

ANC6B Meeting Minutes

JULY 14, 2020

Welcome and Introductions.

Chairman Ready called the virtual July meeting to order at 7:05. Participating Commissioners included: Jennifer Samolyk (01), Jerry Sroufe (Secretary, 02), Brian Ready (Chair, 03), Kirsten Oldenburg, 04; Corey Holman (Treasurer, 06), Kelly Waud (Parliamentarian, 07); Chander Jayaraman (Vice-Chair, 08) and Denise Krepp(10). There is currently a vacancy in SMD 09, and Commissioner Holtzman was excused. Eight votes were recorded for all actions during the meeting.

There were no scheduled presentations at this meeting. However, there was a robust amount of participation by members of the community regarding three issues: (1) a proposed addition to an alley dwelling, (2) a controversial school naming issue, and (3) the ANC6b grant project.

Responding to recent divisive racial events occurring in the nation and in the community, Chairman Ready commenced the meeting by sharing an open letter to the Capitol Hill community on behalf of ANC6B. The Diversity Statement emphasizes ANC6B's continuing dedication to working toward a community environment of equity and diversity, one in which all feel comfortable in living and doing business. The statement notes that achieving this goal requires an on going process of reflection and improvement.

Adoption of the Agenda

A number of modifications were made in the agenda, as follows:

- adding discussion of a heliport to the end of the Planning and Zoning Committee report
- adding approval of the Quarterly Report, in addition to the monthly financial report
- postponing until the September meeting consideration of HPA: 20-388 (419 8th SE)
- changing the order of item consideration to assure adequate time for consideration of grant applications and for a resolution regarding naming of schools, streets, and public places in the District.

Following modification, the agenda was approved unanimously (Holman/Ready).

Adoption of the Consent Agenda

One item, consideration of the 1333M SE PUD report, was removed from the consent agenda and added to the Planning and Zoning Committee report. Subsequently, the consent agenda item was approved unanimously (Oldenburg/Waud).

Items included in the approved Consent Agenda included approval of the June minutes; two zoning applications: HPA 20-397 and HPA 20-398; and a Transportation Committee letter to DDOT requesting temporary conversion of selected parking lanes to pedestrian walkways.

Community Speak-Out

Tyler Williams, Ward 6 Liaison, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, highlighted the importance of testing for Corona Virus -19 and described two free facilities available to the community: Fire Engine #8 at 1520 E SE; and Canal Park in the Southwest. Williams provided her contact information to facilitate assistance for persons facing unusual difficulties in making arrangements for testing: (202) 341-3659. Email: Tyler.williams2@dc.gov.

In addition to issues related to virus testing, concerns raised by Commissioners included the failure of too many residents and workers to follow 's the District mask-wearing protocol; the importance of completing the on-line 2020 U.S. Census; and the disappointing results of the District's illegal gun turn-in program.

Grant Application Review

In June ANC6B approved a one-time grant program to address humanitarian needs heightened by the pandemic. While applications were still being accepted, it was determined to consider providing awards for those in hand because they addressed immediate needs or were oriented to the forthcoming school year. Representatives of the organizations were in attendance and addressed the community needs they could address with additional funding.

Following discussion, two awards were made: (1) Shirley's Place, \$5000 application was approved unanimously (Jayaraman/Holman); (2) Serve Your City was approved for a \$15,000 grant, less than the \$18,000 requested, by a vote of 7-1 (Waud/Jayaraman).

It was anticipated that several additional applications were likely to be received in the near future and that a Special Call meeting would be held in August to make the final awards using the remainder of the \$45,000 amount that had been approved for the program.

Racial Inequalities and Naming of Public Places

As reflected by Chairman Ready's open letter, the ANC meeting took place in the midst of racial controversy over matters such as the depiction of the slave in the Lincoln statue located in Lincoln Park and the naming of schools in the immediate community.

Commissioner Holman had prepared a resolution to address places named for individuals whose lives were inconsistent with District values, and had circulated it in advance of the meeting. His resolution was divided into two at the ANC meeting: one part dealing with creation of a District wide commission to study and make recommendations related to the names of schools, streets, and monuments throughout the city; the other addressing the names of two local schools, Brent and Tyler.

Following discussion that included commentary from both residents and Commissioners, the ANC took the following actions:

- (1) Unanimously passed a motion urging the Council to take immediate steps to consider a bill now before the Committee of the Whole (B23-0234) to create an Advisory Commission on Monuments, Markers, and Symbols Establishment Act of 2019 (Holman/Samolyk).
- (2) Passed a motion to support efforts of students, parents, and leadership of Tyler and Brent Schools to change the names of their schools and recommend new names (Holman/Jayaraman, vote 5-2-1).

Planning and Zoning Committee

Following extensive discussion among the owner, builder, and a neighbor, a motion was offered to approve an application (BZA 20-238) for an addition to an alley garage at the rear of 203 3rd SE. The motion included the requirements for installation of a privacy screen and providing a covenant requiring 15 years before change from residential use. Passed 7-1(Holman/Oldenburg).

The ANC moved to file a Notice of Intent to seek a zoning map amendment to convert currently un-zoned land along the river to MU-11 status. One intended result of this action is that if the zoning modification (from un-zoned to Mu-11) any requests for a variance in zoning to permit construction of a heliport would have to come before the ANC. The motion, which recommends extending the new zoning to all of Boat House Row, passed unanimously (Holman/Krepp).

The ANC moved that the inclusionary provisions of new zoning on Boathouse Row should apply to the PUD under consideration at 1333 M SE. The motion was approved unanimously (Oldenburg/Ready).

Financial Report

The Quarterly Report provided by Treasurer Holman was approved unanimously (Holman/Oldenburg). The report is required of the ANC in order to receive its allotment from the city. Commissioner Holman's work in preparing the report was acknowledged and appreciated.

Other Business

At the July meeting there were no reports of the committees or task forces not mentioned above. Specifically: EMCAC, HETF, LCTF, WGBR. The report of the Transportation Committee was included in the agenda materials and discussed at the meeting, the ABC Committee did not meet in July but called attention to forthcoming requests from the new Safeway and a sport-betting bar/restaurant.

Adjournment

At 11:05, by unanimous consent, the July meeting was adjourned until being reconvened on September 8.