

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

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

Present:

Chris Hart (Chair), ANC 6E01
George Viedma, ANC 6E02
Kevin Rogers, ANC 6E03
Denise Blackson, ANC 6E04
Dylan Forest (Secretary), ANC 6E06
Davina Carson, ANC 6E07
Ritanch Hans, (Vice Chair & Treasurer), ANC 6E09

Absent:

Ahmad Abu-Khalaf, ANC 6E05
(Vacant), ANC 6E08

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chair Chris Hart with a quorum of 6 out of 7 Commissioners present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Forest moved and Commissioner Viedma seconded to approve the Agenda as submitted. The Motion **passed** 6 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. [Commissioner Hans had not yet joined the call.]

[Commissioner Hans joins the call.]

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- o **MOTION:** Commissioner Blackson moved and Commissioner Viedma seconded to approve the Minutes of the April 4, 2023 ANC 6E Public Meeting as presented. The Motion **passed** 6 years – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Carson).
- o **MOTION:** Commissioner Forest moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded to approve the Minutes of the May 2, 2023 ANC 6E Public Meeting as presented. The Motion **passed** unanimously 7 years – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

4. UPDATES FROM WARD 6 COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN'S OFFICE – JEANNE MATTISON

Did not join the call.

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

Marcus Manning provided upcoming events per the following:

- Capital Pride, Saturday, June 10, 2023
- Giant National Capital Barbeque Battle, June 24-25, 2023, Pennsylvania Avenue, tickets required.
- Chief of Police Virtual Meeting – June 23, 2023; will share the information.
- Public Safety Hearing at end of June – date TBD – will share the date when available.

He congratulated Commissioner Blackson for her community event on Saturday, June 3, 2023.

6. PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 5D (PSAs 501/502)

Lt. John Sprague reported on crime for the last 30 days compared to the same period last year.

- Total Increase in Crime: From 85 up from 62 from a year ago.
- Violent Crime up 5 (9 incidents of Violent Crime over past 30 days versus 4 for the same time period last year).
- Sex Abuse: 1 up from 0.
- 2 ADW (down from 3 for the same period last year)
- Robberies up for the past 30 days – 1 up to 6.
- Burglaries down
- Thefts from Auto down
- Thefts up
- Motor Vehicle Thefts up

7. PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 1D (PSA 103)

Captain Roth reported on crime for the past 30 days the following:

- 1 ADW (between 2 juveniles unit block of NY Avenue)
- 1 carjacking on 5/17/23 early am ; case closed by an arrest
- 2 robberies – 1 in 500 block of I Street NW – open; occurred in the alley; turned over to carjacking task force; 1 on 5/14/23 at 1st & L Streets NW – closed with an arrest.
- 1 sex abuse – this did not happen in the 1st District.
- Motor Vehicle Thefts continue to remain a problem
- Shelter was supposed to close mid-April; closed mid-May; now a lot of complaints coming from Chinatown Park.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- Commissioner Hart stated he heard about the issues in Chinatown Park and appreciates MPD's attention to this area.
- Commissioner Blackson asked about updates to two separate shots fired on 5/25 (12 rounds at new Banner Lane and 1st Place) and 5/29.(42 rounds 1100 block of 1st place and property damage to her truck again. Response: Were able to recover some

footage there. Have a BOLO out. Since then, we've been trying to hit those areas heavily. In the last week we recovered 3 firearms.

- Commissioner Hans – **(1)** asked about the status of the elderly woman who was assaulted on H Street early last month. Response: Thinks we have a BOLO on this; upgraded to a felony offense; still open; expect that this will eventually lead to a closure; **(2)** stated H Street NW is looking a lot better.
- Commissioner Hart stated he appreciates the work you are doing but don't take the bus shelters out. Response: People waiting for the bus don't actually have the opportunity to use the shelter because it is being occupied by someone smoking or drinking.

8. INTRODUCTION TO DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER LICENSING AND PROTECTION (DLCP) LIAISON XAVIER MORGAN

Representatives Present: Emir Gur-Ravantab

Mr. Gur-Ravantab stated DLCP is the successor agency to DCRA. He introduced Xavier Morgan who is focusing on Ward 6.

Mr. Morgan introduced himself and provided some personal background. He will be the Customer Service face for the agency. DLCP is made up of several divisions: Business Licensing, Consumer Protection, Corporate Registrations and Filings, Enforcement, Occupational and Professional Licensing, Small Business Resource Center, Special Events and Vending Enforcement, and Weights and Measures.

Contact Info: 202-671-4500; Email: dlcp@dc.gov

9. PRESENTATION FROM DDOT ON SHORT-TERM PARKING PILOT – 400 BLOCK OF K STREET NW (SMDs 6E01/6E02) – DAVE LIPSCOMB AND MEHAK SABIH

Representative Present: Dave Lipscomb, Curbside Manager, Curbside Management Division

Mr. Lipscomb provided an overview of the Short-term Parking Pilot Program (Quick Curbs) which is the successor to the PUDO Zone Pilot Program. Quick Curbs will allow users to pay for up to 10 minutes of parking in busy commercial areas. Drivers may also use the zone without payment for loading passengers or goods but must remain with their vehicle. Unattended vehicles without a paid parking session are subject to citation.

Quick Curb locations are at: 1900 block of 14th Street NW (east and west curbs); 400 block of K Street NW (north and south curbs), and the 1200 block of 1st Street SE (west curb). There are no meters at these locations. Payment will be made by smart phone (\$2.30 for paid parking + a surcharge).

A question-and-answer period followed.

- Commissioner Hart – **(1)** asked when will this be implemented? Response: Put in work orders today – next 2-3 weeks to have them installed; **(2)** stated there is still incorrect signage on the north side of the block – will this be replaced? Response: Yes; **(3)** asked what about enforcement (400 block of K Street NW)? Response:

There is no enforcement. Work with DMV and DPW; sits on the For Hire Vehicle Advisory Council. This program gives more options.

- o Commissioner Hans asked what residents should do when parking on the street. Will the fines be higher for violators? Response: Standard parking tickets are \$30.00. the plan is to move toward automated enforcement. Call 311 if you see a person parking illegally.
- o Commissioner Viedma stated the Quick Curb program should be extended to the 300 and 500 blocks of K Street NW. PUDOs do not work at all (work during the date but at night there is no enforcement. If there is no monitoring at night, it is not going to work. Response: We are not the enforcement agency – primarily DPW (7 am – 10 pm Mon-Saturday). Working with the Task Force on Nightlife and Culture.
- o Chat: Signage for the pilot – there are no hours on the signs; will there be outreach to businesses? Response: 24/7 programs; don't have 24/7 enforcement; getting some data, then we will be pushing a public outreach campaign.
- o Prather's Alley parking issues: Report to 311.

10. PROPOSED PROTECTED BIKE LANES: 100 BLOCK OF K STREET NE (SMD 6E07) – MIKE GOODNO, DDOT

Representative Present: Mike Goodno, DDOT Bicycle Program Specialist
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Mike Goodno provided an overview of proposed Protected Bike Lanes from 1st Street NE to 2nd Street NE.

Proposed Conditions – Conversion of Outer Portals

- o Repurpose travel lane in both directions for Protected Bike Lanes (PBL) and enhanced pedestrian space.
- o Reinstate southbound protected left turn on 1st Street NE at K Street.
- o Single lane in both directions – east/west – under rail bridge.
 - Left-Turn Pocket at Westbound 1st Street NE
- o Eastbound right turns prohibited at 2nd Street NE to eliminate conflict with eastbound SBL

Next Steps:

- o Finish payment marking and traffic signal designs.
- o Install traffic signal hardware and timing modifications at 1st Street NE.
- o Install pavement markings.
- o Projected installation date: Summer 2023/possibly Fall 2023.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Hart stated he is glad to see the protected left turn lane. What kind of bollard/barrier will prevent people from using those outside lanes? Response: May do something like a jersey wall barrier.
- o Patty Y: How are you educating the public and who are you targeting? Are you partnering with on demand delivery services? Response: GoDCGo – working with the Washington Area Bicyclists Association; going to events to do outreach; talking to rideshare people.

MOTION: Commissioner Hart moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded that ANC 6E **support** DDOT's proposal for protected bikes lanes on the 100 block of K Street NE with the condition that hardened barriers be included on the outside portals and that ANC 6E convey that support to DDOT. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 2 abstentions (Commissioner Hans; Commissioner Viedma).

11. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR DESIGN REVIEW APPLICATION (ZC 23-10) – GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, SQUARE 569 (SMD 6E08) – CHRIS MURPHY, GREG KLASS, DAVE AVITABILE

Representatives Present: Chris Murphy
Greg Klass

Appeared before ANC 6E in February to ask for support for a text amendment to allow buildings up to 130 feet for Squares 567 and 569 on their campus. The Zoning Commission approved that additional height in April. Now asking for support for their Design Review Application. A slide presentation was presented.

MOTION: Commissioner Hans moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that ANC 6E **support** Georgetown University's application for Mandatory Design Review in a Downtown Zone for Lot 865 and a portion of Lot 864 in Square 569 and that the ANC convey that support to the Zoning Commission. The Motion **passed** 7 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

[Commissioner Viedma drops from the call].

12. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR MODIFICATION OF CONSEQUENCE (BZA 20523A) – 300 NEW JERSEY AVENUE NW (SMD 6E08) – LAWRENCE FERRIS

Representatives Present: Lawrence Ferris, Goulston & Storrs
Jennie Black, Architect

Slide presentation presented. Key points:

- o 1,020 sf Existing mechanical to be converted to habitable space.
- o 6,000 sf Addition.
- o = 7,020 sf Total Interior Habitable space.
- o Reduced the footprint.
- o Made revisions to the window mullions.
- o Filed with BZA beginning of May.
- o BZA meeting date on June 28, 2023.

MOTION: Commissioner Hans moved and Commissioner Carson seconded that ANC 6E **support** the application for a modification of consequence to BZA Order No. 20523(1) at 300 New Jersey Avenue NW and that the ANC convey that support to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

13. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SPACE PERMIT (SIDEWALK CAFÉ) – ROYAL SONESTA, 20 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE NW (SMD 6E07)

Representatives Present: J. Bhatia
Meade Atkeson

Key points:

- o Furniture will be on Massachusetts Avenue NW
- o 22 seats for the sidewalk café (seasonal)
- o 120 seats inside

MOTION: Commissioner Carson moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that ANC 6E **support** the application for a new unenclosed sidewalk café for the Royal Sonesta at 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW and that the ANC convey that support to DDOT. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Rogers).

14. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SPACE PERMIT (SIDEWALK CAFÉ) – THE MINISTRY, 601 NEW JERSEY AVENUE NW (SMD 6E07) – ELISA BENNATON

Representative Present: Elisa Bennaton, Owner

Key points:

- o 50 seats inside
- o Proposing 16 seats outside; would be seasonal
- o Small specialty coffee café with food.
- o Working with artists for inside the shop.

MOTION: Commissioner Carson moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that ANC 6E **support** the application for a new unenclosed sidewalk café for The Ministry at 601 New Jersey Avenue NW and that the ANC convey that support to DDOT. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Rogers).

15. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR MVT CID APPLICATION FOR DC COMMISSION OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES PUBLIC ARTS BUILDING COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM – 400 BLOCK OF K STREET NW (SMD 6E01) – KENYATTAH ROBINSON

Representatives Present: Kenyattah Robinson, MVT CID
Phaan Howng
Rebecca Fasman
Martha Staudinger

Slide presentation provided.

MOTION: Commissioner Hart moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District's application for the DC Commission of Arts and Humanities Public Arts Building Communities Grant Program and that the ANC convey that support to the Commission. The Motion **passed** 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

16. OPEN FORUM

- o Commissioner Hart stated WMATA is proposing a Better Bus Initiative that will create a fast, frequent, and reliable bus network that is easier to understand. A Ward 6 Better Bus Network Town Hall Meeting with Councilmember Charles Allen will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The 92 Bus will be extended to Adams Morgan.
- o Commissioner Blackson stated her next Public Safety Meeting is being held on June 20, 2023 at Mount Airy Baptist Church, 1100 North Capital Street NW.
- o Julie stated she lives at 450 K Street NW and raised issues with vendors making deliveries in Prather's Alley at 4:00 or 5:00 in the morning. Busboys and Poets employees are parking in the alley. She has had no response by calling 311. Response time is spotty for enforcement.
- o Barry Walker stated he lives at 555 Massachusetts Avenue NW and asked about the letter opposing the proposed temporary holding cell block at 501 New York Avenue NW. Commissioner Hart informed him ANC 6E was following up on this issue. The Department of Corrections has been contacted to make a presentation at the July 11, 2023 ANC 6E Public Meeting. Then we will decide on next steps.

17. NEXT MEETING: JULY 11, 2023

18. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Carson moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded to adjourn the meeting. The Motion **passed** 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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