

Report of the ANC 6B Planning and Zoning Committee

December 4, 2023

Commissioners Present: Sroufe (6B02), Sobelsohn (6B03), D'Andrea (6B04 – Charing)

Resident Members Present: Friedman (6B02), Girod (6B04 – Alternate, Voting)

1. Introductions/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Letter to DOB Regarding Illegal Construction at 516 Archibald Walk

Brittany Lamb and Brian Kidwell, neighbors at 514 Archibald Walk, described a putatively illegal construction of a fence and patio at 516 Archibald Walk. The fence constructed deviated in several key aspects (including layout, height and materials) from the permit pulled by the owners for an in-kind replacement of the previous fence on that property. The owners also performed a complete replacement of their patio (including significant excavation) without a permit. This construction also affected the roots of a special tree within the property line of 516 Archibald Walk. The work was subject to a stop work order from DDOT's Urban Forestry department due to the disturbance of the roots. Ms. Lamb and Mr. Kidwell had requested enforcement from DOB but no enforcement was provided despite there being compelling evidence of construction that was unpermitted or deviated from the conditions of the permit substantially.

Motion [Sobelsohn/Sroufe] to recommend to the full ANC that a letter be sent to the Department of Buildings laying out what has happened regarding illegal construction at 516 Archibald's Walk, urging investigation of the situation, and requesting an explanation of why the illegal construction was allowed to happen. It was further moved that Commissioner Sobelsohn and Commissioner D'Andrea finalize the language and determine the recipients of the letter before the full meeting of the ANC. It was further moved to place the item on the consent agenda. The motion passed 5-0-0.

3. Update on Alley Closing in Square 762

Commissioner D'Andrea provided an update regarding the pending application for the alley closing in Square 762. He noted that an initial list of items for a proposed CBA had been discussed at the previous meeting of the Subcommittee on Alley and Street Closings, but further tweaking of the language of certain items was required. To that end a meeting of the Subcommittee was scheduled for December 9th at 10 AM. The meeting was to be held virtually via Zoom. The aim is to have a CBA by the January meeting cycle for consideration of the P&Z Committee and the full ANC.

No action was taken on this item.

4. Adjournment

The chair motioned, via unanimous consent, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.