

ANC6B

DRAFT MINUTES

February 8, 2022

1. Call to Order

ANC6B Chair, Corey Holman, 6B06, convened the meeting at 7:01 with a quorum of seven Commissioners present: Jennifer Samolyk, 6B01; Jerry Sroufe, Secretary, 6B02; Brian Ready, 6B03; Kirsten Oldenburg, 6B04; Steve Holtzman, 6B05; Alison Horn, Vice-Chair, 6B09. Edward Ryder, Treasurer, 6B07, joined the meeting in progress during the report of the Planning and Zoning Committee.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Following modifications, a motion to adopt the agenda was approved unanimously (Horn/Ready). Modifications to the printed agenda included: (1) a late breaking case was added to the Planning and Zoning Committee action agenda; (2) Commissioner Samolyk removed her proposed letter regarding car jackings for further development.

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Following modification, the Consent Agenda was adopted unanimously (Oldenburg/Horn). One modification in the Consent Agenda was removal of the item for approval of the January Minutes requested by Secretary Sroufe because of confusion regarding the disposition of one item. The corrected January minutes will be presented for consideration at the March ANC6B meeting.

Included in the Consent Agenda were the following items:

Two ABC Committee Items:

- Approval of ABRA 119693 (ZOCA, 319 Pennsylvania Avenue), Class C Restaurant. (Deferred from January meeting.)
- Approval of ABRA 120239 (327 7th SE), Class C restaurant application and Stipulated Agreement.

One Planning and Zoning Committee item:

- Approval of plans for a 2022 Rock and Roll Half Marathon to be held in Capitol Hill on March 26.

Two Transportation Committee items

- Letter seeking status update on Pennsylvania and Potomac Avenue Intersection Improvement Project
- Request for FY 2023 funding to replace temporary flexiposts with permanent traffic control elements.

4. Presentations

Scheduled presentations were postponed due to the absence of presenters.

5. Community Speak-out

Brian Schwalb introduced himself as a candidate for District Attorney General. He invited Commissioners and residents to contact him for additional information: BrianforDC.com. Chair Holman noted the concern about using Webex for political messaging and encouraged interested Commissioners to contact Schwalb outside the meeting.

Sebastian Roa, Communications Director of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, provided a warning about the possibility of clay pipes in the Historic District collapsing under the stress of connecting to new main lines, and called attention to need for home owners to investigate conditions of their connecting pipes as part of the current water pipe replacement program

“DMason” offered to respond to any questions about the transition of some Ward 6 residents into Ward 8 and to provide information about planning for new SMDs in the Ward. The proposed schedule of events in Ward 8 SMD redistricting includes: a public meeting on 2/16; review of proposed SMD maps on 3/2 and 3/6, and a final vote recommending new boundaries on March 30. Commissioner Oldenburg indicated that she has encouraged impacted residents being shifted from Ward 6 to Ward 8 to contact herself or Brian Thompson, a Commissioner in Ward 8, who is active in redistricting in Ward 8.

Allison Cunningham called attention to reckless behavior of Door Dash drivers, including fights amongst the drivers that brought out the MPD. She indicated that neighbors were taking photos of public space violations in preparation for a DCRA hearing on April 6. She was encouraged to also keep CM Allen informed about the problem.

6. Reports and Actions of Standing Committees

Alcohol Beverage Control Committee. There were no ABC committee actions beyond the two applications approved on the Consent Calendar. Committee Chair Ready dispensed with reading the report.

Commissioners briefly discussed the approach to be taken to forthcoming renewal of applications. Under consideration is a proposed procedure whereby those establishments holding ABC licenses that (1) have received no unaddressed complaints, and (2) have no changed circumstances, would be recommended for renewal without a hearing.

Planning and Zoning Committee Report and Actions. In addition to the items on the Consent Agenda, the Commission approved the following applications for BZA and/or HPA approval:

(1) Motion by Ready, second by Horn, to provide a letter of support for HPA 22-145 (528 4th) requesting replacement of deteriorating siding materials for a contributing structure was passed unanimously. At issue: can present non-historic aluminum siding to be replaced with non-historic Hardie Board? In addition to the letter of support for this specific application, ANC6B will : (a) note that no period architectural details would be removed in the project; (b) request that the HPRB should review its guidelines for situations such as presented by this case specifically, and for the use of new materials that

replicate the appearance of original materials in general. The motion passed 6-0-1, there being seven Commissioners present at the time.

(2) A property at 739 12th SE requested approval of BZA20640 and HPA22137. Following considerable deliberation about the adequacy of the shadow study and construction drawings, and a concern regarding use of materials proposed, the Commission passed the two motions forwarded from the P&Z Committee:

(a) Supporting the HPA application and highlighting the observation that the specific material (vinyl) proposed for the rear is not something that has customarily been approved by HPRB, and seeking further guidance from HPA for the future (6-0-1).

(b) Supporting the application but including a note stating that the lack of sun studies made it difficult to judge the impacts on light and air (5-1-1).

(3) The P&Z Committee recommended support for the building application of 745 10th. At issue was the impact of the construction of a two-story accessory building with a roof deck on the residents in an adjacent apartment building. Following discussion among Commissioners and the impacted residents, owner, and architect, a roll call vote was taken. The committee recommendation was approved with a 4-2-2 vote, there now being 8 Commissioners participating.

Transportation Committee Report and Actions. In addition to two letters approved on the Consent Agenda, the Committee brought forward two additional items.

One item was that Commissioner Oldenburg would present testimony on behalf of the ANC6B at the DC Council budget and oversight hearings about the S.E. Blvd project and the Barney Circle project. The recommendation of the Transportation Committee was approved unanimously (8-0-0).

The Commission also considered the "Reconciliation Map" put forward by the Capitol Police regarding truck signage in the vicinity of the Capitol complex. Following discussion it was determined that no action was required of the Commission.

7. Reports and Actions of Task Forces and Special Committees

Hill East Task Force. No report.

Livable Community Task Force. Commissioner Holtzman, chair, provided information about a forthcoming community meeting (February 24) to consider modification of the name of Garfield Park. It has been proposed that the name be hyphenated (Garfield-Anacostan) in recognition of the First Citizens encampment on the site in pre-colonial times. Commissioner Holtzman emphasized that the meeting was a community meeting and not a Special Call meeting of the ANC6B.

(It was noted in the discussion that task forces, just as standing committees, were authorized to take votes and make recommendations to the 6BANC.

Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee. No report and no actions. EMCAC meetings are open to the public and typically occur on the last Wednesday of the month.

Capitol Hill Business Group. Commissioner Ready announced a forthcoming meeting (February 15 at 2:00) to further discuss food safety issues, including the possibility of a letter grading system for restaurants.

8. Financial Report

Treasurer Edward Ryder reported that the Quarterly Report had been submitted to OANC; there were no other financial actions to report.

9. Administrative Matters.

Chair Holman stated that the February meeting is designated as the time to appoint chairs of task forces, special committees, liaisons to other organizations, standing committee. Also, it is the time to confirm appointment of Resident Members to each of the Standing Committees.

Chair Holman nominated the following chairs of Standing Committees:

Planning and Zoning, Holman; Transportation, Oldenberg; ABC, Ready.

Commissioner Holtzman provided a second and the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Chair Holman nominated the following chairs of Task Forces and Special Committees:

Hill East Task Force, Krepp; Livable Communities, Holtzman; Capitol Hill Working Group, Ready.

Commissioner Sroufe seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Chair Holman nominated Sroufe to serve as liaison to the EMCAC. Commissioner Holtzman seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Oldenburg called attention to her appointment of Commissioner Holtzman as Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee. Chair Holman reminded Commissioners that each committee should appoint a vice-chair, but that it was not required that they be voted on by the Commission.

Chair Holman moved acceptance of the list of 20 Resident Members, identified by Standing Committee and SME, as presented on the Website. Commissioner Horn seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

10. Approval of ANC6B Annual Report

Commissioner Ready described the contents of the first ever ANC6B annual report, that he developed in collaboration with Committee and Task Force Chairs. A motion to adopt the report and file it with the appropriate agency was passed unanimously (Holman/Ready).

11. Approval of Proposed Bylaw Changes

Commissioner Oldenburg presented three changes necessary to clarify and correct the Bylaws.

1. Article VII, Section 1, Chairs, Paragraph B: added "Transportation" to the list of Standing Committees (it had been inadvertently omitted in a previous revision in 2016)

2. Article VII, Section 2 Chairs: changed from mention of "a member" to lead a committee or task force to include the possibility of "two members" (e.g., co-chairs).

3. Article VII, Section 3 Resident Members: changed to provide that any resident members appointed at a meeting other than the February Meeting "shall serve until the next February."

A motion to approve the Bylaw changes passed unanimously (Oldenburg/Ryder). Chair Holman called attention to the need for the Secretary to provide the revised Bylaws to OANC.

Additional discussion about the Bylaws included a suggestion that they be modified further to provide for an opportunity for resident members to serve as chair of standing committees, as well as task forces and special committees.

13. Other Matters

Commissioner Samolyk introduced a letter calling attention to the continued neglect of Garfield Park maintenance. Several suggestions for additional persons and agencies to receive the letter were provided by Commissioners, including one specific individual: Ted Juris working for the Riverfront Bid. The motion to send the letter to the more extensive list of recipients was passed unanimously (Samolyk/Sroufe).

Commissioner Samolyk had prepared a letter urging that residents of 6B be included in the comprehensive plan for homeless through the District's CARE program. The encampments in 6B were not included in the original planning for the program. The motion to send the letter was passed unanimously (Samolyk/Sroufe).

Motion to Adjourn.

Commissioner Oldenburg moved to adjourn the meeting unanimously until the next meeting on Tuesday March 8.

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Sroufe, Secretary