



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B
FEBRUARY 2024 MEETING OF ANC 6B

Join Information:

Hybrid: Meeting location will be 700 Pennsylvania Ave SE; First Floor (entry adjacent to Trader Joe's).

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PLEASE NOTE: With this hybrid meeting, we will adjourn no later than 9:50pm. Anything not addressed by that time will be tabled for a future meeting.

AGENDA

1) Introduction

2) Adoption of Agenda

3) Consent Agenda

- a) January Minutes
- b) FY24 Quarterly Financial Report
- c) 2024 Renewal of Debit Card Vendor Authorizations
- d) Amendment to Bylaws to Address Vendors Paid by Debit Card
- e) Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee Consent Items
 - i) No Items Under Consent
- f) Transportation Committee Consent Items
 - i) Endorsement of Report on Sidewalk Safety ***The Committee recommended that full ANC pass a resolution in favor of the six recommendations and submit related testimony to the Council. The motion passed unanimously.***
 - ii) ANC 6B Support for the Capitol Hill Classic 2024 ***The Committee recommended that full ANC write a letter of support to the Mayor's Special Events Task Group. The motion passed unanimously.***
 - iii) Testimony for Council Oversight Hearing on DDOT ***The Committee recommended that full ANC submit testimony to the Council for its DDOT oversight hearing. The motion passed unanimously.***
 - iv) Letter Regarding TSI at 14th and C Street SE ***The Committee recommended that full ANC write a letter to DDOT regarding the TSI request for safety improvements at the intersection of 14th and C St. SE, urging DDOT to make safety improvements at the intersection. The motion passed unanimously.***
 - v) Letter Regarding 695 & I Street Offramp ***The Committee recommended that full ANC write a letter to DDOT regarding the reinstallation of safety improvements on I St. SE at the I-695 offramp. The motion passed unanimously.***
- g) Planning & Zoning Committee Consent Items
 - i) **BZA 21074: 1362 K Street, SE Project:** To construct a two-story addition to an existing accessory building, of an existing, semi-detached, two-story, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone. **Owner(s):** William Reynolds and Valerie Reynolds **Applicant:** Martin Sullivan, msullivan@sullivanbarros.com **Hearing Date:** 03/06/24 [6B09] **Plans:** https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Home/ViewCase?case_id=21074 ***The Committee recommended that full ANC support the project and to place the item on the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.***

4) Presentations

- a) Scott Goldstein, Executive Director of EmpowerEd

5) Community & Commission Announcements & Speak Out

6) ANC 6B Input on Other Concerns

7) Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee

- a) Discussion of Cannabis Settlement Agreements
 - i) Settlement Agreement for: **ABCA-126724**—Seedless LLC, t/a **No Kids Allowed**; 637B Pennsylvania Ave SE; New Medical Cannabis Retailer
 - ii) Settlement Agreement for: **ABCA-126750**—BBCF LLC t/a **DC Dash**; 727 8th Street SE; New Medical Cannabis Retailer
 - iii) Settlement Agreement for: **ABCA-126850**--**UpnSmoke LLC**, new medical cannabis retailer license at 427 8th Street SE
- b) Report for the Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee

8) Transportation Committee

- a) Committee Discussion on Suggestion to Close 7th Street SE During SE Library Reconstruction
- b) Report for the Transportation Committee

9) Planning and Zoning Committee

- a) Report for the Planning and Zoning Committee

10) Southeast Library Task Force

- a) Report for the Southeast Library Task Force from January Meetings

11) Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force

- a) Response to CM Allen Regarding MOA on Management of Eastern Market Metro Plaza Park
- b) Report for the Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force

12) Committee on Public Safety

13) Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee

- a) No Meeting in February, No Report for EMCAC

14) Financial

- a) Monthly Financials

15) ANC 6B Administrative Matters

- a) Election of ANC 6B Representative to the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee
- b) Appointment of ANC 6B Resident Members and Alternates
- c) Election of Committee and Taskforce Chairs
- d) Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates

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 next on February 27th at 7:00 PM to set the February 2024 agenda. This meeting will be a Zoom virtual meeting. Meeting link TBA.

PROPOSED MINUTES

Presented at ANC Meeting February 13, 2024

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B
Regular Monthly Meeting
Held Over Zoom January 9, 2024
Commissioner Edward Stillwell Ryder, Chair

Participating: Commissioners Avery, D'Andrea, Durkit, Jayaraman, LaFortune, Mareino, Ryder, Sobelsohn, and Sroufe

Commissioner Ryder called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The meeting started with a moment of silence in memory of Christopher Laskowski, staff director of the DC Council Committee on Transportation and the Environment, chaired by Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen. Laskowski passed away suddenly on January 7.

1. Meeting Agenda. At the request of the following Commissioners, and without objection, the agenda was modified as follow:

a. Commissioner Jayaraman: add--

1) Medical-cannabis license application of UpnSmoke II LLC, 427 8th St., SE.

2) Letter of support for Councilmember Allen's proposed emergency legislation to amend the Medical Cannabis Amendment Act of 2022.

b. Commissioner LaFortune: add a condolence letter to Councilmember Allen's office for the loss of Christopher Laskowski.

c. Commissioner Ryder: move to the Consent Agenda both--

1) 2023 ANC 6B Annual Report and--

2) Bylaws amendment related to the reestablishment or reauthorization of special committees and taskforces.

d. Commissioner D'Andrea: move, from the Consent Agenda to the report of the Planning and Zoning Committee, a letter to the Department of Buildings regarding illegal construction at 319 9th St., SE.

e. Commissioner Avery: remove, from the agenda, the Fiscal Year 2024 First Quarter Financial Report.

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner D'Andrea seconded to adopt the agenda as modified. The motion passed 9-0.

2. Election of Officers for 2024. Chuck Burger, Alternate Resident Member of the ANC's Public Safety Committee, chaired this portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Sobelsohn nominated/Commissioner Sroufe seconded the nomination of Edward Ryder as chair. The ANC elected Commissioner Ryder chair by a vote of 9-0.

Commissioner Ryder nominated/Commissioner Avery seconded the nomination of Vince Mareino as vice-chair. The ANC elected Commissioner Mareino vice-chair by a vote of 9-0.

Commissioner D'Andrea nominated/Commissioner Sroufe seconded the nomination of David Sobelsohn as secretary. The ANC elected Commissioner Sobelsohn secretary by a vote of 9-0.

Commissioner Ryder nominated/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded the nomination of Frank Avery as treasurer. The ANC elected Commissioner Avery treasurer by a vote of 9-0.

Commissioner Jayaraman nominated/Commissioner Mareino seconded the nomination of Kasie Durkit as parliamentarian. The ANC elected Commissioner Durkit parliamentarian by a vote of 9-0.

With elections concluded, Commissioner Ryder resumed chairing the meeting.

3. Consent Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Durkit seconded to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 9-0. Items on the Consent Agenda included:

a. Administrative Matters. Each of these documents is linked to these minutes.

1) 2023 ANC 6B Annual Report.

2) Minutes of December 12 meeting.

3) Bylaws amendment related to the reestablishment or reauthorization of special committees and taskforces, to replace current article VII, section 1, paragraph C.

4) Amended 2024 and January 2025 ANC 6B calendar, including dates for Public Safety Committee meetings.

b. Committee Recommendations.

1) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis (ABC) Committee: Regarding the application (ABCA-126750) of BBCF LLC, trading as DC Dash, 727 8th St., SE, for a new medical-cannabis retailer license, to file a protest based on adverse impacts on peace, order, and quiet, on parking and pedestrian safety, and on real-property values.

2) Transportation Committee.

a) 11th St. Corridor: To send a letter to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT), Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen, and the DC Department of Public Works requesting a holistic study of traffic safety on 11th St., SE, between Lincoln Park and M St., SE.

b) North Carolina Ave. and 7th St. corner: To request that DDOT prioritize a Traffic Safety Inspection of the intersection of North Carolina Ave. and 7th St., SE.

c. Financial Matter: To participate in the 2024 ANC Security Fund, bonding the ANC against wrongful expenditures.

4. Announcements.

a. Ward Six Mayor's Office of Community Relations (MOCR). Ward Six MOCR representative Jake Stolzenberg made several announcements.

1) Green Book. On January 4, the Mayor will release her Fiscal Year 2024 Green Book, outlining opportunities for DC-based Small Business Enterprises to do business with DC government agencies.

2) Martin Luther King, Jr., Race. A 5K race, to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, will take place soon in Ward 8.

3) Piles of branches at 14th St. and Kentucky Ave., SE. In response to Commissioner Mareino, Stolzenberg promised that he would make sure the Department of General Services removes the piles of branches from near the corner of 14th St. and Kentucky Ave., SE, branches left over by constituents who pruned nearby brush and trees.

b. Barracks Row Main Street (BRMS). BRMS director Brian Ready announced that, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of its 1999 creation, BRMS will spend 2024 promoting products and services available on Barracks Row. Upcoming events include:

1) Business Meeting January 17. A business meeting, connecting Barracks Row businesses with DC government agencies, will take place from 5-6 p.m. January 17 at Taco City, 1102 8th St., SE. A similar meeting at different Barracks Row locations will take place every third Wednesday of the month through 2024.

2) Restaurant Week January 15-21.

3) National Pizza Day February 9.

4) Mardi Gras Weekend February 9-10, including a sidewalk parade.

c. DC Council. Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen's chief of staff Kate Mitchell reported on matters at the DC Council.

1) Restaurant Week. Councilmember Allen's office has recruited 15 restaurants on H St., NE, to participate in Restaurant Week.

2) Proposed medical-cannabis legislation. Councilmember Allen has introduced emergency legislation to amend the Medical Cannabis Amendment Act of 2022. DC is encouraging so-called "gifting shops," or "i71 shops" (named after a DC cannabis-decriminalization initiative), to apply for medical-cannabis licenses. Councilmember Allen's bill would provide tools for the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration to close shops that refuse to apply for or are denied medical-cannabis licenses. It would also empower Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to protest nearby cannabis applications, and not limit protest rights to the ANC that includes the applicant's proposed site.

3) Oversight calendar. The Council's oversight calendar will run from January 17-March 1. Agencies will make presentations to their oversight committees. Mitchell will make sure ANC 6B has the exact schedule.

4) Traffic-enforcement legislation. On its first vote, the Council has approved Councilmember Allen's traffic-enforcement bill. The bill would empower the DC Attorney General to file actions regarding out-of-state drivers who ignore DC traffic tickets. It would also require the installation of speed governors in cars driven by drivers criminally convicted for moving violations, including drunk driving.

d. ANC 6B 2023 Public Service Award. Commissioner Ryder announced ANC 6B has conferred its 2023 Public Service Award on former ANC 6B commissioner and current BRMS director Brian Ready.

e. Upcoming ANC 6B Meetings. Commissioner Ryder and the respective committee and taskforce chairs announced upcoming ANC 6B meetings.

1) Southeast Library Task Force: January 21 3 p.m. at The Yard, 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and over Zoom.

2) Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force: January 22 7 p.m. in person at The Yard.

2) Executive Committee: January 30 7 p.m. over Zoom.

3) ABC Committee: February 6 7 p.m. at the Yard and over Zoom.

4) Transportation Committee: February 7 7 p.m. over Zoom.

5) Planning and Zoning Committee: February 8 7 p.m. over Zoom.

6) ANC 6B (full ANC): February 13 7 p.m. at The Yard and over Zoom.

7) Public Safety Committee: February 26 (format not yet decided).

8) Executive Committee: February 27 (format not yet decided).

5. Committee and Taskforce Reports.

a. Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee.

1) Cannabis regulation. Commissioner Jayaraman, committee chair, reported that ANC 6B now has three medical-cannabis license applications.

a) Specific applications (two of three).

1-- DC Dash, 727 8th St., SE. Commissioner Jayaraman reported that he and Commissioner Sobelsohn, whose district includes this location, are working on a settlement agreement to present to DC Dash.

2-- UpnSmoke II LLC, 427 8th St., SE. Attorney Zack Learman, business manager Elias Bitar, and half-owner Hussein Dib spoke on behalf of UpnSmoke's application for a new medical-cannabis retailer license (ABCA-126850). Learman reported that UpnSmoke, a "social equity" applicant because of Dib's prior cannabis conviction, has operated, as an "i71 shop," without complaints for about a year. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner D'Andrea seconded to protest UpnSmoke's application based on adverse impacts on peace, order, and quiet, on parking and pedestrian safety, and on real-property values, the same grounds on which the ANC will protest the application of DC Dash. Commissioner Jayaraman explained that he expects, after reaching a settlement with both applicants, that the ANC will drop its protests. The motion passed 8-0, with Commissioner Avery abstaining.

b) Amendment to Medical Cannabis Amendment Act of 2022. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to support the pending emergency legislation to amend the Medical Cannabis Amendment Act of 2022, sponsored by Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen; but also to suggest the bill's amendment to empower Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner to obtain extensions to file protests, and to clarify the minimum distance a licensee must locate from a school or recreation center. The motion passed 8-0, with Commissioner Avery abstaining.

2) Committee report. The committee's monthly report is linked to these minutes.

b. Transportation Committee.

1) Condolence letter. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Durkit seconded to send a condolence letter to the office of Ward Six Councilmember Allen, chair of the DC Council Committee on Transportation and the Environment, on the recent sudden death of Christopher Laskowski, committee staff director. The motion passed 9-0. The letter is linked to these minutes.

2) Committee report. The committee's monthly report is linked to these minutes.

c. Planning and Zoning Committee.

1) Illegal construction. Committee chair Commissioner D'Andrea moved/Commissioner Jayaraman seconded to send a letter to the Department of Buildings (DOB) (a) noting a series of subpar DOB construction inspections in ANC 6B, (b) asking what DOB can do regarding illegal construction not stopped during construction, (c) specifically urging an investigation and further action regarding illegal construction at 319 9th St., SE, and (d) authorizing Commissioner

D'Andrea to modify the draft letter as he deems necessary. The motion passed 9-0. The final draft letter is linked to these minutes.

2) Committee report. The committee's monthly report is linked to these minutes.

d. Southeast Library Task Force. Commissioner Sobelsohn, taskforce chair, reported on a town meeting held by DC Public Library (DCPL) on December 14 regarding the then-imminent closing, for renovations, of the Southeast library. At that meeting, DCPL director Richard Reyes-Gavilan continued to insist on opening the interim library at the Arthur Capper Recreation Center, 1000 5th St., SE, only on weekdays and (except Thursdays) during regular working hours. He did, however, promise to provide an estimate of the cost of opening the facility one additional evening per week and on weekends. Reyes-Gavilan also expressed hope the interim library would open February 5. Commissioner Sobelsohn further reported that the Southeast library had closed January 4. When Commissioner Sroufe reported that the library construction site has no sign alerting patrons to the coming interim services at Arthur Capper, Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded for Commissioner Mareino to create a sign and post it himself on the library construction site. The motion passed 7-0. Commissioners Durkit and Jayaraman abstained. The minutes of the taskforce's December 17 meeting are linked to these minutes.

e. Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force. Taskforce chair Commissioner Sroufe reported that the taskforce is developing responses to two recently issued documents: (1) a Memorandum of Understanding regarding which DC agencies have responsibility, and for what, on the Eastern Market Metrorail Plaza, and (2) a Department of Parks and Recreation document titled *Ready to Play*.

f. Special Committee on Public Safety. Noting that, in December, the ANC had established a new standing Committee on Public Safety, Commissioner Ryder explained the process of transitioning from a special committee to a standing committee. Until the first meeting of the new standing committee, the special committee will function as it has for the past year.

g. Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee. Commissioner Sroufe reported that the committee did not meet in December.

6. Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Avery, ANC 6B treasurer, reported that, because of errors charging the ANC's debit card, he has arranged that, from now on, the ANC will pay for renting space in The Yard, 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, only by check, not by ANC debit card. Commissioner Avery further reported that, because of problems with the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, the ANC does not yet have a final 2023 budget, and won't know the ANC's 2024 budget for another month. He expects to submit a Fiscal Year 2024 First Quarter Financial Report at the ANC's February meeting.

7. Adjournment. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Jayaraman seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.



**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE & CANNABIS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

REPORT

I. Introduction of Commissioners and Resident Members

Commissioners: Frank Avery (6B01); Gerald Sroufe (6B02); David Sobelsohn (6B03); Kasie Durkit (6B05);
Chander Jayaraman (Chair and 6B06); Edward Ryder (6B08);

Resident Member: Gonchek Lee; George Dee; Kristen Hutchens; Katherine Szafran (delayed)

II. Old Business

- a. ABCA-126724—Seedless LLC, t/a **No Kids Allowed**; 637-B Pennsylvania Ave SE; New Medical Cannabis Retailer [6B02]

Current Status: A Roll Call Hearing was held on January 29. Mediation has been scheduled for Friday, February 16 at 11 AM. Status Hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 28 at 10:30 AM. Protest Hearing has been scheduled for March 20 at 1:30 PM.

- b. ABCA-126750—BBCF LLC t/a **DC Dash**; 727 8th Street SE; New Medical Cannabis Retailer [6B03]

Current Status: A Roll Call Hearing has been scheduled for Monday, February 12 at 10 AM. Chair Ryder represented the ANC on

- c. ABCA-126850—UpnSmoke LLC; 427 8th Street SE; New Medical Cannabis Retailer license [6B03]

Current Status: A Roll Call Hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 20 at 10 AM

The Chair informed the Committee that he and Commissioner Sobelsohn were working on a draft Settlement Agreement (SA). The Chair shared the key elements of the SA with the Committee as well as a representative of the three Applicants—all three attended the meeting and were on the call listening to the Chair's description of the key elements of the SA. No votes were taken on any of these cases.

The key sections of the SA covered:

- The hours of operation, sales to the public, and home delivery;
- Limits on the amount of Cannabis that a retailer could sell or dispense over a 30-day period;
- Requiring the Establishment to have a process, other than self-affirmation, to verify the identity of the qualified patient, matching their identify with a valid medical cannabis card;
- Prohibiting access to anyone under 18 unless the minor patient is accompanied by a parent, guardian or caregiver;
- Stipulating that the Establishment have a process for verifying that home deliveries of cannabis are delivered directly to the qualified patient for adults, or the caregiver for qualified patients under 21;
- Prohibition on consuming cannabis inside or immediately outside of the establishment;

- No food, alcohol, or other beverage sales and no live entertainment;
- Requiring security cameras for each entrance, video monitoring, retention, and providing access to ABCA investigators or MPD upon request;
- Requiring interior trash and waster storage and to render cannabis and cannabis infused byproducts unusable prior to disposing of such material in a trash can stored in public space;
- Prohibiting delivery personnel or vendors from parking in a manner that would block vehicular traffic lanes, dedicated bus lanes, or bike lanes;

III. Adjourn



**Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting
February 8, 2024**

Commissioners Present: Matt LaFortune (chairing), Jerry Sroufe (6B02), David Sobelsohn (6B03), Frank D'Andrea (6B04), Edward Ryder (6B08)

Resident Members Present: Jakob Youngblood (6B01), Janice Kruger (6B03), Kirsten Oldenburg (6B04), Mike Litt (6B05), Jeffrey Menzer (6B08), Joshua Peacock (6B09)

DMV Director Robinson Presentation on Department Priorities

Gabriel Robinson, Director of DC Department of Motor Vehicles, shared a list of DMV priorities and recent accomplishments. The department has updated its website to support armed service members, is improving connectivity with other states so driving history records move from state to state, updated its phone app, and has updated its driver manual so that it is easier to use. He noted that DMV is hiring and has participated in recent career fairs and that the department hopes to open another inspection self-service kiosk in Ward 8.

In response to a submitted question, Director Robinson noted that the department is working to hold individuals with DUI convictions accountable immediately and is working with the DC Superior Court to improve the flow of information following last year's fatal Rock Creek Park crash. There is a mandatory ignition interlock for drivers with DUI convictions. He shared the department's work with MPD and DPW to track down on counterfeit and fake license plates.

Commissioner D'Andrea asked about efforts to ease the transfer of information in different states. Director Robinson noted that there is no barrier between DMVs in collecting information on drivers. Ticket reciprocity refers to Automated Traffic Enforcement only, drivers are required to pay moving violation fines given to them by a police officer regardless of state.

RM Menzer asked about DMV's role in relation to DPW and MPD. Director Robinson shared that DDOT regulates how the road runs. DPW enforces rules (with MPD). DMV educates on rules and adjudicates enforcement of liability.

Chuck Schmoyer asked about DMV's role in identifying and enforcing boot-eligible vehicles. Director Robinson replied that DMV informs DPW on who is boot and tow-eligible.

Commissioner Ryder asked whether DPW shares information on who has already been towed. Director Robinson noted that individuals have to come to DMV to pay fines or release their vehicles from impoundment.

Commissioner D'Andrea asked whether there is anything that can be done to prioritize sharing of boot-eligible vehicles. Director Robinson responded that the Mayor has made investments for more boot crews and an impoundment lot. However, prioritizing certain vehicles would limit the number of vehicles towed overall.

Request to Endorse Report on Sidewalk Safety

Scott Price from Capitol Hill Village returned to ANC 6B to share a report on sidewalk safety following the survey conducted by several ANCs, including ANC 6B. The report makes six recommendations:

- #1 Reduce the Service Level Agreement (SLA) to complete the small repair projects to 30 business days and carry out temporary repairs to mitigate any tripping hazards in the larger projects within the same 30 business days
- #2 Provide adequate funding to implement recommendation #1
- #3 Establish an annual sidewalk monitoring program
- #4 Capture data about sidewalk injuries – via 311
- #5 Make it easier for residents to get reimbursement for the cost of injuries from sidewalk falls
- #6 Study methods to reduce the number of sidewalk problems that need to be fixed and the costs to repair

Commissioner LaFortune moved to recommend that the ANC pass a resolution in favor of the six recommendations and submit related testimony to the Council. Commissioner Sroufe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Request for ANC Support: Capitol Hill Classic 2024

Jayne Johnson made a presentation requesting ANC 6B's support for the Capitol Hill Classic, a 10k, 3k, and kid's fun run.

Commissioner LaFortune moved to recommend that the ANC write a letter of support to the Mayor's Special Events Task Group. Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Testimony for Council Oversight Hearing on DDOT

Commissioner LaFortune noted the Council's upcoming DDOT oversight hearing on Friday, February 9th. Written testimony can be submitted after the hearing for the record. He asked for the committee's support of his draft, including recommendations on TSI prioritization, traffic corridors, sidewalk safety, speed bump bicycle grooves, and dockless bikes.

RM Menzer recommended the addition of stronger language to accentuate key points.

Commissioner Sobelsohn suggested urging the Council to require DDOT to come up with a solution on dockless bikes and scooters blocking sidewalks, potentially including fines and impoundment.

RM Litt suggested noting that the past year was the deadliest for traffic safety in 15 years and to include Vision Zero language.

Commissioner D'Andrea suggested urging DDOT to incorporate design principles to encourage people to drive in a safe manner.

RM Menzer suggested requiring the Mayor to appoint a permanent Director of DDOT.

Commissioner LaFortune moved to recommend that the ANC submit testimony to the Council for its DDOT oversight hearing. Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Letter Regarding TSI at 14th and D St. SE

Commissioner LaFortune shared a letter drafted by Commissioner Mareino urging DDOT to make traffic safety improvements at the intersection of 14th and D St. SE.

Commissioner LaFortune moved to recommend that the ANC write a letter to DDOT regarding the TSI request at the intersection of 14th and D St. SE. Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Letter Regarding 695 Offramp

Commissioner LaFortune shared a letter asking DDOT for further information on the re-installation of safety improvements on I St. SE at the I-695 offramp by the Marine Barracks following a Marine Corps infrastructure project.

Commissioner LaFortune moved to recommend that the ANC write a letter to DDOT regarding the reinstallation of safety improvements on I St. SE at the I-695 offramp. Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded the motion. Commissioner D'Andrea asked that he be copied on this correspondence, Commissioners LaFortune and Sobelsohn agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Discussion on Suggestion to Close 7th St. SE During Library Reconstruction

Commissioner Sobelsohn raised two proposals brought by neighbors to improve pedestrian safety during the two-year reconstruction of Southeast Library.

First, to add a protected pedestrian lane on South Carolina Ave. SE. Commissioner Sobelsohn noted that this seemed to have universal support for neighbors.

Second, to close 7th St. SE to cars during the period of library construction. Commissioner Sobelsohn shared that he has received several notes of opposition to this approach.

Chuck Schmoyer, a neighbor, highlighted that the most important aspect to him to improve pedestrian safety is the South Carolina Ave. walkway. A large majority of pedestrians are already walking along the north side of the street by the construction site.

Another neighbor named John noted that the perimeter fence of the site cut off pedestrian traffic on three sides. This created a constraint on traffic, compounded by pedestrian traffic. His only concern is two years of increased risk to pedestrians.

A neighbor named Greg stated his opposition to closing 7th St. SE due to the bottleneck of traffic on South Carolina Ave. and with no other outlet. He noted the need to provide access on the crosswalk with a pedestrian walkway. Visibility could be improved and it is hard to understand the impact of closing 7th St. SE without a traffic study.

Joe Raffetto noted his concern about the impact on parking with the closure of 7th St. SE and increased traffic on South Carolina Ave.

RM Menzer raised his concern about cars on Pennsylvania Ave. travelling east, then going down D St. SE and backing up traffic.

RM Kirrane stated that the #1 focus should be on pedestrian safety and visibility, vehicles will learn quickly since this is a two-year project.

Commissioner Sroufe asked whether pedestrian traffic could be moved to the south side of the street. Commissioner Sobelsohn responded that the protected walkway on South Carolina Ave. is bowing to the inevitable that people will be walking on the street already and raised a potential compromise to ask DDOT to conduct on study on the impact of closing 7th St. SE.

Commissioner D'Andrea noted that the screen at the construction site causes a southbound visibility issue for pedestrians and asked whether this should be one-way.

Chuck Schmoyer noted that parts of the screening have already been removed.

John suggested that the contractor remove the remainder of the 7th St. screening.

Greg agreed that the screening is the issue.

RM Oldenburg said that a pedestrian walkway is a no-brainer.

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to recommend that the ANC write a letter to DDOT urging the installation of a pedestrian walkway on the north side of the 600 block of South Carolina Ave. SE, an analysis on how to make 7th St. SE safer for pedestrians during the period of construction, and removal of screens around the library construction site. Commissioner Sroufe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



At a properly noticed general meeting on February 13, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted XXX-XXX-XXX, based on the unanimous recommendation of its Transportation Committee, to support the following resolution:

WHEREAS ANC 6B partnered with ANC 6A, ANC 6C, and Capitol Hill Village to commission a survey of sidewalk safety issues in Capitol Hill;

WHEREAS 473 households responded to the survey;

WHEREAS 305 households reported that a member of their household fell on a sidewalk in the community over the past two years – many people experienced multiple falls;

WHEREAS, one-third of the falls involved people who were younger than age 40. 263 injuries were reported with 114 instances needing medical care;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Commission endorses “DC Residents’ Report to Improve Sidewalk Safety: A Neighborhood Based Program Review” by ANC6A Commissioner Roberta Shapiro, ANC3D Commissioner Chuck Elkins, and Capitol Hill Village, which makes the following recommendations:

- **Recommendation #1** - Reduce the Service Level Agreement (SLA) to complete the small repair projects to business days and carry out temporary repairs to mitigate any tripping hazards in the larger projects within the same 30 business days
- **Recommendation #2** - Provide adequate funding to implement recommendation #1
- **Recommendation #3** - Establish an annual sidewalk monitoring program
- **Recommendation #4** - Capture data about sidewalk injuries – via 311
- **Recommendation #5** - Make it easier for residents to get reimbursement for the cost of injuries from sidewalk falls
- **Recommendation #6** - Study methods to reduce the number of sidewalk problems that need to be fixed and the costs to repair



February 13, 2024

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Re: ANC6B Support for May 19, 2024 Capitol Hill Classic

Dear Director Osborn,

At a properly noticed general meeting on February 13, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted XXX-XXX-XXX, based on the unanimous recommendation of its Transportation Committee, to express our support for the Capitol Hill Classic.

From the event organizer we understand the following:

- The event will take place on Sunday, May 19, 2024.
- The 2023 race route will be used.
- The hours will be 8:30-11:30am, with the 10K race beginning at 8:30am.
- Signs will be placed along the race route indicating no parking during the event.
- Race volunteers will be responsible for clean up after the event.

ANC6B supports this event because it is well-organized and supports the Capitol Hill DCPS Cluster Schools that serve children from ANC6B and other nearby communities. We value the close collaboration between race organizers and our community.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC 6B. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to Matt LaFortune, Chair of the ANC 6B Transportation Committee at 6B09@anc.dc.gov.

Sincerely,

Edward Ryder, Chair of ANC 6B

CC: Shontae Harrell and Jake Goss, Mayor's Special Events Task Group



February 13, 2024

At a properly noticed general meeting on February 13, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted XXX-XXX-XXX, based on the unanimous recommendation of its Transportation Committee, to submit the following testimony to the DC Council Transportation and the Environment Committee Performance Oversight Hearing for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT).

ANC 6B thanks DDOT for its regular participation in monthly Transportation Committee meetings. Through numerous presentations on Traffic Safety Input requests, Vision Zero Hardening locations, Bus Priority projects, and other topics, DDOT has helped the Commission keep our constituents informed on critical transportation issues in the neighborhood.

These discussions have resulted in 20+ resolutions and letters from ANC 6B to DDOT and other District agencies making specific recommendations and requests to improve traffic safety. We acknowledge that DDOT has fulfilled its responsibility in responding to our formal communication. However, we believe that much more work is necessary to fully provide “great weight” to the actions of ANC 6B, and other Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.

As traffic deaths hit a 16-year high in 2023, continuing a steady increase since the Vision Zero initiative was announced, it is imperative that DDOT incorporate design principles to encourage drivers to operate in a safe manner. Critical to this is the appointment of a permanent DDOT Director to be responsible for the execution of this strategy.

Traffic Safety Input (TSI) Prioritization

The TSI process continues to fall significantly short of its stated goals. Originally, “TSI 1.0” was rolled out as an attempt to democratize the sharing of neighborhood traffic safety issues. ANC Commissioners have been consistently told by DDOT that the way for our neighbors to share requests for a speed bump, stop sign, or traffic signal is to submit a TSI request through 311.

In 2022, DDOT demonstrated that this could work. The Department responded to a substantial number of requests all over the District, resulting in over 900 safety improvements. While our constituents may not always get the answer or action hoped for, they could reasonably expect that DDOT would take each submission seriously and investigate the possibility for action.

This year, DDOT’s transition to “TSI 2.0” meant that the Department would only *investigate* 200 prioritized locations per quarter, with no guarantee that safety improvements would follow. This drastic reduction in the program and use of a prioritization model has fundamentally broken the promise that this would be a meaningful way for our constituents to have their voices heard by DDOT. Instead of providing the opportunity for greater input, TSI 2.0 forces community feedback into a lottery where most submissions never receive serious consideration.

ANC 6B has repeatedly attempted to raise priority locations within our Commission's boundaries, receiving the consistent response that these submissions, like all others, would be considered for selection among the 200 prioritized locations each quarter. That is insufficient and leaves Commissioners with no ability to advocate based on an understanding of the serious safety issues posed by specific sites.

Over the past year, ANC 6B has written to DDOT urging action on the following TSI requests made by our constituents:

- **11th St. SE and D St. SE** (SRN 22-00348411, 20-00435571, 20-00308835, 20-00435571)
- **11th St. SE from G St. SE to M St. SE** (SRN 22-00483377, 22-00488625, 22-00452300)
- **9th St. SE and D St. SE** (SRN 23-00063844)
- **300 Block of North Carolina Ave. SE** (SRN 23-00065869)
- **17th St. SE and Barney Circle** (SRN 22-00441191, 23-00004681, 22-00305717, 22-00441402)
- **Potomac Ave., Kentucky Ave., 15th St. and G St. SE Intersection** (SRN 22-00489471, 22-00347711)
- **Massachusetts Ave. and 13th St. SE Intersection** (SRN 23-00310548)
- **600 Block of D St. SE** (SRN 23-00517273)
- **North Carolina Ave. and 7th St. SE Intersection** (SRN 23-00647080)
- **C St. and 14th St. SE Intersection** (SRN 23-00529554)

While some of these locations are being addressed in different ways (such as through Vision Zero Hardening), almost all are still listed as being "for future consideration". With more requests coming in each day, that's effectively the same as ignoring our constituents' valid concerns.

Recent TSI requests that our neighbors have shared include:

- **Kentucky Ave., 14th St. and D St. SE Intersection** (SRN 23-00025795)
- **301 North Carolina Ave. SE (Brent Elementary)** (SRN 23-00065869)
- **Potomac Ave., 12th St. and K St SE** (SRN 24-00001712)

We urge the Council to take any action necessary to require DDOT to fully consider our neighbors' concerns.

Holistic Consideration of Dangerous Traffic Corridors

Throughout the past year, one topic that has repeatedly been raised by the ANC 6B Transportation Committee is DDOT's lack of a plan to address safety issues across 11th St. SE from Lincoln Park to the Anacostia River. In particular, the 500, 700, and 900 Blocks between Pennsylvania Ave. SE and I-695 pose major concerns for pedestrians, including students and parents walk to Tyler Elementary.

DDOT has recently shared its plans for the 11th St. Bridge and the south offramp from I-695 onto 11th St. SE. These include some measures that will help to calm traffic, though adding one more travel lane to the offramp received significant pushback from neighbors. Unfortunately, DDOT does not seem to be considering the broader implications of these changes and what further work could be done to address concerns just blocks to the north.

We urge the Council to require DDOT to conduct a study of the 11th St. SE corridor to identify additional safety improvements that can be made.

Sidewalk Safety

ANC 6B partnered with ANC 6A, ANC 6C, and Capitol Hill Village to commission a survey of sidewalk safety issues in Capitol Hill. 473 households responded to the survey. 305 households reported that a member of their household fell on a sidewalk in the community over the past two years – many people experienced multiple falls. One-third of the falls involved people who were younger than age 40. 263 injuries were reported with 114 instances needing medical care.

In response to that survey, ANC 6B endorsed the recommendations of ANC6A Commissioner Roberta Shapiro, ANC3D Commissioner Chuck Elkins, and Capitol Hill Village including:

- **Recommendation #1** - Reduce the Service Level Agreement (SLA) to complete the small repair projects to business days and carry out temporary repairs to mitigate any tripping hazards in the larger projects within the same 30 business days
- **Recommendation #2** - Provide adequate funding to implement recommendation #1
- **Recommendation #3** - Establish an annual sidewalk monitoring program
- **Recommendation #4** - Capture data about sidewalk injuries – via 311
- **Recommendation #5** - Make it easier for residents to get reimbursement for the cost of injuries from sidewalk falls
- **Recommendation #6** - Study methods to reduce the number of sidewalk problems that need to be fixed and the costs to repair

We urge the Council to take actions necessary to ensure these recommendations are implemented.

Bicycle Grooves in Speed Bumps

In an October 2023 letter, ANC 6B encouraged DDOT to include grooves in speed-bump designs, so bicycles can pass through speed bumps safely. As with other cities that take this approach, DC should let bicyclists continue at a safe pace, while slowing vehicles that, when driven at unsafe speeds, endanger other users of our city's streets and sidewalks.

In response, DDOT informed ANC 6B that this was not currently within its design standards.

At a January 2024 ANC retreat of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, Christine Mayeur, a DDOT Supervisory Engineering Technician, told Commissioner David Sobelsohn that Portland, OR, discovered that a bike groove of any size caused drivers to speed over the bump, aiming one wheel to go over that bike groove.

We urge the Council to require DDOT to study ways to erect speed bumps without interfering with bicycle travel. If this can be done while maintaining the effectiveness of the speed bump, DDOT should do it.

Dockless Bikes and Scooters

In a November 2023 letter to DDOT, ANC 6B shared neighbors' concerns about dockless bikes and scooters blocking sidewalk access. This poses a major issue for pedestrians, in particular those with limited mobility, individuals in wheelchairs, and families with strollers.

We urge the Council to require DDOT to take a stronger stance when engaging with operators and consider repeated parking violations before extending permits for Shared Fleet Devices beyond the current December 31, 2024 timeframe. Additionally, DDOT should come up with a solution to this ongoing issue, potentially including fines and impoundment of vehicles parked on sidewalks.



January 9, 2024

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Re: TSI #23-00529554

Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a properly noticed general meeting on February 9, 2023, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted XXX-XXX-XXX, based on the unanimous recommendation of its Transportation Committee, to submit the following request to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT).

On January 24, 2024, DDOT released the Traffic Safety Input (TSI) study locations for Q2 2024. This letter offers recommendations on one of the locations that DDOT selected: TSI Service Request Number 23-00529554, regarding C St SE & 14th St SE (C&14), which is in ANC 6B07.

C&14 is the closest intersection to Payne DCPS Elementary School. Currently, traffic on 14th St SE is one lane, one-way southbound at a legal limit of 20 MPH; traffic on C St SE is one lane each eastbound and westbound at a legal limit of 20 MPH.

Our neighbors have witnessed unsafe driving in all directions, but especially southbound. Southbound drivers can see the traffic light one block south at D St & 14th St SE, and will avoid coming to a complete stop in order to “beat” the light. Drivers in all directions can build up speed here because C&14 is a needlessly wide intersection, designed in the pre-Vision Zero days to accommodate far higher speeds than what is now considered safe. Despite only having one travel lane, 14th St SE is 30 ft wide at the crosswalk. C St SE is also 30 ft wide, and drivers here will often roll through stop signs or park in the crosswalk. At all four crosswalks, drivers have no grade change at all, while pedestrians have a small but noticeable grade change from curb to street to curb.

We recommend DDOT consider several changes at C&14 to compel drivers to obey the stop signs, and to make crossing safer for the Payne Elementary students and other DC residents who use this intersection. DDOT should consider:

- Curb extensions, reducing the 30-foot crossings to 10 feet for the one-way 14th St SE and 20 feet for the two-way C St SE
- Raised crosswalks, so that drivers rather than pedestrians experience the grade change
- Automated Traffic Enforcement stop-sign cameras at all 4 corners
- Signage as required by DC Code § 38–3107, which states, “DDOT shall post signage on all roadways within a school zone that states the speed limit and warns that the area is a school zone.”

Thank you in advance for considering and granting great weight to our recommendations. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Edward Ryder, Chair of ANC 6B



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Re: Traffic safety measures at I-695 offramp and I St. SE

Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a properly noticed general meeting on February 13, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted XXX-XXX-XXX, based on the unanimous recommendation of its Transportation Committee, to submit the following request to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT).

ANC 6B has repeatedly joined with neighbors over the past few years in urging DDOT to install traffic safety improvements at the intersection of the I-695 offramp and I St. SE following an vehicle accident involving a pedestrian in November 2020. We welcomed DDOT's presentation at our April 2023 Transportation Committee meeting and subsequent installation of flexiposts and markings at this location last fall (see photos attached).

Unfortunately, these improvements were quickly dismantled due to a construction project at the Marine Barracks. In an email correspondence in December, DDOT Ward 6 Community Engagement Specialist Abraham Diallo confirmed that the Public Space Construction Permit issued to the Marines Corps was set to expire on January 10, 2024 and that the Marine Corps will be responsible for restoring conditions of the road back to its original state once completed.

At the time of writing, this has not yet occurred. Please provide an update on the timeframe for when neighbors can expect to see these necessary improvements restored.

Thank you in advance, we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Edward Ryder, Chair of ANC 6B







Report of the ANC 6B Planning and Zoning Committee

February 8, 2024

Commissioners Present: Avery (6B01), Sroufe (6B02), Sobelsohn (6B03), D'Andrea (6B04 – Charing), Jayaraman (6B06), Ryder (6B08), LaFortune (6B09)

Resident Members Present: Friedman (6B02), Smith (6B03), Nowak (6B04), *Girod (6B04 – Alternate Not Voting)*, Robertson (6B06), Taylor (6B07), Holman (6B09 – Vice Chair)

1. Introductions/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. BZA 21074: 1362 K Street, SE

Project: To construct an addition to an existing, detached, two-story accessory building, of an existing, semi-detached, two-story, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.

Owner(s): William Reynolds and Valerie Reynolds

Applicant: Martin Sullivan, msullivan@sullivanbarros.com

Hearing Date: 03/06/24 [6B09]

Plans: https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Home/ViewCase?case_id=21074

The applicant presented the project, which consisted of raising the roof on an existing detached garage/carriage house at the rear of the property. No substantive issues were raised by the committee.

Motion [LaFortune/Sobelsohn] to recommend that the full ANC support the project and to place the item on the consent agenda. The motion passed 14-0-0.

3. HPA 24-161: 633 E Street, SE Rear

Project: To construct a two-story addition to an existing accessory building, of an existing, semi-detached, two-story, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.

Owner(s): John Giesecke,

Applicant: Jonathan Schmidt, jd@schmidtdevelopment.com

Hearing Date: 02/27/24 or 02/29/24 [6B03]

Plans: <https://app.box.com/s/dhn9muwq7e6fqor5v5v40hn1w7yanfma/folder/244987283016>

The chair noted that the applicant had voluntarily deferred the consideration of this case until the March HPRB meeting. A resident of Archibald Walk expressed concerns, related to this case, about the notification process, timeframe for comment and other general concerns about the HPRB review process. It was agreed that a more substantive discussion about the HPRB review and notification process would be held at the March P&Z Committee meeting.

No action taken.

4. Discussion Regarding Construction at Ebenezer Flats (400 Block of D Street SE)



Commissioner Sobelsohn discussed the ongoing construction of the Ebenezer Flats project. The project had been subject to an extended duration (around 6 years) and various stops and starts. While project representatives had indicated to neighbors that the project was almost complete the previous May, construction is still ongoing. Recently, pursuant to neighbor inquiries, a representative from the project indicated that completion was scheduled for this month. Commissioner D'Andrea walked by the site, and, in his estimation, the project representative's claim was plausible, and the project appeared to be almost complete. It was agreed to table the matter until the March meeting at which time the progress of construction could be further discussed, if needed.

No action was taken.

5. Discussion Regarding Construction Issues and Sale Process Tied to DC Developer

Commissioner Ryder discussed an issue arising in his SMD regarding development undertaken by a developer with foreign ownership. The developer buys and redevelops properties which it then markets to foreign investors as an investment opportunity. The marketing prominently features materials noting that those who invest can take advantage of DC's housing voucher program. While there appeared to be nothing outwardly illegal about the arrangement, it was noted that it felt untoward. Members of the Committee noted that DC's housing voucher program had recently come under investigation due to allegedly improper above market payments to landlords. It was suggested that Commissioner Ryder reach out to Councilmember Robert White and possibly to DC OAG. It was further suggested that the particular part of the arrangement that offended most needed to be identified before further action could be taken. At that point the ANC could take further action, if needed.

No action taken.

6. Update from Subcommittee

Commissioner D'Andrea noted that the Subcommittee on Alley and Street Closings had reached an agreement in principle with the applicant seeking an alley closing in Square 762. The details of the agreement are still being finalized, but an agreement would most likely be before the Committee in March. Community members expressed a desire to have public comments on the bill on the record. It was noted that Committee meetings are recorded, and that the agreement will be subject to public comment and a vote at both the P&Z Subcommittee and Committee.

No action taken.

7. Adjournment

The chair motioned, via unanimous consent, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

ANC 6B Southeast Library Task Force
January 21, 24
Minutes Draft

The meeting started at 3:04 pm at 700 Pennsylvania Ave SE 2nd floor conference room and over zoom.

Attending

ANC 6B commissioners: David Sobelsohn, Edward Ryder, Frank D’Andrea

Task Force members: Ana Unruh Cohen, Raiford Gaffney

Residents: John Schwab, Claire August, Peter Del Toro, Nicholas Fogleman, Renu Schmoyer, Chuck Schmoyer

DC Public Library (DCPL) representative: Jaspreet Pahwa

Whiting-Turner representatives: Terri Bosnick, Nathan Shields

1) Introductions

2) Approval of:

- a) Agenda:
 - a. Modification of agenda: adopted unanimously
 - b. Modified agenda: adopted unanimously
- b) Minutes of December 17 meeting: adopted unanimously

3) Renovation

- a. Status: DCPL representative Jaspreet Pahwa provided an update on construction at the Southeast Library by going through the DCPL January 11, 2024 Southeast Library Modernization Construction Updates document. (Available at <https://www.dclibrary.org/news/southeast-library-modernization-project> and specifically <https://www.dclibrary.org/sites/default/files/files/2024-01/Southeast%20Library%20Construction%20Update%20Jan%2011%202024.pdf>). She noted that the library books had been moved out on Friday and that test pit work would continue in support of work on the water main. For now, she will provide a construction update document every two weeks. She will circulate by email and the document will be available on the DCPL Southeast Library Modernization project webpage (see link above). There was discussion about the water table at the construction site and possible impact on construction. Terri Bosnick from Whiting-Turner did not anticipate water issues. She discussed the testing that was done over 8 months in 2018, the monitoring in place and noted that they have a dewatering plan should it be necessary. There was also discussion of impact on utilities to the surrounding neighborhood. Terri Bosnick said they don’t anticipate needing to turn off the electricity. They are working with DC Water and anticipate there will be some water shutoffs. They will work with DC Water to provide notice well in advance of the shutoffs which will last 4-6 hours. Water shutoff will likely only impact D St SE. Water work will have impact on the roads at the corner of D St & 7th St but once the water work is done there shouldn’t be further roadwork associated with the library

construction. They also will cut and cap the gas line to the library but that won't impact neighbor gas lines.

b. Issues:

- i. **Safety Around Construction:** Prior to the Task Force meeting, Commissioner Sobelsohn and some of the neighbors from D St and South Carolina Ave walked around the construction site with DCPL representative Jaspreet Pahwa and Whiting-Turner representatives Terri Bosnick and Nathan Shields to discuss safety issues around the site now that construction has commenced. Pedestrian safety around the site was the main concern. The group proposed: 1) a protected pedestrian walk area be created in the bike lane on the edge of the construction site on South Carolina Ave, 2) stop traffic on 7th St SE between South Carolina Ave SE and D St SE (ie the block immediately in front of the library) and 3) install a temporary painted crosswalk on D St SE. Nathan Shields also noted that a traffic mirror would be installed on 7th St across from D St to help drivers on D St see traffic on 7th St. There was also a question about removing out of date parking signs on D St that John Schwab volunteered to take down.
- ii. **Other Renovation Issues:** There was discussion of the need for nearby public restrooms now that the library is closed. Without those restrooms, there is more impact on neighbors as people find other places to relieve themselves. It would be good to have the support of the Task Force and the ANC for alternative arrangements for public restrooms. John Schwab will contact Barracks Row BID about their possible support.
- iii. **Interim Services**
 1. **Northeast Branch:** A few people in attendance at the meeting at used the Northeast Library and others have shifted to going to the Southwest Library.
 2. **Arthur Capper (ACCC):** Jaspreet Pahwa noted that the furniture set up for ACCC was on track for the February 5th opening. She will check on staffing and anything else that may hold things up. She will also check about the possibility of the Southeast Library after hours book drop unit being relocated to ACCC. The group is looking forward to ACCC being opened but still has concerns about the limited evening hours and lack of weekend hours.

4) Future of Task Force: February 13 ANC Meeting

- a) **Reauthorization:** ANC has to renew Task Forces every year. We need explain the work of the Task Force and show our support for the continuation of the Task Force at the ANC meeting.
- b) **Resident Members and Alternatives:** Resident members and alternatives of the Task Force also need to be reappointed. Please indicate your interest in continuing in your role or joining the Task Force.

5) Next Task Force meeting: Monday, February 19 at 6:30 pm likely at 700 Pennsylvania Ave SE and by zoom.

6) **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 4:04 pm.

TO: Councilman Charles Allen

FR: ANC6B

Re The Current MOA for Eastern Marked Metro Plaza Park

Dear Councilman Allen – The ANC6B appreciates the persistent work of your office to secure agreements among five agencies having principal responsibility for maintenance of the park. ANC6B shares your original vision to have the park become a town square for Capitol Hill and we believe the MOA can contribute to achieving this goal.

The ANC6B's Parks and Public Spaces Committee has reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement recently joined by city agencies responsible for maintenance of our new park at the Eastern Market Metro station (dated April 1, 2023), and has shared its conclusions with the Commission. The ANC6B applauds the statement of goals to be accomplished by the MOA: "to ensure the park is well-equipped, well-maintained, safe and secure for the benefit of District residents and visitors." After considering the responsibilities of the MOA from the perspective of our personal observations and experiences in the park since its formal opening, the Commission is now prepared to offer comments and recommendations for moving forward, and with a vote of __ to __ has approved sending you this letter.

Comments

We can now draw on several years' experience with our new park and can identify both successes and problems. Our experiences have demonstrated how much the community needed such a facility. The evening concerts, the 4th of July ceremony, the community Christmas tree lighting, and Saturday programs for children in the summer, have been enjoyed by Capitol Hill residents of all ages; for younger children, the splash pool and play equipment in the north-east park have been wonderful additions.

We look forward to the opportunity of linking programs of the remodeled Southeast Library with the park facility.

Concerns

However, daily experiences have surfaced challenges to our aspirations for the park. Among them:

1. The park remains incomplete. Several important sculptures that were to be part of the park design have not been installed. Most significantly, there was to be a sculpture on the platform that is now empty in the south-west park; an art

installation to have been installed outside of the Trader Joe's on the north side of Pennsylvania Avenue has not appeared.

2. The movable furniture that was an integral part of the park design on the south-west side of Pennsylvania has largely been removed and has not been replaced. A recent count revealed that there were currently only 13 tables remaining in the south-west park and only six chairs. The landscaping program has been generally inadequate;
3. Maintenance continues to be spotty. Today there are three light posts on the ground in the south-west park. The problem of gravel spreading across the pavement with each rain has not been addressed. Fencing necessary to protect the shrubs in the south-west park has not been provided.
4. The south-west park does not provide a safe, attractive environment. It has attracted groups of unsupervised students and the homeless in sufficient numbers to discourage activities such as a quiet lunch or reading in the park. The metro police and DC police are frequently called to the south-west park, especially in the after-school hours.

Recommendations

We offer three recommendations for achieving our aspirations for the park. First, that a group of community representatives be convened to rethink the south-west side of the park from the perspective of our two years of experience. The group might include those engaged in the original design of the park, among others. The question before this group should be to determine if the best approach moving forward is to rethink the design components of the park (e.g., movable furniture, open design), or to suggest changes or actions designed to make the south-west side of the park work as well as the north-east side.

Our Parks and Public Spaces Committee is prepared to work with you to re-think the park design, either by taking a leadership role or by participating with your office.

Second, we recommend that the roster of agencies contributing to the current MOA be expanded, formally or informally, to include the MPD and the Board of Education.

Third, we recommend that the MOA signatories be regarded as a continuing body and be re-convened on occasion to assess progress being made toward achieving the objectives of the MOA.

Sincerely,

Jerry Sroufe, Chair, Parks and Public Spaces Committee

Edward Ryder Chair, 6B02



ANC 6B February 2024 Treasurer's Report
Submitted by Frank Avery, Commissioner 6B01, 2023 Treasurer, ANC 6B
Submitted February 11th, 2024 for the February 13th, 2024 Commission Meeting

Item #1 - ACTION: 2024 First Quarter Quarterly Financial Report (QFR) – Placed on Consent Agenda by Executive Committee on January 30, 2024

Each quarter, the ANC must submit a Quarterly Financial Report (QFR) to the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC). The QFR documents the ANC's revenue and expenses covering the preceding fiscal quarter. QFRs must be regularly submitted on time for the ANC to receive its quarterly funding allotment.

The FY24 (Oct 1, 2023-Sept 30, 2024) first quarter QFR is attached. This is the first QFR produced using the new OANC financial services portal. All income and expenditures are accounted for and in-line with the ANC's FY24 budget categories. The only anomalies are three erroneous charges by ANC vendor "The Yard" on behalf of 700 Penn for use of its spaces discussed in previous reports.

While the first of three erroneous charges was refunded, The Yard refused to process refunds for the second and third erroneous charges. The Treasurer has submitted forms with the ANC's bank to dispute the charges which will appear on the FY24 Q2 QFR, if approved by the bank. The Treasurer has also implemented a new system to avoid future erroneous charges to its debit card by this vendor.

Attachment A: FY24 First Quarter Quarterly Financial Report (QFR)

Recommended Action for Item #1: The 2023 Treasurer recommends the ANC approve the FY24 Q1 QFR as presented as part of the Consent Agenda.

Item #2 - ACTION: Authorization of 2024 Vendors to be Paid via Debit Card – Placed on Consent Agenda by Executive Committee on January 30, 2024

OANC requires any ANC using a debit card to establish a list of authorized vendors eligible to be paid by debit card. The use of a debit card increases opportunities for errors, waste, fraud and abuse when expending public funds. This requirement ensures transparency around which entities are eligible to receive payment by debit card and assists in preventing or elevating possible issue by ensuring all debit transactions on the ANCs monthly and quarterly reports align only with vendors authorized for payment by debit card by the Commission.

While OANC does not require ANCs to regularly authorize its vendors, the 2024 Treasurer requests the ANC review and authorize the 2024 vendors to be paid via debit card as a best practice. Therefore, the Treasurer has compiled the list of vendors and attached for review and acceptance by the Commission. The Treasurer has also requested a bylaws amendment instituting annual review of vendors as a standard practice which is addressed in the following item.

The main changes for 2024 includes the removal of The Yard. The Treasurer has completed a process with 700 Penn allowing the ANC to pay them directly via check in lieu of billing through The Yard.

Attachment B: 2024 List of Vendors Eligible to be Paid by Debit Card

Recommended Action for Item #2: The 2023 Treasurer recommends the ANC approve the vendors list as presented and as part of the Consent Agenda.

Item #3 - ACTION: Amendment to Bylaws to Address Vendors Paid by Credit Card – Placed on Consent Agenda by Executive Committee on January 30, 2024

As noted in Item #2 – Authorization of 2024 Vendors Eligible to be Paid via Debit Card, the introduction of debit cards as an allowable payment method for ANCs in 2023 creates new considerations for fiscal checks and balances for ANCs. A new risk of the requirement that ANCs approve vendors to be paid via debit card is that vendors may not be regularly added or removed, creating opportunities for unanticipated expenses particularly following elections of officers or the commission as a whole.

To assist in codifying a regular review of vendors to be paid by debit card, the Treasurer submits the following requested addition to the bylaws

Article 6, Section 1

NEW ADDITION – C. Beginning each calendar year and no later than March of the same year, the Commission must approve a list of vendors to be paid via debit card. The Commission may regularly review and amend its list of vendors to be paid via debit card during the calendar year, but must approve the list each year during a full commission meeting scheduled between January 1 and no later than March 30.

Article XI, Section 1. of the ANC 6B bylaws requires that:

Each Commissioner shall have at least two weeks prior notice that an amendment(s) is being proposed to the bylaws. Such notification shall include the original language, the proposed new language, and the reason for the suggested change(s).

The Treasurer distributed the proposed new language and reason for the suggested change by email to all commissioners on Tuesday, January 30, fulfilling the two notice requirement and requirement for a reason. As the amendment only includes new language, there is no “original” language to include.

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Recommended Action for Item #3: The 2023 Treasurer recommends the ANC accept the language as presented and as part of the consent agenda absent alternative suggestions from commissioners.

Item #4: Monthly Financials – Placed on the Regular Agenda

For **January 2024**, the ANC's opening balance \$61,894.64. The ANC closed the month with a balance of \$61,690.34. The change in net position for the ANC was a **decrease of \$204.30**.

Debit Card

- **January 2, 2024 - \$2.02 – Amazon Web Services:** The ANC pays a monthly utilization fee for hosting via Amazon Web Services (AWS).
- **January 6, 2024 - \$192.19 – The Yard:** The ANC Special Committee on Public Safety hosted its December 6th, 2023, committee meeting in the groundfloor classroom of 700 Penn. The ANC applied its monthly no cost allocation for the base room fee. However, all after hours meetings require payment of fees for after hours porter services and HVAC starting at 7:00 p.m. This payment covers 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The represents the final payment to be made via debit card through The Yard.
- **January 26, 2024 - \$12.72 – Amazon Web Services:** Amazon Web Services charges a separate annual base rate for its website hosting services. This payment was charged against the ANC's debit card on January 26th.

Checks

- **Check #4891 – \$50 - ANC Security Fund:** This check was cut January 15, 2024 and sent to the Office of the DC Auditor (ODCA) on Wednesday, February 7th, with the ANC's completed Security Fund enrollment documentation. Per ODCA's requirements, the check is issued to "ANC Security Fund" and is not be deposited by ODCA until the ANC Security Fund Enrollment paperwork is accepted by ODCA. This should be around the end of February or early March.
- Note: Beginning in February 2024, all payments for space at 700 Penn will be made via check directly to 700 Penn (aka EastBanc).

Deposits

- **January 31, 2024 - \$2.62 – National Capital Bank (Interest):** The ANC received its monthly interest payment from its bank on January 31, 2024.
- No other deposits were received.

Recommended Action for Item #4: No action is required for this item.

Additional Updates from the Treasurer

Update on Enrollment into the 2024 ANC Security Fund

On Wednesday, February 7th, the Treasurer completed and sent the ANC's required forms for enrollment into the ANC Security Fund as directed by the Commission at its January 13th, 2024, regular meeting and following the election of the Commission's 2024 officers. The only main change to the forms from 2023 to 2024 was the removal of Commissioner Chander Jayaraman, 2023 Vice Chair, from the ANC's bank account signature card and replacement with Commissioner Vince Mareino, 2024 Vice Chair.

Thank you to Commissioners Ryder, Mareino, and Sobelsohn for their assistance in completing their required signatures on a timely basis. This fulfills the ANC's requirements at this time. The Treasurer will update the

Commission upon acceptance into the ANC Security or if there are major barriers that require commission action.

There are no further updates at this time.

For any questions regarding the contents of this report, please contact Commissioner Frank Avery, 2024 Treasurer for ANC 6B, at 6B01@anc.dc.gov.

Attachment A: FY24 First Quarter Quarterly Financial Report (QFR)

ANC 6B Quarterly Financial Report FY24 Q1

Balance Forward (Checking)	\$51,178.18
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Receipt

Allotment	\$11,889.90
Interest	\$7.42
Deposit Other	\$192.19
Transfer from Savings	\$0.00

Total Receipts	\$12,089.51
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Total Funds Available During Quarter	\$63,267.69
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Disbursement

1. Personnel	\$0.00
2. Direct Office	\$1,191.57
3. Communications	\$173.76
4. Office Supply	\$7.72
5. Grants	\$0.00
6. Local Transportation	\$0.00
7. POServ	\$0.00
8. Bank Fees	\$0.00
9. Other	\$0.00
T-O. Transfer to Savings	\$0.00

Total Disbursements	\$1,373.05
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Ending Balance: Checking	\$61,894.64
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Approval Date by Commission: _____

Treasurer: _____ Chairperson: _____

Secretary Certification: _____ Date: _____

I hereby certify that the above noted quarterly financial report has been approved by a majority of Commissioners during a public meeting when there existed a quorum.

Attachment B: 2024 List of Vendors Eligible to be Paid by Debit Card



ANC 6B 2024 Authorized Debit Card Vendors
Frank Avery, Commissioner 6B01, Treasurer, ANC 6B

Revision History	Date of Action
Document drafted.	September 10, 2023.
Updated following new vendor approvals at September 12, 2023 commission meeting.	September 13, 2023.
Submitted to Commission for annual review. Removed vendors that expired or had their authorization revoked.	February 13, 2024

Background on ANC Debit Card

ANC's may use their debit cards to purchase goods and services in support of the ANC's activities. However, debit cards may only be used for vendors explicitly approved by the ANC per advisement from the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC). Therefore, the Commission must authorize each vendor. As ANC 6B adopts an annual budget each fall, individual purchases made on the debit card do not require authorization so long as they are budgeted for and are in alignment with the ANC's Standard Operating Procedure for Purchase of Goods and Services.

Summary of Eligible Vendors

Vendors that may be paid via ANC Debit Card	Authorization Status
Zoom	Approved February 15, 2023
FedEx Office	Approved February 15, 2023
Canva	Approved February 15, 2023
United States Postal Service	Approved February 15, 2023
The Yard	Approved March 14, 2023
OwlLabs.com	Approved September 12, 2023 Expires 11:59pm October 12, 2023
Amazon.com	Approved September 12, 2023 Expires 11:59pm October 12, 2023
Office Depot	Approved September 12, 2023 Expires 11:59pm October 12, 2023
Wordpress	Approved September 12, 2023
Amazon Web Services	Approved September 12, 2023

Summary of Debit Card Policy Actions Taken

Action & Purpose	Date of Action
ANC approves Treasurer to secure debit card from its bank to make expenditures under new authorization from District of Columbia.	January 10, 2023

ANC approves Security Fund authorizing expenditures out of its budget.	January 10, 2023
ANC forwards security fund to DC Office of the Auditor for acceptance.	January 13, 2023; Accepted March 3, 2023
ANC issued debit card by bank.	January 13, 2023
ANC approves first vendors to be paid via debit card. Zoom, FedEx Office, Canva, and USPS. Vendors are critical to ANC functions, most do not accept checks (Zoom, FedEx Office, Canva), and debit card reduces reimbursement for small purchases (USPS).	Approved February 15, 2023
ANC adopts its Standard Operating Procedure for purchase of goods and services for the ANC. Clarifies agreement amongst commissioners on steps to take prior to incurring costs to be paid by the ANC.	Approved April 11, 2023
ANC approves addition of “The Yard” (ANC’s office) as vendor to be paid via debit card. Necessary to add to purchase key fobs from The Yard. Vendor does not accept checks.	March 14, 2023
<p>ANC approves one-month authorization of three vendors for Treasurer to purchase hybrid meeting equipment using the debit card. A committee chair seeks to pilot hybrid committee meetings in preparation for further use of hybrid meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OwlLabs.com - Amazon.com - Office Depot <p>Product cannot be sourced from local provider or from a provider that accepts a check.</p> <p>To prevent risk of future abuse, authorization will automatically expire October 12, 2023.</p>	September 12, 2023
ANC approves addition of Wordpress and Amazon Web Services for payment via debit card. Both services are key for maintain the ANC’s website.	September 12, 2023
ANC approval of OwlLabs.com, Amazon.com, and Office Depot automatically expires unless extended by ANC action.	October 12, 2023
<p><i>ANC reviews 2024 vendor list and removes The Yard due to persistent billing errors.</i></p> <p><i>ANC adopts bylaws amendment to institute annual review of vendors eligible to be paid via debit card.*</i></p>	<i>February 13, 2024</i>

**Anticipated action. Will be updated following the February 13, 2024, meeting if different action is taken.*

For any questions from the Commission or members of the public, please contact the 2024 Treasurer, Commissioenr Frank Avery, at 6B01@anc.dc.gov or (202) 417-8629.


Attachment C: January 30, 2024 Notice to Commission of Intent to Amend Bylaws

Subject: Re: ANC 6B Executive Committee 01/30/2023 - Proposed Agenda for February 2024 Meetings
Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 8:35:44 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Avery, Frank (SMD 6B01)
To: Ryder, Edward (SMD 6B08), ANC 6B Office (ANC 6B), Sroufe, Gerald (SMD 6B02), Sobelsohn, David (SMD 6B03), D'Andrea, Francis (SMD 6B04), Durkit, Kasie (SMD 6B05), Jayaraman, Chander (SMD 6B06), Mareino, Vince (SMD 6B07), LaFortune, Matt (6B09)
CC: Tori Collins, ANC 6B Office (ANC 6B)
Attachments: Official DC Code - Funds, Technical Assistance, Security Fund.eml, image001.png, 6B 2023 Authorized Debit Card Vendors (for Bylaws).pdf

Colleagues:

After consultation with Chair Ryder and Parliamentarian Durkit, and in fulfillment of Article XI., Section 1. of the ANC's bylaws, I am proposing a minor amendment below the bylaws to codify debit card management for the ANC. With today being two weeks prior, this notice fulfills the bylaws requirement.

Background: Prior to 2023, the DC Council authorized ANC's to secure and utilize debit card to issue payments for relevant activities. Per the law, expenditures via debit card must be made in the name of the Commission (reflected as 'ANC 6B' on the debit card), authorized by at least two officers of the commission (one of whom must be the Treasurer or Chairperson, reflected on the ANC's bank signature card and operating procedures), and conducted according to a procedure adopted by the OANC. A copy of the code/procedures provided by OANC is attached.

In 2023, OANC – in consultation with the DC Auditor - advised Commissions that they must approve individual vendors to receive payment via debit card. In February 2023, ANC 6B approved its initial list of vendors. Over the year, the vendor list was modified to account for new needed expenditures. A copy of the most recent approved vendor list eligible to be paid via debit card is attached. A copy is stored in the ANC 6B Sharepoint under Financials>Debit Card Authorization Reports>6B 2023 Authorized Debit Card Vendors (link:  [6B 2023 Authorized Debit Card Vendors.pdf](#))

Purpose: As debit cards were not an authorized payment method prior to 2023, the ANC 6B bylaws and standing rules do not consider any financial procedures around the use of debit card payments. However, the use of a debit card creates new increased risk for waste, fraud, and abuse as the ANC has fewer barriers to stop payments. Additionally, regular consideration of vendors to be paid by debit card preserves transparency and creates accountability for vendors and commissioners to ensure recipients of debit card payments are proper stewards of funds.

Therefore, following consultation with the Chair, the Treasurer proposes an amendment to [Article III. Financial, Section 1, Financial Procedures, of the bylaws](#) to institutionalize best practices around debit card management. The amendment solely **adds** a new line to account for payment of vendors by debit card. The amendment is drafted below and highlighted.

Please feel free to forward any proposed amendments to me prior to the meeting. I will circulate the proposed final language prior to the meeting.

Thank you,

-Frank

Commissioner, 6B01
2024 Treasurer, ANC 6B

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ARTICLE VIII. FINANCIAL

SECTION 1. FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

A. The signature of either the Treasurer or the Chair, plus that of one other elected officer of the Commission, shall be required on every check drawn on the Commission bank account.

B. Commission financial procedures shall conform to the DC Official Code and guidelines of the DC Auditor.

[AMENDMENT – NEW LANGUAGE] C. Beginning each calendar year and no later than March of the same year, the Commission must approve a list of vendors to be paid via debit card. The Commission may regularly review and amend its list of vendors to be paid via debit card, but must approve the list each year during a full commission meeting scheduled between January 1 and no later than March 30.

From: Ryder, Edward (SMD 6B08) <6B08@anc.dc.gov>

Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 8:09 PM

To: ANC 6B Office (ANC 6B) <6B@anc.dc.gov>, Avery, Frank (SMD 6B01) <6B01@anc.dc.gov>, Sroufe, Gerald (SMD 6B02) <6B02@anc.dc.gov>, Sobelsohn, David (SMD 6B03) <6B03@anc.dc.gov>, D'Andrea, Francis (SMD 6B04) <6B04@anc.dc.gov>, Durkit, Kasie (SMD 6B05) <6B05@anc.dc.gov>, Jayaraman, Chander (SMD 6B06) <6B06@anc.dc.gov>, Mareino, Vince (SMD 6B07) <6B07@anc.dc.gov>, LaFortune, Matt (6B09) <6B09@anc.dc.gov>

Cc: Tori Collins <toricoltori@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: ANC 6B Executive Committee 01/30/2023 - Proposed Agenda for February 2024 Meetings

All,

Attached is the final, approved, agenda for the February meetings of ANC 6B that was adopted tonight at the Executive Committee.

Thanks,
Edward

Edward Ryder (He/Him)
Commissioner, ANC 6B08
Chair, ANC 6B
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