

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E
Virtual Public Meeting
Tuesday, November 1, 2022**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 Parlej seconded to approve the Agenda as submitted. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded to approve the Minutes of the **October 4, 2022 ANC 6E Public Meeting** with any edits to be submitted to the Recording Secretary. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

4. PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 1D

Captain Justin Roth stated MPD's system that records crime stats has been down and it should be back up in the next few days, so any stats he reports tonight would be outdated. He provided his contact info: justin.roth@dc.gov

Commissioner Parlej stated that he forwarded a constituent email about a potential encampment on the lawn of the Meridian at Mount Vernon Triangle, and asked MPD to follow up.

5. PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 3D

Lt. Fleming reported on crime for the last 30 days and stated there has been a decrease in crime across most categories. However, Robberies were up per the following; 10/3/22 - 1500 block of New Jersey Avenue NW – phone and shoes; 10/16/22 – 1700 block of H Street NW – purse, money, and stolen vehicle; 10/25/22 – 1300 block of New Jersey Avenue NW – stolen auto while victim was fueling his vehicle; today – 11/1/22 – robbery in 1500 block of 7th Street NW – \$11,000 stolen from establishment – fled in Silver Nissan Ultima. All of these are ongoing investigations.

A question-and-answer period followed. Commissioner Nigro – **(1)** asked about a robbery in the 200 block of N Street NW involving masks and a gun; **(2)** asked about a homicide in the last week at New Jersey Avenue NW and N Street NW – a passenger in a car shot someone. She was informed this is an ongoing investigation; **(3)** raised the issue of teenagers smoking marijuana and loitering in the area of Dunbar High School. She was informed MPD has officers in these areas – call us and we will respond. MPD responds to truant students during the school hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

Brittni Parks stated Jasmine Coulton is working on tasks from Commissioner Blackson.

7. 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:

- Councilmember Pinto is hosting in-person one-on-one office hours at the Wilson Building. Residents can sign up for a time on November 7th or December 9th. He will post a link to sign up and links to everything else I mention in the Q&A.
- Councilmember Pinto is focused on improving public safety, it is the top concern we hear about from neighbors in Shaw. She held a community meeting with Attorney General Racine, US Attorney Graves, MPD Chief Contee, and the TRIGGER Project a few weeks ago. A video of the event is available on our website. He will post the link in the chat. Thank you to the commissioners who were able to join the event.
- Councilmember Pinto is joining MPD on bike patrols this month, and we joined Lt. Fleming on patrol around the Howard Theater area, down 7th Street to 7th and O and discussed how MPD is working to keep our neighborhoods safe and the challenges they are facing. Thank you, Lt. Fleming for letting us ride along with you.

- Councilmember Pinto also recently joined Councilmember Nadeau to meet with business owners at 7th and T Streets to discuss challenges they are facing with drug use and crime on the block and ways the city can more quickly address the challenges in that area.
- Councilmember Pinto held her Ward 2 community bike ride two weekends ago, and we finally had perfect weather. Thank you to everyone who joined us at Kennedy Rec Center and for the rest of the ride after that, including Commissioners Eichler and Lopez. We had robust discussions about how to make our streets and sidewalks safer for all users.
- He and Councilmember Pinto also joined Commissioner Lopez and Seaton Elementary School parents on Q St NW at 6th and 7th Streets to discuss how to make those streets safer for our youngest residents. 6E will be discussing this later in your meeting.
- The temporary legislation that allows for virtual ANC meetings like this expires on November 19, 2022. Legislation was introduced and passed at today's legislative meeting to extend this allowance through mid-February 2023 and permanent legislation is being discussed.
- The Council also took and passed their first of two votes on the Revised Criminal Code Act at today's legislative meeting. This is the first comprehensive review and update to DC's criminal code since 1901. The review has been a culmination of more than a decade and a half of research and collaboration among many experts, and input from other stakeholders in our community, to ensure that our criminal code is clear, fair, and just. He will put a link to a summary of the bill in the chat.
- The Transportation and Environment Committee had a hearing on the Councilmember Henderson and Pinto's bill "Rightsizing Residential Permit Parking Regulation Amendment Act" last Friday. Shortly after the hearing, DDOT released the results of a study Councilmember Pinto funded in the FY22 budget to collect data on parking challenges in Dupont Circle specifically. It's a very interesting report and we're reviewing it now to help us determine the appropriate next steps on this contentious topic.
- As a reminder, leaf collection for Ward 2 begins this weekend on November 6th. He will post a link in the chat again with the map and schedule for this year's collections.
- He wants to remind everyone to vote! Election Day is on Tuesday the 8th, but you have many options to vote early.
 - You can submit your mail ballot via any of the ballot drop boxes between now and election day at 8 pm.
 - Early in-person voting is taking place now through Sunday the 6th from 8:30 am to 7 pm. You can vote at any location around DC regardless of your Ward or ANC. Our Ward 2 locations are the MLK, West End, and Georgetown Libraries. The Board of Elections website is super helpful and has a map showing you all of your options and wait times at any of the voting centers.
 - If you run into any issues preventing you from voting, please reach out directly to the Board or Elections or reach out to me if you need further assistance.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- Commissioner Nigro **(1)** stated her constituents are writing a letter regarding parking; **(2)** what is the Councilmember saying to the police? She was informed the Councilmember held a Public Safety Meeting; **(3)** stated more foot patrols are needed!

8. **REPORT FROM WARD 6 COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN'S OFFICE**

Jeanne Mattison reported the following: **(1)** kudos to Kenyattah Robinson for his efforts on the Columbus properties on K Street NW; we are working together to square off all the everyday issues; **(2)** leaf collection is happening, however it will be delayed; **(3)** Councilmember Allen is proposing a bill to revamp the DC Criminal Code – it is a massive undertaking; **(4)** many bills have passed in the Judiciary Committee on Public Safety.

A question and answer period followed. Commissioner Lopez asked what is being done about community outreach regarding the closure of the Northwest One Library.

[Commissioner Blackson joins at 7:08 p.m.]

Commissioner Blackson stated that DCPL has not communicated at all to the community. She was supposed to get some dates from DCPL and has not heard anything.

9. **REPORT FROM WARD 5 COUNCILMEMBER McDUFFIE'S OFFICE**

No representative present.

10. **SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C TAVERN LICENSE FOR SHAW'S TAVERN – 520 FLORIDA AVENUE NW (ABRA-098037) [6E02]**

Representative Present: Rob Helm

Alex Padro, Chair of the ABC Licensing Committee, stated there was one item from the investigative history going back to 2021 for failure to control litter, but this has been corrected. The Committee recommended Commission support for the renewal.

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Class C Tavern License renewal for Shaw's Tavern, 520 Florida Avenue NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. [Commissioner Lopez temporarily dropped from the call, but rejoined moments later].

11. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C TAVERN LICENSE FOR IVY AND CONEY – 1537 7TH STREET NW (ABRA-0922860) [6E02]

Representative Present: Josh Saltzman

Alex Padro, Chair of the ABC Licensing Committee, stated the licensee has no investigative history. The Committee recommended Commission support for the renewal.

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Class C Tavern License renewal for Ivy and Coney, 1537 7th Street NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

12. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C TAVERN LICENSE FOR PRATHER’S ON THE ALLEY – 455 I STREET NW (ABRA-108886) [6E05]

Representative Present: Dean Mosoines

Alex Padro, Chair of the ABC Licensing Committee, stated there were three items in the investigative history relating to: **(1)** failure to submit quarterly reports; **(2)** change of trade name without approval; both of which were warnings. The Committee recommended Commission support for the renewal.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Class C Tavern License renewal for Prather’s on the Alley, 455 I Street NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

13. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C TAVERN LICENSE FOR MELANGE – 449 K STREET NW (ABRA-119085) [6E05]

Alex Padro, Chair of the ABC Licensing Committee, stated the licensee has no investigative history.

MOTION: Commissioner Parlej moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Class C Tavern License renewal for Melange, 449 K Street NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously.

14. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C TAVERN LICENSE FOR 600 T – 600 T STREET NW (ABRA-100515) [6E02]

Representative Present: Stephen Lawrence

Alex Padro, Chair of the ABC Licensing Committee, stated there was no Summer Garden indicated on the placard. Mr. Lawrence indicated he is working to get this resolved.

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Class C Tavern License renewal for 600 T - 600 T Street NW as placarded and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Rogers).

15. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C TAVERN LICENSE FOR LE JAMBE – 1550 7TH STREET NW (ABRA-099738) [6E01]

Representative Present: Anastasia Mori

Alex Padro, Chair of the ABC Licensing Committee, stated the licensee has no investigative history and the Committee recommended Commission support for the renewal. It was noted that the streatory fencing was obstructing visibility to vehicles. Ms. Mori informed the Commissioners that the fencing has been removed.

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Class C Tavern License renewal for Le Jambe, 1550 7th Street NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Rogers).

16. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS TAVERN LICENSE FOR JAKE'S TAVERN – 1606 7TH STREET NW (ABRA-108077) [6E01]

Representative Present: Todd Ciuba

Alex Padro, Chair of the ABC Licensing Committee, stated the licensee has no investigative history and the Committee recommended Commission support of the renewal. It was noted the Settlement Agreement has a different name on it. Mr. Ciuba will work to get this corrected.

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Class C Tavern License renewal for Jake's Tavern, 1606 7th Street NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Rogers).

17. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C TAVERN LICENSE FOR DACHA BEER GARDEN – 1600-1602 7TH STREET NW (ABRA-092773) [6E01]

Alex Padro, Chair of the ABC Licensing Committee, stated there were two items on the investigative history relating to: **(1)** compliance with the Mayor's Order on COVID; a satisfactory response was provided; **(2)** failure to follow Settlement Agreement - \$250 fine – addressed. The Committee recommended Commission support of the renewal.

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Class C Tavern License renewal for Dacha Beer Garden, 1600-1602 7th Street NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

18. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C TAVERN LICENSE FOR THE PASSENGER – 1539 7TH STREET NW (ABRA-100573) [6E02]

Alex Padro, Chair of the ABC Licensing Committee, stated there were two items on the investigative history – **(1)** no ABC Manager on duty; received a warning; additional staff now trained; **(2)** popup on second floor. The Committee recommended Commission support of the renewal.

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Class C Tavern License renewal for The Passenger, 1539 7th Street NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

19. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C TAVERN LICENSE FOR ELECTRIC COOL-AID – 512 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE NW (ABRA-112294) [6E02]

Representative Present: Ben Schwartz

Alex Padro, Chair of the ABC Licensing Committee, stated the licensee has no investigative history. The Committee recommended Commission support of the renewal.

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Class C Tavern License renewal for Electric Cool-Aid, 512 Rhode Island Avenue NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

20. CONSIDERATION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH QUATTRO OSTERIA – 1840 6TH STREET NW [6E02]

Tabled.

21. DDOT PRESENTATION ON CONCEPT PLANS FOR THE 11TH STREET, NW AND VERMONT AVENUE NW PROTECTED BIKE LANE PROJECT [6E01]

Representative Present: Victoria Caudullo

Victoria Caudillo provided a PowerPoint presentation on the subject. The presentation can be found on the ANC 6E website.

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that ANC 6E **support** DDOT's Concept Plans for protected bike lanes on 11th Street NW between Pennsylvania Avenue NW and Monroe Street NW which includes curbside protected bike lanes and parallel parking lanes; further, that DDOT move expeditiously to the design phase for the 11th Street NW Protected Bike Lane Project; and further, that ANC 6E requests that DDOT do community engagement and raise awareness of those curbs that will be impacted by the project. The Motion passed unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

22. RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT DDOT INSTALL TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT THE INTERSECTION OF 6TH STREET NW AND Q STREET NW [6E01]

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that ANC 6E **support** the resolution as presented which requests that DDOT study and propose a plan for a four to three-lane conversion (road diet) and other road design improvements to calm traffic on 6th Street NW between Rhode Island Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue NW. The Motion passed 2 yeas (Commissioners Lopez and Eichler) – 1 nay (Commissioner Nigro) – 2 abstentions (Commissioners Blackson and Parle). [Commissioner Rogers had dropped off the call].

23. RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT DDOT INSTALL MEASURES TO HARDEN TURNS AND IMPROVE SIGHTLINES AT THE INTERSECTION OF 8TH STREET NW AND Q STREET NW [6E01]

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 6E requests that DDOT install flex post turn hardening at the intersection of Q Street NW and 8th Street NW; further that ANC 6E requests that DDOT install measures to daylight the intersection of Q Street NW and 8th Street NW, including flex posts and striped gore areas in the no-parking zone of the curbside lanes approaching the intersection. The Motion passed 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Rogers).

24. RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT DDOT CONVERT ONE SIDE OF ALL BLOCKS IN SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT 6E04 TO RESIDENT-ONLY PARKING [6E04]

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded that ANC 6E requests that DDOT install signage for RPP Parking on one side of all of the blocks of 6E04 and the other side be 2-Hour Parking with signage that is similar to the signage at Nationals Ballpark. The Motion passed 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

25. COMMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF PLANNING SUPPORTING THE ELIMINATION OF THE INCLUSIONARY ZONING (IZ) EXEMPTION FOR DOWNTOWN (D) ZONES

Commissioner Lopez provided a PowerPoint presentation that can be found on the ANC 6E website.

The Office of Planning convened a public roundtable on November 1 and solicited written comments on the topic of expanding affordable housing in the District through the Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) program. The IZ program requires new residential developments to set aside a certain percentage of gross floor area for affordable units and is a tool to promote economic inclusion in neighborhoods that would otherwise be affordable to households with limited incomes. Currently, Downtown (D) zones, which includes much of Mount Vernon Triangle, are exempted from the IZ program. Commissioner Lopez stated that the exemption of D Zones from the IZ program was initially established as a subsidy to encourage residential development, however given the intensive residential development in Mount Vernon Triangle and other D Zones areas like NoMa and Navy Yard, the IZ exemption for D Zones is no longer necessary. Commissioner Lopez stated that the proposed development at 1001 6th St NW would have required approximately 39 to 44 IZ units, but because it is located in a D Zone that is exempt from IZ requirements, it will deliver zero IZ units, which creates a missed opportunity to produce affordable units in ANC 6E.

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded that ANC 6E adopt the resolution as circulated and communicate that resolution to the Office of Planning. The Motion passed unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

26. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Nigro stated the reconciled ending balance in the checking account is \$71,189.82 (this amount includes the DC allotment of \$4,449.80).

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that to approve the FY22Q4 Report as presented. The Motion passed unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

27. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

A. **MOTION:** Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded to approve the following expenses: **(1)** reimbursement of \$49.23 to Commissioner Nigro for Agenda copies; **(2)** payment of invoice in the amount of \$250.00 submitted by Karen Jehle for Minutes of the November 1, 2022 ANC 6E Public Meeting/Website Updating; and **(3)** reimbursement of \$99.63 to Commissioner Eichler for the Zoom invoice. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

B. **MOTION:** Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that ANC 6E deposit the \$200.00 in cash received from former Commissioner Michael Brown into the ANC 6E checking account. The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

- C. MOTION:** Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Eichler seconded that ANC 6E move \$10,000 from the Grants line item of the ANC 6E Budget for the purpose of retention of legal counsel for the Protest Hearing for Rito Loco (606 Florida Avenue NW) and the Protest Hearing for Quattro Osteria (1840 6th Street NW). The Motion **passed** unanimously 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

28. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- o Commissioners Eichler and Parlej announced that Tuesday, December 6, 2022 will be their last ANC 6E Public Meeting.

29. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 6, 2022

30. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The Motion **passed** unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
(Transcribed from Recording)

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