

ANC 6B Action Report

Meeting of April 14, 2020 (7:05)

1. An overview of the meeting was provided because it represented a historical event: the first virtual meeting of the full ANC. It was announced, also, that because of the CV-19 and social distancing requirements, no committee meetings were held prior to the ANC meeting.
2. Introductions were requested of each of the 8 Commissioners attending. (ANC is currently short one commissioner through resignation, and one commissioner was ill.)
3. The agenda was adopted (Holtzman/Oldenburger; 8-0) with minor modifications; it was noted that CM Charles Allen would address the meeting (from home) around 8:00 pm. :
4. The March 10 ANC Minutes were approved. (Jayaraman/Waud; 8-0).
5. Community Speak-Out
 - a. Attention was called to home-made masks being promoted on the website of NextDoor at Eastern Market North.
 - b. Attention was called to the Go Fund Me programs at DC Dream Center in SE.
6. Presentation One: Cheryl Morse, OPC liaison for Ward 6 discussed DC responses to the Coronavirus.
 - a. Water will be restored to any DC resident in arears.
 - b. Scheduled Pepco rate increase hearings have been postponed.
 - c. Pepco will extend leniency until June 1: no late fees, no disconnects.
 - d. Caution regarding scams: don't give account number to phone solicitations.
 - e. Follow-up: cmorse@opc-dc.gov.
7. Presentation Two: CM Charles Allen
 - a. Budget hearings will not be held until May; will probably require cutting \$600 million.
 - b. Serious job loss in DC already: 65K unemployment applications, CV-19 impacting both small businesses and the non-profits.
 - c. Respiratory illnesses reported in both fire and police departments; contingency plans are in place if more are taken off line.
 - d. Working to make general election voting by mail but 20 sites will be available for walk-in voting in the District.
 - e. Prisoner release in concert with Federal Bureau of Prisons; releasing those near time, poor health, and exemplary records; issuing citations with future sentencing date to those held for pre-trial ("innocent until proven guilty").
 - f. Continues to advocate for a plan to close streets to provide recreational opportunities.
 - g. Several commissioners voiced concerns about the fate of local small business during this difficult time. CM Allen agreed that, unless more funding was provided, "some beloved businesses would be lost." Presently DC is providing \$25 million in grants and loans, hoping for more from the federal government.
8. Presentation Three: Tyler Williams Mayor's Office of Community Outreach
 - a. Tyler said that there were now 6 testing sites available to the public on a call-in-advance basis. Calls are screened for testing suitability and appointments are scheduled when criteria are met. A doctor's referral is no longer required. Call: 1-855-363-0333.

- b. Residents needing to take advantage of senior meal delivery should call 1-888-349-8323.
 - c. Residents concerned about construction workers not following social distancing or mask guidelines should report the incident via 311.
 - d. Responding to commissioner questions, Tyler said (1) no news about school re-opening; (2) incidents of CV-19 in DC are expected to peak in June.
9. Planning and Zoning Committee
Commissioner Holman, committee chair, introduced the items to be considered by the full ANC. Because of the CV-19 social distance rules it was not possible to hold a committee meeting to discuss the Planned Urban Development (PUD) project proposed for 1333 M Street, SE. Following briefing from project leadership and architects, and extensive discussion by the ANC Commissioners, the set-down agreement was approved (Holman/Sroufe, 6-0-2). Comments and questions drafted by Commissioner Holman will accompany the set down agreement approval (e.g., different perspectives, shadow studies, refinement of public spaces, and the value of public amenities proposed.) The applicant is seeking to have the area zoned MU-9 (multiple use: residential and commercial); it is currently PDR-4 (production, distribution, retail).
10. Transportation Committee
Commissioner Oldenburg, committee chair, led discussion of the several items under consideration.
- a. The ANC voted (Holman/Oldenburg, 8-0) to provide a letter of support for a proposed bike lane on E street.
 - b. The ANC voted (Ready/Holtzman, 5-2-1) to support two “temporary pickup and drop-off zones”: 501 8th and 655 Pennsylvania.
 - c. The ANC voted (Ready/Sroufe, 8-0) to support speed bump installation in the vicinity of 600 E street SE.
 - d. The ANC voted (Waud/Sroufe, 8-0) to request, again, a traffic calming study at 11th street and I-295 and send letter to Director Marootian.
11. ABC Committee
Commissioner Ready, committee chair, led discussion of the item under consideration: an application for installation of three Dragon’s Assent electronic games at the Brig. The committee had reviewed and approved a similar request from Trusty’s. During the discussion Commissioner Jayaraman indicated the thought it would be good for the ANC to actually experience the games, as many other requests for approval of this device were anticipated. A motion to table the request to provide this opportunity for further explanation was offered by Sroufe, seconded by Ready, but failed 3-4-1. A motion to approve the application passed 5-0-3.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 pm; the next meeting is May 12.