

MINUTES

ANC6B Monthly Commission Meeting

January 11, 2022

1. Welcome and Announcements

Chair Ready welcomed all ten 6B Commissioners and 37 presenters and guests to the meeting. He called attention to presentations to be provided by Council Member Charles Allen and Chris Dyer of DC Parks and Recreation, and to the election of ANC officers.

2. Approval of the Agenda and Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the meeting agenda was offered following discussion and modification. The motion passed 7-3 (Sroufe/Ready). Modifications to the agenda included removal of the "Minutes of A Special Call Meeting from the Consent Calendar and placed for consideration under "Administrative Matters," and a proposed discussion of Bylaws Revisions was removed from that spot for consideration at a later date (10-0-0; Oldenburg/Ready); addition of a draft letter regarding policing/gun violence in DC was assigned to "Other Concerns" (6-4-0 Krepp/Samolyk); the settlement agreement for the Come As You Are Tavern (ABRA 11917) was deferred until a time following a Special Call meeting planned for January 25 (10-0-0; Ready/Sroufe).

(Following discussion of Administrative Matters later in the meeting, a motion to approve the Consent Agenda was passed unanimously (Krepp/Holtzman).

3. Presentations

#1: Ward 6 Councilman, Charles Allen

CM Allen reviewed the process of setting boundaries for Single Member Districts in accord with the new Census data and the new Ward boundaries. He said a Task Force would be appointed to recommend to new boundaries, which would be voted on twice by the Council (Committee of the Whole and Council): a preliminary and final vote. The schedule anticipated for the process across all wards will involve Task Force meetings in January and February and Council votes prior to the end of March. He noted that he would not appoint any current Commissioners to the task force but did encourage nominations from 6B Commissioners.

CM Allen said that ANC comments or recommendations to the Council about the plans proposed by the Task Force would be appropriate and should be provided as soon as the proposed SMD boundaries were available for Council consideration -- probably at the ANCC6B March meeting.

In response to a Commissioner's question CM Allen said he was open to the idea of Cross Ward SMB districts, but that he welcomed ANC input on this possibility. He indicated that agreement of both Wards would be required to implement this arrangement.

Presentation #2: Christopher Dyer, Community Engagement Specialist, District Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Dyer, provided a brief overview of the DPR summer programs and responded to Commissioner's comments and questions.

- Why were funded improvements in Garfield Park put off year after year? Dyer said the problem was in the slow bidding process of contracts and procurements and expressed optimism that improvements would be forthcoming; but he acknowledged that Garfield Park improvements had not been entered into the bidding process.
- How can Commissioner's connect with DPR regarding maintenance issues, especially those that might pose danger. Dyer recommended taking a photo of the problem and sending it directly to him about them.
- What about issues with electrical outlets being misused in the Eastern Market Metro Park? Mr. Dyer had received word of the problem and referred it to DGS. There has been no response from DGS to date.
- Tree trimming in the parks? DDOT actually does forestry but collaborates with DPR. Damaged tree calls might start with the District Urban Forestry program.
- Update on reinnovation of Rumsey Aquatic Center with \$15 million provided for this purpose in the Mayors budget? Project is on the list.

4. Commissioner and Community Announcements

Commissioner Oldenburg called attention to a grant application being developed by the Friends of Virginia Avenue Park that might be used for fencing and further development.

Commissioner Holman announced a joint meeting among three ANCs (6A,6B,6C) and the DC Office of the Attorney General on January 25. The meeting will explore the OAG Attorney General's Use Division briefed the planning and zoning committees of three Capitol Hill ANCs (6A, 6B, 6C). The meeting will explore the OAG's new mission on interacting with the city's ANCs to promote affordable and inclusionary housing.

Commissioner Krepp called attention to the collapse of a pop-up on 18th street resulting in a number of stop work orders on similar buildings.

Brea Govan, Events DC, called attention to the Community Grants for Youth in DC program being sponsored by Events DC. Information programs to be offered on Tuesday and Thursday for those organizations interested in submitting proposals.

Kevin Pham, Ward 6 MOCRS, called attention to new Corona Virus testing program of all students in DC schools, and vaccination for all students over 12 beginning on February 15. He explained that the vaccination of those under 12 was not mandatory. He heard comments and answered questions:

-A community member congratulated the District on its program of self-testing with kits distributed through libraries and other public places at no charge.

-A community member expressed concern about the encampment at 3rd and Virginia avenue, calling attention to the large number of bikes and Amazon packages within the encampment.

Armand Llione, DC Native American History Project, sought approval from the ANC6B for a name change to Garfield Park.

Noting that this was Mr. Llione's second appearance to request to the ANC's support for a name change to Garfield Park to recognise its Native American heritage, Commissioner Sroufe suggested that it become an action item at the February meeting. Mr. Llione proposes that the name of the park become Garfield Anacostan Park.

4. Actions of Standing Committees

Planning and Zoning Committee

Only one case was before the Commission: 751 10th Street (HPA 22-091; BZA 20615). The application was referred from the P&Z Committee without recommendation and contending parties had been encouraged to see if they could resolve their differences before the January 11 Commission meeting. While the project architect provided modifications intended to address the light and air concerns of those living in the adjacent apartments, they were considered insufficient by the neighbors. Following considerable discussion among all parties about the adequacy of the plan modifications, a motion to support the modified plan was passed 9-1-0 (Oldenburg/Holman.)

Several P&Z cases were approved on the Consent Agenda: (1) HPA 22-02: Historic Landmark Nomination for The Seafarers Yacht Club, 1950 M Street SE; (2) HPA 22-090 and BZA 20614: 133 Kentucky Ave SE: Special Exception to construct a rear addition to an existing, attached, two-story principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone (Square 2 1014, Lot 25); (3) HPA 22-086: 310 9th St SE – Concept – Build rear addition to rowhouse; (4) Marine Barracks Washington Window Replacement – Project: ANC 6B is part to an MOU with Marine Barracks of Washington (MBW) related to historic preservation issues. MBW is seeking to change some windows along the eastern façade; (5) BZA 18701E, 1247 E Street SE: Modification of Significance to include general retail, service, and office uses in addition to the restaurant use within an existing, semi-detached, two-story with cellar, apartment house the R-1 zone.

Alcohol Beverage Committee

One application was approved on the Consent Agenda: ABRA-119954; RRG Catering LLC t/n Rose's at Home, 721 8th Street, SE, Retail Class "C".Restaurant.

Committee chair Ready dispensed with reading the report of the meeting.

Transportation Committee

The TC met in January and prepared a report. Chair Oldenburg dispensed with reading the report.

5. Actions and Reports of Special Committees and Task Forces

Capitol Hill Business Working Group met to consider adoption of letter grades (e.g., A, B, C) for restaurants to alert customers to potential health risks.

Hill East Task Force Task Force chair Krepp expressed concern about a meeting called by CM Allen. She felt that the community received inadequate notice of the meeting. She wondered if the meeting had been held and, if so, what outcome was reached.

Livable Community Task Force, EMCAC had no report for the past month.

6.ANC6B Administrative Matters

Election of Officers. Gottlieb Simon, recently retired Director of OANC, presided over the election. Candidates for each officer were selected serially, beginning with Chair, as required by the ANC6B Bylaws.

Officers nominated and elected:

Chair, COREY HOLMAN nominated by Holtzman, elected 8-2-0.

Vice Chair, ALISON HORN nominated by Commissioner Wright, elected 9-1.

Secretary, JERRY SROUFE nominated by Commissioner Ready, elected 9-1.

Treasure, EDWARD RYDER nominated by Commissioner Holman, elected 9-1.

Parliamentarian, PETER WRIGHT nominated by Commissioner Ryder, elected 9-1.

Chair Holman provided a brief comment in which he acknowledged that policy differences among Commissioners would continue, but that as Chair he would strive to promote radical fairness and equity in Commission deliberations.

Officers will assume their responsibilities at the conclusion of the January 11 meeting of ANC6B.

7. Award of ANC6B Distinguished Public Service Award

Chair Ready made the Executive Committee's first award to Simon Gottlieb for his 21 years of leadership as Director of the Office of Advisory Community Commissions. Gottlieb accepted the award for himself and many other deserving public servants across the District. He observed in his "final thoughts" that perhaps there was too much use of the stick in ANC endeavors and too little use of compromise, collaboration, and recognition of the role of each of the actors in the ANC environment. Several Commissioners expressed their appreciation for Gottlieb's personal touch on sensitive issues and his work to establish the ANCs as a vital instrument of District governance.

8. Finance

Treasurer Corey Holman moved Commission approval of a \$25 expenditure for the ANCs' collaborative Security Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wright and passed unanimously. Chair Holman moved approval of the Quarterly Report, seconded by Commissioner Horn, and received unanimous support from the Commission.

9. Other ANC Concerns

Meeting Calendar and logistics. The ANC Calendar approved in December was reviewed and approved by vote because the Bylaws require approval of the Calendar in January. It was noted that the District Council has approved continued virtual meetings through February.

Further consideration of issues arising from the use of the Chat function was deferred to a later date; however, it was learned that the chat function is a part of the routine Commission audio recordings.

Chair Ready said the Annual Report was in progress but nearing completion and sharing with Commissioners.

Approval of a letter calling for increased support of police. Commissioner Krepp introduced a draft letter. Following discussion and editorial suggestions, the motion to send the letter passed 6-4 (Krepp/Samolyk).

10. Adjournment at 11:15 pm until next Commission meeting: a Special Call meeting at 7:00 on January 25.