



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

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AGENDA

1) Introduction

2) Adoption of Agenda

3) Consent Agenda

- a) March Minutes
- b) Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee Consent Items
 - i) **ABRA-100211**—K&W Legacy, LLC, t/a **Capitol Hill Wine & Spirits**; 323 Pennsylvania Ave SE; Renewal of a Class A Liquor License; Petition deadline 4-22-24 [6B02] **The Committee recommended that full support the renewal application and place it on the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.**
 - ii) **ABRA-103161**—Wine Root, Inc. t/a **New Congressional Liquor**; 404 1st Street SE; Renewal of a Class A Liquor License; Petition deadline 5-13-24 [6B01] **The Committee recommended that full support the renewal application and place it on the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.**
- c) Transportation Committee Consent Items
 - i) Alley Signs Behind 700 Block of C Street SE **The Committee recommend that the ANC write a letter to DDOT and DPW urging the placement No Parking signs and increased parking enforcement at this location, to be drafted by Commissioner Sobelsohn and Commissioner LaFortune and placed on the consent agenda at the full monthly ANC meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**
 - i) Speed Humps on 600 Block of I Street SE (TSI 24-00150352) **The Committee recommend that the ANC write a letter to DDOT and DPW urging the installation of speed humps and removal of graffiti on the 600 block of I St., SE, and the 700 block of 7th St., SE, to be drafted by Commissioner Sobelsohn and Commissioner LaFortune and placed on the consent agenda at the full monthly ANC meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**
 - ii) Letter to DDOT Requesting Study of Future Design for I-695 **The Committee recommend that the ANC write a letter to DDOT and Councilmember Charles Allen urging DDOT to commission a study on an improved future design for I-695, to be drafted by Commissioner LaFortune, Commissioner Avery, and the 6B01 Resident Members and placed on the consent agenda at the full monthly ANC meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**
- b) Planning & Zoning Consent Items
 - i) **BZA 20996: 106 13TH Street SE; Pacci's Trattoria** **The Executive Committee Previously Authorized Commissioner D'Andrea to provide supplemental written and oral testimony at the April 5th BZA hearing.**

c) **ANC 6B Administrative Consent Items**

- i) Adjust April Date of Public Safety Committee to Avoid Conflicting with Second Evening of Passover.
Suggested New Date = April 24th

2) **Presentations**

- a) Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen – Discussion of the FY2025 Budget

3) **Community & Commission Announcements & Speak Out**

4) **Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee**

- a) Report of the ABC Committee

5) **Transportation Committee**

- a) Report for the Transportation Committee

6) **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 **The Committee recommend that the ANC send a letter of support to BZA and to place the item on the regular agenda. The motion passed 7-4-0**
- b) **BZA 21093: 1362 K Street, SE Project:** To construct a second story addition to an existing detached accessory garage to an existing, attached, three-story, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone. **Owner(s):** Joseph and Kyle Fortson **Applicant:** Jennifer Fowler, jennifer@fowler-architects.com **Hearing Date:** 04/24/24 **[6B01] Plans:** https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Home/ViewCase?case_id=21093 **Deferred to the May meeting at the request of the applicant.**
- c) Consideration of CBA for Alley Closing in Square 762 **Per Planning & Zoning Report: Negotiations are still ongoing. An agreement will likely be presented to the Committee in May.**
- d) Report for the Planning & Zoning Committee

7) **Southeast Library Task Force**

- a) Update on Traffic Issues Around SE Library
b) Report for the Southeast Library Task Force from March Meeting

8) **Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force**

- a) April Meeting Not Until 4/15/2024, No Formal Report at April Meeting

9) **Committee on Public Safety**

- a) Report for the Committee on Public Safety

10) **Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee**

- a) Report for EMCAC

11) **Financial**

- a) Monthly Financials
b) ~~FY24 Q2 Quarterly Financial Report (QFR)~~ **To be voted on at the May meeting of ANC 6B**

12) **ANC 6B Input on Other Concerns**

13) **ANC 6B Administrative Matters**

- a) Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates

14) **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 April 30th at 7:00 PM to set the February 2024 agenda. This meeting will be a Zoom virtual meeting. Meeting link TBA.

PROPOSED MINUTES

for consideration at Meeting April 8, 2024

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 12, 2024

Held In Person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and Over Zoom
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 7:07 p.m.

1. Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner LaFortune seconded to approve the agenda as presented. At the request of Commissioner LaFortune, the agenda was amended to include, as part of the Transportation Committee report, discussion of the February 15 11th Street Corridor walk with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT). As amended, the motion passed 9-0.

2. Consent Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed 8-0. Commissioner Sobelsohn abstained. Items on the Consent Agenda included:

a. Minutes of the February 13 Meeting as presented.

b. Appointments to Task Forces by Commissioner Avery (6B01): to the task forces on--

1) The Southeast Library: Claire August, as Resident Member.

2) Public Parks and Recreation Spaces: Steven Thomas, as Alternate Resident Member.

c. Amendments to the Bylaws. The bylaw amendments' text is linked to these minutes. The amendments concern:

1) Election of committee and taskforce chairs and vice-chairs, and provision for chair and vice-chair vacancies (revision to bylaws Article VII.2. B).

2) Authorization of vendors the ANC can pay by debit card, including a schedule for that approval and provision for amending the list during the year (new bylaw Article VIII.1.C.).

d. Committee Recommendations: from the--

1) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee: To withdraw the ANC protest of, and--based on a negotiated settlement agreement--support the medical-cannabis retailer license application of No Kids Allowed, 637B Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABCA-126724). The settlement-agreement's text is linked to these minutes.

2) Transportation Committee.

a) Resolutions supporting--

1-- DC streetcar extension to the Benning Road Metrorail station. The resolution's text is linked to these minutes.

2-- Dedicated Funding for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. The resolution's text is linked to these minutes.

b) Letters to the District Department of Transportation regarding--

1-- 2024 second quarter Traffic Safety Input priority locations in ANC 6B. The letter's text is linked to these minutes.

2-- No-Parking Sign on Ives Place, SE. The letter's text is linked to these minutes.

3) Planning and Zoning Committee: To support, before the Historic Preservation Review Board, Jonathan Schmidt's application for a permit to convert, to a principle dwelling unit, an existing, semi-detached commercial building at the rear of 633 E St., SE, in the RF-1 zone, and to build a second-story addition to the building (HPA 24-161).

3. Announcements: from the--

a. National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Catherine Lott announced a three-mile fundraising walk 10 a.m. Sunday, April 28, starting at National Park. The walk would require no street closings and not enter ANC 6B.

b. Office of Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen, Kimberly Kennedy announced--

1) Passage of the SecureDC crime bill March 5.

2) Hearings on--

a) Councilmember Allen's cannabis-law "I-71 shop" enforcement bill.

b) The Historic Preservation Office.

3) The start of DDOT's e-bike rebate program.

4) A Ward Six cleanup on Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m.-12 noon, including several areas in ANC 6B.

c. Mayor's Office of Community Relations (MOCR), Jake Stolzenberg announced--

1) March Madness in the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, March 13, starting 10 a.m.

2) The Passage of the SecureDC crime bill March 5.

3) A walk he led March 4 in ANC 6B08 near Potomac Gardens.

d. ANC chair, Commissioner Ryder announced upcoming ANC meetings.

1) Southeast Library Task Force March 21.

2) Public Safety Committee March 25.

3) Executive Committee March 26.

4) Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force April 1.

5) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee April 2.

6) Transportation Committee April 3.

7) Planning and Zoning Committee April 4.

8) Full Commission April 8.

4. Committee Reports.

a. Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee.

1) Pending medical-cannabis retailer applications of--

a) BBCF LLC trading as DC Dash, 727 8th St., SE (ABCA-126750) and--

b) UpNSmoke II, LLC, 427 8th St., SE (ABCA-126850).

Commissioner Jayaraman moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to authorize Commissioners Jayaraman and Sobelsohn to continue negotiating with applicants on settlement agreements, and to postpone resolution of the ANC's position on these two applications until the Executive Committee's March 26 meeting. The motion passed 9-0.

2) Written committee report: the March report of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee is linked to these minutes.

b. Transportation Committee.

1) Committee chair Commissioner LaFortune reported on a February 15 11th St. walk with DDOT director Sharon Kershbaum, Ward Six Councilmember Allen, Ward Six MOCR Stolzenberg, and several ANC 6B commissioners. During the walk DDOT promised to address safety problems at the intersections of 11th and D Streets and 11th and G Streets, SE.

2) Written committee report: the March report of the Transportation Committee is linked to these minutes.

c. Planning and Zoning Committee.

1) Fees for Violation of Historic-District Regulations. Committee chair Commissioner D'Andrea reported on a DC Council proposal to authorize the Department of Buildings to impose fees for violation of historic-district regulations. Commissioner Sroufe moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to authorize Commissioner Sroufe to testify at a Council hearing on the pending legislation. The motion passed 8-1 with Commissioner D'Andrea opposed. A letter reflecting the testimony is linked to these minutes.

2) Committee reports.

a) Oral report. Committee chair D'Andrea reported on the committee's ongoing--

1-- Consideration of Jonathan Schmidt's application, before the Zoning Commission, for a permit to convert, to a principle dwelling unit, an existing, semi-detached commercial building at the rear of 633 E St., SE, in the RF-1 zone, and to build a second-story addition to the building (BZA 21098). Earlier in the meeting, as part of its Consent Agenda, the ANC voted to support Schmidt's application for this project before the Historic Preservation Review Board.

2-- Negotiations with Clear Plains, LLC regarding its petition to close an alley in ANC 6B02, Square 762, across 2^d Street, SE, from the Library of Congress's Madison Building.

b) Written report: the March report of the Planning and Zoning Committee is linked to these minutes.

d. Southeast Library Task Force.

1) Oral report: Taskforce chair Commissioner Sobelsohn reported that the taskforce met February 19 and toured the library construction site March 6, and that DDOT has committed to address the issues raised in a letter the ANC authorized at its February meeting, including painting a new crosswalk on D St., SE, and creating a protected pedestrian pathway on South Carolina Ave., SE.

2) Written report: the March report of the Southeast Library Task Force, and minutes from the taskforce's February 19 meeting, are linked to these minutes.

e. Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force. Taskforce chair Commissioner Sroufe reported on the taskforce's meeting March 4, including plans for a scenic route between Garfield Park and Virginia Ave., SE. Commissioner Mareino reported that, in December 2023, volunteers cleaned up the triangle park at the intersection of 14th St., D St., and Kentucky Ave., SE, but that no agency took responsibility for the park's upkeep so it soon became filled with yard waste. Then, shortly after DC Congressmember Eleanor Holmes Norton reminded the DC Department of Park and Recreation that, under the National Capital Plan Act of 1952, DPR had jurisdiction over the park, the yard waste disappeared.

f. Public Safety Committee. On the committee's behalf, its vice chair, Commissioner Avery, reported a hearing on March 18 on the Home Purchase Assistance for 911/311 Call-Takers and Dispatchers Amendment Act of 2023 (Bill B25-0536). The bill would expand, to 911 and 311 call-takers and dispatchers, current DC employee assistance for buying a home in DC. Commissioner Avery moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to endorse the legislation and to authorize Commissioner Avery to testify in its favor. A copy of that testimony is linked to these minutes. The motion passed 8-0. Commissioner Sroufe abstained. The committee's written report is linked to these minutes.

g. Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee. ANC's EMCAC representative, Commissioner Sroufe, reported on the EMCAC meeting February 28. EMCAC is organizing a communications committee.

5. Financial Report. The March financial report is linked to these minutes.

6. Adjournment. Commissioner Ryder moved to adjourn. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner David Sobelsohn
Secretary, ANC 6B



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

Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

REPORT

I. Introduction of Commissioners and Resident Members

Commissioners: Jayaraman; Ryder; Durkit; Avery; Sroufe;

Resident Member: Lee; Szafran; Levy; Mawn; Hutchens;

II. New Business

- a. ABRA-100211—K&W Legacy, LLC, t/a **Capitol Hill Wine & Spirits**; 323 Pennsylvania Ave SE; Renewal of a Class A Liquor License; Petition deadline 4-22-24 [6B02]
- Hours of Operation / Sales: Sun.--Sat. 10 AM – 10 PM;

MOTION: Recommend to the ANC approve the renewal application as it exists with the current SA in force and place it on the consent agenda; [Sroufe; Levy 2nd] VOTE: Pass 11-0-0

- b. ABRA-103161—Wine Root, Inc. t/a **New Congressional Liquor**; 404 1st Street SE; Renewal of a Class A Liquor License; Petition deadline 5-13-24 [6B01]
- Hours of Operation / Sales: Sun.--Sat. 8 AM – 12 AM;
 - Actual hours: Mon-Fri 9 am -7 pm Sat; Noon-4 pm
 - Tasting Endorsement

Avery: Conducted outreach; glowing endorsement; recommend support from the community;

MOTION: Recommend to the ANC approve the renewal application as it exists with the current SA in force and place it on the consent agenda; [Avery; Durkit 2nd] VOTE: Pass 12-0-0

III. Adjourn



**Report of the ANC6B Transportation Committee Meeting
April 3, 2024**

Commissioners Present: Matt LaFortune (chairing), Frank Avery (6B01), David Sobelsohn (6B03), Chander Jayaraman (6B06), Vince Mareino (6B07)

Resident Members Present: Jakob Youngblood (6B01), Janice Kruger (6B03), Brian Kirrane (6B03-Alt), Mike Litt (6B05), Brian Poochigian (6B06), Joshua Peacock (6B09-Alt)

Alley Signs Behind 700 Block of C St. SE

Commissioner Sobelsohn shared neighbors' concerns that alley between 7th and 8th close to C St SE is constantly being blocked from the outside and within the alley. This is both a parking enforcement issue and could be improved with better "No Parking" signage.

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to recommend that the ANC write a letter to DDOT and DPW urging the placement No Parking signs and increased parking enforcement at this location, to be drafted by Commissioner Sobelsohn and Commissioner LaFortune and placed on the consent agenda at the next monthly ANC meeting. Commissioner LaFortune seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Speed Humps on 600 Block of I St. SE (TSI 24-00150352)

Commissioner Sobelsohn shared neighbors' request for speed humps on the 600 block of I St., SE, and the 700 block of 7th St., SE. Several neighbors shared additional detail on the need for action at these locations, especially as several nearby blocks already have speed humps and this is a residential area. The Board of Directors at Townhomes on Capitol Hill also expressed support for these actions. Additionally, there was a request for DPW to clean up graffiti in the area.

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to recommend that the ANC write a letter to DDOT and DPW urging the installation of speed humps and removal of graffiti on the 600 block of I St., SE, and the 700 block of 7th St., SE, to be drafted by Commissioner Sobelsohn and Commissioner LaFortune and placed on the consent agenda at the next monthly ANC meeting. Commissioner LaFortune seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Letter to DDOT Requesting Study of Future Design of I-695

Commissioner Avery introduced a suggestion from a neighbor to urge DDOT to study alternative designs for the I-695 overpass due to reconnect neighborhoods originally separated by the highway's construction and in alignment with DDOT's current DC 295 & I-295 Corridor Improvements Study, which received a USDOT Reconnecting Communities grant.

RM Youngblood expressed his support for this action, noting that highway reconstruction projects can take at least 7-8 years from the original study to construction and a need to get the ball rolling now for this to be a feasible effort in the future.

Commissioner Avery highlighted at advocating early and hopefully getting available funds would save time and effort for future business development and would support the 2030 Vision for the Capitol Riverfront BID.

RM Kirrane noted that this is something that is being talked about and there may be excess federal funding for a study. Regardless, this would be the right time to put the ANC's marker down in support.

Commissioner LaFortune moved to recommend that the ANC write a letter to DDOT and Councilmember Charles Allen urging DDOT to commission a study on an improved future design for I-695, to be drafted by Commissioner LaFortune, Commissioner Avery, and the 6B01 Resident Members and placed on the consent agenda at the next monthly ANC meeting. Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the conclusion of the last agenda item, Commissioner Jayaraman shared that he is organizing a community meeting on Thursday, April 18th at 7pm at Mott's Market to discuss NOI-24-96: 13th Street/Independence Avenue/Kentucky Avenue SE Vision Zero Hardening. He has invited DDOT and Councilmember Allen to the meeting and will request that the ANC write a letter to DDOT asking for an extension to the comment period for this project at the next monthly meeting.

Commissioner LaFortune noted his opposition to extending the deadline and belief that the ANC could have adequately addressed this project in April meetings. In response to Commissioner Sobelsohn, he shared his concern that delaying the project was unnecessary and would have an impact on other necessary safety improvements.

RM Kirrane noted that the ANC could send a letter suggesting design changes to DDOT after the end of the NOI comment period, if necessary.

Commissioner Jayaraman shared that the ANC did not receive the NOI until after the March Executive Committee meeting, which set agendas for April.



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Re: Illegal Parking on Alley Behind 700 Block of C St. SE

Parliamentarian
Kasie Durkit

Dear Director Kershbaum and Director Spriggs:

At a properly noticed general meeting on April 8, 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 Department of Transportation (DDOT) and Department of Public Works (DPW).

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- SMD 02 Jerry Sroufe
- SMD 03 David Sobelsohn
- SMD 04 Frank D’Andrea
- SMD 05 Kasie Durkit
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- SMD 07 Vince Mareino
- SMD 08 Edward Ryder
- SMD 09 Matt LaFortune

We write about illegal parking in and just outside the alley between 7th and 8th Streets, SE, just north of C Street, SE. Illegally parked cars, both in the alley and just outside on 7th and 8th St., frequently block residents who require unimpeded access to the alley to get to the road where all have garages and/or parking aprons. Since the north end of the alley is shaped oddly, it's very difficult to enter the central part of the alley from that side, particularly from 7th St. Often, trucks parked on 7th or 8th St. block the entry point to the alley or (more frequently) individuals parking in the alley itself make it difficult to pass through or turn into the middle.

ANC 6B urges DDOT to install additional signs to make clear that the alley is off limits to non-resident parking. Additionally, ANC 6B urges DPW to conduct additional parking enforcement in the area.

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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VIA EMAIL: sharon.kershbaum@dc.gov; timothy.spriggs@dc.gov

Re: Speed Humps on I St. SE, and 7th St. SE, and Graffiti in the Area

Dear Director Kershbaum and Director Spriggs:

At a properly noticed general meeting on April 8, 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 Department of Transportation (DDOT) and Department of Public Works (DPW).

At our April Transportation Committee meeting ANC 6B discussed complaints from neighbors about unsafe driving on the 600 block of I St., SE, and the 700 block of 7th St., SE. Two TSIs have been submitted (24-00150352 and 24-00173181). Attached to this letter are a letter supporting the installation of speed humps from the Board of Directors of Townhomes on Capitol Hill as well as pictures of the area.

Regarding the 600 Block of I Street, SE (TSI 24-00150352), the proximity of the I-695 freeway means that cars exiting the freeway often turn right onto the 600 Block of I Street at speeds unsafe for this block.

Moreover, with the 700 Block of 7th Street, SE (TSI 24-00173181), cars headed southbound are often driven at incautious speeds once the cars move beyond the 400 and 500 Blocks of 7th Street, SE; those two blocks have speed humps, which prompt drivers to move at speeds slower and safer for those blocks. However, often when drivers have moved beyond those two blocks, they accelerate even though the risk for pedestrians is as high along the 700 block as with the two preceding blocks. Lastly, cars headed southbound often turn right from the 700 Block of 7th Street onto the 600 Block of I Street at unsafe speeds, thus adding to the risk presented by those cars entering the 600 Block of I Street from 6th Street, SE.

Additionally, neighbors shared concerns about unaddressed graffiti nearby.

ANC 6B urges DDOT to include TSI #24-00150352 and #24-00173181 in its next quarterly prioritization and install speed humps on both blocks. Additionally, ANC 6B urges DPW to clean graffiti in the immediate vicinity.

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



**The Townhomes on Capitol Hill 750
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TO: ANC6B

FROM: The Townhomes on Capitol Hill

On 25 March 2024, the Board of Directors of Townhomes on Capitol Hill voted in favor for the installation of speed bumps on I Street Southeast between 6th and 7th Streets (TSI 24-00150352) and 7th Street Southeast between G Street Southeast and Virginia Avenue Southeast (TSI 24-00173181). As residents of both the 700 block of 7th Street and the 600 block of I Street, our members would greatly benefit from the increased safety that speed bumps would bring to the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Smith".

Nicole Smith

President of Board, on behalf of Townhomes on Capitol Hill

Nicole Smith, Board President
Blake Pierce, Board Vice President
Helen Matheson, Board Secretary
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VIA EMAIL: sharon.kershbaum@dc.gov

Re: Study of Future Design for I-695

Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a properly noticed general meeting on April 8, 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 District Department of Transportation (DDOT).

We are writing to urge the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to commission a study on the feasibility of transforming Interstate 695 into a boulevard. This project has the potential to address several critical issues facing our city, including:

- **Displacement and Pollution:** The construction of I-695 displaced many Black families and resulted in ongoing environmental burdens for surrounding communities. A boulevard plan could incorporate features that mitigate pollution and create a healthier environment for residents.
- **Affordable Housing Opportunities:** Reclaiming the land currently occupied by I-695 presents a unique opportunity to develop much-needed affordable housing in these neighborhoods. This would not only address the city's housing crisis but also contribute to the revitalization of these communities.
- **Reconnecting Divided Communities:** I-695 serves as a physical barrier, severing the connection between Wards 6 and 8. This has disproportionately impacted Black and low-income residents, hindering access to essential services and opportunities. A boulevard design would allow for the creation of vibrant, walkable neighborhoods, fostering a more equitable and inclusive city.

We have seen the positive impact of similar projects, such as the transformation of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge and the planned transformation of the 11th Street Bridge. Just as the I-295 study is poised to transform the Anacostia waterfront, a comprehensive study on I-695 has the potential to finally, fully connect Wards 6 and 8. We urge DDOT to prioritize this study and believe that, with Councilmember Allen's



support, we can make significant progress on reconnecting our communities and creating a more equitable Washington, D.C.

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

CC: Councilmember Charles Allen – Chairperson, Committee on Transportation and the Environment,
Council of the District of Columbia



Report of the ANC 6B Planning and Zoning Committee

April 4, 2024

Commissioners Present: Avery (6B01 – Partial), Sroufe (6B02), Sobelsohn (6B03), D’Andrea (6B04 – Charing), Ryder (6B08)

Resident Members Present: Rutkowski (6B01), Lea (6B01 – Alternate Not Voting), Friedman (6B02), Smith (6B03), Girod (6B04 – Alternate Voting), Jarboe (6B05), Holman (6B09 – Vice Chair)

1. Introductions/Call to Order

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

2. 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 applicant presented an application to add a second story to an existing warehouse on an alley lot. The second story addition would require an area variance to be constructed as it exceeds the by-right height of 20 feet. Neighbors relayed concerns about impacts to light, privacy and the size of the proposed project. Overall, the Committee found that the impacts (while not non-existent) were minor, and that the applicant had met the burden for the area variance.

Motion [D’Andrea/Holman] to recommend that full ANC send a letter of support to BZA and to place the item on the regular agenda. After taking an initial vote, a roll call vote was requested and granted via unanimous consent. The motion passed 7-4-0 with Commissioners Sroufe and Sobelsohn and Resident Members Friedman and Robinson opposed. Commissioner Avery was not present and did not vote.

4. BZA 21093: 138 E Street, SE

Project: To construct a second story addition to an existing detached accessory garage to an existing, attached, three-story, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.

Owner(s): Joseph and Kyle Fortson

Applicant: Jennifer Fowler, jennifer@fowler-architects.com

Hearing Date: 04/24/24 [6B01]

Plans: https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Home/ViewCase?case_id=21093

The case was deferred to the May meeting at the request of the applicant.



No action taken.

5. BZA 20996: 106 13TH Street SE

Commissioner D’Andrea provided an update on the case noted above. OP has issued a report that now favors the grating of the use variance. It is likely, with this last bit of opposition gone, that the BZA will grant the requested relief. Commissioner D’Andrea further noted that the Executive Committee had authorized him to provide supplemental written and oral testimony at the upcoming April 10th BZA hearing.

No action taken.

6. Consideration of CBA for Alley Closing in Square 762

Commissioner D’Andrea provided an update regarding the CBA. While it was hoped that a finalized agreement would be presented this month, negotiations are still ongoing. An agreement will likely be presented to the Committee in May.

No action taken.

7. Adjournment

The chair motioned, via unanimous consent, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

BZA 20996 – 106 13th Street SE

ANC 6B Statement and Testimony in Response to Supplemental Filings

March 4, 2024

Hello, my name is Frank D'Andrea and I am the Commissioner for ANC SMD 6B04 and Chair of the ANC 6B's Planning and Zoning Committee. On February 27, 2024, at a regularly scheduled, properly-noticed meeting with a quorum present, ANC 6B's Executive Committee voted 6-0-0 to authorize me to provide this supplemental testimony regarding BZA case 20996. ANC 6B continues to support the applicant's request for a use variance for the reasons given in our initial letter and ANC report. We believe the supplemental filings by the applicant lend further weight to their and our arguments. I will note that the supplemental testimony from the Office of Planning was posted late and therefore ANC 6B was not afforded adequate time to prepare a response to their assertions and make our filing deadline.

Thank you for your time and I would be happy to answer any questions the board might have.

BZA 20996 – 106 13th Street SE

ANC 6B Statement and Testimony in Response to Supplemental Filings

April 5, 2024

Hello, my name is Frank D'Andrea and I am the Commissioner for ANC SMD 6B04 and Chair of the ANC 6B's Planning and Zoning Committee. On March 26, 2024, at a regularly-scheduled, properly-noticed meeting, with a quorum present, ANC 6B's Executive Committee voted 6-0-0 to authorize me to provide this supplemental testimony regarding BZA case 20996.

ANC 6B continues to support the relief requested by the applicant and is pleased that the Office of Planning has come to a fair and reasonable position of support in light of the unique conditions faced by the applicant and the outpouring of community support. We hope that the board, given that there is no longer any substantive argument against granting the requested relief, will vote in favor of granting said relief.

Thank you for your time and I would be happy to answer any questions the board might have.

April 7, 2024

Dear ANC 6B Commissioners,

We are members of the community surrounding 633 E Street SE Rear. We live or work in nearby homes, including the immediately surrounding historic Archibald Walk alley dwellings. We believe that the proposed development will be substantially detrimental to our homes and our community, and we do not think that the applicant has met their burden of demonstrating a need for a height variance. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the ANC oppose the requested height variance.

The Proposed Design Would Be Substantially Detrimental to Neighboring Homes

The applicant seeks to develop an approximately 5,500 square foot warehouse located at 633 E Street SE Rear into a single-family residence and requests a height variance for a second-floor addition. The resulting proposed design is approximately 28 feet high—a substantial increase over its current height of approximately 17.5 feet on the south side of the building and 14.5 feet on the north side of the building.

If the applicant's requested height variance is granted, the impact on our homes would be significant. 633 E Street SE Rear is surrounded by our homes—a number of small historic alley dwellings that generally only have half a dozen windows each (at most). The proposed design would have an enormously detrimental impact on the already limited sunlight in our homes, as well as the openness of Archibald Walk.

As the shadow study conducted by the applicant reveals,¹ the proposed design would produce a significant amount of additional shading. For example, the homes at 520 and 522 Archibald Walk SE currently have abundant sunlight in their upstairs, north-facing windows—the only windows that receive good sunlight. However, if the proposed design were approved, they would lose sunlight in these windows in June—when sunlight should be most prevalent—starting late afternoon. *See Exhibit A.* Similarly, the home at 518 Archibald Walk SE currently receives year-round sunlight in its upstairs west-facing windows—again, the only windows that receive consistently good sunlight. But if the proposed design were approved, these windows would begin to lose sunlight by 4 pm in October and by 3 pm in December. *See Exhibit B.* Similarly, the south-facing windows of the artist studio at 647 Archibald Walk SE would begin losing sunlight in its south-facing windows by 4 pm in October and by 9 am in December. *See Exhibit C.* This is a time of year when light is already scarce, so this would be an enormous loss.

Additionally, the proposed design would disrupt the visual openness of Archibald Walk that neighboring homes and community members currently enjoy. Neighboring homes now have views

¹ The shadow study filed by the applicant with the BZA, BZA Ex. 22B, depicts a very limited selection of the results provided to neighbors and omits key results that show the extent of the impact. The filed version of the shadow study also includes results that were not provided to neighbors; the filed version shows the impact beginning at 9 am at various points throughout the year, whereas the version provided to neighbors only showed the impact beginning at noon.

of the open sky and, from some homes, Christ Church’s historic spires. The proposed design essentially seeks to *double* the building’s height on the north side. As a result, the proposed residence would loom over and dwarf the surrounding homes, and the openness that community members currently enjoy would be obstructed and lost. See Exhibits D, E.

While the ANC may have approved height variances that have similar impacts in the past, this situation is unique due to the small size of the impacted homes. As mentioned above, these homes are generally under 700 square feet with only a small number of windows and already limited sunlight. Though losing sunlight for half the year in a window or two may not seem like a big deal in a normal-sized home, our homes are approximately a third of the size of the average Capitol Hill home² and the loss of light and openness in even a single window is enormously consequential—especially where the impacted windows are the only ones that currently have consistently good light.³

The Applicant Has Not Met Their Burden for a Variance

The applicant has not met their burden of demonstrating the need for a height variance. The applicant’s argument for a height variance essentially boils down to a claim that they need to add a second floor to the building because the first floor cannot accommodate a sufficient number of bedrooms due to light and ventilation concerns. This is baseless. The building currently has only two windows, both on the north side of the building. In contrast, the proposed design preserves neither of these windows and instead features multiple large windows on the north and west sides of the building, as well as a courtyard on the south side of the building that appears to be over 600 square feet and surrounded by windows. As a result, there are more than enough windows to accommodate bedrooms on the first level, and HPO has not identified any issue with the addition of new windows (or indicated that the applicant could not add even more windows if they so chose).⁴

The applicant also argues that they cannot add bedroom windows on the first floor due to purported privacy and security concerns with windows facing a public alley. However, all of the windows that the applicant proposes including on the first floor appear to be at least seven feet off the ground. Since they are well above the height of the vast majority of people, passersby would not be able to see into these windows, and these proposed first-floor windows would be more similarly situated to the second-floor windows from a security perspective. Additionally, it is worth noting that the north side of 633 E Street SE Rear faces the pedestrian-only portion of Archibald Walk,

² Capitol Hill, HOMES.COM, <https://www.homes.com/washington-dc/neighborhood/capitol-hill/> (last visited Apr. 7, 2024) (listing average home size in Capitol Hill as 2,074 square feet).

³ Though the applicant has attempted to argue at various points that a by-right project, which would involve increasing the building height to 20 feet with no setback, would be more impactful, a by-right project is not an appropriate reference point here. As addressed in more detail below, if the applicant is correct that they are unable to remove the roof due to its historic nature, a by-right project would not be a possibility, as that would also require removing the roof.

⁴ Indeed, the HPO staff report expressed approval for the new windows on both levels of the proposed design and noted that “[t]he addition of new openings is compatible with the building’s utilitarian . . . character and for a structure that has a history of openings being covered over or modified.” BZA Ex. 22C, HPO Staff Report at 2.

which is very quiet and relatively secluded, and is far more akin to a sidewalk than a public alley accessible to vehicles. If this were a legitimate concern, it would be possible to locate the windows even higher on the building or add protective bars. In point of fact, many of us currently have bedroom windows directly on the alley that are not much higher than the first-floor windows in the proposed design.

Indeed, it is more likely that the proposed development itself will pose privacy concerns and security risks to neighboring homes. The proposed second-floor windows may have vantage points into the windows of neighboring homes and into the neighboring private gardens. With the proposed second-floor addition, it would be much easier for someone to access the north-facing second-floor windows of 520 Archibald Walk SE, which are just a couple feet away from the proposed development. The proposed design includes walk-out doorways and rooftop terraces which invite people to be spending time regularly on the roof, introducing new security risks via easy access to the windows at 520 Archibald Walk SE. *See Exhibits F, G.*

As a point of reference, the warehouse directly across the alley at 528 F Street Terrace was developed into a single-family home with an interior courtyard and was able to accommodate multiple bedrooms without needing to add a second level, despite being significantly smaller (3,700 square feet) and having less wall space to accommodate windows. The applicant has provided no compelling explanation for how this development, which faced far more spatial challenges than the applicant's warehouse, was able to accommodate code-compliant bedrooms, and the warehouse at issue cannot.⁵

As a result, the applicant's claims that they would run into any practical difficulties with configuring the preexisting 5,500 square foot warehouse to accommodate multiple bedrooms on the first level are without merit. This should end the inquiry.

Relying on the faulty premise that the first floor is unable to accommodate bedrooms, the applicant next claims that they must add a second floor and that this second floor must be built wholly on top of the preexisting roof. The applicant claims that they must take this approach rather than removing the roof, or a portion thereof, to allow for a second level with a more modest height increase because of the allegedly historic nature of the roof. Their only support for this is a conclusory statement from a structural engineer that the roof "has historical significance,"⁶ and a stray line in the HPO staff report that the proposed design preserves the roof, which it notes is a unique feature.⁷ Additionally, the applicant's conduct belies the claim that the roof is an impediment. In email correspondence, the applicant has made clear that they intend to remove the

⁵ The applicant attempts to distinguish this property by claiming that 528 F Street Terrace was able to accommodate bedroom windows on the south side of the building because that side is not located on the public alley and does not pose the same privacy concerns, but this is unavailing. The south side of 528 F Street Terrace faces an open driveway that is easily accessible and visible from the public alley, and that side only has three small, closely spaced windows high up on the building, which would hardly be sufficient to accommodate the multiple bedrooms in the residence. *See Exhibit H.*

⁶ BZA Ex. 22E, Statement of Shawn Kelley.

⁷ BZA Ex. 22C, HPO Staff Report at 2.

roof and construct a by-right project if their proposed design is not approved.⁸ As a result, the applicant's arguments that the roof is an extraordinary or exceptional condition that poses an impediment are pretextual, and, if a second story were truly necessary, which it is not, a design that incorporates a much more modest height increase would be possible.

Accordingly, the applicant has not demonstrated a need for a height variance to permit a second-story addition wholly on top of the preexisting roof. At most, they have simply demonstrated their desire for such a design.

In sum, the proposed design would have a significant impact on our homes and our community, and the applicant has not met their burden of demonstrating the need for a variance. While we also have concerns about the disruption caused by this development and any future use of public space, as well as the apparently unpermitted demolition work that has already begun (and has occurred outside of legal construction hours), the height variance, if granted, will have a permanent and detrimental impact on our homes and our community.

The applicant has numerous options available for configuring the preexisting 5,500 square foot warehouse to allow for bedrooms and sufficient lighting (*e.g.*, expanding the inner courtyard, creating a second inner courtyard, adding additional windows to accommodate bedrooms on the first level, adding second-level bedrooms to the south side of the preexisting building). We do not have that same luxury.

We respectfully request that the ANC oppose the requested height variance.

Sincerely,

Brian Kidwell, 518 Archibald Walk SE
Brittany Lamb, 518 Archibald Walk SE
Leslie Blaha, 520 Archibald Walk SE
Carol B. Stapp, Ph.D., 522 Archibald Walk SE and adjacent lot
Rose Stapp, 522 Archibald Walk SE
William Fleishell, 647 Archibald Walk SE
Michael Nolan, 512 F Street Terrace
Rene Albacete, 514 F Street Terrace

⁸ The fact that the applicant intends to cover this purportedly historic roof with a green roof, plans on demolishing a major portion of the roof to accommodate the interior courtyard, and is willing to compromise its historic integrity with the structural changes required to allow access between floors indicates that preserving the roof is hardly an actual concern for the applicant.

Exhibit A

Shadow study depicting impact of proposed design on 520 and 522 Archibald Walk SE.

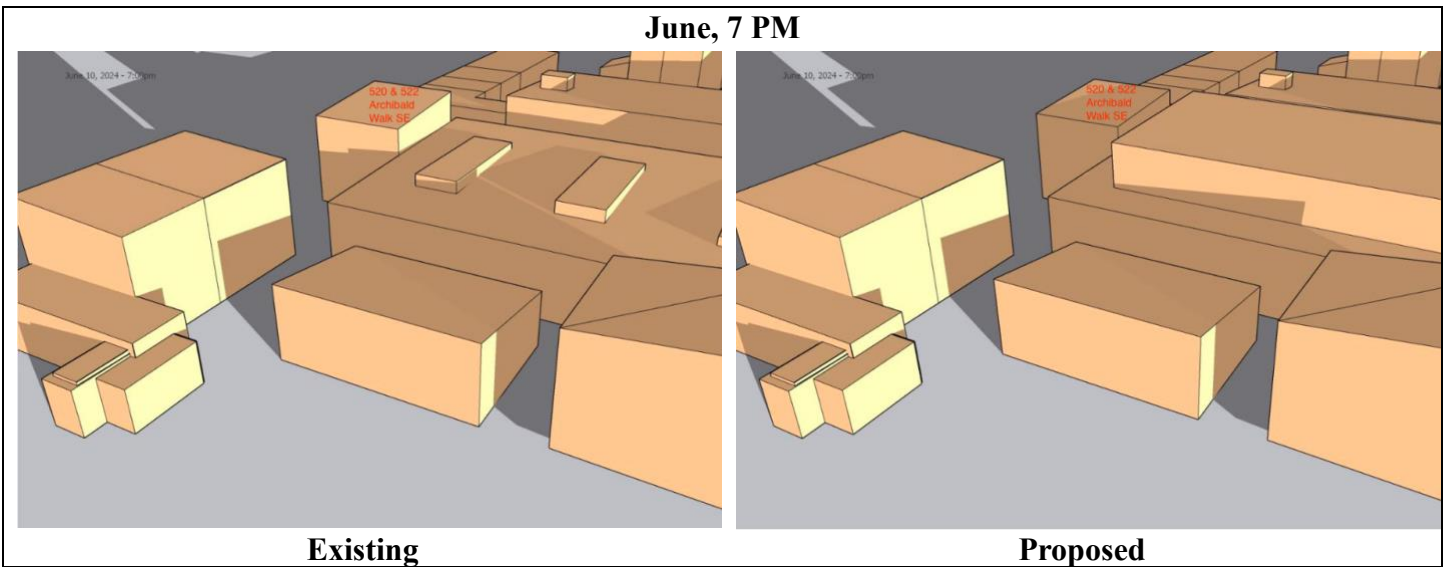
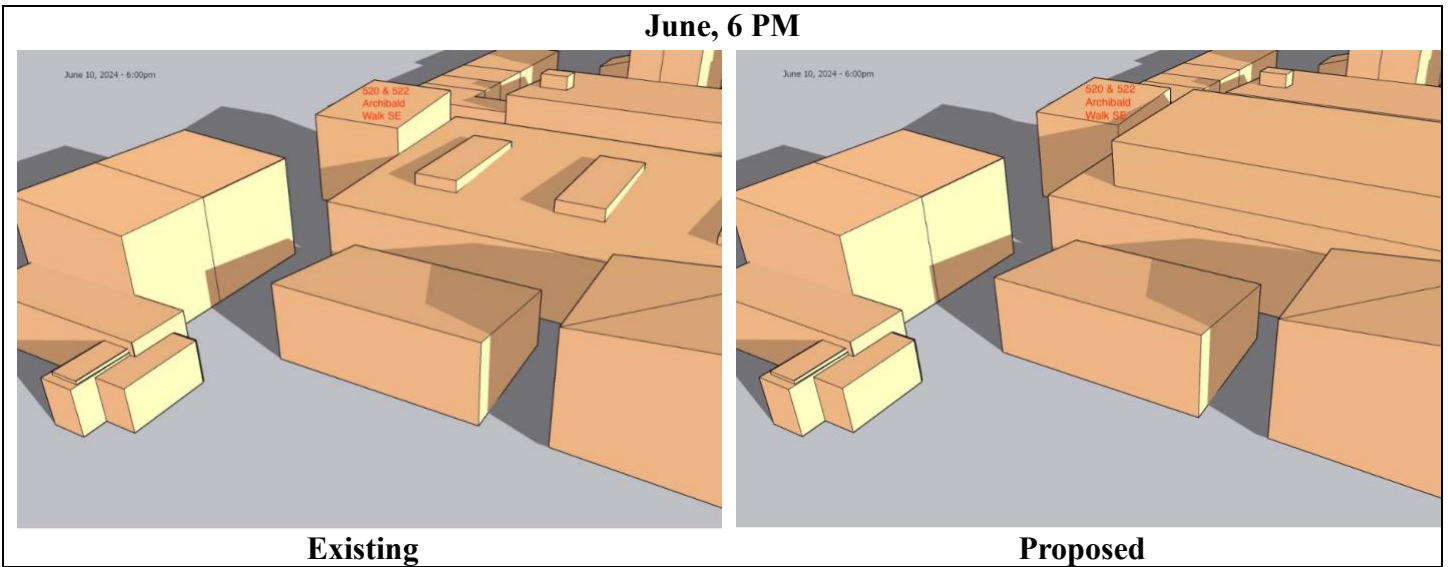
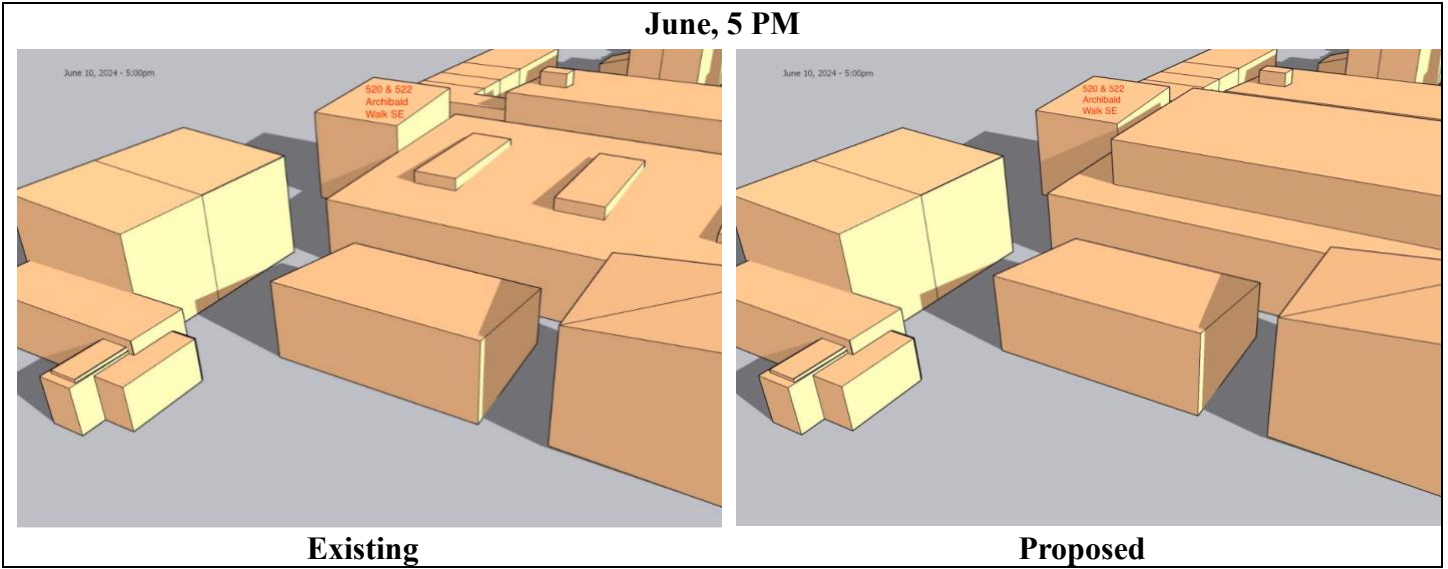
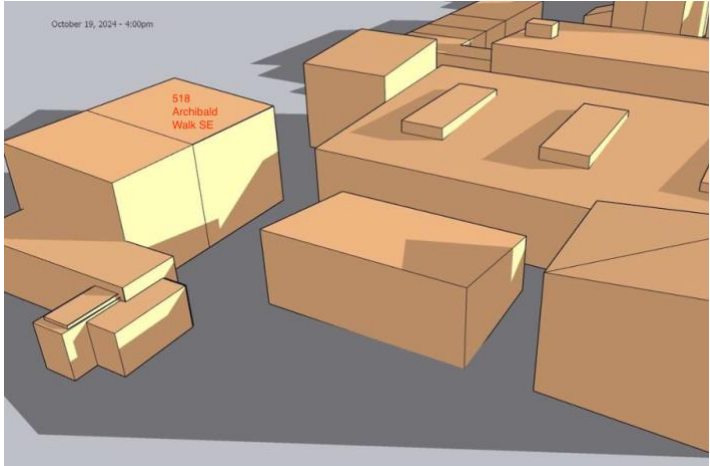


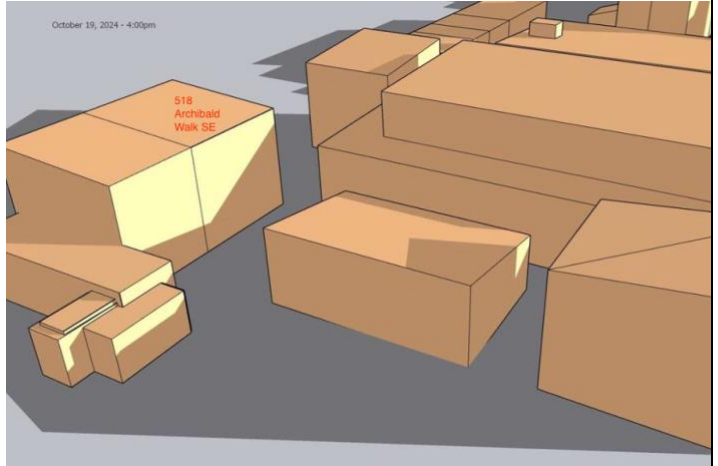
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Shadow study depicting impact of proposed design on 518 Archibald Walk SE.

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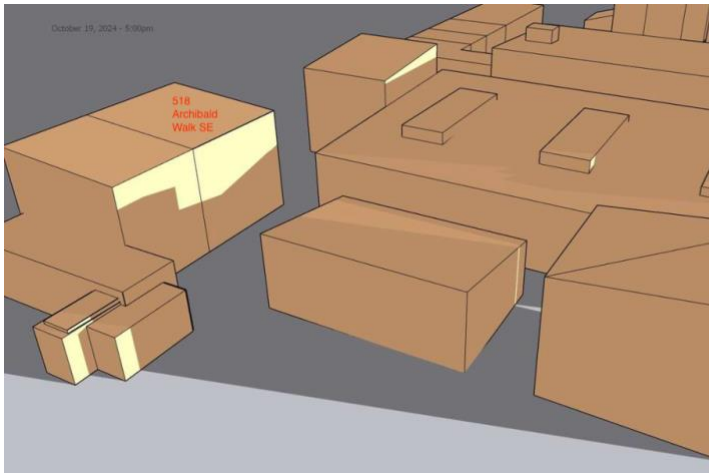


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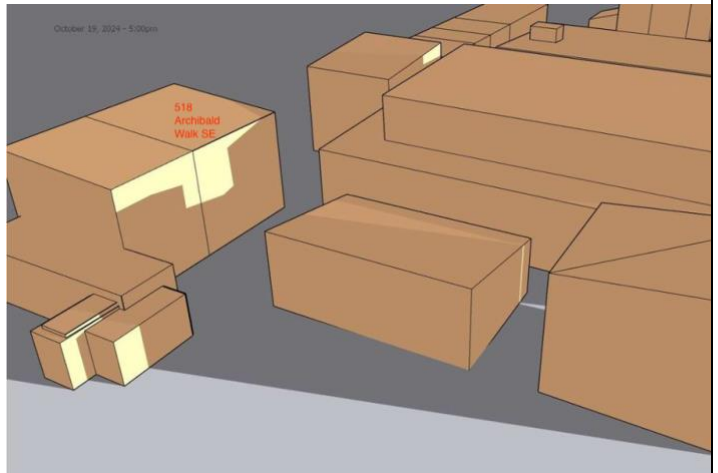


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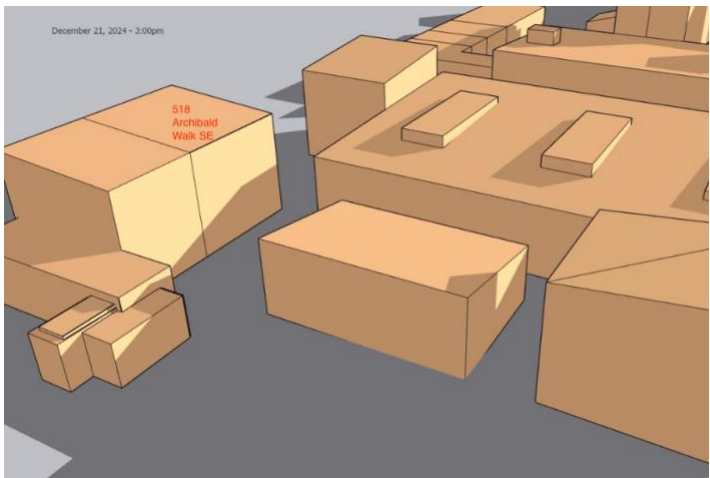


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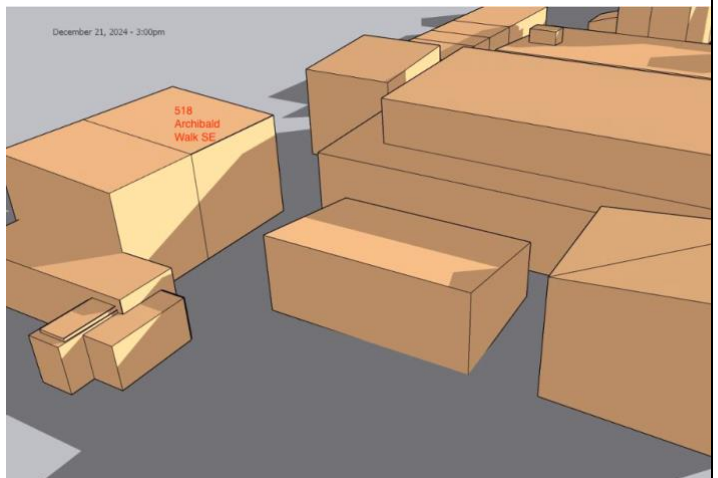


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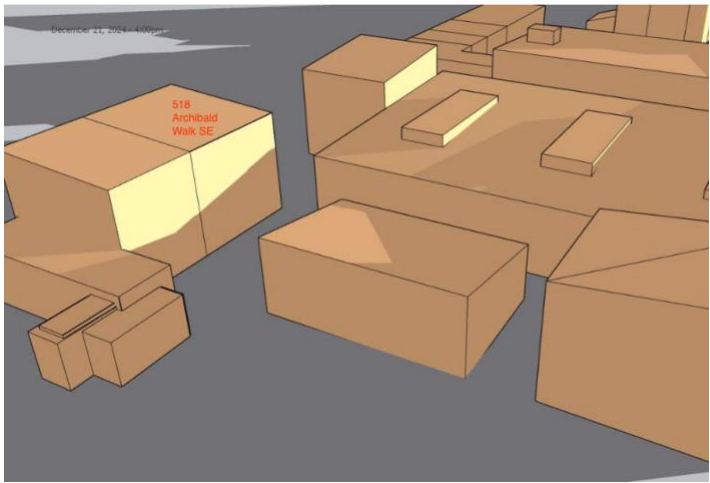


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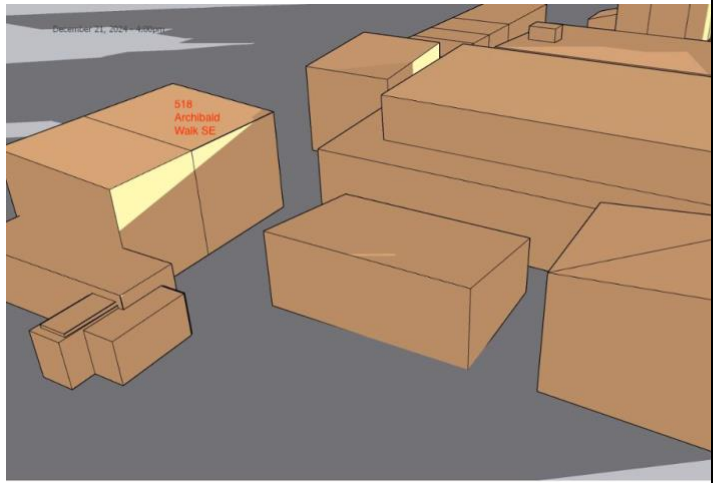


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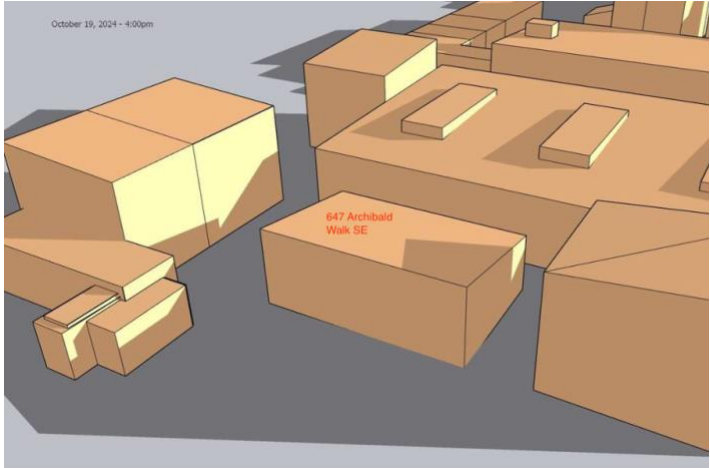


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Exhibit C

Shadow study depicting impact of proposed design on 647 Archibald Walk SE.

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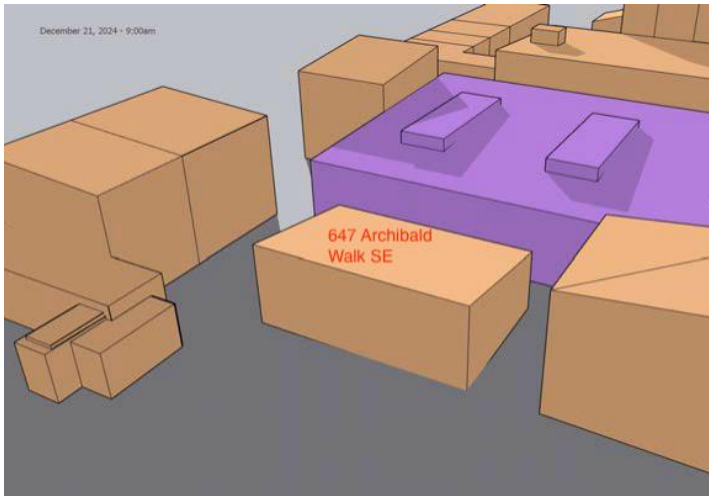


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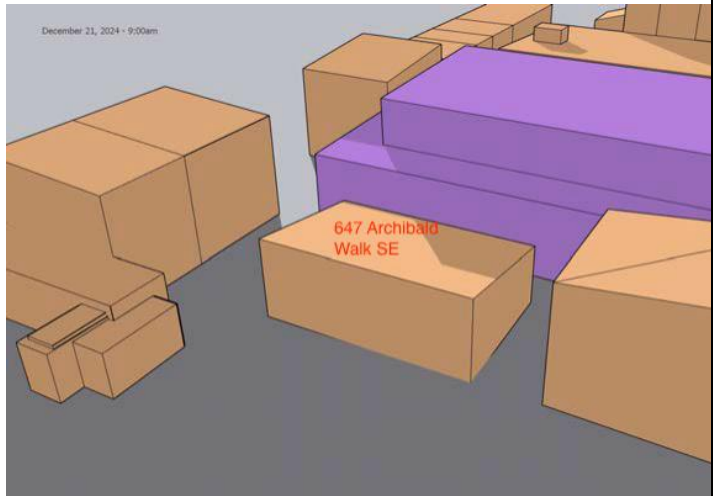


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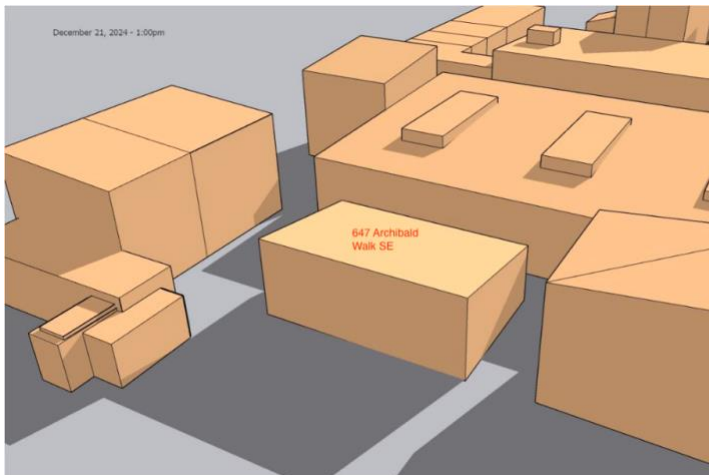


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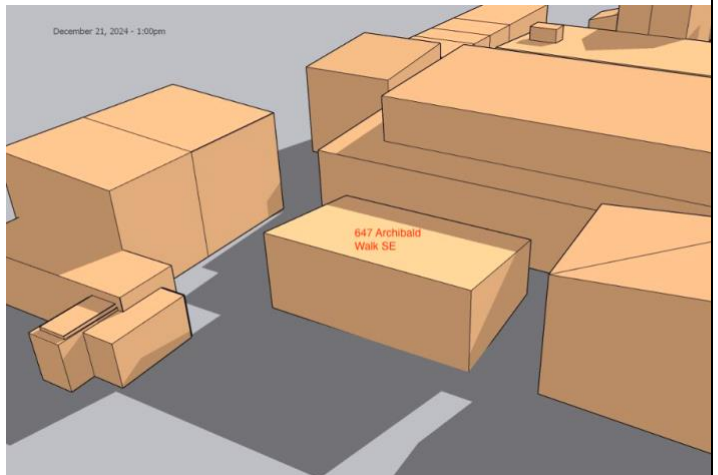


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Exhibit D

Mock-up of visual impact of proposed design on openness of Archibald Walk based on photo taken from upstairs west-facing windows of 518 Archibald Walk SE.

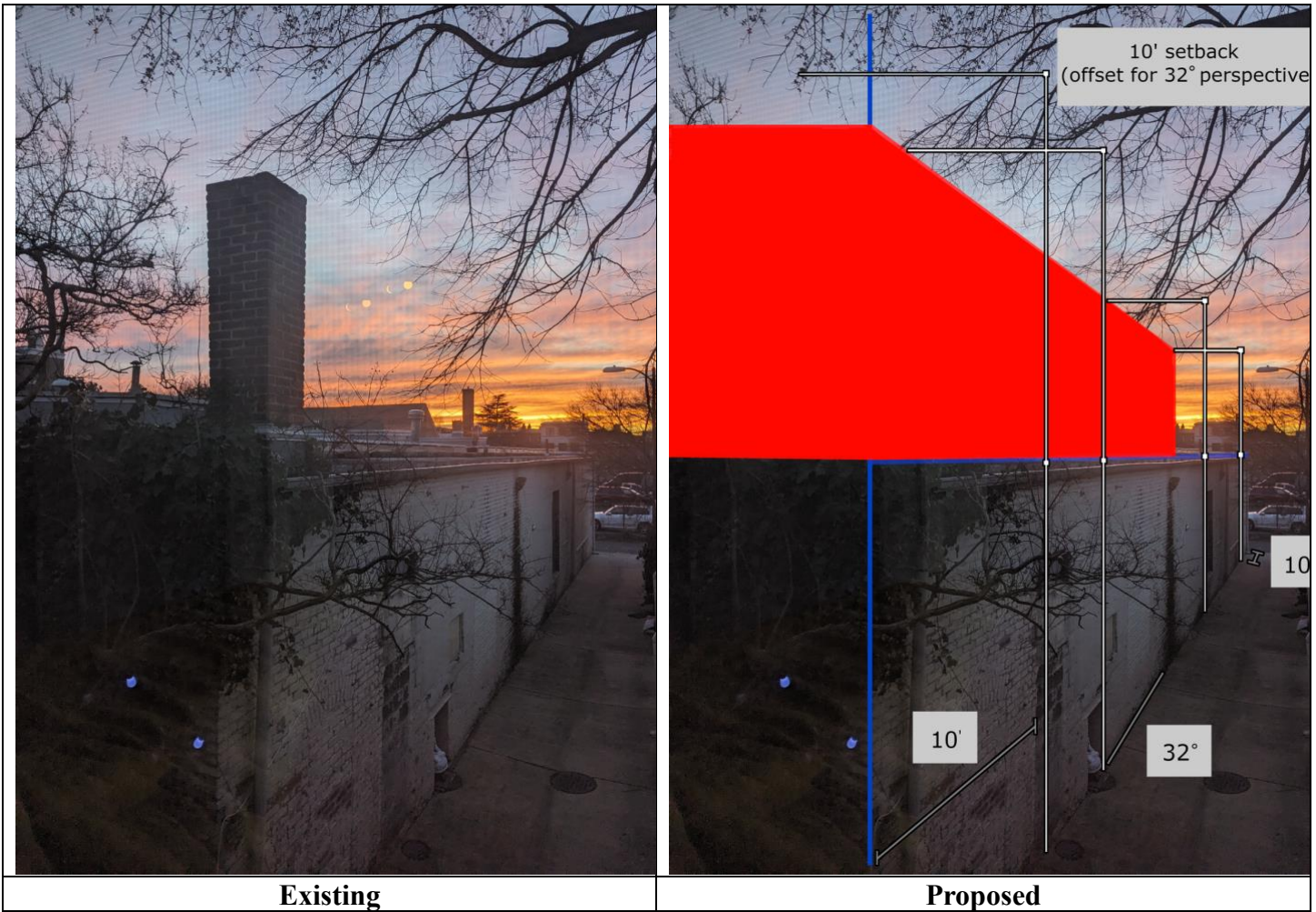
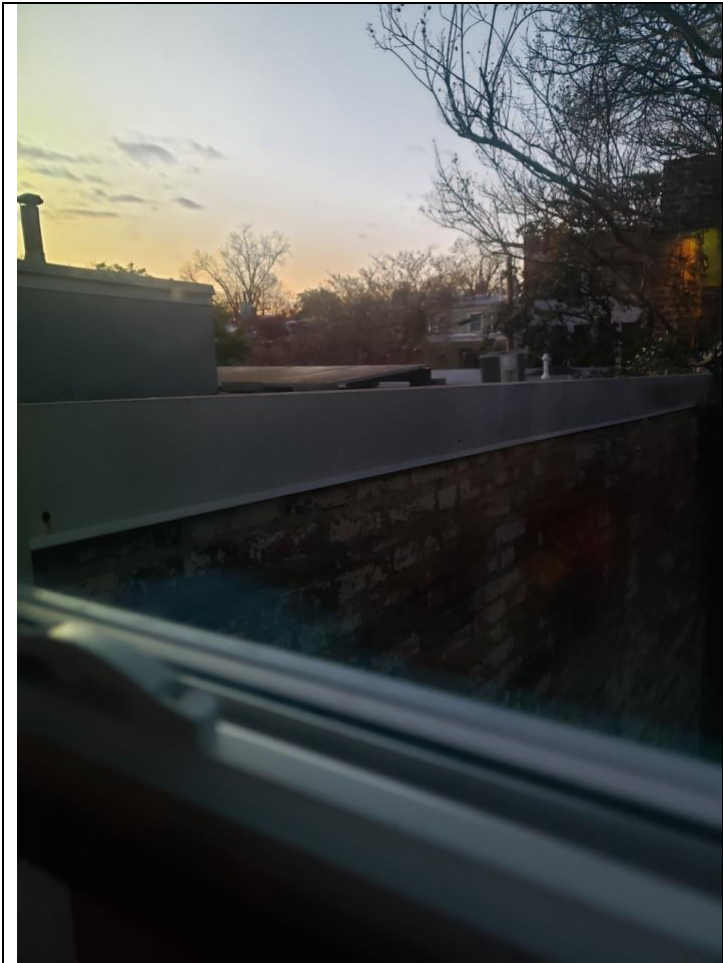


Exhibit E

Mock-up of visual impact of proposed design on openness of Archibald Walk based on photo taken from upstairs north-facing windows of 520 Archibald Walk SE.



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Exhibit F

Photos taken from the upstairs north-facing windows of 520 Archibald Walk SE depicting the proximity of the roof of 633 E Street SE Rear.

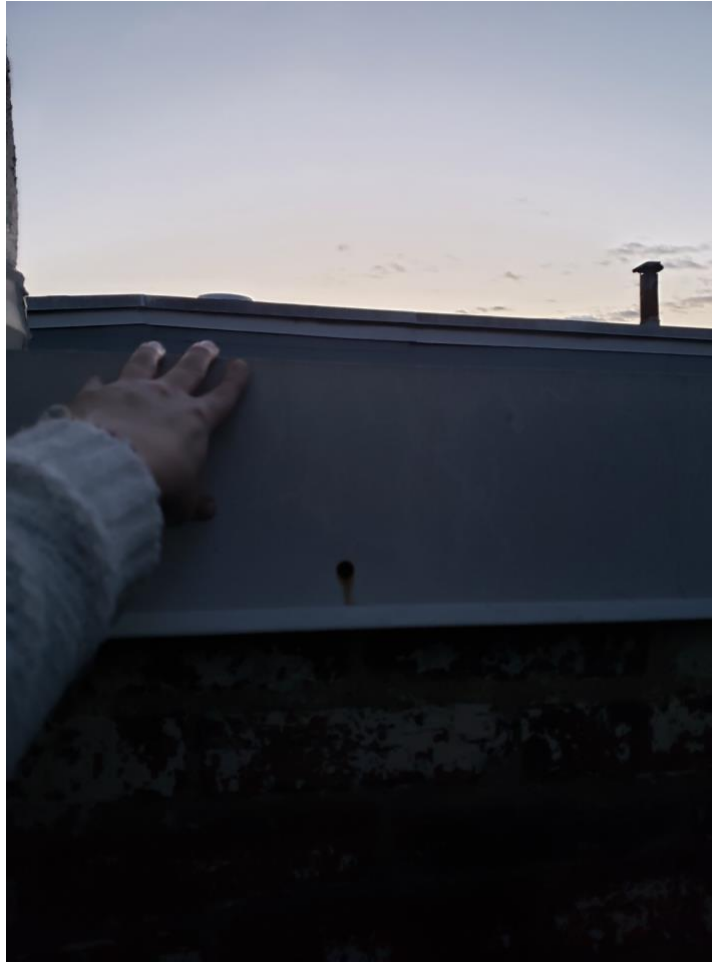
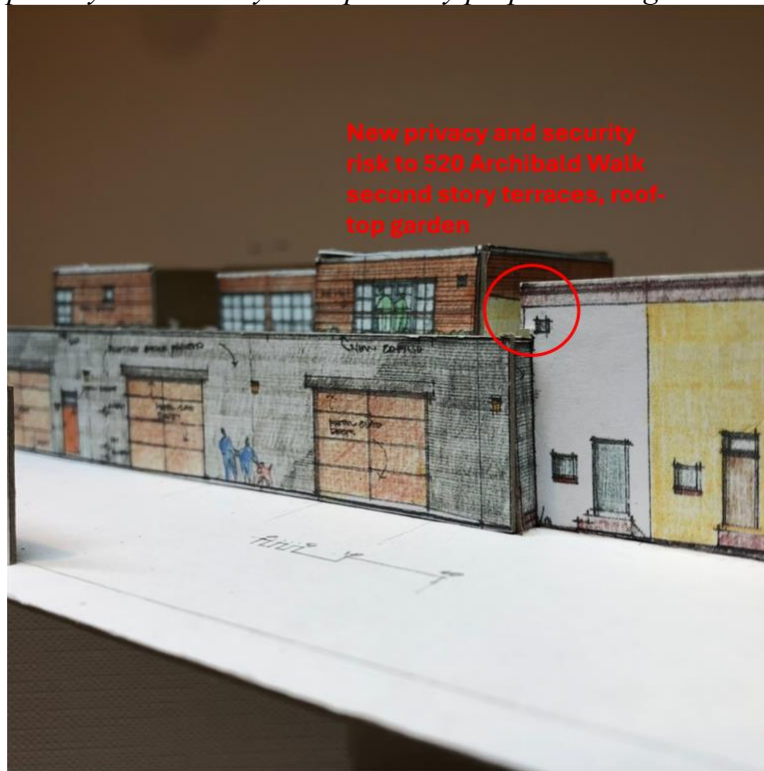


Exhibit G

Explanations of the privacy and security risks posed by proposed design on 520 Archibald Walk SE.



New privacy and security risk to 520 Archibald Walk second story terraces, roof-top garden

Relative height of 520 Archibald Walk SE misrepresented; 520 is shorter than proposed structure

Security and privacy risks to 520 Archibald Walk SE at bedroom window (not illustrated by architect) via access from roof terraces, garden



520 Archibald Walk SE bedroom windows should be here

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Exhibit H

Photo of the south side of 528 F Street Terrace SE taken from the public alley F Street Terrace.





April 8, 2023

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RE: Notice of Intent (NOI) #24-96-TESD: 13th Street/Independence Avenue/Kentucky Avenue SE Vision Zero Hardening

At its regularly scheduled, properly noticed, meeting on April 8, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted #-#-# to request an extension of time for ANC 6B to provide input on the above referenced NOI from the current date of May 6, 2024 until May 20, 2024 which the Monday immediately following the May monthly meeting of ANC 6B.

The Commission requests this extensions so that the ANC can consider this in regular order without violating its Bylaws. While the NOI is dated March 22, 2024, the email notifying ANC 6B was not sent to the Chair of ANC 6B until March 28, 2024 which fell after ANC 6B’s regularly scheduled Executive Committee Meeting. The date of the email also provided insufficient time (less than a week) for Commissioner Jayaraman (SMD 6B06) to notify constituents and gather input. In addition, ANC 6B Bylaws require that affected neighbors and the public be notified at least one week in advance prior to the ANC taking action on a particular case. Therefore, ANC 6B request that DDOT grant our reasonable request for an extension.

Please contact Cmr. Matt LaFortune, Chair of ANC 6B’s Transportation Committee at 6b07@anc.dc.gov or Cmr. Chander Jayaraman, SMD Commissioner for 6B06 at 202-546-2609 or 6b06@anc.dc.gov, if you have questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Edward Ryder
Chair, ANC 6B

cc: Cmr. Matt LaFortune, ANC 6B Transportation Committee Chair
Cmr. Chander Jayaram, Commissioner for 6B06
Noah Bell, Project Engineer
Abraham Diallo, Ward 6 Community Engagement Specialist

ANC 6B Southeast Library Task Force
March 21, 2024
Minutes Draft

The meeting started at 6:39 pm at Arthur Capper Community Center (ACCC) and over zoom.

Attending

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

Task Force members: Ana Unruh Cohen, Claire August

Residents: Sarah Moore, Marc Mayerson

DC Public Library (DCPL) representatives: Jaspreet Pahwa, Martha Saccocio, Samantha Dure

Whiting-Turner representatives: Terri Bosnick, Nathan Shields, Eric Schuster

DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) representatives: Derrick Marrow

Press: Larry Janezich

1) Introductions

2) Approval of:

a. Agenda: adopted unanimously

b) Minutes of February 19 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 March 8, 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/2024-03/Southeast%20Library%20Construction%20Update-issued%20March%208%202024.pdf>) She also discussed what was happening in response to the ANC letter requests about pedestrian safety and traffic issues around the library renovation. DCPL cannot facilitate the request for speed bumps on the 600 block of South Carolina Ave SE because that request is outside the scope of the project. For the other requests, DCPL and DDOT will work with the ANC. The temporary crosswalk on the 600 block of D St SE has been installed. Task Force Members appreciated the installation of the crosswalk, traffic mirror and angling of the protective barrier at the corner of D St and 7th St as they feel it has improved traffic safety at that corner. A protected pedestrian walkway on South Carolina Ave by the construction site will be implemented but to maintain the bike lane and have pedestrian space some parking spots may be lost next to the library site. ANC Commissioner D’Andrea noted that the ANC asked for safety measures for pedestrians and safety should take priority. ANC Commissioner Sobelsohn agreed that pedestrian safety is the priority. DDOT and DCPL work together to update the traffic plan to allow for the protected pedestrian area. Once the drawings are approved, the work to implement them can begin and the protected area could be in place by the end of April. DDOT will also study the

flow of traffic on 7th Street SE in front of the library to see what may be done to improve pedestrian and traffic safety. Other potential changes to traffic flow in the Eastern Market metro area associated with D St SE will not take effect until after the library construction is completed. Ms. Pahwa then discussed the upcoming construction work in the DCPL presentation, including preparation work for the underpinning. Commissioner Sobelsohn asked if there have been any noise complaints. The Whiting-Turner representatives said not so far and that they were coordinating with a neighbor to avoid disruption to taping of their podcast. The water main shift and water shut off will not happen until the fall. The construction crew did discover that the fire hydrant on the site does not operate properly. DC Water and the DC Fire Marshall are aware and it will be fixed soon. There is another fire hydrant across the street at CVS if needed although it is not known if that one works. The anticipated truck traffic is still 6-7 total loads per day between hauling off debris and concrete delivery.

- b.** ACCC Tech Express site visit: Those attending the meeting in person went to visit briefly the Tech Express room in ACCC. They checked out a laptop from the laptop kiosk and discussed with the DCPL staff in the room their impressions of the facilities and use, which were positive. Martha Saccocio from DCPL provided some usage information about the facility. In February, there were ~4 visits per day and in March that had increased to almost 10 per day. Book pick up and return was the most popular service, followed by copying and scanning, and then use of the desktop computers. So far there has not been much use of the laptops. DCPL has promoted the facility on their social media, newsletter and through direct email to Southeast library patrons. Task Force Members did not recall receiving an email from DCPL specifically about the ACCC facility but said they would check and let Ms. Saccocio know if they had. She said DCPL would consider sending another email. She also said she would check the usage statistics at the Northeast and Southwest libraries to see if there has been an uptick in use since the Southeast closure. She also provided an overview of the entire DCPL usage. Libraries tend to be busiest when they open in the morning and then in the afternoon after school. This has led DCPL to shift their hours to open earlier and close earlier (now 9am to 8pm). The usage on weekend days is about the same but without the after-school increase. Task Force members asked again about the possibility of the ACCC facility being opened on Saturday but staffing is a challenge because DCPL union rules do not allow staff to work more than 2 Saturdays per month. Task Force members shared their impressions of the Tech Express set up which were positive. They felt it was a good space and had the potential to be used for more. Task Force members were also glad that there is an after-hours DCPL book drop off outside of the ACCC building. The Task Force members also discussed ways to increase the use of the facility including, ANC Commissioners, including ANC 8F, promoting the facility, exploring a joint DCPL and Department of Parks and Recreation event, and refreshing the signage for the facility occasionally.
- c.** Other Renovation Issues: No other issues were raised.

- 4) **Next Task Force meeting:** Proposed for Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 pm at 700 Pennsylvania Ave SE and by zoom.
- 5) **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:18 pm.



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

APRIL 5, 2024



JASPREET PAHWA, NCARB, LEED AP
DIRECTOR, CAPITAL PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION
DC PUBLIC LIBRARY

Reminders

- Hours of Work:
 - Permitted Hours: Monday - Saturday (7am - 7pm)
 - Projected Workday: Monday - Saturday (7am - 5pm)
- [Link to the recording from December 14, 2023 Pre-Construction Community Meeting](#) - hosted at the Southeast library for the broader Community
- [Link to the presentation from December 14, 2023 Pre-Construction Community Meeting](#)
- [Link to the Construction Sequence](#) video presented by Whiting-Turner

NOTE:

Traffic Control measures in place supersede the plan shown and shared on December 14, 2023 - Reference [slide 4](#) of this update.

Pedestrian Safety Measures Discussed Onsite w/ DDOT March 6, 2024

Attendees: Library, Whiting-Turner, DDOT, ANC Commissioner, Taskforce members & Neighbors

Here is the [Link](#) to the letter issued by ANC to DDOT on February 22, 2024.

March 26, 2024 New Traffic Control Plan (TCP) submitted by DCPL & Whiting-Turner and approved by DDOT March 27, 2024.

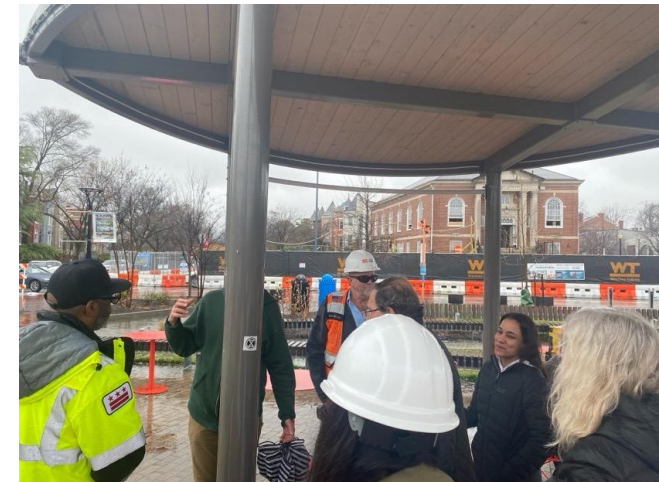
Whiting-Turner will implement the below approved pedestrian Safety measures by end of April:

- **D St Temporary Crosswalk** - WT to replace the temporary 15' wide mid-block crosswalk with a 10' wide mid-block crosswalk as approved by DDOT.
- **South Carolina Pedestrian Path** - WT to install protected pedestrian path as shown in approved DDOT Traffic Control Plan.
- **Scrim on fencing for improved pedestrian/traffic sight-lines** - In discussion w/ DDOT, WT has peeled back scrim from 2 additional panels.

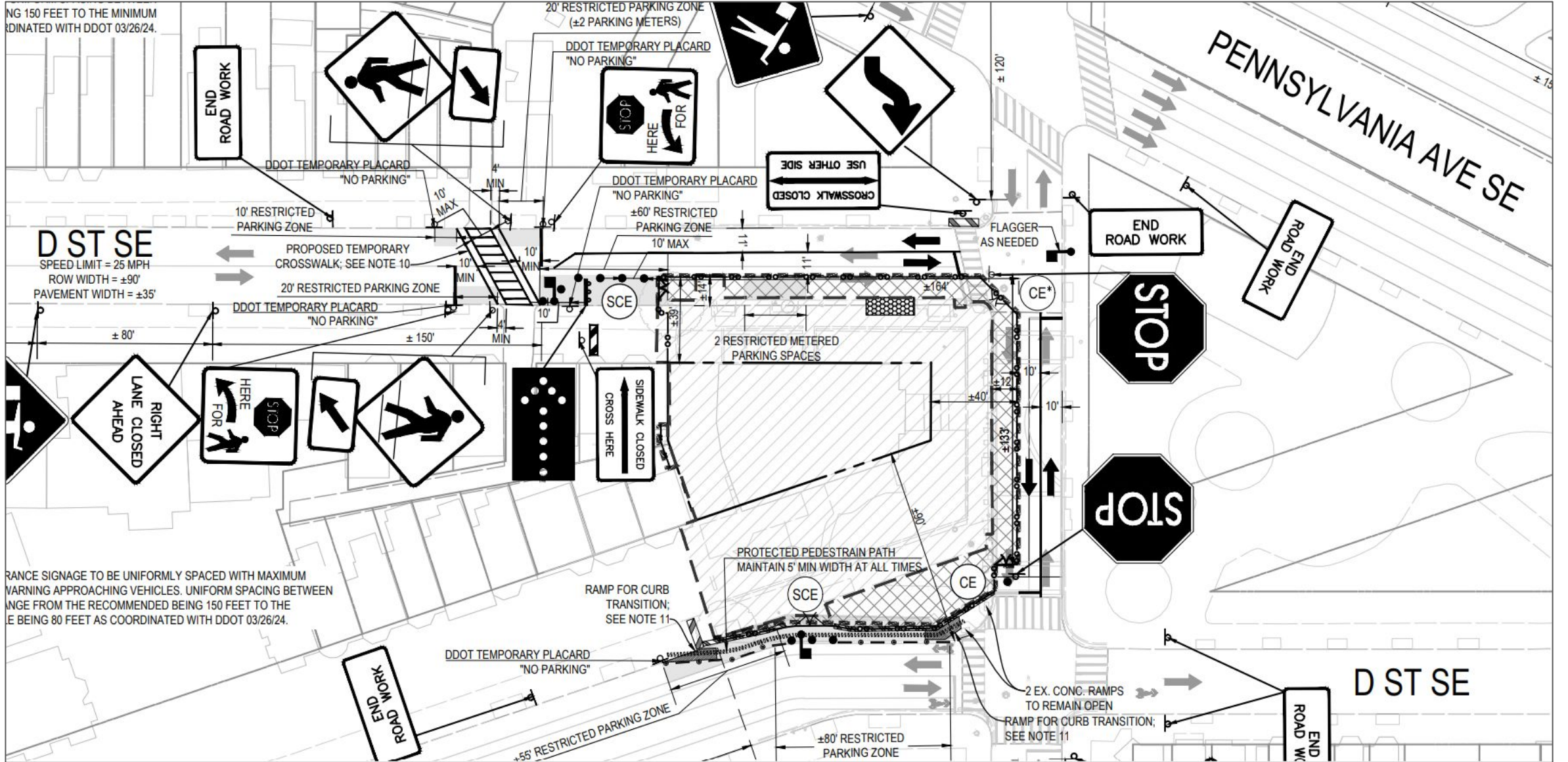
NOTE:

7th Street Traffic Pattern & other items noted in the ANC letter - DDOT to provide analysis to ANC.

No action item for Library or Whiting-Turner



DDOT Approved Traffic Control Measures to be implemented



Construction Progress - Basement Floor



Construction Progress - Site Demolition and Excavation



Construction Progress

Structural Support to open the existing building to connect the new addition



Construction Progress - Underpinning



Construction Progress - Underpinning



One Month Look Ahead

- Re-installation of revised DDOT Traffic Control Plan including protected pedestrian pathway will include Flaggers directing pedestrian & vehicular Traffic.
- Align the Construction fence to match the footprint shown in the approved Traffic Control Plan on D St.
- Installation of illuminated Sign Board on D St. per approved Traffic Control Plan.
- Removal of remaining exterior retaining wall on S. Carolina Ave. contingent on Washington Gas
 - **Noisy work similar to previous weeks.**
- Continue removal of Exterior Earthwork at the berm along D St., S. Carolina Ave, & 7th St.
- Continue installation of interior structural steel to enable demolition of old load bearing walls.
- Removal of walls following installation of structural steel.
- Removal of existing finish of the protected wood elements by Restoration Specialist.
- Start Restoration and patching of interior masonry.
- Continue underpinning along adjoining walls of Townhomes and existing Library wall on D St and 7th St.
- WT maintaining contact with the two adjoining neighbors and monitoring vibration readings.
- No Lane closures projected.
- Volume of Construction Trucks on D St and South Carolina Ave will be the same as last month.

NOTE:

Unrelated to Library Construction, DC Water to replace a non-functioning fire hydrant that could require a water shut-off and notice by DC Water.

Let's Stay Connected

Periodic Construction Updates & Notifications from DC Public Library

By: Director, Capital Planning & Construction, Jaspreet Pahwa

Next update in approximately 4 weeks

Time-Sensitive Construction Safety Issues

Superintendent, Eric Schuster 240-302-7116

General Questions

Email, Director, Community Engagement: Martha.Saccocio@dc.gov

Additionally:

Library & Whiting-Turner Construction leads in attendance at the ANC hosted Library Taskforce meeting on Jan 21, Feb 19, & March 21 2024. Team plans to attend the future Taskforce meetings in lieu of presenting construction updates at the ANC meetings.



Report of the ANC6B Public Safety Committee Meeting

March 25, 2024, 6:30 – 8:00p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Frank Avery, Committee Vice Chair (6B01), David Sobelsohn (6B03); Frank D’Andrea (6B04)

Resident Members Present:

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

I. Agenda Item #1; Introductions

Introductions of Commissioners and new resident members.

II. Agenda Item #2; Commander Hall and Captain Harding, MPD First District

Commander Hall provided an update. He acknowledged that last year saw an increase in carjackings and robberies in our area. So far this year, MPD has been focused on homicides, robberies and violent crime. Homicides are down 88% from this time last year. Robberies are down 29% percent. Violent crime is down as well, but it is important to keep working to sustain the downward trajectory. Regarding the decrease in robberies, he feels that some strategies they have implemented have worked, and the recent legislation has helped. The goal is obviously to restore that sense of safety.

When asked what prevention strategies has MPD put in place, and what does MPD recommend so people don’t become victims, Commander Hall indicated that they follow data to identify and focus on clusters of activity. Why does one area have more robberies than another? Last year, he said they “threw out a net.” Then every area saw reductions. They also increased their auto theft unit. In general, if they have seen a spike in activity, they moved officers to that area. Additionally, officers are trained to see what makes people vulnerable. For example, officers will look for people with their hazards on, like DoorDash drivers, or individuals walking without being attentive, looking at their phones, because they are potential victims. He urged citizens to call police if they see something suspicious. They want people to reach out. Although they have 200 officers, citizens can add more eyes. He gave the example of persons riding around with masks on.

Kelly Waud thanked Commander Hall for attending the safety meeting at Potomac Gardens and for engagement and coordination with DC Public Housing Police. She asked how they communicate with each other? Commander Hall indicated that they have been working hand in hand with public housing police. They know that they can no longer just patrol around Potomac Gardens, but need to get inside. They talk with each other and have seen improvements in relationships. Captain Harding added that they have been increasing communication, trying to figure out who is covering each area. For instance, they noticed that many vehicles come from SW to SE and there are gunshots, so they share that information to try and identify what is going on.

Kelly Waud also mentioned that they have tried to set up movie nights to engage community with MPD. Community is interested in having community basketball game that could be ongoing. Although Commander Hall had not heard about the basketball game he thought that was a great idea and he said movie nights could definitely happen, with popcorn and a big screen. They really want to engage with the community in these positive ways.

Commander Hall was asked, more specifically, how has recent legislation helped and about MPD staffing levels. Commander Hall said Secure DC is helping and it is a start in that it gives them more tools to use to address problem areas. He said that being able to create drug-free zones, such as in Chinatown, has helped. The next drug-free zone will be around 8th and H NE, to be announced soon. He is hopeful that it will help that area the same way it helped Chinatown. He spent some time explaining the requirements for setting up a drug-free zone and how they ensure constitutional protections. He indicated that officers receive specific training related to operating in them and that command staff must oversee them. To allay concerns about constitutional protections of citizens in a designated zone, he mentioned that police have no additional ability or power to conduct stops and detentions than they have in any other situation.

He also mentioned a positive impact from pretrial detention. He indicated that these tools help police do their jobs. The Commander was asked whether MPD is collecting data to show that pretrial detention is helping, since people have strong feelings about that issue. Would data help address those concerns? He admitted he was not sure about data collection, but that might be occurring now or in the future under requirements of the Act. He knows criminal activity has dropped and his sense is these tools have helped.

Regarding staffing levels he indicated they are very actively recruiting, and looking at people coming out of the military and recruiting on college campuses. They are slowly creeping back to full recruitment

The Commander was asked if there anything else we can be doing to advocate? We're trending in the right direction, but what else can we do? Is pressure needed on AG? What about the crime lab? Commander Hall stated that one thing that has helped is a lot of pressure on the AG and the US Attorney's Office. Attention given to the prosecuting arm of the justice system has helped. More action is needed than just arrests. What happens after the arrest is just as important, meaning charging and follow through. When people are interested in a case and follow up with the prosecutors, it helps to put pressure in the right place.

The Commander and Captain were asked what is the best way for citizens to submit tips to the police. Do we call 911? Or send a text? There's no followup. Does that take longer than 911 and OUC? What is the guidance or preference? Commander Hall said it depends on the seriousness. It is important to call 911 if something is serious. 50411 is the text tip line. It's for

people who don't feel comfortable calling. When they get a tip, they will act on it, and they get dispatched out. It is also important to give as much description as possible. Exact description with a callback name and number is better. Leave your name. That helps the most. Give very detailed descriptions. Descriptions of guns, drugs being stashed, what people are wearing. These are things that are helpful to build the case. He noted that text tips are anonymous, so there isn't follow up.

The Commander and Captain were asked about how they are using social media in their investigations. Captain Harding responded that they do have a social media aspect, but declined to give details because they don't want to give away their methods.

Commissioner Sobelsohn asked again about staffing and how it is comparing to before the drop. Commander Hall acknowledged it is a significant decrease. He noted that 17 new officers will be coming out of the next class graduating this Friday.

Commissioner Sobelsohn also asked whether the Commander could recommend more legislation? What would be the next step? Are there things for which the ANC can advocate? Commander Hall acknowledged that is a difficult question. He indicated the things they always need more of such as more of a budget. Vehicles and building maintenance, health of officers, recruiting, and equipment all cost money. And, strengthening laws is helpful, but he did not provide more detail.

Commissioner Sobelsohn asked more specifically about what can be done about people stealing packages from people's porches. What can we do about this? What can the people who have cameras do with the images? Captain Harding responded that there is a team working on this problem. He urged that people keep sending the videos to the police since images from different thefts can help them link together the same person committing crime. The same for retail theft. He also noted that even if people don't want to call 911 for a "porch pirate," they should still give the police the footage by text or calling the command center at 202-727-9099. When asked if they monitor NextDoor (neighborhood social media site), Captain Harding indicated they only use the platform to send content out. Commander Hall added that if you see people posting incidents or images on Next Door, to tell them to contact the police. Also if you notice patterns, tell the police. Porch theft and retail theft are things they are focusing on.

Commander Hall also talked about presence and bike officers in the district. He established and reinforced two bike units. One patrols the H street corridor in the evenings. They had them in the ANC 6B area, but they have to look at how many officers are in different places, so they shift them around. Every sector has developed a mountain bike plan. When there is manpower and resources, they will have people out on mountain bikes. In every part of the district, you should see mountain bikes.

Commander Hall was asked about problems with OUC and whether there is anything that can be done from MPD, such as data collection by MPD on missed opportunities or problems with dispatch, to help address problems or make improvements with OUC. Commander Hall is not aware of any data collection like this, but indicated MPD has a liaison. It is another area where the mayor and council have tried to make improvements, but it is a challenging job. He thinks it is getting better.

Commissioner D'Andrea noted that MPD is not at the staffing they need now and asked whether there is any whole government approach that could help such as mental health staffing? Commander Hall talked about community ambassadors who are civilians who are trained to be

on the street, unarmed, without powers of arrest, but they will respond to a theft. They will begin the investigation, thereby freeing up officers. They also have core response teams. These teams work with the Department of Behavioral Health to have mental health officers to ride along with officers in case there is a call with a mental health aspect. They operate out of the 1st District.

Ann Keep praised the Commander and Captain, indicating that the neighborhood walks have been terrific. Lincoln Park listserv people recommended that people come to the walk and get to know the police. She noted that criminal justice is so difficult, but that we need to emphasize that there is government responsibility, but also people's responsibility.

III. Agenda Item #3; Availability of Youth Services with guest speakers Shakitha Leavy, Kimberley Pinkney, and Julia Irving from the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement

Chair Matsumoto introduced the guests from Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, indicating that in the prior meeting, the committee discussed pulling together resources and several residents had asked about youth/family services for the community. Kimberley Pinkney, Community Outreach Program Specialist, first talked about ONSE and what their office does.

The office was formed as a result of the NEAR Act to address gun violence, to come up with some strategies to address gun violence from a public health perspective. She presented about several programs. The Pathways program gives men ages 18 to 35 the ability to self-correct. Another program with three phases: workforce development phase where they are introduced to wellness and entrepreneurship, vital records, transportation. Many of the people in this program are reentering society. DOES, DBH support them as well. There is wellness support for mental health. There is also subsidized employment, transitioning to unsubsidized employment. ONSE follows them for 13 months afterward.

Other programs: Family Support Survivor Program which provides support to victims of crime: financial, wellness, relocation. There is also a program, the ONSE Leadership Academy, started at Anacostia HS, looking for young people who have the potential to be high risk and involved in crime. The program is now operating in 6 schools. They are now also looking at feeder middle schools. Since the ages of people committing crimes is getting younger, they have moved to middle schools.

The People of Promise program does case management around people who have been newly released from incarceration to our communities. They have 26 communities of focus. People of Promise helps people who live in these communities and need resources to ensure that they do not become a recidivist. The data says that if you are in school and working, you are less likely to commit a crime. There is an outreach portion of violence intervention. The focus is on indigenous citizens of the city in the communities who know people who commit crime or might have been victims. Using trained credible violence interrupters, the goal is to keep the peace among people who might respond in violent ways.

Our ANC 6B community is not a community of focus for ONSE programs because the level of violent activity does not meet their threshold (a good thing), but they do support Potomac Gardens through a food distribution program. Food insecurity is a big issue. The next closest community is Trinidad.

Ms. Pinkney and Julia Irving spoke more about the Pathways program, which is a referral program, understanding that people who are living in a community where they hear gunshots 4 times per week, or see homicides 4 times per year. Other entities in the district can help individuals as well if they aren't eligible for these programs.

They were asked about the violence experienced at Digital Pioneers and what we can do as a community to help kids affected by that trauma, so they don't carry it forward. What can we do to support our community?

Ms. Irving indicated that Digital Pioneers is definitely on their radar and that they specifically look at feeder schools for our communities of promise. Digital Pioneers did experience a lot of trauma this year. Teams were deployed there to make sure that the principal, staff, and students were connected to supportive services. Each time there was violence, the crisis response team was deployed. Many of these students live in the communities, so they still get support at home. Things the community can do: advocacy for food, employment. Advocate for people to hire people from the program. In their experience, when there were people who got jobs, then the gunshots stopped.

They were asked to talk more about food services, where it comes from. What's the quality of food that you deliver, and how can we enable that? Ms. Pinkney noted that they partner with DC Central Kitchen and they service Potomac Gardens on Mondays. Mr. Murphy at Potomac Gardens is the contact for food. He is the senior resident counselor. They deliver to the 1229 G St address every Monday in the community room. Food quality has gotten better. The goal is to empower communities by referring them to resources. After that has been done, they step back, but they haven't been able to find anyone in Potomac Gardens who can get the food. The goal is to strengthen the relationship between Potomac Gardens and DC Central Kitchen. Picking the food up might be a way to help and engage the community. She also noted that there are more healthy options now. Knowing the relationship between food insecurity and violence, it would be good if everyone could be involved in the food distribution.

They were also asked how can we stay connected or provide support (e.g. food, pathways program, etc.) for the kids in our neighborhood? Ms. Irving spoke about the Breadcoin program. It is a food token that officers can distribute out into the community. It's done in other districts of the city, but not here. Providing with a bread coin might help. Obviously, advocacy for food, housing, and employment are all important, but also, when there is a hearing before the city council, they want to hear feedback.

Commissioner D'Andrea asked if they have any estimate of how many people they are affecting and could effect? Are they bumping up against constraints? Ms. Irving indicated they are always looking for affected communities and other communities come on the radar while they may wean other communities off. However in communities with the highest rate of ongoing violence, the highest issue is housing. Trying to find housing for people to move them outside of communities with stress and pressure of violence. But the challenge there is identifying long-term employment that will allow them to keep paying rent.

Finally, they spoke about teaching entrepreneurship, their art initiative, Art for Change. There will be some participating in Art All Night. They will also be selling jewelry they have made at Eastern Market.

The Committee was very appreciative of the work of our guests and the programs they presented.

IV. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM. The next meeting is April 24, 2024.



ANC 6B March 2024 Treasurer's Report
Submitted by Frank Avery, Commissioner 6B01 and 2024 Treasurer, ANC 6B
Submitted April 7th, 2024 for the April 8th, 2024 Commission Meeting

Item #1: Monthly Financials – No action required.

For **March 2024**, the ANC's opening balance \$61,630.93. The ANC closed the month with a balance of \$59,880.87. The change in net position for the ANC was a **decrease of \$1750.06**. The expenditures and income were as follows:

Debit Card

- **March 4, 2024 - \$2.02 – Amazon Web Services:** The ANC pays a monthly utilization fee for website hosting via Amazon Web Services (AWS).
- **March 5, 2024 - \$1679.80 – Zoom Video Communications, Inc.:** The ANC maintains two paid Zoom One accounts (\$149.90) each with a webinar hosting add-on (\$690 each). Each license renews annually in March and covers 12 months from the time of payment.

Checks

Cleared Since Last Report

- **Check #4892 - \$70.79 – Frank Avery (Reimbursement):** As previously reported, Check 4892 is a reimbursement for office supplies (new keys for new contract staff) to the treasurer. The check was co-signed by Chair Ryder and Vice Chair Mareino in lieu of Treasurer Avery. The check cleared the ANC's bank account March 18, 2024.

Pending

- **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.
- **Check #4894 - \$541.52 – Tori Collins:** The ANC contracts with Tori Collins for administrative support services. This check covers time for February 2024 and March 2024. Moving forward, Ms. Collins will be paid with two weeks following each month of service.

Deposits

- **March 29, 2024 - \$2.55– National Capital Bank (Interest):** The ANC received its monthly interest payment from its bank on February 29th, 2024.

No other deposits were received in March 2024.

Additional Updates from the Treasurer

Quarterly Financial Report

The Treasurer will provide the FY24 Second Quarter (Q2) Quarterly Financial Report (QFR) for acceptance by the Commission as part of the May 2024 commission meeting.

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.