



RESOLUTION REGARDING ALLEY CLOSING IN SQUARE 762

At its properly noticed May 14, 2024 meeting, a quorum being present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B, by a vote of 5-1-2, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Clear Plains, LLC, an affiliate of the Conservative Partnership Institute (“CPI”), owns buildings in Square 762, between 2nd and 3rd Streets, SE, on the south side of Pennsylvania Ave., SE, in ANC 6B02, and

WHEREAS, those buildings surround a courtyard, also owned by CPI, and

WHEREAS, as the courtyard owner, CPI can currently hold whatever events it likes at whatever time it likes in that courtyard, and

WHEREAS, the DC government has a right-of-way easement over a narrow portion of the courtyard, a long unused dead-end alley with a width of 10-12 feet, and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2023, CPI applied to close that dead-end alley in Square 762 (S.O. File No. 23-01974), and

WHEREAS, pursuant to DC Official Code § 9-202.01, “The Mayor may close all or part of any street and alley which is determined by the Council to be unnecessary for street or alley purposes,” and

WHEREAS, CPI has agreed to provide substantial community benefits to ANC 6B in exchange for ANC support of its alley-closing application, and

WHEREAS, the first amendment to the United States Constitution prohibits the ANC, as a branch of the DC government, from discriminating against CPI because of CPI’s ideology,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B--

1. Supports CPI’s application to close the unused dead-end alley in Square 762 based on CPI’s promises under the attached community-benefits agreement (“CBA”).

2. Urges the DC Council to close the unused dead-end alley and to incorporate the terms of the attached community-benefits agreement in any legislation closing the alley.

3. Authorizes Commissioners Frank D'Andrea and David Sobelsohn to prepare a press release announcing the ANC's decision, to be issued by the ANC 6B chair on the ANC's behalf.