

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

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

Present:

Chris Hart (Chair), ANC 6E01  
Kevin Rogers, ANC 6E03  
Denise Blackson, ANC 6E04  
Ahmad Abu-Khalaf, ANC 6E05 (joined slightly late)  
Davina Carson, ANC 6E07  
Dale Prince, ANC 6E08  
Ritanch Hans, (Vice Chair & Treasurer), ANC 6E09

Absent:

George Viedma, ANC 6E02  
Dylan Forest (Secretary), ANC 6E06

**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 6 out of 9 Commissioners present.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hans moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded to approve the Agenda as amended. The Motion *passed* unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

[Commissioner Abu-Khalaf joins the call].

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hans moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded to approve the Minutes of the October 3, 2023 ANC 6E Virtual Public Meeting as submitted. The Motion *passed* unanimously 7 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

**4. UPDATES FROM WARD 6 COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN'S OFFICE –  
Erik Salmi, Deputy Chief of Staff**

Erik Salmi provided the following legislative updates:

- Council unanimously confirmed Pamela Smith as the new MPD Police Chief.
- Brian Hanlon is the new head at the Department of Buildings (DOB) and Tiffany Crowe is the new head at the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP).
- Nominated Sam Abed as the Director of the Department of Youth and Rehabilitation Services (DYRS).
- Council voted to lower the fines for the Clear Lanes Program from \$200 to \$100.
- Council working on implementing bus lanes.
- Two upcoming events: **(1)** Eastern Market celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this weekend; **(2)** 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Brickie Awards coming up on December 6, 2023, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – accepting nominations for five categories.

A question and answer period followed.

- Commissioner Carson asked when the DC SchoolConnect will be coming to Ward 6.
- Commissioner Nigro (ANC 2G) stated she sent an email to Councilmember Allen about the Central Cell Block and she is still waiting for the link to a 2019 hearing.

## 5. PRESENTATION: NORTH CAPITOL STREET CORRIDOR STUDY

Representative Present: Jamee Ernst, Project Manager, DDOT,  
[jamee.ernst@dc.gov](mailto:jamee.ernst@dc.gov)  
Project website: <https://northccapitolstudy.ddot.dc.gov/>

PowerPoint presentation provided. Highlights included:

- Project Area:
  - North Capitol Street from Massachusetts Avenue to Missouri Avenue/Riggs Road;
  - Includes Wards 4, 5, and 6
  - Lincoln Road NE from Q Street to Franklin Street
- Project Objectives – Phase I:
  - Conduct a comprehensive safety evaluation including development of concepts for priority improvements.
  - Evaluate the feasibility, impacts and costs associated with “decking over” the underpass along North Capitol Street generally from Randolph Place to Bryant Street.
  - Re-envision the North Capitol Street cross section by developing multimodal concept alternatives including bus priority, freight, pedestrian safety options, and linkages to bicycle facilities.
  - Develop quick-build and tactical improvements for Lincoln Road NE.
- Project Update – Phase I:
  - First public meeting held virtually and in person in June 2023 to present intersection improvements and deckover feasibility memo.
  - Comments have been incorporated into intersection improvements to be finalized in winter 2023 with installation estimated to occur in 2024.
  - Deckover memo finalized and is on project website.
  - Second public meeting to be held in winter 2024.
  - Phase I of project to conclude March 2024.
- Phase II:
  - DDOT is currently hiring a consultant for Phase II of the project.

- Phase II of the project will advance the work completed in Phase 1 by:
  - Conducting traffic forecasting and modeling for the corridor;
  - Developing concept designs for transforming the corridor into a multimodal Complete Street;
  - Preparing environmental documentation (assumed to be at the Environmental Impact Statement level); and
  - Creating an implementation strategy, including cost estimates and phasing;

A question-and-answer period followed.

- Commissioner Abu-Khalaf asked how collectively ANC 6E can provide input and if 6E agrees on a set of recommendations and votes on it, will they be given additional weight? Response: Yes, DDOT is receptive to hearing what 6E's visions are for this project.

**6. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT TWO-YEAR EXTENSION REQUEST: ORDER NO. 20523(1), 300 NEW JERSEY AVENUE NW AND 51 LOUISIANA AVENUE NW (SQUARE 63, LOTS 808 AND 809)**

Representative Present: Lawrence Ferris

- Existing building at 300 New Jersey Avenue NW.
- BZA approval was for a penthouse addition and renovation of roof deck.
- Modifications in April approved by BZA.
- Original BZA from 2021 had a period of two years (penthouse only); need to keep the BZA approval alive in the meantime.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- Commissioner Abu-Khalaf asked whether it is possible to change the development plans from commercial to residential and was informed no.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Prince moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that ANC 6E support the request for a two-year extension of BZA Order No. 20523(1) for 300 New Jersey Avenue NW and 51 Louisiana Avenue NW (Square e63, Lots 808 and 809) and that that support be conveyed to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). The Motion **passed** unanimously 7 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

**7. OCCUPANCY PERMIT: NEW SIDEWALK CAFÉ UNENCLOSED FOR TED'S BULLETIN, 1005 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET NE (SMD 6E07)**

Representatives Present: Debra Moye, Restaurant Consultants  
Todd Goldstein

- Corner location;
- Seating on both sides of the corner;
- 3 tables/ 6 chairs on 1<sup>st</sup> Street;
- In the public space, there will be 6 tables with 12 seats and a planter border.
- Todd Goldstein (part of ownership group) stated it is a pivotal location; will bring some exciting outdoor activities on the corner.
- There will also be a small bakery.

- o All-day dining restaurant; will offer liquor but by no means should it be considered as a bar. Hours of operation: Until 10:00 p.m. or 11:00 p.m.
- o Public Space Hearing: December 21, 2023

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Prince asked whether the existing bike rack will be adequate and whether an additional one can be added on L Street? Response: Will bring this up with the landlord.
- o Commissioner Hart asked how tall the planter border will be and was informed 36”.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Carson moved and Commissioner Hans seconded that ANC 6E support the permit for a new unenclosed sidewalk café for Ted’s Bulletin at 1005 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE and that that support be conveyed to DDOT. The Motion **passed** unanimously 7 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

## 8. NEW LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION: ARLO HOTEL, 333 G STREET NW (SMD 6E08)

Representatives Present: Robert Hendrickson  
Lorenzo Ballo, Vice President, Quadrum DC, LLC  
Gene Weissman, Architecture, Inc.  
Andrew Kline, Attorney

Slide presentation provided.

- o Restoring Harrison Apartment Building. New addition is on the left.
- o New 445 key hotel.
- o Trash will go through the loading dock via the alleyway.
- o Will be applying for a Live Entertainment endorsement.
- o New Spanish traditional restaurant called “Cranes.”

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Hart – **(1)** asked what are the plans for the loading dock and delivery hours? Response: Trucks would back up into the loading dock and close the doors. Have a Load Management Plan; **(2)** asked whether live entertainment is envisioned on the rooftop? Response: Yes, but we envision only very limited/infrequent live entertainment and the space will conform to acoustical requirements; they have engaged an acoustical expert consultant.
- o Commissioner Prince stated he is pleased that the old apartment building is being preserved and has concerns about noise. He also asked how much of the sidewalk will the café occupy and the width of the sidewalk? Response: Will be coming back to 6E about this.
- o Commissioner Nigro (ANC 2G) stated she is very excited about the project.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Prince moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that ANC 6E support the application for a new Retailer’s Class “C” Hotel license and Entertainment Endorsement for the Arlo Hotel Washington DC at 333 G Street NW and that that support be conveyed to ABCA. The Motion **passed** 7 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

[Commissioner Hans drops from the call].

**9. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS:**

- o Safeway, 490 L Street NW (SMD 6E02)
- o Hilton Washinton DC Capitol Hill, 525 New Jersey avenue NW (SMD 6E07)
- o Lobby Mart, 501 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW (SMD 6E08)
- o Hilton Garden Inn-DC/US Capitol, 1225 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE (SMD 6E06)
- o Harris Teeter, 1201 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE (SMD 6E07)
- o Courtyard by Marriott Washington DC/US Capitol, 1325 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE (SMD 6E06)

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hart moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded that ANC 6E support the liquor license renewals for Safeway (490 L Street NW), Hilton Washington DC Capitol Hill (525 New Jersey Avenue NW), Lobby Mart (501 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW), Hilton Garden Inn-DC/US Capitol (1225 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE), Harris Teeter (1201 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE), and Courtyard by Marriott Washington DC/US Capitol (1325 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE) and that that support be conveyed to ABCA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

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

Commander Hall reported the following:

- o Focusing on Tyler House and Sursum Corda. Had a couple of events at Tyler House. Had a shooting where a victim was shot in the leg on 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Sursum Corda.
- o MVT looking really good; trying to promote the RDO program.
- o Made some progress in Chinatown – have bike patrols working that area.
- o Working with partners in DC Government on homelessness issues.
- o Robberies are down.
- o Stolen Autos have dropped. Apple AirTags initiative to combat car theft launched tonight in Navy Yard and high car theft areas. MPD helping to install them. Moving to 5D and 6D next.
- o \*Please be vigilant about package thefts with the holiday season approaching.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Carson stated more police presence is needed in the 800 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. There has been vandalism and vehicle break-ins in that area. There is also low lighting in the area.
- o Commissioner Abu-Khalaf asked for an explanation of the RDO Program and was informed that BIDs can participate, the pay rate is higher, and it is voluntary. However, there is currently a limited number of officers on the MPD force.

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

Lieutenant Sprague reported on crime for the past 30 days via crimecards.dc.gov

- o Total Crime went up by 5 incidents.
- o Violent Crime stayed the same versus the same period last year. 1 homicide last year this year 0.
- o 1 Sex Abuse in past 30 days versus 0 last year.

- o ADW: 2 in previous 30 days versus 1 last year.
- o Robberies decreased from 4 to 3 in the same period.
- o Property Crime went up from 63 to 68.
- o Burglaries went down by 1.
- o Thefts from Auto went up by 2.
- o Other Theft went up by 12.
- o Motor Vehicle Theft was down by 50% from 21 down to 13. MPD providing free clubs to residents.
- o 10/26/23 Carjacking at McDonalds, 75 New York Avenue NE – closed by arrest.
- o ADW (shoplifting at a liquor store), 22 M St NE – case closed by arrest.
- o Burglary – 1<sup>st</sup> Street - case still open
- o Thefts from Auto – don't leave cars running.
- o Started Theft prevention operations regarding property crime.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Abu-Khalaf asked about the new Apple AirTags pilot to address carjacking and what are the next steps after installing them to help MPD track stolen cars? Response: The free AirTags are specific to areas experiencing high Thefts from Auto. It will just be a tag given to a resident. It is incumbent on the resident to supply the Apple ID to MPD. You can also purchase your own AirTag for about \$29.00.

**12. UPDATE FROM MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND SERVICES (MOCRS) – Marcus Manning, Ward 6 Community Liaison, 202-538-1241, [marcus.manning@dc.gov](mailto:marcus.manning@dc.gov)**

- o Pamela Smith confirmed as the new MPD Police Chief.
- o He canvasses Ward 6 on Tuesdays and Fridays looking for infrastructure issues and trends. Throughout October, he identified 141 issues in all the SMDs ranging from faded, missing or damaged parking signs, sidewalk repairs, minor illegal dumping, streetlights out, etc. He created a spreadsheet of these issues.
- o On October 30, 2023, the Mayor and the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) had the grand opening of DC's first stabilization center at 35 K Street NE to offer 24/7 support to those with a substance abuse disorder. It is free of charge and insurance is not required.
- o MPD doing community policing – upcoming MPD community safety walk on November 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at 5<sup>th</sup> & K Street.
- o He will also be at Commissioner Blackson's Safety Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at Mt. Airy Baptist Church from Noon to 2:00 p.m.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Carson asked when the DC SchoolConnect will be coming to Ward 6. He will connect with her offline about this.

**13. ANC 6E ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

- o **Standing Committees**

Commissioner Hart asked Commissioners to join the December meeting prepared to discuss whether or not ANC 6E's Standing Committees (ABC Licensing, Zoning, and Transportation) should be revitalized.

- o **January Officer Election**

Commissioner Hart requested Commissioners to think about continuing their roles or becoming an Officer to fill the roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. He will send an email to the full commission so that this can be finalized by the January meeting.

- o **Mailbox**

Commissioner Hart stated the UPS Store where the Commission's post office box was located has closed. He will go back to the Post Office on North Capitol Street to secure another box.

**14. OPEN FORUM**

- o Commissioner Carson raised an issue about construction barriers in the streets causing safety issues. Commissioner Hart stated he will reach out to the DDOT Public Space Inspection team. Commissioner Carson also raised an issue with overgrown grass at 3<sup>rd</sup> & I Street. The Department of Buildings will be contacted.

- o Commissioner Abu-Khalaf provided an update on the website. There are two options: **(1)** Establish a special committee for the website and provide recommendations to the Commission; **(2)** the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) is working on having unified websites for all the wards but it is not clear when he will have an update on this. He will reach out to them and provide an update at the December meeting.

- o Commissioner Nigro (ANC 2G06) reported on the Central Cell Block and stated the Zoning Commission has approved her appeal against the permit for 501 New York Avenue. The appeal will be heard in February or March 2024.

[Commissioner Abu-Khalaf drops from the call].

**7. NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 5, 2023**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Carson moved and Commissioner Prince seconded to adjourn the meeting. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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