



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B

Minutes of Regular Meeting

For
June 8, 2021

1. Greeting and Introductions.

Chairman Ready convened the virtual meeting at 7:04 and welcomed Commissioners, Resident Members, and community members. At the start of the meeting all 10 Commissioners were in attendance, along with 33 members of the community and media. Introductions of the 10 Commissioners included identification of their Single Member Districts and their positions on the ANC Executive Committee as appropriate.

2. Adoption of the Meeting Agenda.

Following discussion and one modification, the Meeting Agenda was approved unanimously (Holman/Wright). Modification: Commissioner Oldenburg requested that an item about a response to MoveDC be moved from the Transportation Committee agenda to Item #15, "Other Commission Concerns."

Note: During the discussion of the agenda, agreement was reached that the July meeting would include discussion of meeting procedures (i.e., live or virtual) to be used by the Commission once the DC Government removes its emergency provisions calling for virtual meetings.

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

Following discussion and modification the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously (Oldenburg/Horn). Included items: minutes of the May commission meeting; six ABC recommendations; and four P&Z Committee recommendations. One item, ABRA-117582 (Santa Rosa Taqueria) was removed from Consent Agenda for consideration as an additional ABC topic (new item 6.3).

4. Presentation. Andrew DeFrank, Community Engagement Specialist, DDOT, and Joseph Kerwin, Program Analyst, DDOT, discussed new procedures for securing guest residential parking permits. They announced that the new virtual-only version for securing visitor parking passes would begin in July and that it was being field tested in 6B. Issues that had been identified with the old system included: fraud, inconvenience, and delay. The new system will be based on the license plate of a resident and/or visitor and will be accessed via a web portal, a mobile application, or a call center (202-671-2631). The discussion engaged both Commissioners and residents and raised concerns about the accuracy of the data base to be used and the un-even capabilities of residents to use information technology. One resident reported that in his experience the system was incomprehensible, but most had no experience with the new procedure to date.

5. Commissioner and Community Speak-out

(A) Attention was called to proposal for new Circulator bus routes across Wards 6 and 7. It was noted that comments from the community were due by June 26.

(B) A resident expressed concerns about the proposed K Street bike lane. It was announced that the topic would be considered by the Transportation Committee at its July meeting. All are invited to attend this virtual meeting.

(C) Statements of appreciation for the departing Executive Secretary, Barbara Flemming, were provided on behalf of the Commission by Commissioner Krepp and by Chair Ready. Barbara will be taking another position as of August 1.

Discussions and Actions by Committees

6. ABC Committee Recommendations and Actions

(A) The Commission recommended renewal of existing Settlement Agreement (SA) with Southeast Market. (Unanimous, Krepp/Samolyk).

(B) The Commission recommended approval of a new SA for Harvest Tide Steak House (unanimous, Sroufe/Holtzman). Neighbors sharing space on the alley behind the restaurant expressed the hope that terms of the SA would be faithfully executed.

(C) The Commission recommended approval of application for a new class C restaurant licensed for Santa Rosa Taqueria by a vote of 6-1-3 (Samolyk/Ready). Several commissioners expressed disappointment that the owner would not agree to provide an enclosed trash room.

7. Planning and Zoning Committee Recommendations and Actions

(A) Following a lengthy and contentious discussion among Commissioners, residents, and representatives of Door Dash (Gary Kadlecsek, formal legal representative; Josh Neergarrd, general manager, and Kyrus Freeman, Holland and Knight), the Commission approved the P&Z Committee recommendation to appeal the recent zoning decision that approved a building permit for a Door Dash hub at 1323 E Street SE. Among those addressing the Commission was James Loots a former Commissioner from 6B03, who advised that the ANC should not appeal the zoning decision. The vote to appeal was 8-1 with one abstention. Residents opposed to this use of the site expressed concerns for traffic, parking, and pedestrian safety in a newly congested area of schools, a huge Safeway, and considerable amount of recently built and occupied new housing. Commissioner Holman, chair of the P&Z Committee called attention to the hostile emails that had been directed toward a Commissioner viewed to be supportive of the Door Dash proposal. He noted that, as we are all neighbors, personal attacks on any Commissioner because of their actions as ANC Commissioners just doing their jobs was simply not acceptable.

(B) The Commission moved to support the application to HPRB for the revised plans for renovation of the "Corner Store" (unanimous; Holtzman/Ryder). Additional historical research and revisions in architecture and landscaping/hardscaping addressed concerns that had been raised during a meeting of the P and Z Committee.

(C) The Commission moved to approve a concept review for 733 8th SE (former Howl to the Chief) for construction of a new mixed-use building, with the understanding that neighbors and the developer will continue to discuss trash issues and other neighbor issues. (Unanimous; Ready/Sroufe).

(D) Moved to recommend approval of the proposed use change for 818 Potomac SE (Oldenburg/Ready, 8-1-1). Commissioners Oldenburg and Ready are to work out details of approval statement.

(E) Following discussion among Commissioners and residents, the Commission moved to express its preference for project proposals for development of Reservation 13. With only nine Commissioners present, passed 8-0-1 (Horn/Holman). Preference in Bundle #1 was for NPR Argos; preference in Bundle #2 was LPD (Jair Lynch).

The discussion included references to concerns raised by residents at a community meeting and the opinions expressed by Lawrence Johnson on behalf of the Capitol Hill Village. It was understood that

the ANC letter would state the reasons for the Commission's preferences and would continue to urge more affordable housing.

8. Transportation Committee

Committee chair Oldenburg proposed to appoint a committee to draft an ANC response as requested by DDOT about MoveDC for consideration at the July ANC meeting. Unanimous (Oldenburg/Horn). (Three committee members were assigned to this task: Manley, Sroufe, Oldenburg.)

9. Task Force Reports and Actions

Reports from the ABC, Transportation, and P&Z committee were included in the agenda materials but were not read at the meeting. There were no written reports from task forces for Hill East, Livable Community, Barracks Row, or EMCAC.

10. Finance Report

The report was not available at the time of the meeting.

11. Adjournment

Commissioner Oldenburg announced adjournment at 12:07 AM; the next meeting of the Commission will be on July 13.

Note: During the meeting an advisory email was received from Gottleib Simon explaining that an ANC certainly could be an "affected party" even with regard to actions proposed outside its boundary (e.g., adjacent Reservation 13 and Ward 7) In particular, ANC6B was within its rights to hold a community meeting in Hill East.