



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B
MARCH 2024 FULL MEETING OF ANC 6B

Executive Committee Join Information:

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AGENDA

1) Introduction

2) Adoption of Agenda

3) Consent Agenda

- a) February Minutes
- b) Appointment of Resident Members
- c) Amendment to Bylaws to Address Vendors Paid by Debit Card
- d) Amendment of Bylaws to Address Committee Chair Vacancies
- e) Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee Consent Items
 - i) **ABCA-126850--UpnSmoke LLC**, new medical cannabis retailer license at 427 8th Street SE ***The Committee recommended that the full ANC withdraw the protest and support the application, approve the Settlement Agreement and place it on the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.***
 - ii) **ABCA-126724—Seedless LLC, t/a No Kids Allowed**; new medical cannabis license at 637B Pennsylvania Ave SE ***The Committee recommended that the full ANC withdraw the protest and support the application, approve the Settlement Agreement and place it on the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.***
- f) Transportation Committee Consent Items
 - i) Request to Support DC Streetcar Extension ***The Committee recommended that the full ANC pass a resolution in favor of the DC Streetcar extension to the Benning Road Metro and place this on the consent agenda at the monthly ANC meeting. The motion passed 8-0-1***
 - ii) Resolution on Dedicated Funding for Metro ***The Committee recommended that the full ANC pass a resolution in favor of a dedicated funding stream for WMATA, with the stipulation that no DC funds be used for improving the Potomac Yards station in preparation for a potential move by Monumental Sports & Entertainment and to place this on the consent agenda at the next monthly ANC meeting. RM Litt seconded. The motion passed 8-1-0***
 - iii) Letters to DDOT Re: 2024 Q2 TSI Prioritization Locations in ANC 6B ***The Committee recommended that the full ANC write a letter to DDOT urging specific actions at the locations of the prioritized TSIs and to place this on the consent agenda at the next monthly ANC meeting. The motion passed unanimously.***
 - iv) Letter to DDOT Re: No Parking Sign on Ives Pl SE ***The Committee recommended that the full ANC write a letter to DDOT urging the removal of this no parking sign. RM Sroufe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.***
- g) Planning & Zoning Committee Consent Items
 - i) **HPA 24-161:** 633 E Street, SE Rear Project: To construct a second story addition, and convert to a principal dwelling unit, an existing, semi-detached, commercial building in the RF-1 zone. Owner(s): John Giesecke,

Applicant: Jonathan Schmidt, jd@schmidtdevelopment.com Hearing Date: 03/28/24 or 04/04/24 [6B03]

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

Committee recommended to the full ANC that a letter of support be sent to HPRB in support of the project and to place the item on the consent agenda.

4) Presentations

- a) None in March

5) Community & Commission Announcements & Speak Out

6) ANC 6B Input on Other Concerns

7) Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee

- a) **Old Business**

- i) Review Settlement Agreement for: **ABCA-126750**—BBCF LLC t/a **DC Dash**; 727 8th Street SE; New Medical Cannabis Retailer **No action taken at Committee Level**

- b) Report for the ABC Committee

8) Transportation Committee

- a) Report for the Transportation Committee

9) Planning and Zoning Committee

- a) **BZA 21098**: 633 E Street, SE Rear Project: To construct a second story addition, and convert to a principal dwelling unit, an existing, semi-detached, commercial building in the RF-1 zone. Owner(s): John Giesecke, Applicant: Jonathan Schmidt, jd@schmidtdevelopment.com Hearing Date: 04/24/24 [6B03] Plans:

https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Home/ViewCase?case_id=21098 **No action taken at Committee Level**

- b) Consideration of CBA for Alley Closing in Square 762

- c) Upcoming March Hearing on DOB Fees for Historic District Violations **The Committee recommended that the full ANC authorize Commissioner Sroufe to testify at the hearing for the Protecting Historic Homes Amendment Act of 2023. The motion passed 9-1-1**

- d) Report for the Planning & 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) Report for the Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force

12) Committee on Public Safety

- a) **[LATE BREAKING]** Testimony in Support of Bill B25-0536: The Home Purchase Assistance for 911/311 Call-Takers and Dispatchers Amendment Act of 2023

- b) Report for the Committee on Public Safety

13) Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee

- a) Report for EMCAC

14) Financial

- a) Monthly Financials

15) ANC 6B Administrative Matters

- a) 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 March 26th at 7:00 PM to set the April 2024 agenda. This meeting will be a Zoom virtual meeting. Meeting link TBA.

PROPOSED MINUTES
as of March 11, 2024

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B
Regular Monthly Meeting
February 13, 2024
Held In Person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and Over Zoom
Commissioner Edward Stillwell Ryder, Chair

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

Absent: Commissioner Avery

Commissioner Ryder called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner LaFortune seconded to approve the agenda as presented. At the request of the following Commissioners, and without objection, the agenda was modified as follows:

a. Commissioners Durkit and Sobelsohn: remove bylaws amendment, with the understanding that the ANC will consider it at its March 12 meeting.

b. Commissioner Mareino: move, from "ANC 6B Administrative Matters" to the Consent Agenda, both "a) Election of ANC 6B Representative to the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee" and "b) Appointment of ANC 6B Resident Members and Alternates."

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner LaFortune seconded to approve the agenda as modified. The motion passed 8-0.

2. Consent Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner D'Andrea seconded to approve matters on the Consent Agenda as modified. The motion passed 8-0. The Consent Agenda included:

a. Administrative matters.

1) Minutes of January 9, 2024 meeting as presented. The approved January minutes are linked to these minutes.

2) Election of Commissioner Sroufe as ANC 6B representative to the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee.

3) Appointment of Resident Members and Alternates to ANC 6B committees and taskforces. A list of those appointed at this meeting as Resident Members and Alternates to ANC 6B committees and taskforces is linked to these minutes.

b. Financial matters.

1) Fiscal Year 2024 First-Quarter Financial Report. The Fiscal Year 2024 First Quarter Financial Report is linked to these minutes.

2) 2024 Renewal of Debit-Card Vendor Authorizations. The list of vendors approved for ANC 6B payment by debit card is linked to these minutes.

c. Recommendations of ANC 6B standing committees.

1) Planning and Zoning Committee: To support Martin Sullivan's application, on behalf of owners William and Valerie Reynolds, to build a two-story addition to an existing accessory building of an existing, semi-detached, two-story, principal dwelling unit at 1362 K St., SE (BZA 21074).

2) Transportation Committee.

a) Endorse Sidewalk Safety Report and submit related testimony to the DC Council, and delegating authority to committee chair Commissioner LaFortune

to draft the ANC's testimony, to (1) reduce the Service Level Agreement to require repairs to within 30 business days; (2) provide adequate funding for that reduction; (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; and (6) study methods to reduce the number of and costs to repair sidewalk problems. The final submitted testimony is linked to these minutes.

b) Support the Capitol Hill Classic 2024 by letter to the Mayor's Special Events Task Group. A copy of that letter is linked to these minutes.

c) Authorize Commissioner LaFortune to draft and submit testimony, on the ANC's behalf and by the February 16 deadline, to the DC Council for its February 9 Department of Transportation (DDOT) oversight hearing, the testimony to include recommendations on Traffic Safety Input (TSI) prioritization, traffic corridors, sidewalk safety, speed-bump bicycle grooves, and dockless bikes. The final submitted testimony is linked to these minutes.

d) Authorize Commissioner LaFortune to draft and send a letter to DDOT, on the ANC's behalf, urging safety improvements at the intersection of 14th and C Streets, SE, following up on a pending TSI submission. A copy of that letter is linked to these minutes.

e) Authorize Commissioner LaFortune to draft and send a letter to DDOT, on the ANC's behalf, urging the reinstallation of safety improvements on I St., SE, at the I-695 offramp. A copy of that letter is linked to these minutes.

3. Presentation from EmpowerEd Executive Director Scott Goldstein. Founded six years ago, EmpowerEd partners with 20 DC schools to help retain teachers. The American urban turnover average is 16% per year. In recent years, DC public schools have placed close to last among American urban public schools, averaging up to 30% annually. Turnover exceeds even that in DC charter schools. With EmpowerEd's help, its 20 partner schools have cut that to 22%. From 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. March 16, EmpowerEd will hold a Teacher Solutions Summit on the 8th floor of the Open Gov Hub, 1100 13th St., NW. To register and for more information, go to <https://www.dcareeducators4socialjustice.org/events/2024-teacher-solutions-summit>.

4. Announcements.

a. Walks. Commissioner D'Andrea announced two upcoming safety walks in ANC 6B. The first will cover 11th St., starting at 11th and D Streets, SE, at 5:30 p.m. February 15. The second will walk east along South Carolina Ave., SE, from 9th St., SE. starting at 5:30 p.m. February 29.

b. Mayor's Office.

1) Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS). MOCRS's Jake Stolzenberg made three announcements.

a) Safe Commercial Corridor Hub office. DC's first Safe Commercial Corridor Hub has opened in Chinatown at 675 H St., NW. Staff will include representatives of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), MOCRS, the Mayor's Office of Nightlife and Culture, the Mayor's Office of Asian Pacific Islander Affairs, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Behavioral Health. The office will provide walk-in services Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

b) Advisory Group on Artificial Intelligence. The mayor is organizing an advisory group on Artificial Intelligence, designed to make DC government websites easier to use.

c) MOCRS Walks. MOCRS plans Ward Six walks monthly. Contact jake.stolzenberg@dc.gov to arrange one.

2) ANC 6B Administrative Assistant Tori Collins announced that the mayor encourages participation in the 6th annual #FITDC HerStory 5K run/walk, starting Saturday March 9, 10 a.m. from Freedom Plaza, 1455 Pennsylvania Ave., NW.

c. Office of Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen. A representative of Councilmember Charles Allen made several announcements.

1) Council legislation.

a) The Secure DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2024. Councilmember Allen expects this bill to pass March 5.

b) The Strengthening Traffic Enforcement, Education, and Responsibility (STEER) Act of 2024. The STEER Act, with Councilmember Allen as its principal sponsor, passed the Council unanimously February 7. The Act cracks down on speeding and reckless driving in DC, especially by outsiders to DC.

2) Taxes. Councilmember Allen encourages low-income DC workers to file DC tax returns in order to claim the DC Earned Income Tax Credit, only available to those who file tax returns. For more information go to EITC.dc.gov or call (202) 759-1931.

3) Safety Walk. With 1st District MPD officers, Councilmember Allen expects to lead a safety walk of ANC 6B08 March 4, starting 5:30 p.m. from the pocket park at 13th St., I St., and Potomac Ave., SE.

5. Committee and Taskforce Reports.

a. Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee. Committee chair Commissioner Jayaraman reported that the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABRA) will hold a mediation Friday, February 16, on the medical-cannabis license application of No Kids Allowed, 637 Pennsylvania Ave., SE. Commissioner Jayaraman expects his committee in March to vote on the applications of No Kids Allowed and two other medicinal-cannabis applicants, both on 8th St., SE. ABRA and the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board are considering applications on a first-filed, first-considered basis. Because DC law limits licenses to applicants at least 400 feet from another licensee, ABRA and the Board will deny licenses to cannabis retailers already in business but within 400 feet of another retailer who has previously submitted a license application.

b. Transportation Committee. Committee chair Commissioner LaFortune reported on the committee's recommendations regarding pedestrian-safety measures during the closing, for renovations, of the Southeast Library, 403 7th St., SE. Consistent with those recommendations, Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner D'Andrea seconded for the ANC to urge DDOT to (1) create a protected pedestrian walkway on the north (westbound) side of the 600 block of South Carolina Ave.,

SE, between 6th and 7th Streets, SE, connecting to the 7th St. crosswalk to the Eastern Market Metrorail Plaza, and from there to the Plaza sidewalk on D St., SE, even if creating a pedestrian walkway means eliminating, for the duration, the current westbound bicycle lane on that block of South Carolina Ave., SE; (2) for further protection of pedestrians on South Carolina Ave., SE, (a) install speedbumps on South Carolina Ave., SE, between 6th and 7th Streets, (b) relocate the ramp currently just west of 648 South Carolina Ave., SE, connecting South Carolina Avenue's north-side sidewalk with the street, so that it lines up with the new South Carolina Ave. protected pedestrian walkway, (c) prohibit parking that blocks access to that ramp, to wherever DDOT relocates it; (3) provide ANC 6B with an analysis of the best way, for the duration of Southeast Library renovations, to protect pedestrians on 7th St., SE, between D St. and South Carolina Ave., SE, including an analysis of the relative risks and benefits of leaving that block completely open to motorized vehicles, closing it entirely to motorized vehicles, or making it one-way for motorized vehicles; (4) work with the DC Public Library and Whiting-Turner Contracting, for the duration of Southeast Library renovations, to remove or make transparent, to the extent compatible with construction-worker, pedestrian, and motorist safety, any screens around the construction site that currently limit motorist and pedestrian visibility; and (5) paint a crosswalk across D St., SE, between the north side of the street between 638 D St., SE and the rear (south) wall of 645 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (currently the south wall of the Labyrinth store), & the south side of the street, between 639 & 643 D St., SE. The motion passed 8-0. The ANC's DDOT correspondence is linked to these minutes.

c. Planning & Zoning. Committee chair Commissioner D'Andrea reported that the committee's Subcommittee on Alley and Street Closings has reached an agreement in principle with Clear Plains, LLC, regarding community benefits for the closing of a 10-foot-wide alley in Square 762, south of Pennsylvania Ave., SE, between 2nd and 3rd Streets, SE. The subcommittee hopes to reach a final agreement in March.

d. Southeast Library Task Force. Taskforce chair Commissioner Sobelsohn reported the opening, Mondays-Fridays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. except Thursdays from 12 noon-8 p.m., of the interim library service at the Arthur Capper Community Center, 1000 5th St., SE, for the years the Southeast Library will stay closed for renovations. The taskforce also worked with the Transportation Committee on the pedestrian-safety measures detailed in the Transportation Committee's report outlined elsewhere in these minutes.

e. Public Parks & Recreation Spaces Task Force. Taskforce chair Commissioner Sroufe reported on a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), signed by various DC agencies, regarding responsibility for the Eastern Market MetroPark. The taskforce has drafted a letter to Ward Six Councilmember Allen urging rethinking the MOA to include matters omitted from the MOA, such as reconvening a MetroPark advisory committee. Commissioner Sroufe moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to send that letter to Councilmember Allen. Commissioner Sroufe moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to amend the motion by adding strong language to the letter urging the providing of public restrooms in the area of the MetroPark near the Metrorail station. The motion to amend passed 8-0. The underlying motion, as amended, passed 8-0. The letter, as sent, is linked to these minutes.

f. Public-Safety Committee. Commissioner Ryder reported that the Committee on Public Safety had an informal gathering January 25, will hold its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday February 26, and will usually meet at 6:30 p.m. on the 4th Monday of each month.

g. Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC). Commissioner Sroufe, ANC delegate to EMCAC, reported that EMCAC expects soon to present a plan for Eastern Market public safety.

6. Financial Report. The ANC opened January 2024 with a bank balance of \$61,894.64 and closed the month with a balance of \$61,690.34, indicating a net monthly decrease of \$204.30, reflecting bank interest and payments for Amazon Web Services; for renting the ground-floor classroom at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, for a committee meeting; and for enrollment in the ANC Security Fund. A treasurer's report is linked to these minutes.

7. Administrative Matters.

a. Renewal of taskforces. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to amend the agenda to add, under Administrative Matters, renewal of the taskforces on the Southeast Library and on Public Parks and Recreation Spaces. The motion to amend the agenda passed 7-0. Commissioner Jayaraman did not vote.

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to renew, for 2024, the taskforces on the Southeast Library and on Public Parks and Recreation Spaces. The motion passed 7-0. Commissioner Jayaraman did not vote.

b. Election of committee & taskforce officers.

1) Standing committees.

a) Planning and Zoning. Commissioner Sobelsohn nominated/Commissioner LaFortune seconded to reelect Commissioner D'Andrea to chair the Planning and Zoning Committee in 2024. Commissioner D'Andrea was reelected 7-0. Commissioner Jayaraman did not vote.

b) Transportation. Commissioner Sobelsohn nominated/Commissioner D'Andrea seconded to reelect Commissioner LaFortune to chair the Transportation Committee in 2024. Commissioner LaFortune was reelected 7-0. Commissioner Jayaraman did not vote.

c) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis. Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to table, until the March ANC meeting, electing the chair of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee, and to delegate to the committee the choice of a chair *pro tempore* until the ANC's March meeting. The motion passed without objection.

d) Public Safety. Commissioner Mareino nominated/Commissioner Ryder seconded to elect Lisa Matsumoto to chair the newly established standing Committee on Public Safety. Lisa Matsumoto was elected 7-0. Commissioner Jayaraman did not vote. Commissioner Ryder nominated/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to elect

Commissioner Avery as vice-chair of the Committee on Public Safety. Commissioner Avery was elected 7-0. Commissioner Jayaraman did not vote.

2) Taskforces. Commissioner Sobelsohn nominated/Commissioner D'Andrea seconded to reelect Commissioner Sobelsohn to chair the Southeast Library Task Force and to reelect Commissioner Sroufe to chair the Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force. Commissioners Sobelsohn and Sroufe were reelected 7-0. Commissioner Jayaraman did not vote.

c. Upcoming meeting dates. Commissioner Ryder announced the following upcoming meeting dates.

- 1) Southeast Library Task Force: 7 p.m. Monday February 19.
- 2) Public Safety Committee: 6:30 p.m. Monday February 26.
- 3) Executive Committee: 7 p.m. Tuesday February 27.
- 4) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee: 7 p.m. Tuesday March 5.
- 5) Transportation Committee: 7 p.m. Wednesday March 6.
- 6) Planning and Zoning Committee: 7 p.m. Thursday March 7.
- 7) ANC 6B: 7 p.m. Tuesday March 12.

8. Adjournment. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to adjourn. The motion passed without objection. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner David Sobelsohn
ANC 6B Secretary



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

Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

REPORT

I. Introduction of Commissioners and Resident Members

Commissioners: Gerald Sroufe (6B02); David Sobelsohn (6B03); Frank D’Andrea (6B04); Chander Jayaraman (Chair and 6B06); Edward Ryder (6B08);

Resident Member: Gonchek Lee (6B01); George Dee (6B02); Katherine Szafran (6B03); Chuck Burger (alternate for 6B03); Kristen Hutchens (6B04); David Barton (6B09);

Election of Chair Pro-Tem—Appointed Cmr. D’Andrea (Pass unanimously)

Election of Vice-Chair: Tabled until the May meeting

Secretary Pro-Tem---Cmr. Gerald Sroufe elected without objection

II. Old Business

- a. ABCA-126850—UpnSmoke II LLC t/a **UpNSmoke**; 427 8th Street SE; New Medical Cannabis Retailer license [6B03]

Current Status: A Roll Call Hearing was held on Tuesday, February 20 at 10 AM and a mediation was scheduled and held on Thursday February 29 at 10:30 am. Cmr. Sobelsohn and the Applicant have negotiated a mutually agreeable SA that the parties are prepared to execute.

MOTION: Committee recommends to the ANC that the Commission withdraw the protest, support the application, approve the SA, and place it on the consent agenda. (Sobelsohn; Szafran 2nd) Pass 9-0-0

- b. 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 and an ABCA facilitated mediation was held on Friday, February 16 at 11 AM. The Status Hearing was held on Wednesday, February 28 at 10:30 AM. Cmr. Jayaraman and the Applicant have worked together to craft a mutually agreeable SA. Protest Hearing has been scheduled for March 20 at 1:30 PM.

MOTION: Committee recommends to the ANC that the Commission withdraw the protest, support the application, approve the SA, and place it on the consent agenda. (Sroufe; Dee 2nd) Pass 9-0-0

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

Current Status: A Roll Call Hearing was held on Monday, February 12 at 10 AM. Chair Ryder represented the ANC at the Roll Call hearing. An ABCA facilitated mediation was held on Tuesday, February 27 at 1 PM

Meeting Notes: The Applicant and Cmr. Sobelsohn engaged in discussion regarding several provisions that he felt were “deal breakers.” Committee members felt that requiring a secondary

verbal notification of all customers that smoking outside of the Establishment in public space is prohibited. There was also significant discussion about whether it is appropriate for the ANC to notify customers and business partners that they could be banned from the establishment for violating the prohibitions on parking in the alley or smoking in public space.

MOTION: Committee took no position on the application citing that the Committee was not able to review the latest SA for DC Dash.

III. Adjourn

LETTER IN SUPPORT
OF UPNSMOKE II, LLC
427 8th Street SE, Washington DC

Dear Commissioners of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B,

I am writing on behalf of the business (as described below) to express full support for UpNSmoke II, LLC in their pursuit of a Medical Cannabis Retailer application (ABCA-126850) for their business located at 427 8th Street, S.E., Washington DC.

As a local business within the community, I believe in UpNSmoke II, LLC's commitment to providing safe and compliant medical cannabis services. I support their application and believe that their establishment will contribute positively to the economic vitality and diversity of this neighborhood while providing valuable services to individuals in need of medical cannabis treatments.

I urge the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B to support UpNSmoke II, LLC's application for a Medical Cannabis Retailer license, recognizing the benefits it will bring to our community. If you require any further information or assistance regarding our endorsement of UpNSmoke II, LLC, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for considering our input.
Sincerely,

Date:

/s/ Tami Adams
Name, and Position: Tami Adams
Business Name: Starbucks Coffee Company
Business Address: 401 8th St SE
Contact Information: 202-544-9713

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Thank you for considering our input.
Sincerely,

Date:

/s/

Name, and Position:

Business Name: Sherwin Williams

Business Address: 533 8th ST SE

Contact Information: 202 544-6003

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Sincerely,

Date: 3-11-2024

/s/ *Jin Sun Choi*
Name, and Position: Jin Sun Choi, Manager
Business Name: Yes Organic Market
Business Address: 410 8th Street SE
Contact Information: 202-546-4325

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Sincerely,

Date:

/s/ Richard Harris, GM

Name, and Position:

Business Name: AND PIZZA

Business Address: 405 8th St, SE, 20003

Contact Information: cell-571-274-0480

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Sincerely,

Date:

/s/ 
Name, and Position: Sianie Hawkins / GM
Business Name: Chipotle Mexican Grill
Business Address: 413 8th Street SE
Contact Information: 202-464-3390

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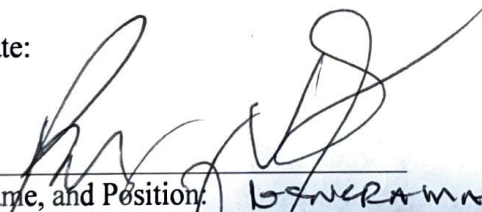
/s/

Name, and Position:

Business Name:

Business Address:

Contact Information:


B. G. Ramnarine R
MatchBox
521 8th St SE DC
202 355 5203



**Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting
March 6, 2024**

Commissioners Present: Matt LaFortune (chairing), Jerry Sroufe (6B02), Kasie Durkit (6B05), Edward Ryder (6B08)

Resident Members Present: Jakob Youngblood (6B01), Kirsten Oldenburg (6B04), Mike Litt (6B05), Richard Cunningham (6B07), Joshua Peacock (6B09)

Presentation on DDOT DC Smart Street Lighting Project

Ashley Wells shared DDOT's progress on installing smart street lights across DC. The department is currently converting lights in Wards 1 and 6 with a target end date in May, after which it will continue to assess the impact and need for further adjustments.

Commissioner Sroufe asked what makes a street light "smart". Stanislas Mathieu responded that these are LED lights with a node that allows them to be dimmed remotely.

Commissioner Durkit asked about the brightness and color of the new lights and whether neighbors have provided any feedback. Mr. Mathieu responded that the lights are brighter and whiter than previous ones, thought DDOT chose LED lights at the warm end of the spectrum. Neighbors can submit a request for dimming via 311 and DDOT will assess prior to adjusting the brightness of the street light.

Request to Support DC Streetcar Extension

Michael Havlin, from the Friends of the DC Streetcar organization, shared the history of the current H St. streetcar and plans to extend the line to the Benning Road Metro station.

Commissioner LaFortune asked about dedicated lanes for the streetcar and buses. Mr. Havlin shared that the streetcar should move quickly from the current end of the line to Benning Road on a dedicated lane and that DDOT has proposed bus/streetcar priority lanes on H St.

Commissioner Durkit asked about ridership since the DC Council cited low ridership as a reason to delay the Benning Road extension. Mr. Havlin noted that his organization has presented data to the Council that the streetcar's ridership is back above pre-pandemic levels. Councilmember Allen responded positively to this. Ridership is measured by sensors on the doors.

Commissioner Sroufe asked about the comparison with pre-pandemic ridership and the total number of riders. Mr. Havlin noted that, on a per-mile basis, the streetcar moves more people than buses.

RM Kruger asked whether the streetcar would continue to be free. Mr. Havlin responded that the Council has asked DDOT. There are no current plans to charge riders but that could change if needed.

RM Youngblood noted his support for connecting the streetcar to another Metro station.

RM Litt asked about roadway improvements that are moving forward on this corridor without pedestrian changes and a cycletrack. Mr. Havlin noted that bridge reconstruction is happening over DC-295. Without the streetcar, this will result in more particulate emissions from cars.

Commissioner LaFortune moved to recommend that the ANC pass a resolution in favor of the DC Streetcar extension to the Benning Road Metro and to place this on the consent agenda at the next monthly ANC meeting. RM Litt seconded. The motion passed 8-0-1, with Commissioner Sroufe abstaining (Commissioner Ryder had not yet joined the meeting).

Resolution on Dedicated Funding for Metro

Commissioner LaFortune noted WMATA's recent proposed budget that would address a \$750M shortfall with major budget cuts, including the closure of certain Metrorail stations.

Commissioner LaFortune moved to recommend that the ANC pass a resolution in favor of a dedicated funding stream for WMATA, with the stipulation that no DC funds be used for improving the Potomac Yards station in preparation for a potential move by Monumental Sports & Entertainment and to place this on the consent agenda at the next monthly ANC meeting. RM Litt seconded. The motion passed 8-1-0, with Commissioner Sroufe opposed noting his general opposition to resolutions rather than specific action (Commissioner Ryder had not yet joined the meeting).

Letters to DDOT Re: 2024 Q2 TSI Prioritization Locations in ANC 6B

Commissioner LaFortune shared a letter drafted by Commissioner Vince Mareino making specific requests for the TSI locations within ANC 6B prioritized by DDOT as part of its quarterly process.

Commissioner LaFortune moved to recommend that the ANC write a letter to DDOT urging specific actions at the locations of the prioritized TSIs and to place this on the consent agenda at the next monthly ANC meeting. RM Ryder seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Letter to DDOT Re: No Parking Sign on Ives Pl SE

Commissioner LaFortune shared a draft letter in response to neighbors' request to remove a no-parking sign in front of an immovable fence on the 1400 block of Ives Pl. SE.

Commissioner LaFortune moved to recommend that the ANC write a letter to DDOT urging the removal of this no parking sign. RM Sroufe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



At a properly noticed general meeting on March 12, 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, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) were created to “advise the Council of the District of Columbia, the Mayor, and each executive agency with respect to all proposed matters of District government policy,” including transportation and economic development;

WHEREAS, ANC 6B is within walking distance of the DC Streetcar and so would benefit from any streetcar extension;

WHEREAS, public transportation is a shared public benefit and can only function as such when it is shared with all neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, a majority of Ward 7 ANCs (7E, 7D, and 7B) have passed resolutions of support for the streetcar extension to Benning Road Metro;

WHEREAS, ANC 6A also passed multiple resolutions of support for the streetcar extension;

WHEREAS, Benning Road Northeast is one of the most notoriously unsafe roadways for pedestrians and drivers alike;

WHEREAS, the DC Streetcar was always supposed to run 8-miles from Benning Road Metro to Georgetown;

WHEREAS, extending the DC Streetcar to Benning Road Metro would provide residents of ANC 6B a one-seat ride to Kingman Island and other amenities along Benning Road;

WHEREAS, extending the DC Streetcar to the Benning Road Metro Station would provide many Ward 7 neighborhoods with a free and reliable one-seat ride to Union Station, the H Street corridor, and essential services;

WHEREAS, streetcar is a better mode of public transit for those who have disabilities and for those who use transit to do errands like grocery shopping and laundry;

WHEREAS, the DC Streetcar project incorporates critical bridge, roadway, streetscape, and intersection improvements to improve safety and bring DC closer to its Vision Zero goal;

WHEREAS, Ward 7 residents would have access to three additional grocery stores, healthier food options, many jobs, and amenities along the H Street corridor;

WHEREAS, the DC Streetcar extension would anchor new food and grocery establishments such as those proposed in downtown Ward 7, Market 7’s Benning Market in River Terrace, and the Fletcher-Johnson site—reducing the number of Ward 7 neighborhoods considered to be “food deserts”;

WHEREAS, DC Streetcar ridership is already back to pre-pandemic levels;

WHEREAS, the per-rider operating cost of the Streetcar is lower than most circulator routes;

WHEREAS, there are many local residents and businesses that can receive employment and contracts from DDOT for the design, construction, and operation of the streetcar;

WHEREAS, DDOT, after 10 years of planning and environmental review, published its Final Environmental Assessment, in which it found the only feasible route alternative for the streetcar was the alternative going to Benning Road Metro;

WHEREAS, during 2023 budget hearings for FY 2024 the executive branch stated the project is ready to move towards construction if funding is provided;

WHEREAS, Ward 7 has a low vehicle-ownership rate;

WHEREAS, Hillbrook, Benning Heights, Marshall Heights, Benning Ridge, Fort Dupont, portions of Deanwood, and many other neighborhoods east of Fort Mahan Park can only access the DC Streetcar if it's extended in full to the Benning Road Metro Station;

WHEREAS, extending the DC Streetcar would provide more ridership capacity than adding another Metrobus or DC Circulator route—regardless of bus vehicle type—and has already increased overall transit ridership along the H Street corridor;

WHEREAS, streetcar routes, similar to Metrorail lines, provide reliable transit infrastructure for businesses and residents as they are more permanent and thus encourage investment;

WHEREAS, building more car infrastructure on Benning Road without the streetcar will only increase car-dependency and environmental harm;

WHEREAS, this project has been promised to Ward 7 for over 10 years;

WHEREAS, this council and this city has demonstrated a consistent pattern of divesting, abusing, and gaslighting the underserved communities east of the river;

WHEREAS, the council's defunding of the eastward extension last budget cycle was a continuation of that abuse;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B notes the following:

I: We support the District's planned and promised DC Streetcar extension to the Benning Road Metro Station.

II: We request that the Executive Office of the Mayor, the Office of City Administrator, the Office of Budget and Performance Management, DDOT, the Transportation and Environment Committee of the DC Council, the Committee of the Whole of the DC Council, the DC council and all other DC entities involved pass an FY 2025 budget that includes sufficient construction funding for the Streetcar extension to allow DDOT to procure a construction contract for all elements of the project in FY 2025.

III: We request that DDOT reinvigorate plans for a westward extension of the DC Streetcar in the direction of downtown and beyond.

IV: We request that DDOT, DMPED, and all other agencies involved find legal ways to ensure that DC residents get ample opportunities to receive employment and contracts from DC government for the construction, operation, and management of the streetcar.



At a properly noticed general meeting on March 12, 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, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) provides essential transit access to and from our community;

WHEREAS, the ANC 6B community benefits tremendously from the Metrorail and Metrobus service that residents and visitors use to travel to work, school, and to support our many businesses;

WHEREAS, in the urban neighborhoods we represent, many residents do not own cars, meaning they rely on transit service for far more than commuting to and from work, including for trips to medical and dental appointments, houses of worship, shopping and entertainment destinations, visits with family and friends, and myriad other purposes;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Government has long-promoted car-free living and District residents have, as a result, relied on assurances that transit services would be available as they made the decisions to purchase or rent their homes, and often to accept higher prices or rents that result from proximity to frequent transit service;

WHEREAS, in December the General Manager of Metro released a proposal for FY25 that would reconcile a \$750 million operating budget deficit with radical reductions in Metrorail and Metrobus service;

WHEREAS, Metro is unique among transit agencies in the United States in that it is legally required to pass a balanced budget every year, yet has no independent or dedicated funding stream;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 6B calls upon the Mayor and the Council to work with counterparts in Maryland and Virginia to secure a sustainable and dedicated source of funding for WMATA, which we urge to not have a disproportionate impact on lower-income individuals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission asks the Mayor of the District of Columbia and the Council of the District of Columbia to stipulate that none of the District's funding for WMATA go to revamping or redesigning the Potomac Yards Metro stop in Virginia in anticipation the potential move of Monumental Sports & Entertainment (MSE).



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Re: No Parking Sign on Ives Pl SE

Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a properly noticed general meeting on March 12, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted X-X-X, based on the unanimous recommendation of its Transportation Committee, to submit the following request to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT).

ANC 6B requests the removal of a no parking sign of the 1400 block of Ives Pl SE. A curb cut was added to at this location following sidewalk maintenance in 2015 but it has never been used. This portion of the block abuts a wooden fence (pictures attached) and parking for the neighboring house on 14th St. SE is accessible via an alley.

Considering weeknight parking concerns raised by neighbors with the Roost nearby, restoring this parking would be much appreciated.

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: 2024 Q2 TSIs in ANC 6B

Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a properly noticed general meeting on March 12, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted X-X-X, based on the unanimous recommendation of its Transportation Committee, to submit the following request to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT).

Last month, DDOT announced the Traffic Safety Input (TSI) requests that it had accepted for investigation in the 2024 Q2 period. Eight of those TSIs are in ANC 6B. In this letter, ANC 6B submits its formal recommendations on seven of those eight TSIs (having submitted our recommendation on the remaining one, #23-00529554, last month).

4th & East Capitol, #23-00486628

This request was originally filed because the traffic light was off its anchor, which has now been fixed. However, the underlying problem remains: the street is so wide, and the sidewalks are so unprotected, that it is easy for a vehicle to leave the road and collide with a traffic light post, or with a pedestrian. DDOT has installed flexiposts to protect one of the four corners. We recommend that DDOT install permanent curb extensions at all four corners, or at least install flexiposts at the three unprotected corners. This is also a major bike lane intersection; travelers on all modes would benefit from barriers to separate the bike lanes from other traffic.

12th & I Sts SE, #23-00486930 & #23-00485176

I Street SE is one-way westbound from its origin at 13th & Potomac to its terminus at 7th & Virginia. There are one-way signs on every block, including at 12th St. However, as both TSI requests state, cars nevertheless drive the wrong way down I St every day. We support the proposal in both TSI requests to install wrong way signs. However, the fundamental problem is that I Street does not *look like* a one-way street. It is wide enough to support two car lanes, but for long stretches, including the entire 1200 block, there are no lane markers of any sort. DDOT has trained drivers to see roads like this as two-way roads:

notice how the intersecting 12th St also has no lane markers of any sort, and is supposed to be a two-way road. At minimum, DDOT should add yellow lines to 12th St to indicate it is two-way, and white lines to I St to indicate it is one-way. A better, more ambitious plan would be to narrow I St, especially at the corners, so that no more than one car can pass through the intersection at a time. Corner curb extensions and white striping could be used to preserve the existing parking spaces on I St. With all these reforms, it would no longer be possible for a driver to travel the wrong way on I St.

Friendship Chamberlain Public Charter School, #23-00498625, #23-00644126, and #23-00475990

These three TSIs – for Potomac Ave, Ives Pl, and 14th St SE – are all on the same block as the Friendship Chamberlain Public Charter School. We recognize that DDOT’s Safe Routes to School Team identified numerous improvements for this school zone. However, all three TSIs show that unsafe driving and excessive vehicle traffic are still a problem here. Even though this school is just across Pennsylvania Ave SE from a three-line Metro station, parents are driving their kids to school, because they believe that it is unsafe for their kids to walk the 500 feet from the Metro entrance to the school.

One TSI suggests giving into the problem and widening Ives Pl. We strongly oppose. Ives Pl is a two-block-long alleyway mainly used for walking, parking, and as an officially designated school pickup/dropoff zone. Its sidewalks are already too narrow for these uses. We recommend curb extensions so that cars cannot enter Ives Pl two-abreast, and instead are forced to respect the narrow, pedestrian-first nature of this school-side alley. We also recommend widening the public sidewalk if DDOT determines that it is possible to do so without damaging the sidewalk trees.

A second TSI suggests adding a new crosswalk across Potomac Ave in front of the school, at the corner of Ives Pl. We support this proposal. On the opposite side of the school is a defunct grocery store that the landlord is seeking to re-open. Once this store re-opens, pedestrian crossings will become even more numerous. Under existing DDOT regulations, pedestrians already have the right to cross Potomac Ave at Ives Pl. Painting a crosswalk would just make it safer for pedestrians to do what they are already allowed to do.

Further issues extend west along Potomac Ave to 12th St. SE. Cars frequently speed on the 1200 and 1300 blocks of Potomac travelling from 11th St. to Pennsylvania Ave., creating serious pedestrian concerns that have been raised repeatedly by neighbors. There are speed humps on these blocks but the persistent issue of speeding indicates that further action is needed. We recommend bulb-outs to extend the sidewalk at key intersections such as Potomac and 12th, Potomac and 13th, and Potomac and Ives. Pl as well as extensions for the bus stops along the corridor to reduce speeding and improve pedestrian safety.

A third TSI suggests more speed bumps on 14th St SE. We recommend something similar: raising the crosswalks at 14th St & Ives Pl. This will slow down vehicles at precisely the spot where drivers are most likely to harm people on foot, scooter, or bike.

The Potomac Ave Metro Plaza, #23-00454555

This TSI correctly notes that, when anyone tries to leave Potomac Ave Metro on foot and cross Pennsylvania Ave SE, the traffic light and pedestrian signal are timed so that people have to walk into traffic. The Pennsylvania-Potomac intersection redesign, scheduled to begin construction in fall 2024, should alleviate some of these concerns. At the Metro plaza itself, we recommend DDOT consider replacing the Potomac Ave extension with a bus bay.

Furthermore, DDOT should enter discussions with WMATA about eliminating the obsolete “kiss and ride” outside the station. In recent years, aside from the occasional very confused driver, the main users of this pass-through are MPD and WMATA employees. Everyone involved would be better served by replacing the entire “kiss and ride” with a WMATA/MPD Only Parking spot.

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



Report of the ANC 6B Planning and Zoning Committee

February 8, 2024

Commissioners Present: Sroufe (6B02), Sobelsohn (6B03), D'Andrea (6B04 – Charing), Ryder (6B08)

Resident Members Present: Rutkowski (6B01), Friedman (6B02), Smith (6B03), *Girod (6B04 – Alternate Voting)*, Jarboe (6B05), Taylor (6B07), Bruggman (6B08), Holman (6B09 – Vice Chair)

1. Introductions/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Election of Vice Chair

Nominations were called for the position of Vice Chair. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to nominate Resident Member Holman as the Vice Chair of the Committee. No other nominations were heard.

Motion [Sobelsohn] to elect Resident Member Holman as Vice Chair. The motion passed 12-0-0.

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

Project: To construct a second story addition, and convert to a principal dwelling unit, an existing, semi-detached, commercial building in the RF-1 zone.

Owner(s): John Giesecke,

Applicant: Jonathan Schmidt, jd@schmidtdevelopment.com

Hearing Date: 03/28/24 or 04/04/24 [6B03]

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

The applicant presented an application to add a second story to an existing warehouse on an alley lot. No substantive issues were raised regarding historic preservation issues or the design.

Motion [Sobelsohn/Sroufe] to recommend to the full ANC that a letter of support be sent to HPRB in support of the project and to place the item on the consent agenda.

4. BZA 21098: 633 E Street, SE Rear

Project: To construct a second story addition, and convert to a principal dwelling unit, an existing, semi-detached, commercial building in the RF-1 zone.

Owner(s): John Giesecke,

Applicant: Jonathan Schmidt, jd@schmidtdevelopment.com

Hearing Date: 04/24/24 [6B03]

Plans: https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Home/ViewCase?case_id=21098

The BZA case regarded the same property and project as in the previous HPA case. Applicant is seeking an area variance for relief from the 20' height limit for alley dwellings in the RF-1 zone. Total height



proposed for the structure is apx. 27'. Issues, including viewsheds from the roof and impacts on light were raised by neighbors. The applicant was amenable to providing screening and possibly adjusting the fence location to preclude any views to yards in the neighboring houses on Archibald Walk. The applicant also agreed to provide sun studies to assess the impact of the proposed structure on adjacent properties' access to light. It was agreed that the applicant would return next month to present these studies at the April P&Z meeting.

No action taken.

5. Discussion Regarding HPRB and BZA Notification Processes

Commissioner D'Andrea noted that, pursuant to the cases heard in this meeting being docketed, some residents had reached out expressing confusion at the processes and procedures for HPA and BZA cases. This confusion was both at the Board and ANC level. It was agreed that ANC 6B should develop a primer or "one pager" guide on the general process for the most common case types heard by the committee.

Motion [Rutkowski/Freedman] to have the chair develop a process/primer/FAQ section of the ANC 6B website for the Planning & Zoning Committee. It was further moved to allow the chair to delegate tasks to the members of the committee as needed. The motion passed 12-0-0.

6. Upcoming March Hearing on DOB Fees for Historic District Violations

Commissioner Sroufe mentioned the previous action taken by the ANC to send a letter to the DC council supporting the Protecting Historic Homes Amendment Act of 2023, which was proposed by Councilmember Allen. Commissioner Sroufe explained that the bill was prompted by several projects that had exceeded their permitted scope of demolition. He also noted that he planned to use the previously sent letter as his testimony. The committee was in generally supportive of the testimony. Commissioner D'Andrea noted that he viewed the fines as excessively punitive and therefore he was opposed to the bill as written.

Motion [Jarboe/Rutkowski] to recommend to the full ANC that it authorize Commissioner Sroufe to testify at the hearing for the Protecting Historic Homes Amendment Act of 2023. The motion passed 9-1-1. Commissioner D'Andrea voted nay and Resident Member Girod abstained. Commissioner Sobelsohn was not present for the vote.

7. Adjournment

The chair motioned, via unanimous consent, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

February 11, 2024

Historic Preservation Review Board
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Re: Letter in Support of HPRB Case No. 24-161 – 633 Rear E Street, SE

Dear Chairwoman Heath and Members of the Board,

I am writing this letter in full support of our neighbor, Jonathan Schmidt, who is seeking concept approval from HPO to renovate an existing warehouse located at 633 Rear E Street, SE to convert it into a residence for himself and his family. I have reviewed the proposed plans for the renovation and believe that the proposed design appropriately honors the history and character of the property while achieving the goals of the project to gain more quality light filled second floor space.

The subject property rests directly across the alley from our converted warehouse residence, where we will face the full view of Mr. Schmidt's proposed renovation and second floor addition. In its current state, the property is underutilized and has become somewhat run down over the years. Mr. Schmidt intends to transform this property into a beautifully renovated residence, contributing positively to the aesthetic appeal of our neighborhood, and well within the character and massing of neighboring structures.

We have appreciated the efforts made by Mr. Schmidt to reach out to the neighborhood and keep us informed about his proposed plans. The transparent communication and willingness to address any concerns or questions from the community demonstrate their commitment to being responsible and considerate neighbors.

The transformation of the warehouse into a two-story residence will not only enhance the appearance of the property itself but will also be a positive addition to our truly special community in the alley. As a single-family dwelling, it fits with the character of this inhabited residential alley far better than any other matter of right use.

I urge the Board to approve the design for Mr. Schmidt's warehouse renovation project, taking into consideration its alignment with HPO design guidelines and the improvement it will bring to our neighborhood. I am confident that this welcomed addition, coupled with the arrival of Mr. Schmidt and his family, will be an asset to our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Z Lyman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Re: Letter in Support of HPRB Case No. 24-161 – 633 E Street, SE, Rear

Dear Chairwoman Heath and Esteemed Members of the Board,

I am writing to express my strong support for JD Schmidt's proposal for the adaptive reuse of the structure located at 633 E Street, SE, Rear. As a reputable builder on Capitol Hill, Mr. Schmidt has consistently demonstrated a commitment to quality craftsmanship and community enhancement throughout his extensive career.

As a Realtor with firsthand experience in the Capitol Hill neighborhood, I have had the opportunity to observe Mr. Schmidt's work firsthand. His projects consistently reflect a meticulous attention to detail, a respect for historical integrity, and a dedication to creating spaces that seamlessly integrate into their surroundings.

I believe that Mr. Schmidt's proposal for 633 E Street, SE, Rear aligns perfectly with the goals and values of the Historic Preservation Board. His track record of preserving and enhancing the architectural heritage of Capitol Hill speaks volumes about his expertise and dedication to historic preservation.

Furthermore, Mr. Schmidt's reputation as a trusted builder within the community underscores his commitment to collaboration and transparency. I have no doubt that he will continue to engage with neighbors, adhere to all regulatory requirements, and uphold the highest standards of quality and integrity throughout the project.

Since 2007, I have called 513 7th Street, SE home, and have shared the alley with 633 E Street, SE, Rear. During this time, and with the residential conversion of the other large warehouse across the alley at 528 F Street Terrace, SE, the alley has become a lot less commercial, and it has evolved into a vibrant neighborhood gathering place. It serves as a meeting point for neighbors from various streets, including those on E Street, G Street, and 7th Street, who all converge here, fostering a strong sense of community. The alley is truly an integral part of the neighborhood, and Mr. Schmidt's plans for the

adaptive reuse of 633 E Street, SE, Rear will allow the property to blend harmoniously into this alley community and neighborhood as a whole.

In conclusion, I urge the Historic Preservation Board to lend their support to Mr. Schmidt's proposal for 633 E Street, SE, Rear. His contributions to our community have been invaluable, and I have no doubt that this project will further enrich the cultural and architectural tapestry of Capitol Hill.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter. Should you require any additional information or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd W. Bissey", with a stylized, flowing script.

Todd W. Bissey, Realtor

DISCUSSION DRAFT: ANC 6B Support for Bill B25-0536: The Home Purchase Assistance for 911/311 Call-Takers and Dispatchers Amendment Act of 2023

On behalf of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B (ANC 6B) and its Public Safety Committee, we write to express our support for Bill B25-0536, the "Home Purchase Assistance for 911/311 Call-Takers and Dispatchers Amendment Act of 2023." This legislation addresses one of many possible solutions to close the significant talent shortage the Office of Unified Communications (OUC) faces.

ANC 6B, through its Public Safety Committee, has been tracking a number of issues plaguing the OUC. A recurring concern, as previously communicated to Councilmembers and the Office of the Mayor, are long wait times and repeated errors when processing emergency calls due to low staffing. While Bill B25-0536 does not resolve all these issues directly, it signifies an essential move as part of a holistic approach to resourcing the OUC by aiding recruitment and retention efforts of OUC talent and acknowledging the indispensable role high-performing OUC staff perform as fellow first responders.

By extending the home purchase assistance program to include 911/311 call-takers and dispatchers, we align them with other first responders, such as the Metropolitan Police Department and D.C. Fire & EMS personnel, recognizing their vital contributions, unique occupational hazards and traumas, and encouraging long-term knowledge, commitment, and participation as part of our community.

ANC 6B recommends the D.C. Council adopt this legislation as part of a holistic approach to resolving the on-going public safety challenges in our community and, specifically, the on-going challenges of the Office of Unified Communications. Incentives to hire, train, and retain OUC personnel who live in our communities is small but positive step towards enhancing public safety by ensuring the stability and efficacy of the OUC's staffing. The Council's action to adopt B25-0536 would mark positive progress in our collective efforts to safeguard the well-being of our community.

Thank you for considering our position on this critical issue.

Lisa Matsumoto
Resident Chair, ANC 6B Public Safety Committee

Frank Avery
Commissioner, SMD 6B01, and Vice Chair, ANC 6B Public Safety Committee



Report of the ANC6B Public Safety Committee Meeting

February 26, 2024, 6:30 – 8:00p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Edward Ryder, Chair; Chander Jayaraman, Vice Chair (6B06); David Sobelsohn (6B03);

Resident Members Present:

Lisa Matsumoto, Chair, Jody Kent Lavy, Ann Keep; Kelly Waud, Cinnamon Butler, Michelle Strizever, Frank Boudra, Chuck Schmoyer, Elliot Mamet, John Schwab.

I. Agenda Item #1; Introductions

Introductions of Commissioners and new resident members.

II. Agenda Item #2; Committee Updates

Edward Ryder, Kelly Waud and Cinnamon Butler provided a summary of a meeting they attended concerning public safety at Potomac Gardens called by the Family Resident Council and attended by MPD and DCHA. Residents shared frustrations and fears after recent shootings. The DCHA Director, Keith Pettigrew, was present and committed to fixing issues raised by residents and improving safety measures. Residents also shared that they feel disconnected from the rest of the neighborhood and feel like they are not seen by others as neighbors. The committee discussed what it can do to not only improve their sense of safety, but to also help residents of Potomac Garden feel more connected to their neighborhood. The ANC and committee will extend an invitation to Miss Petway, the President of the Potomac Garden Family Resident Council, to attend a committee meeting. There was also discussion of whether there could be an additional resident member from the Potomac Garden community, however it would require a change to the ANC6B bylaws because there are already two members from RMD 6B08.

Next, the committee discussed the massive omnibus crime bill, Secure DC. Because the bill is 116 pages long, the committee decided to focus on the issue of provisions, or absence thereof, related to the 911 system and the Office of Unified Communications. This issue was relevant to earlier work of the committee. In 2023, the committee requested that ANC6B write a letter urging the DC Council to establish a task force to review problems with the city's 911 system. CM Robert White, a guest of the committee in December 2023, seemed to take up this issue and included the task force in his

legislative proposal. However, this crime bill does not include anything about a task force to address 911 issues, only more transparency provisions for OUC, which have previously been ineffective in improving the 911 service. Beyond the transparency provisions, there was nothing in the omnibus bill that would hold OUC accountable. The 911 issue is something that the committee can advocate for and make a positive change.

The committee, after discussion of continuing problems and concerns with the 911 system and OUC's lack of accountability, voted unanimously for ANC6B to send another letter to the DC Council, urging them to include additional provisions creating a task force to address continuing problems with the 911 system. There is some urgency to sending the letter since the second vote on this legislation is scheduled for March 5th. It is anticipated that the ANC6B Executive Committee will take up the matter of the letter in their meeting on February 27th.

There was also discussion of CM Mendelson's bill which would essentially codify certain findings of the Gun Violence Reduction Strategic Plan completed by the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform. It was suggested that we take up this issue, perhaps after passage of Secure DC since it is not likely to appear in the bill, and write a letter urging that CM Mendelson's bill receive a hearing and the evidence-based violence prevention tactics recommended in the study be implemented.

III. Agenda Item #3; Identify agenda items for next meeting – March 25, 2024

Discussion of inviting MPD to meetings. It was decided to invite Commander Hall to attend the next meeting. Some members advocated having MPD appear at every meeting to provide a 15 minute briefing. Other members suggested having committee members attend PSA and other MPD meetings and report back. The committee decided to have MPD attend a committee meeting at least twice a year. The committee will further consider how to best liaise with and receive information from MPD.

The issue of youth services was raised as a topic of interest. The issue will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. Chairperson Matsumoto asked members to advise on points of contacts that could be invited to attend the next meeting to focus on the issue.

IV. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM. The next meeting is March 25, 2024.

SE Library Update from 02/19/2024 Meeting

The ANC 6B Southeast Library Taskforce held its February meeting last evening, February 19, at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE. A packed room heard the latest regarding renovations, & discussed the recently opened interim library facility at the Arthur Capper Community Center, 1000 5th St., SE. We also repeated our ANC's proposals regarding pedestrian safety around the renovation site, especially about crosswalks on South Carolina Ave. & D St., SE, & about a protected pedestrian walkway & speedbumps on South Carolina.

We scheduled our next taskforce meeting for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 21. Mark your calendar! We scheduled it for a Thursday because that's the only evening our interim library space at Arthur Capper is open.

We are hoping to hold our next meeting at Arthur Capper, preferably in that interim library space. Councilmember Charles Allen, who was instrumental in securing the funds for that library space, is helping us secure permission to use that space, or at least another room in the building. Stay tuned for the exact location.

We're also working with the offices of both Councilmembers Allen & Trayon White, whose ward includes Arthur Capper & who chairs the Council's library committee, to expand the hours of the Arthur Capper library facility, or at least make it more available for residents who can't use it during the hours it's currently open (10-6 Monday-Wednesday & Friday, 12-8 only on Thursdays, closed Saturdays & Sundays).

At our meeting this past Monday, we learned also that, contrary to previous claims, the renovated Southeast library will not reopen by the two-year anniversary of its closing last month. Rather, work to finish the renovation will remain even after Whiting-Turner, the general contractor, finishes the work under its contract. According to DCPL's Capital Projects director, Jaspreet Pahwa, the target reopening date is now "winter 2026." On questioning, she agreed that that meant by the first day of spring. In 2026 spring will begin on Friday, March 20.

Before that, I hope to see you all at our taskforce meeting on March 21, 2024. As with our past two meetings, we expect to speak with Capital Projects director Pahwa & with representatives of Whiting-Turner. And we hope to introduce everyone who's not yet been there to the Arthur Capper library facility.

Report of February 2024 Eastern Market Community Advisory Council (EMCAC) Meeting

Communications Initiative

A new governance initiative was discussed at the meeting: establishment of an ad hoc committee on communications. Volunteers, especially those with expertise or a calling toward communications, will work to:

- Establish and maintain the multi-media list of contacts
- Institute and keep fresh a calendar of Market activities
- Create a promotional strategy for Market holiday and special events
- Devise an ad campaign for the products, merchants, and vendors of the Market
- Building a social media network to support the Market and build its brand.

While members of the EMCAC are designated in the founding legislation, the communications committee is open to all members of the Capitol Hill community – including Commissioners and Resident Members.

Please contact Chuck Burger at 202-258-5316 or cburger@cbmove.com if you have questions or to sign up.

Maintenance and Security Planning

Committees on Public Safety and Strategic Planning are continuing work and have developed draft plans including: for safety -- a plan for location of retractable bollards on 7th at North Carolina and Pennsylvania Avenue; for maintenance -- installation of a new chiller for the AC system; contract let for masonry repairs to bases of exterior pillars.

Coming Events

In collaboration with the Eastern Market Main Street, the Market will hold its Cherry Blossom Festival March 20 to April 15.

For a Good Time

Check out the “Boggie Baby” activity on Thursday mornings in the North Hall. Bring ear plugs and a smile.

For Additional Information

The meetings of EMCAC are typically held on the last Wednesday of the month and are open to the public. Also, materials developed for the meeting are available for attendees and can be shared subsequently. Also, Jerry Sroufe will be happy to answer questions about the Market (6B02@anc.dc.gov).



ANC 6B March 2024 Treasurer's Report
Submitted by Frank Avery, Commissioner 6B01, 2023 Treasurer, ANC 6B
Submitted March 10th, 2024 for the March 12th, 2024 Commission Meeting

Item #1: Monthly Financials – Placed on the Regular Agenda

For **February 2024**, the ANC's opening balance \$61,690.34. The ANC closed the month with a balance of \$61,630.93. The change in net position for the ANC was a **decrease of \$59.41**. The expenditures and income were as follows:

Debit Card

- **February 5, 2024 - \$2.01 – Amazon Web Services:** The ANC pays a monthly utilization fee for hosting via Amazon Web Services (AWS).
- **February 8, 2024 - \$9.85 – United States Postal Service:** The ANC sent its ANC Security Fund documentation digitally and sent original forms and check #4891 by certified mail to the Office of the DC Auditor.

Checks

Cleared

- **Check #4891 – \$50 - ANC Security Fund (Cleared):** As noted on the February report, 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. This check cleared the ANC's bank account on February 23.

Pending

- **Check #4892 - \$70.79 – Frank Avery (Reimbursement):** The Treasurer procured two additional key fobs and two duplicate office keys from Frager's Hardware Store to allow staff and additional commissioners to better access the ANC's offices and meeting spaces at 700 Penn. Because the hardware store is not on the list of approved vendors, the Treasurer fronted the cost and has submitted for reimbursement. Check 4892 was cut and submitted to the Chair and Vice Chair to co-sign. Officers cannot co-sign checks reimbursing themselves exempt in exigent circumstances.
- **Check #4893 - \$375 – 700 Penn:** The ANC was able to successfully arrange direct payment to 700 Penn for use of meeting space in the building. This check was issued to pay for meeting space for the ANC's hybrid February 13 general commission meeting.

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Deposits

- **February 29, 2024 - \$2.45– National Capital Bank (Interest):** The ANC received its monthly interest payment from its bank on February 29th, 2024.

No other deposits were received in February 2024.

Additional Updates from the Treasurer

Quarterly Allotment Payment

Due to delays in securing signatures for the FY24 Q1 Quarterly Financial Report, the ANC's quarterly allotment payment may be delayed. Each QFR requires the signature of the Chair and Treasurer and "certification" signature from the Secretary. 2 of the 3 signatories had personal emergencies that temporarily delayed signatures. However, we expect the QFR to be completed relatively soon. There is no "penalty" for late QFR submissions. Allotment payments from the DC government are simply delayed until the signed QFR is received. At this time, there are no concerns about a delay impacting the ANC's ability to meet its obligations.

FY2024 Budget Tracking

The OANC has completed an updated budget portal. As previously reported, the budget portal still has some minor glitches that prevent a fully accurate export of the budget due to minor discrepancies in the estimated prior year carryover. We expect this to be resolved relatively soon.

Once completed, the Commission will be presented with the year-to-date update on its FY2024 budget expenditures. Because of the delays with resolving some of the budget portal glitches, some cost categories may require corrections through a budget amendment.

Erroneous Charges by Vendor

The Treasurer has submitted disputed charge requests through the ANC's bank for multiple documented erroneous charges from The Yard. The Treasurer has also submitted documentation revoking authorization for further charges by The Yard.

Commissioners are reminded to be explicit when working with shared vendors the ANC works with and to secure confirmation in writing. Thanks to commissioners for their assistance in confirming items in writing. This has made the dispute process much easier.

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.