



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B
Minutes of Regular Meeting
for
April 14, 2021

1. Welcome and Introductions.

Chairman Ready convened the Commission at 7:07. Forty-six persons were attending, including nine of the 10 ANC6B Commissioners: Jennifer Samolyk (6B01); Jerry Sroufe, Secretary (6B02); Brian Ready, Chair (6B03); Kirsten Oldenburg, Parliamentarian (6B04); Steve Holzman (6B05); Corey Holman, Treasurer (6B06); Edward Ryder (6B07); Peter Wright (6B08); Alison Horn (6B09).

2. Approval of Agenda.

The Agenda was approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda.

The Consent Agenda, with one modification, was approved unanimously (Wright/Horn). One item, removed for further discussion at the request of Commissioner Wright, was BZA 20445: 106 13th Street SE. Items included on the Consent Agenda were the Minutes of the April 14 monthly meeting of ANC6B along with 2 items from the Planning and Zoning Committee: (1) HPA 21-266 (508 Seward Square); (2) HPA 21-261 (232 5th Street, SE). The Consent Agenda also included a recommendation from the P&Z Committee for continued support for a text amendment to add Inclusionary Zoning Requirements to the NC-6 Zone (Lower Barracks Row), pending review of modifications anticipated in the near future.

4. Presentations.

Emily Tatro, deputy director, and Casey Anderson, policy analyst at the Council for Court Excellence, provided an overview of the "Jails and Justice" report of the 26 member DC Task Force on justice reform appointed in 2019. Before discussing the committee's recommendations, they reviewed some disappointing facts: one in 22 residents have experienced incarceration; two thirds of those incarcerated have identifiable mental illness. The CCE is now advocating for adoption of a 10 year plan, including a new DC jail, that will reduce incarceration by one-third. They report that it currently costs \$241 per day, \$88,000 annually, for each incarcerated prisoner. The plan proposes reducing the budget of the MPD and redistribution of funds for increased use of behavioral response teams. CM Charles Allen is the only member of the DC Council on the committee. Presentation slides will be distributed to Commissioners.

5. Commissioner and Community Speak-Out.

Commissioner Samolyk called attention to a virtual tour of Garfield Park April 20 from 7:00 to 9:00 that would focus on DC's P and R agency's plans for substantial renovation. Commissioner Horn noted a community meeting to focus on Spielberg Park (Steven!) at 6:30 on Monday (additional information in the Hill Rag). Resident Member Jayaraman invited commissioners and guests to participate in a community meeting at 5:30 Saturday focusing on issues on 14th and 15th streets. Commissioner Ready reported that his second "Conversation with the Chair" was scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 7:00 PM and invited Commissioners to join in answering questions from the community.

6. ABC Committee Topics

Select Whiskey is seeking approval for both a Class A Internet sales license and a stipulated agreement (ABRA 117401). A Settlement Agreement has been provided that restricts hours to parallel those of traditional retail establishments (sales from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm weekdays; 9:00 to 12:00 on Friday and Saturday. The SA was approved unanimously (Sroufe/Ready). The stipulated license provides that they can begin providing service immediately. It was approved unanimously (Sroufe/Ready).

The Ugly Mug seeks modifications to permit sports wagering and games of skill. Both requests were recommended for passage by the ABC Committee and were approved unanimously. (ABRA 071793).7.

7. Planning and Zoning Committee.

Chairman Holman moved to open the agenda in order to add a request that had been missed inadvertently; the motion to reopen the agenda was approved unanimously. Commissioner Holman also indicated that HPA 21-262 (313 9th SE) would not be heard as the owner and architect requested a delay of one month.

BZA 18238 (415 A SE) which had been reviewed previously was approved unanimously (Holman/Horn).

HPA 21-256 (602 E) was discussed and approved unanimously (Ready/Holman).

HPA 21-253 (420 11th SE) could not be considered as no representative appeared. Following the recommendation of Commissioner Oldenburg, the ANC determined, without objection, to seek a one month delay and to notify HPRB of this situation.

BZA 20445 (106 13th) sought a use variance to expand an existing restaurant, not currently in use. It was removed from the Consent Agenda because of community opposition that had surfaced since its approval was recommended by the P&Z Committee. The Commission heard concerns of a neighbor about inadequate parking in the area for a restaurant of the size being proposed, and heard from the architect and owner. Following discussion Commissioner Wright moved that the Committee recommendation stand. The motion was approved 8-0 with one abstention.

8. Transportation Committee.

The TC presented a revised version of a letter expressing its dissatisfaction with the safety provisions of the I-265 Ramp Study prepared by DDOT. Following discussion it was moved to send the letter expressing concern and opposition to DDOT leadership, CM Allen, and appropriate staff. The motion was approved unanimously (Holman/Oldenburg).

Committee chair Oldenburg presented a draft letter urging the Mayor to have the city resume enforcement of parking regulations that had been discontinued during the Pandemic. Following discussion and modification a motion to send the letter was approved unanimously (Oldenburg/Sroufe). The Committee report provided with the agenda materials was noted but not read.

9. Hill East Task Force.

No report in the absence of the Chair.

10. Livable Community Task Force.

Task Force chair Holtzman reported on efforts to have the Board of Elections identify 6B02 voters qualified, by age, to receive vaccinations for the Coronavirus. He indicated that the information had just been received and would be shared with other Commissioners to assist them in encouraging eligible residents in the SMDs to obtain vaccinations.

11. Capitol Hill Business Improvement Task Force.

Task Force Chair Ready reported that there was beginning to be competition among streateries for curb space outdoors since the weather had improved. He said this would be one of the topics taken up at the forthcoming meeting on April 21 at 6:00. All commissioners are invited to participate in the meetings of the task force.

12. EMCAC Report.

Commissioner Sroufe stated that there was nothing significant to report since last month.

13. Financial Report.

Commissioner Holman stated that the Quarterly Financial Report would be deferred until the May meeting because of some erroneous data transfers made inadvertently by the OANC. He noted that legal fees had been received for costs associated with the Handle 19 protest and that they were in keeping with the stipulated maximum expenditure. All exhibits and documentation developed in preparation for the protest have been provided to Chair Ready and the ANC.

14. ANC6B Administrative Matters.

(a) Commissioner Holman led a discussion of website hosting options and recommended that the ANC shift to Word Press to achieve ease of operations and greater flexibility. He will meet with Barbara and interested Commissioners in the near future to further explore this option.

(b) Commissioner Holman had just received word that Congressional Aviation was no longer seeking to move its heliport to Water Street, SE. He had prepared a letter calling on the District government to provide leadership in finding a suitable site for this valuable service. A motion to send the letter was approved unanimously (Holman/Oldenburger).

15. Adjournment.

At 9:55 Commissioner Oldenburger asked for unanimous approval to adjourn the ANC6B Commission until May 11, 2021.