



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B
Minutes of Regular Meeting
for
May 11, 2021

1. Attending

All 10 Commissioners, 17 residents, press, and officials participated in the meeting. Commissioners and their Single Member Districts are: Jennifer Samolynk (6B01); Jerry Sroufe, Secretary (6B02); Brian Ready, Chair (6B03); Kirsten Oldenburg, Parliamentarian (6B04); Steve Holtzman, Vice Chair (6B05); Corey Holman, Treasurer (6B06); Edward Ryder (6B07); Peter Wright (6B08) Alison Horn (6B09); Denise Krepp (6B10).

2. Welcome and Adoption of the Meeting Agenda.

Chair Ready welcomed Commissioners, neighbors, and community and government representatives to the meeting. Chair Ready provided several introductory comments: there were no presentations this month; he had invited MPD to provide an officer to discuss the recent murder in 400 block of Eight Street. Following one modification – Commissioner Oldenburg removed a transportation item from that committee’s action agenda – the meeting agenda was adopted unanimously (Wright/Holtzman).

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was approved unanimously (Wright/Horn). The following items were Included on the CA : approval of Minutes for the April meeting, ABC recommendations for Extreme Pizza and the liquor store at new Safeway ABC applications; and three recommendations for approval of applications from the P&Z committee (The Eastern; 420 11th street; 1525 K street).

4. Community and Commissioner Announcements and Speak-Out

(a) Chairman Ready introduced a discussion of the stabbing incident at 400 block of Eight in which the victim, Commissioner Ready’s neighbor, had died. Concerns were expressed for the family and for ongoing problems in the area. Commissioner Oldenburg said that while the area remained troubled, reports of serious crime have declined. The perpetrator was still at large and information about the incident remained sketchy so the ANC deferred action.

(b) Commissioner Krepp called attention to a petition in support of an officer beaten during the January 6 Capitol riot who is seeking release of the video of his beating. She will circulate the petition.

(c) Nancee Lyons, a Department of Public Works public affairs specialist responsible for managing the MuralsDC program, provided information about street murals under consideration in ANC6B at three locations (210 7th; 801 Virginia; 315 Pennsylvania). She indicated that the neighbors would be notified but that the choice of design was determined by the store owner and the artist selected. Commissioner Ready indicated that he and neighbors were themselves going to restore a mural under the overpass at 6th. A resident asked about the possibility of using graffiti resistant paint because the overpass walls at 3rd street were repainted and immediately covered with obscene graffiti.

(Lyons said that signs posted illegally – especially the sticky signs – are removed by DPW constantly. They respond to 311 calls.)

(d) Larry Johnson called attention to a virtual public meeting sponsored by the Capitol Hill Village on the morning of May 20 on the topic of “aging strong” with the Deputy Mayor and Council members. Registration for the morning meeting is available in the CHV May newsletter.

(e) Commissioner Holtzman asked for an update about the settlement with Felice Development and Commissioners learned that the final order had just been provided and that discussions are expected to begin now.

(f) Commissioner Horn called attention to a disposition hearing to be hosted by DMPED on May 20 to hear from five development teams about proposals for Reservation 13.

(g) Charles Perking, PEPCO Community Liaison, provided information about the second year of the District’s Reuse Energy DC program. The program urges residents to sign a pledge – between now and July 8 – to reduce energy use and provides incentives to sign up. Last year 2,500 residents “took the pledge.” For more information: ReduceEnergyUseDC.com,

(h) Enora Moss, a public relations consultant with the Improving 295 DC Project, called attention to highly disruptive work on I-295 in the Suitland Parkway area. When the project is completed in 2022 it will provide better access to the offices of Homeland Security, and improved biker access to the Anacostia River Front. Additional information – including a simulated drive through construction obstacles is available on the Internet and Moss can be contacted at enora@tbaconnect.com.

5. Committee Reports and Actions

(a) The ABC Committee brought three cases to the Commission in addition to those on the consent calendar.

1. The Commission Approved application of Capitol Hill Wine and Spirits unanimously with no changes in the current Settlement Agreement (Samolyk/Horn).
2. Approved application of New Congressional Liquor with a vote of 7-2-1 with no changes in the current SA (Samolyk/Krepp).
3. The Commission determined, unanimously, to accept the recommendation of the ABC Committee which requested a 30 day extension for Santa Rose Taqueria application. The restaurant seeks to move from its existing location to a new nearby location. The ABC Committee recommendation included language stating that if the extension was not granted the ANC would protest the application. There was considerable discussion among Commissioners that owner Mendelson had not attended the committee meeting or the Commission meeting and considerable discussion from residents about trash problems in present locations.

(b) Transportation Committee chair Oldenburg requested that Commissioners and Resident Members present questions about the traffic signal lights to be asked of a DDOT representative. Previous meetings on this topic indicated that more attention needed to be provided about this specific aspect of the Pennsylvania Avenue Streetlights Project.

(c) The Planning and Zoning Committee brought one HPA issue to the Commission without recommendation (HPA 21-262). The committee had received numerous letters of opposition from neighbors about the impact of a double garage alley addition. Written and oral comments were received from neighbors, and from the architect and owner. Commissioner Holtzman had proposed some modifications regarding the design and others suggested modifications in materials that would reduce the apparent mass of the by-right construction plan. There appeared to be willingness on the part of the architect to explore these suggestions. Commissioner Holtzman moved to recommend approval of the plan to be accompanied by a letter to HPRB calling attention to the continuing work to find a compromise regarding ways to minimize the apparent mass of the building. The motion passed 9-1-0 (Holtzman/Holman).

6. Task Force and Working Group Reports and Actions

(a) Several Hill East Task Force issues were discussed in addition to those considered in the discussion period. Commissioner Krepp reported that she had not been able to receive an agenda for a forthcoming community meeting about proposals for development. Commissioner Horn indicated that DMPED did not plan to share the “best and final offers” of proposals received in response to an RFP for development in Section 13, as had been anticipated. Also, Chair Ready reported that he had received no response to his invitation to the MOCR in Ward 7 to discuss conflict regarding receipt of information from District government agencies about events and planning in Hill East. There was no written Task report of Task Force activities.

(b) Livable Community Task Force. No report this month.

(c) EMCAC. No report this month.

(d) The Capitol Hill Business Interest Working Group meeting will be scheduled for the coming week to discuss problem of conflicts developing over streetery spaces and the increase in security concerns in the Barracks Row area.

7. Financial Report

The ANC6b formally approved five amendments required for reconciliation of the financial report. Commissioners noted that the dollar amounts involved in making the changes were trivial and also that the OANC was several quarters behind in distribution of the ANC allotments. The motion to approve the Quarter 2 Financial Report was unanimous (Holman/Sroufe).

8. Adjournment at 9:55 PM

The next meeting of the ANC6B is scheduled for June 8, 2021, at 7:00 pm.