

# ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B ANC 6B FULL COMMITTEE MEETING,

September 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via WebEx

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## **AGENDA**

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Adoption of Agenda
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  - 2. Alcoholic Beverage Control Committee
    - 1. ABRA-119954: RRG Catering, LLC, t/a Rose's at Home, 721 8<sup>th</sup> St SE; Renewal of Class "CR" License; Petition Deadline: 09/19/22 [6B03]
    - 2. ABRA-116333: 1401 Potomac Hall, LLC., t/a The Roost, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave SE; Renewal Class "CR" License; Petition Deadline 09/12/22 [6B06]
    - 3. ABRA-000793: National Democratic Club Inc., t/a National Democratic Club, 30 Ivy St SE; Renewal of Class "C Club" License; Protest Deadline: 9/6/22 [6B01]
  - 3. Planning and Zoning Committee
    - 1. BZA 18701F: 1247 E Street SE; Modification of Consequence: Extend hours to allow early weekend hours at a hair salon; Owner(s): Hatem Hatem; 1247E@gmail.com; Meeting Date: 9/28/2022 [6B06, Future 6B07] Documents: <a href="https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/CaseReport/CaseReportPage.aspx?case\_id=1">https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/CaseReport/CaseReportPage.aspx?case\_id=1</a> 8701F
  - 4. Transportation Committee

- 1. Letter supporting DDOT's School Parking Zone Program (SPZ)
- 2. Letter supporting Brent Elementary School's Application for 65 SPZ perking permits
- 4. Presentations
  - 1. Presentation on DDOT's Safe School Streets Event in Ward 6
  - 2. MPD Commander Tasha Bryant 1D
- 5. Community & Commission Announcements & Speak Out
- 6. Alcoholic Beverage Control Committee
  - 1. ABC Report
- 7. Planning and Zoning Committee
  - 1. HPA 22-434; 1107 10th St SE; Concept: new construction in PDR-1 zone; Owner/Applicant: Syga Thomas; Meeting Date: 9/22/22 or 9/29/22 [6B04/Future 8F01]
  - 2. Future ZC Modification of Significance: 1333 M Street SE; Modification to roeduce retail space and increase residential parking from 174 parking space to 306; Owners: Felice Development Group; Representative: Leila Batties, Holland and Knight; Meeting Date: 9/7/2022 [6B06]
  - 3. Letter to DCRA re: 220 14<sup>th</sup> St SE; concerns of tree damage [6B08] tentative
  - 4. PZ Report
- 8. Transportation Committee
  - 1. TC Report
- 9. Hill East Task Force
- 10. Livable Community Task Force
- 11. Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee
- 12. Capitol Hill Business Interest Working Group
- 13. Financial
  - 1. Treasurer's Report
- 14. ANC 6B Administrative Matters
- 15. ANC 6B Input on Other Concerns
- 16. Adjournment

PLEASE NOTE: At regular Commission meetings, any item may be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda at the request of a single Commissioner. All ABC, BZA, Zoning, and Historic Preservation cases may be added to this agenda. For additional information, email 6b@anc.dc.gov, or visit ANC 6B's website: www.anc6b.org.

The ANC 6B Executive Committee will meet on September 27 at 7:00 PM to set the October 2022 agenda. This meeting will be a Webex virtual meeting. Meeting link TBA.

#### **ANC 6B MINUTES**

## July 12, 2022

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Corey Holman (6B06) welcomed ANC6B Commissioners and guests to the July meeting and provided an overview of the agenda. All Commissioners were present: Jennifer Samolyk (6B01), Jerry Sroufe, Secretary (02); Brian Ready (03); Kirsten Oldenburg, (04); Steve Holtzman (05), Edward Ryder, Treasurer (07); Peter Wright, Parliamentarian (08); Alisa Horn, Vice Chair (09); and Denise Krepp (10).

#### 2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved with no modifications of note. (Horn/Sroufe; unanimous)

#### 3. Approval of the Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was approved with no modifications of note. (Wright/Holtzman; unanimous). Items included on the Consent Agenda related to alcohol beverage control are provided at the end of the notes.

4. Presentation by Michael Carter, Interim Director, Department of Public Works.

Carter presented a status report on the resolution of recent DPW issues in Ward 6 which was much appreciated by the Commissioners. He offered a brief discussion of specific issues and engaged in a lengthy Q and A with Commissioners. He was accompanied by other DPW directors, including those responsible for parking enforcement and waste management. Carter brough a report – to be distributed to ANC Commissioners – about the status of specific issues that had been raised by residents of ANC6B.

The bevy of questions from Commissioners concerned: mowing and maintenance of pocket parks, a street flooding issue, illegal commercial truck parking, graffiti, abandoned vehicles, street sweeping, composting, status of the trash transfer station modernization, summer youth employment, and erroneous postings of Restricted Parking signs.

Three actions were offered by Carter to address the issues raised by Commissioners:

- (1) A meeting was to be arranged with Commissioner Krepp and neighbors with DPW and other agencies. MOCR Jasmine Coilton to take the lead in setting up this meeting.
- (2) Commissioners were encouraged to contact Carter directly about specific issues of flooding, private apartment building trash problems, etc., if they were not resolved in a reasonable time.
- (3) The status report on incidents arising in 6B that Carter had presented was to be distributed to 6B02 Commissioners via Commissioner Horn.

Selected Notes from the discussion:

- Vehicle towing has returned following Coronavirus hiatus; additional tow truck drivers are being hired.
- Grass mowing getting back on schedule.

- "Supercans" have a life expectancy of 10 years; have been on the streets 12. Lagging in repair because of supply chain issues.
- 5. Commissioner and Resident Speak-out

Commissioner Ryder called attention to a Guerrilla Gardener event on July 30, 1:00 - 4:00 at 1200 I Street, SE.

Commissioner Ready called attention to the continuing series of Plaza concert events on Fridays throughout the summer at 5:00; and to a children's chess program on Friday at 1:00. On Saturday morning there is a physical fitness program in the park.

Commissioner Samolyk expressed appreciation for the resident alley repaving work just begun in her SMD, and called attention called to Pave DC website that includes weekly updates of street repairs.

Commissioner Sroufe called attention to the opportunity for Commissioners and residents to participate in the Community Engagement Academy of the Metropolitan Police Department and expressed willingness to share information about the program to those interested.

Commissioner Ryder called attention to the ongoing work of local residents in the Potomoc Gardens/Hopkins area to curtail crime and violence. He wondered if the group should not be financially supported by the District, and he was encouraged to communicate with one of the MOCRs.

6. Support for EMMS alley mural projects.

A sketch and presentation on the "Farm to Table" art proposed for the mural program of DC Humanities was provided by EMMS Executive Director, Ann Blackwell, joined by local artist, Sean Pichon. Following discussion, a motion to write a letter in support of the project to be sent to the Executive Director of Eastern Market Main Street was approved. (Sroufe/Horn, 10/0/0.) During the discussion it was suggested that EMMS consult with neighbors nearest to the alley in addition to the building owners.

#### 7. Committee Discussion and Actions of Items not on Consent

Aatish On the Hill. A motion to support the renewal application was approved unanimously. The Commission wished to call attention of ABRA and the proprietor to the absence of specific reference to a sidewalk café in the existing application. (Ready/Oldenburg; unanimous.)

Tortuga – The Commission determined to take no action, understanding that this would mean the Settlement Agreement would be renewed without ANC comment.

Paradisio – Complaints from residents of this mixed- use building resulted in a proposal from the owners to have a sound test conducted. Commissioners Oldenburg and Ready are to work with owners and residents to resolve sound issues following a third party technical appraisal.

Santa Rosa Taqueria/Good Stuff Eatery/We the Pizza. Commissioners Ready and Samolyk expressed optimism about securing SAs for these three restaurants owned by the Mendelson group. During the discussion it was noted that there was no enclosed trash room at Santa Rosa and that the ANC believes it had received assurances that there would be one.

8. Planning and Zoning Committee Items Not on Consent Agenda

a. HPA 22-237; 323 10 SE. Following discussion among the Commissioners, the Applicant, and several neighbors, the ANC voted to recommend the project for approval as consistent with the Historic District. (Holtzman/Ryder, unanimous)

(Note: Commissioner Krepp had to leave the meeting prior to the vote so the tally on this and following unanimous votes was 9-0-0.)

- b. HPA 363; 1007 SE (the Brig). Following considerable discussion among Commissioners and the Applicant, the ANC recommended approval of the application as revised. (Oldenburg/Sroufe; unanimous).
- c. HPA 22-369: 409 East Capitol, SE. *I* (The item had been held off the Consent Agenda to permit additional time for neighbor comments; there were no additional comments from residents). Unanimous.
  - 9. Transportation Committee did not meet in July.

Chair Oldenburg requested that Commissioners pay attention to the stripping project that has now begin on the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor.

- 10. Task Force Reports
- a. The Hill East Task Force did not meet in July. Commissioner Horn called attention to the recent traffic calming NOI provided by DDOT impacting the  $17^{th} 19^{th}$  Potomac Areas.
- b. Liveable Community task force did not meet in July and had no report.
- c. EMCAC did not meet in July and had no report.

#### 11. Finance Report

Commissioner Ryder provided a financial report for the third quarter showing a favorable balance of \$30K. He noted that the third quarter allotment had not been received and was not included. He said he had received no information from OANC about the financial implications of redistricting. The report was approved unanimously (Ryder/Oldenberg).

#### 11. ANC6B Administrative Matters

Unanimous approval was provided for appointment of Chander Jayarama to fill Resident Member seat on the Planning and Zoning Committee for 6B08. He will be replacing Amanda Thomas who has resigned.

Chair Holman indicated that because Commissioner Wright is physically moving out of the ANC6B boundaries he will resign as Parliamentarian as of August 1. According to the ANC6B Bylaws, because of the nearness of the District-wide ANC elections, it is not necessary to hold a special election to fill the vacancy. (As able Parlimentarian, Commissioner Ryder noted that if the vacancy involved the position of Treasurer that immediate action to appoint a replacement would be required.)

#### 12. Input on Other Concerns

Following discussion, a resolution proposed by Commissioner Horn regarding the District's continuing role in serving as a safe-haven for reproductive health services was passed (Horn/Holtzman 6-3-0). The resolution will be sent to the Mayor and members of the Council.

13. Adjournment by unanimous consent was announced by Commissioner Oldenburg at 10:58.



# ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B ANC 6B EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING,

September 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via WebEx

#### ANC 6B Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting Will Begin at 7:00

# 1) HPA 22-434; 1107 10th St SE; Concept: new construction in PDR-1 zone; Owner/Applicant: Syga Thomas

The committee reviewed plans for a new short-term rental building in the Capitol Hill Historic District. While the committee had many questions about the operations of the building and other building code issues, the committee's review of the questions relevant to the historic review were minimal. The committee noted this building will be the tallest on the block and have vacant lots on either side and will be prominent. The property owner intimated that they have considered purchasing the adjoining properties and would develop them in a similar fashion or assumed others would also do something similar. The front basement entrance complies with the guidelines.

On the zoning side, the short-term rental use is by-right in the PDR zone. There is a small trash room. The building and use are by-right. The at-risk windows will come with a covenant that they are at risk and the building is designed to easily accommodate losing the windows.

Commissioner Horn inquired about why the residential short-term rental regulations don't apply to this building. Because this property is zoned for commercial and industrial uses, the regulations on number of days or owner living in property does not apply.

Commissioner Oldenburg noted there hasn't been communication with neighbors and despite supporting the building has asked not to put it on consent.

Motion [Oldenburg/Jarboe]. Standard support letter but not on consent. Motion passes on voice vote with Commissioner Horn recorded as voting in opposition of the motion.

# 2) BZA 18701F: 1247 E Street SE; Modification of Consequence: Extend hours to allow early weekend hours at a hair salon;

The owner of the building at 13<sup>th</sup>/E Street SE with the vacant commercial space across the street from Watkins Field is back with a modification to previously approved conditions to a use variance to allow a hair salon to open earlier than allowed on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to 7:00. The original hours were

9:00 on weekend and 7:30 during the week. The committee had no issues with this request and recommends support.

Motion [Holman/Horn]. Standard support letter on consent. Passes unanimously

#### 3) ZC 20-06A: 1333 M Street SE; Technical Correction to ZC Order 20-06;

The developers of 1333 M Street SE presented on a technical correction to the order, simply changing a reference where units in different phases were swapped in the final order. The ANC does not need to take action, this was more for awareness.

# 4) Future ZC Modification of Consequence: 1333 M Street SE; Modification to reduce retail space and increase residential parking from 174 parking space to 306;

While this case does not have a ZC case number, the developer expects to file it this week and there's a good chance it's scheduled for early October before our next meeting. Because of that, the ANC is going to take action this month.

The developers presented plans to modify certain aspects of the previously approved 1333 M Street SE. The major changes are increasing the car parking space from 174 to 306, to increase the short and long-term bike parking, to increase the number of units in phase 1 from 496 to 516 while increasing residential gross floor area by about 10k square feet (with concurrent 12% of that as inclusionary zoning units).

Where the ANC's role is in this is to provide feedback on the requested changes in terms of ensuring the previously agreed public benefits continue to be commensurate with the increased density and to ensure the mitigations are sufficient to offset the impact of the use. To that end, Commissioner Ready and Holman noted the impact from increasing the number of parking spaces and potential mitigations/benefits should include increased capability for electric cars and bikes and to push DDOT to continue to push for other tools to mitigate the impacts of the increased car traffic. Resident Member Jayaraman also inquired about the possibility of expanded universal design, especially for units on the ground floor. The developer's attorney said she would get feedback on the building code requirements for universal design and if there's any zoning precedence for this.

Of note, the committee got an update on the proffer for a senior day center. The developer continues to plan to comply with the original order, which requires money to be provided for a study and other predevelopment work for a senior care center, and representatives of Capitol Hill Village were there to offer to provide assistance and their willingness to meet on a path forward. The work would need to be done by the time Phase 1 of the project gets a certificate of occupancy.

Of note, the changes in this filing are only for the consolidate and phase 1 portion of the PUD. The developer plans on returning to ANC 6B in 2023 or late for Phase 2 development review.

No motion but Commissioners Holman and Ready agreed to flesh out some of the language related to the request for more mitigation from the impacts of increasing the parking spaces and wait to hear from the attorney on the building code issues related to universal design.

#### 5) Ltr to DCRA re: 220 14th St SE; concerns of tree damage

Resident Member Jayaraman brought an issues to the P&Z committee related to ongoing issues with a construction project at 220 14<sup>th</sup> Street SE and the impacts on the adjoining building along South Carolina Avenue SE. The project has a long history with inadequate tree protection and issues with underpinning of the freestanding building still impacting the neighbor house.

The committee facilitated a discussion between both the developer and property owner. For the committee's work with the commission, we agreed to not take a vote in hopes of planned discussions this week leading to a resolution. However, the committee agreed to accept a letter from RM Jayaraman for consideration if necessary to DCRA that details the issues the neighbor has had in ensuring adequate communication and review of the project from the DC Government perspective.

No motion taken



### Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting September 7, 2022

Commissioners Present: Corey Holman, Alison Horn, Kirsten Oldenburg (chairing), Brian Ready, Edward Ryder, and Gerald Sroufe.

Resident Members Present: Brian Kirrane (6B03), Claire August (6B05), and John Ten Hoeve (6B09).

#### **DDOT Presentation on the School Parking Zone Program**

Jason Meggs, SPZ Program Manager, DDOT, made the presentation and responded to questions. DCPS and charter schools can apply to obtain parking permits enabling staff to park in nearby RPP zones. Mr. Meggs described the changes over years in school locations and types and other factors that have increased the number of staff driving to schools each weekday. The program is designed to annually reduce the number of permits each school gets to encourage alternate forms of transportation.

SPZ regulations are at https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/NoticeDetail.aspx?NoticeId=N125890

To date, 2 schools in 6B (Brent Elementary and Digital Pioneers Academy) have submitted applications to the program. Tyler Elementary has initiated an application but Mr. Meggs commented that, given its large onsite lot, the school might not qualify for RPP permits. SPZ Coordinators of all 3 schools were invited to participate in the meeting. Only Alfred Mason from Digital Pioneers was able to attend. He informed the Committee that DDOT has allotted 15 permits but he did not think all would be used as the school has made an agreement with a nearby church to use its lot on weekdays. Mr. Meggs told the Committee that Brent had qualified for 65 permits as the school has no onsite parking. RM Kirrane said that Brent staff have been using DDOT VPPs under a neighborhood "adopt a teacher" program. It is not clear whether the 65 SPZ permits will be used in addition to the informal VPP program or will replace it.

Commissioner Oldenburg moved—with a second by Commissioner Ready—that the Committee recommend the ANC support the SPZ program. We know that considerable effort has been made since the legislation was passed to create a viable program with monthly input from the affected communities. DDOT also has developed considerable resources to help schools prepare their applications. Finally, the ANC appreciates that DDOT has abandoned an original plan to set aside specific RPP areas for SPZ permit use only. The vote in support of the motion was unanimous.

Commissioner Oldenburg moved—with a second by Commissioner Sroufe—that the Committee recommend the ANC support the issuance of 65 SPZ permits to Brent Elementary School but express a concern that 65 permits, if added to the school's existing informal VPP system, may create an excessive burden on residential parking in the neighborhood. Therefore, the ANC asks Brent officials to clarify this situation. The vote in support of the motion was unanimous.

# **Updates**

Commissioner Oldenburg provided some updates on two Pennsylvania Avenue SE projects. Installation of two major PA Avenue SE projects: the Streetlights & Traffic Lights Up Grades and the Corridor "Study" (to remove a traffic lane to add bike & bus lanes) were designed to follow one another. But Streetlights—started about a year ago—has experienced equipment supply problems delaying its planned summer 2022 completion. Some traffic signals may not be operational until the end of 2022. Still, the Corridor work is slated to begin in October, with Streetlights crews painting the lane markings this month. Supply delays in the Corridor project will affect the construction of the bus lane pedestrian pads.

Both of these projects are designed to extend from 2nd SE to Barney Circle. But, DDOT's postponement of funding for installation of the Penn-Potomac Intersection project until 2024 means that Streetlights and Corridor will only be completed to 13th Street this year. It could be 2025 or later before the final segments will be in place.

### **Future Meeting Items:**

DDOT's EV Curbside Charging Program & Rules (October)

*Program*: https://ddot.dc.gov/page/electric-vehicle-charging-station-program *Regulations:* 

 $https://ddot.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddot/page\_content/attachments/Notice\%20of\%20Final\%20Rulemaking-\%20EV\%20Charging\%5B94\%5D.pdf$ 

DDOT's 11th Street 695 Ramp Study 30% Design (October/November)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> An email from the Brent School SPZ Coordinator several days after the meeting says DDOT granted 38 permits rather than 65.