime. Officers can only arrest for a misdemeanor if it occurs in their presence.
- Mark Randolph suggested having background checks on valet attendants and require them to be licensed.

## **5. PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 5D**

Lt. John Sprague reported the following: 2023 YTD there were 30 Violent Crimes compared to 22 Violent Crimes in 2022. There were three Violent Crimes over the past 30 days, all ADWs: (1) shooting in unit (??) block of M St NE, suspect arrested; (2) stabbing in unit block of New York Avenue – no arrest, case still open; (3) road rage incident at Florida Avenue NE -- open. ○ robberies; Thefts and Thefts from Autos up – MPD citing Uber Eats and other

delivery service vehicles and ticketing them now. On the Theft side, MPD has had good conversations with businesses. There were 84 Property Crimes in the month.

A question and answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Forest stated at last month's ANC 6E Public Meeting, MPD reported there were no crimes in 5D in the previous month. Response: He was informed that the Crime Maps have not been updated to accommodate redistricting. Commissioner Forest asked where are the problem areas from last month?
- o Commissioner Abu-Khalaf raised a Theft from Auto issue at Adam and North Capitol St – someone reported that their car was robbed in the garage, the property manager failed to lock the garage, and it has not been secured for weeks. The property manager informed him that the lock won't be fixed until the end of the month. Response: MPD has concerns about the property manager in general. Have a lot of incidents at this location.
- o Jeanne Mattison stated there is a need to create a partnership between MPD and property managers (?)

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

Marcus Manning (Contact Info: [marcus.manning@dc.gov](mailto:marcus.manning@dc.gov)) introduced himself and reported the following: **(1)** Mayor's Budget Engagement Forums: **a)** February 8, 2023, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm – telephone conference call for all seniors; **b)** February 9, 2023, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Jackson Lee High School, in-person meeting; **c)** February 11, 2023, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Eastern High School; **(2)** Please reach out to him if you have any special events or would like to walk the neighborhood with him.

## **7. REPORT FROM WARD 6 COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN'S OFFICE**

Jeanne Mattison reported the following: **(1)** Ward 6 Clean-Up: April 1, 2023; more info to follow; **(2)** she has been meeting with the Spy Museum – they are happy to host a Ward 6 meeting, March 3, 2023, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm; will publicize on NextDoor; have over 1,000 tickets; two spies in the house that evening; **(3)** DCPS teacher contract approved today; **(4)** Councilmember Allen working to expand DPR recreation center hours; **(5)** massive rebate taking effect in October for buying e-bikes; **(6)** MVT CID, the Perry School, and others are working on what the Perry School could be; **(7)** Revised Criminal Code Act (RCCA) is under assault from Congress today;

## **8. INTRODUCTION TO DDOT LIAISON ABRAHAM DIALLO**

Abraham Diallo introduced himself as the Ward 6 Community Engagement

Specialist Liaison to DDOT and stated anything that is not private property comes to him.

He stated DDOT has a new Traffic Investigation (TSI) Dashboard that replaces the previous system and tracks the process from start to finish. The Traffic Safety Input (TSI) program provides a mechanism for DDOT to hear from residents on roadway segments and intersections where users have safety concerns. Mr. Diallo noted that the Traffic Safety Input system itself has not changed.

Residents should not request maintenance of existing assets through the Traffic Safety Input program; instead, they should use the appropriate 311 categories (e.g. Roadway Signs, Roadway Striping/Markings, Sidewalk Repair, Traffic Signal Issue). Maintenance requests submitted as Traffic Safety Inputs will not be addressed.

A Traffic Safety Input can be submitted via 311 by a resident, ANC, or other community member or organization and will be prioritized based on objective factors such as roadway characteristics, crash patterns, equity, proximity to Vision Zero High Injury Network corridors, and locations utilized by vulnerable road users such as schools, Metro rails stations, and bus stops. Based on these factors, DDOT's Traffic Safety Branch will develop a work plan for 800 prioritized locations per year (200 each quarter) to evaluate the safety concerns expressed and determine if any action is needed. All TSI submissions that are not included in the quarterly work plan will remain in the system for prioritization in following quarters.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- Commissioner Hans asked about EV charging stations.
- Giselle Roget stated she lives in City Vista and asked how does the city allocate parking spaces. There is no parking on the street for community members who have paid for parking spaces. Conversation will be continued offline.
- Commissioner Hart asked about Valet Parking at the Holiday Inn.
- Joe G– stated he also lives in City Vista on the east side. The Marriott Hotel has valet parking and it takes up the entire block on the east and west side between K Street and New York Avenue. Response: Enforcement is handled by DPW.
- Mark Randolph asked if there is a way a resident can search for a score on a particular intersection? Can we collect this data and put it on the website? Response: Any resident can go on the website dashboard and put in their TSI number and see if it has been selected.

## 9. NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACTS FROM ROCK AND ROLL MARATHON

(Update from organizers of the Rock and Roll Marathon which will pass through

6E on March 18, 2023.

Diane Thomas stated the Rock and Roll Marathon is in its 15<sup>th</sup> year. This year there is a change to the finish line – it used to finish at RFK – now bringing the finish line to 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. 12,000 runners in the Half Marathon and 2,500 runners in the 5K. The Half Marathon starts at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K starts at 8:00 a.m. The total event runs from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm which includes cleanup. The organizers are using Waze for traffic direction.

**10. ZC 22-27: GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL PETITION FOR TEXT AMENDMENT TO ALLOW INCREASED BUILDING HEIGHT ON LAW SCHOOL CAMPUS (SMD 6E08)**

Representative Present: Chris Murphy, Government Relations Department, Georgetown University School of Law

**MOTION:** Commissioner Forest moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Georgetown University Law School petition (ZC 22-27) for a text amendment to allow buildings up to 130 feet for Squares 567 and 569 on their campus in place of the existing 110 feet and that said support be communicated in writing to the Zoning Commission. The Motion **passed** 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

Commissioner Abu-Khalaf was tasked with following up with Georgetown University Law School on the verbiage for the letter to the Zoning Commission.

**11. ZC 21-09: 899 NORTH CAPITOL STREET MODIFICATION OF CONSEQUENCE OF DESIGN REVIEW TO REMOVE SECONDARY ENTRANCE FRONTING ON NORTH CAPITOL STREET NE (SMD 6E07)**

Representatives Present: Lawrence Ferris, Attorney, Goulston & Stoors  
Susan Mantus  
Dan Avrit

The Zoning Commission hearing is scheduled for February 23, 2023.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hart moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded that ANC 6E **support** the modification of consequence of 899 North Capitol Street NW (Zoning Commission Order No. 21-09) to remove a planned secondary entrance along North Capitol Street and that said support be communicated in writing to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). The Motion **passed** 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

**12. PUBLIC SPACE APPLICATIONS: 899 NORTH CAPITOL STREET AND 901 NORTH CAPITOL STREET**

The Public Space Application hearing is scheduled for April 27, 2023.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hart moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Public Space Applications of 899 North Capitol Street and 901 North Capitol Street and that said support be communicated in writing to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). The Motion **passed** 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

**13. REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT FOR AFTER HOURS CONSTRUCTION PERMITS AT 333 G STREET NW (SMD 6E08), 125 E STREET NW (SMD 6E08), AND 51 LOUISIANA AVENUE NW (SMD 6E07)**

Commissioner Hart wished it noted for the record that since these addresses are in vacant single member districts, he is approving them as Chair of ANC 6E.

**14. ANC 6E ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

- a. **New ANC 6E Mailing Address:** 455 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, #147, Washington, DC 20001
- b. **Treasurer Election:** Commissioner Hart again requested a volunteer to step up and serve in the Treasurer role. No expressions of interest were made.
- c. **One Drive Folder:** Commissioner Hart stated a Meetings Folder has been set up and the link was provided to Commissioners.
- d. **Public Meeting Notices:** Meeting Notices to be posted on the website and distributed via flyers two weeks in advance of the meeting.

Mark Randolph – **(1)** suggested enlisting the support of the BIDs; **(2)** suggested using email distribution lists; **(3)** stated a strategy is needed how to engage the public at large.

- e. **Agenda Submission Process:** Commissioner Hart stated the website Agenda Request Portal is not working. He requested that any Agenda Requests be emailed to him, Commissioner Hans, and Commissioner Forest ten (10) days before the meeting.
- f. **Cell Phones:** Commissioner Blackson raised the possibility of purchasing cell phones for ANC 6E. She will research and provide an update at the next meeting.

**15. OPEN FORUM**

- o Mark Randolph – **(1)** asked If the ANC has a process to develop priorities for the coming year. Commissioners Hans and Blackson stated they have already prioritized their constituents’ concerns; Commissioner Forest stated he is new to the process and would prefer to wait until the other two vacancies are filled first; **(2)** stated the ANC must file an Annual Report or a newsletter annually.

**16. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hans moved and Commissioner Forest seconded to approve the FY Q1 Financial Report as submitted. The Motion **passed** 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

**17. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES**

- a. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hans moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded to approve the payment of the invoice in the amount of \$250.00 submitted by Karen Jehle for Minutes of the February 7, 2023 ANC 6E Public Meeting/Website Updating. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.
- b. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hans moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded to approve the reimbursement of \$99.63 to Commissioner Hart for the Zoom invoice. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Hart).
- c. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hans moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded to approve the reimbursement of \$37.09 to Commissioner Hart for ANC 6E flyers. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Hart).
- d. **MOTION:** Commissioner Hans moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded to approve the reimbursement of \$110.00 to Commissioner Hart for the opening the new post office box at the UPS store located at 455 Massachusetts Avenue NW for a period of three months. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Hart).

**18. NEXT MEETING: MARCH 14, 2023**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Blackson moved and Commissioner Forest seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The Motion **passed** unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
**(Transcribed from Recording)**

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