

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E  
Virtual Public Meeting  
Tuesday, November 2, 2021**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Michael Eichler (Vice-Chair), ANC 6E01  
Alex Lopez (Secretary), ANC 6E02  
Frank S. Wiggins (Treasurer), ANC 6E03  
Rachelle Nigro (Chair), ANC 6E04  
Patrick Parlej, ANC 6E05  
Denise Blackson, ANC 6E06  
Kevin M. Rogers, ANC 6E07

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chair Rachelle Nigro with a quorum present.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**III. PSA REPORTS – 1D, 3D**

**1D (PSA 103):** Capt. Jonathan Dorrough stated MPD had a pretty good month. There were three (3) Violent Crimes, one (1) Robbery in front of Walmart, and one ADW. Property Crime is also down significantly. Stolen Autos in Mount Vernon Triangle down significantly. Violent Crime down 32% on the year. Property Crime down slightly. Tomorrow, November 3, 2021, there will be outreach in 1D – “Strengthening Community Communications” – MPD will be in the Sursum Corda area from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Mount Vernon Triangle from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A question-and-answer period followed. Commissioner Nigro asked how the break-ins on New York Avenue and K Street, NW are being addressed. Response: Do not leave valuables in your car. Commissioner Blackson asked if the patrolling has slowed down in her area.

**3D (PSA 308):** Capt. R.P. Small stated overall crime has gone down significantly. The shooting that occurred on 5<sup>th</sup> Street – young juvenile female – case closed. Sounds of gunshots that happened on Ridge Street, NW – evidence recovered, looking for more.

A question-and-answer period followed. Commissioner Nigro – **(1)** requested additional patrols in the area; **(2)** any updates on the previous carjackings? Response: Still open and still under investigation. Commissioner Eichler stated there are reports about panhandling on 8<sup>th</sup> Street by the Giant. Public or private street? What are the rules here? Response: If private street, permission has to be given to be there. On public space, MPD can enforce aggressive panhandling. Do you bring in other city services? Response: Yes.

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

Talib Shakir, Ward 6 Liaison, stated another "Home for the Holidays" event was held for those who have experienced homelessness – almost 1,200 participants – looking for more people to provide stable housing.

A question-and-answer period followed. Commissioner Lopez asked what type of housing voucher is being provided for the "Home for the Holidays"? Is the number incremental to the DMHHS CARES Pilot? Talib's response: He did not know, but would follow up with Commissioner Lopez. Commissioner Nigro stated last week DPW released the leaf pickup map and her area was shown as part of Ward 5. Talib will investigate.

#### **V. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE – DC CITY COUNCIL**

Declan Falls stated he joined the team of Chairman Phil Mendelson just three weeks ago. He does not have any messaging yet, but wanted to introduce himself and give out his contact information: [dfalls@dccouncil.us](mailto:dfalls@dccouncil.us); phone: 312-292-0022. The Chairman's office will be holding a virtual event next Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. More information can be found on the Chairman's Facebook page. It will be streamed afterwards.

Commissioner Lopez expressed his appreciation to the Committee of the Whole for hosting tomorrow's hearing on the Wiltberger East Alleys Designation Act of 2021. Commissioner Eichler asked if the Chairman has any particular interest areas where our requests for support with DC agencies could be directed to him, i.e., DCRA, etc. Bettina Richburg asked does the Chairman intend to speak up to the entire Council for the Arts Commission? Response: Yes, believe it was voted on today.

#### **VI. REPORT FROM COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN'S OFFICE**

Naomi Mitchell of Councilmember Charles Allen's Office reported the following: **(1)** the Subcommittee on Redistricting is meeting tomorrow, November 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The other meeting is November 5, 2021 where the Committee of the Whole will hold a final hearing at Noon. Three (3) maps released yesterday – showing 3 ways of reconfiguration; **(2)** DC ticket amnesty has been extended to December 31, 2021; visitor parking passes will remain in effect to January 15, 2022; **(3)** COVID vaccinations for children: will get about 25,000 doses of the vaccine; **(4)** legislation to target marijuana gifting shops – 8<sup>th</sup> Street corridor. A question and answer period followed. Commissioner Lopez asked about Councilmember Allen's schedule for constituent

coffee hour in Mount Vernon Triangle, and Naomi responded that it would be rescheduled.

## VII. DISCUSSION FROM COUNCILMEMBER ELISSA SILVERMAN CONCERNING REDISTRICTING

Representatives Present: Elissa Silverman, Councilmember at Large  
Sam Rosen-Amy

Councilmember Silverman stated Chairman Phil Mendelson appointed the Subcommittee on Redistricting to direct the Council's redistricting work. The Subcommittee consists of three at-large members: herself as Chair, Anita Bonds, and Christina Henderson. A slide presentation was provided, a synopsis of which follows:

### What are the Principles that Guide Redistricting?

- o Equal Representation
- o Racially Equitable
- o Compact and Contiguous
- o Communities of Interest Kept Together
- o Whole Census Tracts
- o Ward Continuity and Stability

### What is the Timeline?

- o **First the Wards**
  - o Ward 6 Hearing – November 3, 2021, 10:00 am
  - o Final City-Wide Hearing – November 5, 2021
  - o Final Vote on December 21, 2021
- o **Then the ANCs**
  - o December 2021: Ward Task Forces form
  - o February 2022: Ward Task Forces report out to Council
  - o March/April 2022: ANC boundaries hearings
  - o May/June 2022: Council votes.
- o **How Do I Access Census Data?**
  - o <https://dcredistricting.esriemcs.com>
  - o <https://www.elissasilverman.com/redistricting>
- o **So, What Does the Census Data Show?**
  - o Wards 6, 7, and 8 need to change.
- o **Discussion Maps**
  - o Maps 1, 2, and 3
  - o Need your input on these three maps
    - Testify in person: <https://www.elissasilverman.com/redistricting>
    - Submit written testimony to: [redistricting@dccouncil.us](mailto:redistricting@dccouncil.us)
    - Submit a map through the mapping website: <https://dcredistricting.esriemcs.com/redistricting>
    - Leave a voicemail at: 202-350-1521

A question-and-answer period followed.

Commissioner Nigro stated that Kirby and Morgan Street need to stay together. Commissioner Lopez stated Shaw was redistricted from Ward 2 to Ward 6 in 2012 and now may be redistricted back to Ward 2 in 2022. This will result in 6 years out of 13 years of Shaw residents being represented by Ward-level Councilmembers that they did not have an opportunity to vote for (2012-2014: Tommy Wells, 2022-2024; Brooke Pinto), which raises concerns of voting rights and representation. Commissioner Lopez encouraged the DC Council to minimize the number of communities that will be redistricted twice in two decennial cycles. Commissioner Eichler asked to hear updates on any efforts being made that could reduce friction with redistricting, such as separating parking zones from wards. Commissioner Parlej stated that it seemed likely that parts of ANC6E would be redistricted into other Wards, and that those changes would take effect in December 2021. He asked what effect this would have on ANC6E, since ANC redistricting wasn't slated to happen until well into 2022. Councilmember Silverman replied that the ANCs would continue on in their current composition until after next election cycle.

Community Q&A followed.

6E04 Constituent Ed Anderson said this will be his fourth Ward he has lived in due to redistricting .

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

**VIII. PRESENTATION FROM DDOT ON THE NEW JERSEY AVENUE NW TRAFFIC CALMING AND PROTECTED BIKE LANE BETWEEN N STREET, NW AND FLORIDA AVENUE, NW**

This matter was **tabled**. Commissioner Lopez stated the Transportation Advisory Committee will be review the plans for this at its next meeting on November 30, 2021 and will have recommendations for the ANC 6E Public Meeting on December 7, 2021.

**[Commissioner Blackson drops off the call.]**

**IX. 1011 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET, NW, JOKR US CORP: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A RETAILER'S CLASS "A" LIQUOR STORE [6E07]**

Representative Present: Matt Minora, Mallios O'Brien & Sandground PLLC  
Stuart Rock

Alex Padro, Chair of ANC 6E's ABC Licensing Committee, stated the committee heard a presentation and no concerns were raised. The committee recommended support for the application and a stipulated license. A Settlement Agreement was reached for noise and trash.

Stuart Rock stated JOKR is a start-up company offering local delivery of fresh products, organic local produce, favorite local brands and sundry items and alcoholic beverages within 15 minutes via e-bikes and e-scooters. They are primarily grocery retail, have a once-a-day resupply, and have a central warehouse.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Rogers moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request for support of JOKR US Corp., 1011 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, for a Retailer’s Class “A” ABC License and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Wiggins).

**MOTION:** Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Settlement Agreement reached between ANC 6E and JOKR US Corp., 1011 4<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Wiggins).

**[Commissioner Blackson rejoins the call].**

**X. 1025 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET, NW, BARTACO: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR A CLASS “C” RESTAURANT LICENSE [6E05]**

Representatives Present: Christopher S. Cohen, Attorney, Holland & Knight LLP  
Jessica L. Farmer, Attorney, Holland & Knight LLP

Alex Padro, Chair of ANC 6E’s ABC Licensing Committee, stated the committee was pleased with the reduction in hours for the Summer Garden. The committee recommended support of the application as well as a stipulated license with a Settlement Agreement.

Commissioner Parlej described the settlement agreement he was proposing the ANC vote on. He highlighted two key points: 1) the agreement prohibited any noise from the restaurant be audible in any residential premise 2) the outdoor hours would be limited to 11 pm, which is consist with other businesses operating in the Mount Vernon Triangle area.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that ANC 6E **support** the request of Bartaco, 1025 5<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, for a Class “C” restaurant license with a stipulated license within the terms of the ANC 6E Settlement Agreement and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed**.

**XI. TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**a. DDOT NOI Establishing All-Way Stop Control at the Intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Street, NW and S Street, NW (NOI #21-238-TESD) [6E02]**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that ANC 6E **support** the conversion of the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> Street, NW and S Street, N.W. to an all-way stop. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. [Commissioner Parlej dropped off the call.]

**b. Letter to DDOT Requesting Acceleration of Bus-Only Lanes on 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW between Pennsylvania Avenue, NW and Florida Avenue, NW [6E01, 6E02, 6E03, 6E04, 6E05]**

Commissioner Lopez stated he raised this matter because the extended MetroRail service disruptions should create impetus to move forward with implementation of the 7<sup>th</sup> Street NW bus lanes which have been delayed for 1+years and to move forward with study/design of bus lanes farther up 7<sup>th</sup> Street through ANC 6E.

Commissioner Michael Shankle of ANC 2C01 was invited to share his ANC's views on this matter. He stated ANC 2C01 was never engaged by DDOT on the 7th Street NW car-free lanes project. He claimed that 90% of the residents and businesses oppose this plan and there was no provision for delivery services. Commissioner Shankle stated that DDOT provided no solutions on access for residents into garages and no provision for access from Indiana Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue. The BID opposed it. DDOT has not re-engaged the community on a way to move forward.

There followed discussion of ANC support for the DDOT study and design of bus lanes on 7th Street between Massachusetts Avenue and Florida Avenue NW. Executive Director of Shaw Main Streets Alex Padro expressed opposition to the study of bus lanes on 7th Street.

Commissioner Wiggins voiced his opposition to moving forward with support for study and design of bus lanes on 7<sup>th</sup> St NW through ANC 6E, between Massachusetts Avenue and Florida Avenue NW.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that ANC 6E request that DDOT study and propose a design for bus and bicycle lanes and other infrastructure that will improve transit service on 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW between Massachusetts Avenue NW and Florida Avenue, NW and that said request be communicated in writing to DDOT. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 1 nay (Commissioner Wiggins) – 0 abstentions. [Commissioner Parlej dropped off the call].

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lopez moved that ANC 6E urge DDOT to re-engage around the implementation of the 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Car Free lanes between Pennsylvania Avenue, NW and Massachusetts Avenue, NW. Commissioner Lopez **withdrew** his motion.

## XII. TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE WILTBERGER EAST ALLEYS DESIGNATION ACT OF 2021 [B24-0336] [6E02]

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Wiltberger East Alleys Designation Act of 2021 and requests a favorable determination on this bill from the DC Council Committee of the Whole; further that ANC 6E submit this resolution to the Committee of the Whole in the hearing to take place tomorrow, November 3, 2021. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. [Commissioner Parlej dropped off the call].

**XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2021 PUBLIC MEETING**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded to approve the Minutes of the **October 5, 2021 ANC 6E Public Meeting** with any edits to be submitted to the Recording Secretary. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. [Commissioner Parlej dropped off the call.]

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

Treasurer Wiggins stated that the ending balance in the checking account as of October 31, 2021 is \$58,206.09 (reflecting payments of \$250.00 to Karen Jehle, \$164.29 to Rachele Nigro, and the DC Allotment deposit of \$8,899.60). The bank statement agrees with the ANC 6 checking ledger.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded to accept the Treasurer’s Report reflecting the balance in the checking account as of October 31, 2021 of \$58,206.09. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. [Commissioner Parlej dropped off the call.]

**XX. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES**

1. **MOTION:** Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded to approve for payment the invoice in the amount of \$250.00 submitted by Karen Jehle for Minutes of the 11/2/21 meeting and website maintenance. The Motion passed unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. [Commissioner Parlej dropped off the call].
2. **MOTION:** Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded to reimburse Commissioner Nigro for the Zoom invoice in the amount of \$164.29. The Motion passed unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. [Commissioner Parlej dropped off the call.]
3. **MOTION:** Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded to reimburse Commissioner Nigro in the amount of \$28.83 for coping expenses for the Agenda. The Motion passed unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. [Commissioner Parlej dropped off the call.]
4. **MOTION:** Commissioner Wiggins moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded to approve the FY 22 Budget in the amount of \$33,800 with further review and discussion to be held at the December 7, 2021 ANC 6E Public Meeting. The Motion passed unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. [Commissioner Parlej dropped off the call.]

**XXI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **MOTION:** Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Wiggins seconded that the Minutes of the July 6, 2021 ANC 6E Virtual Public Meeting be amended to reflect a correction in expenses to Karen Jehle from \$150.00 to \$125.00 for the ANC 6E 5/18/21 Special Public Meeting re MAGLEV. The Motion passed unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. [Commissioner Parlej dropped off the call.]
2. Commissioner Lopez stated Commissioner Eichler was underpaid by two cents for copies. Commissioner Eichler agreed to waive reimbursement of this underpayment.

**XXII. NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021**

**XXIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. [Commissioner Parlej dropped off the call.] The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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