



ANC 6B
Capitol Hill / Southeast
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 11, 2018; 7:00 pm

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present: Nick Burger, Steve Hagedorn, Chander Jayaraman, Denise Krepp, James Loots,¹ Kirsten Oldenburg, Daniel Ridge (chairing), Jennifer Samolyk, Jerry Sroufe, and Kelly Waud.

The Chair noted the presence of a quorum and opened the meeting at 7:01 pm

Adoption of Agenda

The Chair asked for any changes to the agenda. Commissioner Oldenburg added a letter to DDOT on 11th and D Street SE intersection under the Transportation Committee section. Commissioner Samolyk removed HPA 18-612 (710 E Street SE) from the Consent agenda. The Chair added the case to the Planning & Zoning section on the agenda.

Motion to adopt by Commissioner Samolyk with a second by Commissioner Krepp. The vote was 9-0-0.

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Burger, seconded by Commissioner Jayaraman, the Commission voted 9-0-0 to approve the following Consent Agenda items that had been recommended by the respective committees, as amended:

Minutes of July 10, 2018

ABC Committee

Support for ABRA-106496: 423 8th Street, S.E.; The Fried Rice Collective, LLC – Chiko; Chiko. Substantial change to expand hours and stipulated license

Support for ABRA-093739: 301 7th Street, S.E.; Radici Uno (One Root), LLC – Radici; Radici. Substantial change from a Class D to a Class C Restaurant license with longer evening hours and stipulated license

Planning & Zoning Committee

¹ Arrived at 7:10 pm

Support for HPA 18-511: 624 C Street, SE; concept/one-story rear addition above existing basement and first floor, alter rear façade

Support for HPA 18-601; 152 11th Street, SE; concept/rear addition

Support for HPA 18-613: 225 Pennsylvania Avenue SE; concept/replace storefront and construct new three-story rear addition

Support for HPA 18-610: 221 9th Street, SE; concept/2nd story addition to 1 story garage

Support for BZA #19817: 1515 E Street, SE; special exception to construct a two-story rear addition to an existing principal dwelling unit (Square 1076, Lot 17

Transportation Committee

Opposition to DDOT Public Space Application Tracking # 10684385. Application by Academy Bus LLC, for 5 curbside spaces at 721 D Street SE for use all hours on weekdays/weekends

Comments to DDOT Public Space Committee on DC “Draft Small Cell Design Guidelines”

Presentation

Mr. Gerard Brown, of the DC Department of Health spoke on the work of his office to reduce the rodent population in DC. He announced that, effective FY19, his office would receive a budget increase of about \$1 million. This would enable the hiring of four additional staff persons. He also noted that current his staff either handle inspections or conduct rodent abatement. He is, however, merging these tasks such that all staff will be doing both.

Mr. Brown’s new tools for rodent abatement include sterilization and dry ice. Use of a sterilization liquor will initially be a pilot in Adams Morgan. Mr. Brown mentioned that citizens can help in several ways beyond managing their own trash properly. If anyone finds an overflowing trash bin, they should take a time/date stamped photo and sent it to him. This can result in a \$500 infraction. However, if the owner of the trash bin decides to fight the fine, the individual who took the photo agrees to be a witness at the adjudication hearing. Second, any homeowner can purchase dry ice and use it for abatement on their property. The proper use of this substance to kill rodents is explained on the DOH website at:

<https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/dry-ice-application-rodent-abatement>. Third, a collection of residences on a block can petition DOH to inspect their premises and bait to reduce rodent activity: <https://dchealth.dc.gov/publication/rodent-petition>

Any resident can request rat abatement services by contacting 311 online or phone. If the occupant is not home, the DOH official will leave a door hanger indicating any services provided.

Community Speakout

- Monique Mosolf, 401 D Street SE, noted her concerns about the recent assault of a woman near the MPD Substation and complained about apparent lack of knowledge of the incident by officers at the Substation and asked what is being done to solve the crime.
- Commissioner Samolyk noted her concern about this incident and one regarding a strange man that occurred near Brent School
- Captain John Knutsen, leader of MPD 1D's Sector Two, introduced himself and said that MPD detectives are working on the assault case. They are waiting for forensics information and asking anyone in the area to provide their video info around the period of the incident that might provide info on the perpetrator. Knutsen also mentioned that redistricting of MPD patrol areas is underway citywide.
- Lee Davis, member of the board, said planning is underway on establishing the ALPS Charter School in Ward 6 by 2020. The school will focus on science and technology and the Arabic language. A location for the school is not yet found.
- Brittny Pinto and Mikaela Ferrill announced that they were the new MOCRS for Ward 6. Regarding the pending Florence Hurricane, they said residents can get information at ReadyDC.gov and that there would be an ANC telephone conference at 530pm on 9/12. Brittny also mentioned that residents can take advantage of the Mayor's camera program.

Community & Commission Announcements

- Commissioner Krepp announced that she has asked the Mayor to attend a 6B Hill East Task Force meeting to talk about the city's Amazon proposal.
- Commissioner Hagedorn discussed a pending BikeShare location in the 200 block of 11th Street SE that would remove several curbside parking places.
- Commissioner Oldenburg announced that the 6B Transportation Committee will hold a special meeting devoted to traffic calming. DDOT staff have confirmed they will present an overview of traffic calming and there will be plenty of time for Q&A. The agenda will also include a session on the short-term options DDOT has devised for the 4-way intersection: 15th and G Streets, Kentucky and Potomac Avenues.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Committee

Committee chair, Commissioner Jayaraman said that the Committee had taken no position on the following application

ABRA-107079: 520 8th Street, S.E.; Senart's, LLC – Orchid for a substantial change to convert from a Class C Restaurant license to a Tavern license. (The Protest petition deadline is 10/1/018.)

Given that Orchid had only been opened since mid-May 2018, the Committee had asked Orchid to delay its application until March 2019 when all new restaurant licenses will be renewed, or agree to a deferral of the petition date until after the ANC's meeting in October to provide time for discussions with the community and drafting of a Settlement

Agreement. The establishment's main argument for the change in license was that it had been unable to meet the 45 percent of sales in food required of restaurants.

Commissioner Jayaraman asked the Orchid representative—Daniel Hernandez—for any new information. Mr. Hernandez said the establishment would support a deferral of the petition date until later in October.

Helene Quick spoke as a representative of residents of G Street who are negatively affected by noisy drunks leaving the Ugly Mug and Lola's late at night. They do not wish another tavern to be added to Barracks Row, especially one that will add more problems to their neighborhood.

Commissioner Oldenburg moved, with a second by Commissioner Ridge, that the ANC ask ABRA for a deferral of the petition date until October 22, 2018. The ANC voted 9-0-1 in support of the motion. Mr. Hernandez agreed to the date and Commissioner Jayaraman will make the request of ABRA.

Planning & Zoning Committee

Commissioner Burger, Chair of the committee, introduced discussions on 3 applications which the committee had not placed on the Consent agenda. One additional case had been removed from Consent at the meeting before the agenda was adopted.

BZA #19791; 433 New Jersey Ave. SE; Variance to construct a new roof deck and access stair on an existing principal dwelling unit (Square 693, Lot 48); Applicant: Chelsea Zitney; Architect: Chris Williams Hearing Date 10/03/2018

The Committee took no position on the application pending further information on the variance. The exterior stairs to the roof in the dogleg/court results in additional lot coverage. Discussion with neighbors present included concerns about the building becoming a house party one similar to others on NJ Avenue and clarification about the stairs location and why they could not be interior rather than exterior.

On a motion by Commissioner Burger, seconded by Commissioner Waud, the ANC voted to support the application by a vote of 8-0-2.

BZA #19824; 1347 G Street, SE; Variance to construct a third story addition and convert the existing principal dwelling unit (Square 1044, Lot 19); Applicant: 1347 G St SE, LLC; Architect: Martin Sullivan; Hearing Date 10/03/2018, 10/10/2018

The Committee voted to recommend the ANC support the application. About a half dozen neighbors appeared at the ANC meeting to support the application for which the design had changed since the Committee met.

Commissioner Burger moved that the ANC adopt the Committee recommendation, which doesn't need a second. The ANC voted 7-1-2 to support the application.

HPA 16-248: 411 New Jersey Avenue, SE; concept renewal/new three-story building; Applicant: Allison Prince, Goulston and Storrs 202-721-0011; Owner: National Democratic Club

The Committee took no action on the application. The ANC approved the current design in March 2016. Allison Prince of Goulston and Storrs presented the case for extending the HP design for an additional two years because the owner of the property does not have the funds to proceed with the construction. In addition, the design will require zoning relief.

Commissioner Samolyk presented a folder containing objections with the application by 17 neighbors. Several of the neighbors were present at the meeting and expressed several concerns, most not relevant to an HP application. Bottom line: neighbors want the property to be a residence rather than a club.

After much discussion, Commissioner Krepp with a second by Commissioner Soufe, moved that the ANC oppose the application. The motion failed with 4 votes in support, 5 opposed, and 1 abstention. Commissioner Loots then moved, with a second by Commissioner Oldenburg, that the ANC take no position on the application. The ANC voted 7-3-0 in support of the motion.

HPA 18-612: 710 E Street, SE; concept/three-story rear addition

The Committee voted to recommend the ANC support the application and put the case on the Consent agenda. It was removed from Consent at the ANC meeting. In response to several neighbors present at the ANC meeting, the architect said the easement on the west side of the building would be retained. Neighbors also questioned some of the design details. The applicant mentioned that there were still ongoing conversations with HPO about the design.

Commissioner Ridge, with a second by Commissioner Oldenburg, moved to substitute the Committee recommendation with a request to HPO to defer the case until its October 2018 meeting to give the neighbors and ANC time to review the changed design. The ANC voted 9-0-0 to support the motion. The ANC then voted 9-0-0 to support the amended motion.

Transportation Committee

Commissioner Oldenburg, Committee chair, dispensed with the reading of the Report but offered a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jayaraman, that the Commission support a letter to DDOT asking the agency to conduct further studies of the 11th and D Street SE intersection. The ANC voted 10-0-0 in support of the motion.

Hill East Task Force

Commissioner Krepp, TF chair, dispensed with the reading of the report.

At this juncture, it was 10:00 pm and the ANC no longer had use of the meeting room. By unanimous consent, the ANC suspended the meeting until September 26, 2018 at 6pm at the SE Library, basement room.

On September 26, 2018, at 6:05 pm, Chair Ridge called the September 11, 2018, meeting back to order. Commissioners present: Jayaraman, Oldenburg, Ridge, Soufe, and Waud. The 6B Parliamentarian ruled that despite the lack of quorum the resumed meeting could proceed but no votes could be taken until or unless a 6th Commissioner was present. Commissioner Loots arrived in time for the first vote.

Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee Report

Commissioner Jayaraman presented details on the issue of changes that DDOT had made in July 2018 to street parking in the Eastern Market area and in the Eastern Market Special Use District without any consultation with EMCAC or the Commission. The existing parking scheme had been established in [date].

After clarifications and discussion, Commissioner Jayaraman moved, with a second by Commissioner Ridge, that the Commission send a letter to DDOT [*complaining that DDOT had not provided any notice on these changes and asking DDOT to reestablish the former signage*]. By vote of 5-1-0 the Commission supported the motion.

Financial

Chair Ridge dispensed with the reading on the monthly Treasurer's Report.

ANC 6B Administrative Matters

Commissioner Ridge nominated Casey Clark to be the 6B09 Resident Member of the Transportation and ABC Committees, and the Outreach & Constituent Services Task Force. The Commission voted 6-0-0 to appoint the nominee.

By unanimous consent, the Commission moved the Discussion on Requirement for an ANC Annual Financial Report to the October 9, 2018, meeting when the Commission's Treasurer would be present.

Adjournment

By unanimous consent, Commissioner Oldenburg adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm until the October 9, 2018, meeting.