

COMMISSION MINUTES

ANC6B – SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** ANC6B Chair, Brian Ready, convened the meeting at 7:05. He welcomed presenters, residents, and media guests, and invited introductions from the 10 Commissioners present: 6B01, Jennifer Samolyk; 6B02, Jerry Sroufe, Secretary; 6B03 Brian Ready, Chair; 6B04, Kirsten Oldenburg, Parliamentarian; 6B05, Steve Holtzman, Vice Chair; 6B06, Corey Holman, Treasurer; 6B07, Edward Ryder; 6B08, Peter Wright; 6B09, Alison Horn; 6B10, Denise Krepp.

2. **Approval of the Meeting Agenda:** Following discussion and modification, the meeting agenda was approved unanimously (Oldenburg/Ready). One modification in the meeting agenda involved correction of an erroneous location given for requested speed bumps. A second modification was the addition of an update on hiring an Executive Assistant, which was added to item #14 (6B Administrative Matters).

3. **Approval of Consent Agenda.** Following discussion the Consent Agenda was adopted unanimously (Oldenburg/Holman). The following items were included in the Consent Agenda:

- a. July Minutes
- b. ABC Committee
 - Letter to ABRA approving change of name from BR Fine Wine and Spirits to Classy Corks Wine and Spirits.
 - Letter to ABRA approving Settlement Agreement with La Casina 1978 at 327 7th Street.
- c. Transportation Committee
 - Letter to DDOT urging quick action on installation of safety features at the Freeway Exit at 9th and I Street, SE intersection.
 - Recommended a TSA for speed humps on the 1400-1600 blocks of E street. The area of E street is bounded by Kentucky Ave to the West and 17th Street to the East.
 - Recommended speed humps for the 1100 block of D street, SE.
 - Supported a request for No Parking immediately in front of the Southeastern Library, on both sides of 7th street, on the table-top walkway. Also, removal of the Zip Car parking at the same intersection.
 - Letter to CM Allen in support of naming alley on the 200 block of 10th and 11th streets, "River Rock Court."
 - Letter supporting Counter Flow Bike Lane on two blocks for 1200 G street, SE.
 - Letter supporting DDOT NOI recommendation to covert one-way blocks to two-way.

- Letter to DDOT supporting the 30 percent design for the Pennsylvania Avenue SE Corridor.
- d. Planning and Zoning Committee
 - Letter in support of BZA 20502 for an addition at 921 G Street, SE.

4. Presentations

Presentation #1: Emily Haskel of Ward 6 Mutual Aid sought ANC support of the Universal Basic Income Plan being developed by the DC Council. Basically the plan is an augmentation to the federal Earned Income Tax Credit program. It would provide a minimum monthly income to qualified individuals and CM Charles Allen is leading the proposal. Commissioners raised questions about the distinction between Guaranteed Minimum Income and UBI, and wondered about its affordability in the absence of a means test. Several commissioners referenced pilot studies in other states and nations (Canada, Finland) and expressed interest in receiving additional information about the forthcoming legislation.

Presentation #2: Jamal Jordon and Brandon Hause presented an overview of the G Street Conversion. The project seeks to provide more and more reliable electrical service in areas that have aged or aging equipment, going from 4KB to 13KB capacity. Site preparation is ongoing now, the project will be completed in 2027. While the work will involve installation of underground cables and transformers, customers services will not be impacted during the work. Commissioners requested a map of the area to be impacted and one was provided on zoom, hard copy to follow. PEPCO plans to host a community meeting in October.

Presentation #3: Ted Jutras discussed the M Street Mobility Study being conducted by the Capitol Riverfront BID on behalf of DDOT. Charts were shown for the area of street from the river to 11th street, SE. The goal of the development is to be pedestrian friendly, bike friendly, and street sharing. Two concepts for bike lanes presented for discussion distinguished between one-lane for bike sharing in both directions and two single bike lanes going in opposite directions.

5. Commissioner and Community Announcements and Speak-Out.

- a. Commissioner Holman called attention to commencement of the redistricting process and its likely impact on Ward 6.
- b. Commissioner Ready announced a program to celebrate the successful conclusion of 6th Street underpass mural repainting and viewing on September 25.
- c. Commissioner Horn called attention to services provided regarding rent adjustments by the Landlord-Tenant Legal Assistance program.
- d. Commissioner Krepp called attention for the need to prosecute fully the January 6 rioters.
- e. Brea Govan, Events DC, noted that a 6 hole disk golf course was now open at RFK Stadium.
- f. Kevin Pham, MOCR, called attention to a forthcoming Mayor's event: Maternal and Infant Care Health Summit
- g. Maurice Cook, Serve Your City, raised concern about the District's plan to establish no-tent zones in advance of providing alternative housing for the homeless.

Standing Committee Reports and Actions

6. ABC Committee Report and Actions.

The ABC Committee forwarded the request for a license at Crazy Aunt Helen's at 713 8th SE without recommendation because there was insufficient information available at the time of its meeting. Research conducted by Chair Ready indicated that the closing hours included in the SA were similar to those of other establishments. A motion to grant the requested change in opening hours (to 7:00 AM) passed unanimously (Ready/Wright).

7. Planning and Zoning Committee

The Committee had forwarded one case to the Commission without recommendation. Following expressions of concern by neighbors, examination of pertinent documents, and discussion among the Commissioners, a motion was offered by Commissioner Horn "to appeal the decision of the Zoning Administrator in changing permit #B2106141 (815 8th SE) from a fast food establishment to a "restaurant". The motion passed unanimously (Horn/Ready).

8. Transportation Committee

Following community comment and discussion, the Commission approved a motion to oppose the proposed location of food trucks in the vicinity at 100 D Street, SE. Unanimous (Samolyk/Oldenburg).

Task Force Reports and Actions

9. Hill East had the benefit of a walk and talk with Will Hansfield (DDOT) to discuss traffic calming measures. It was noted that a protected bike lane was to be installed from Benning Road to Barney Circle on 17th Street (NE and SE) toward the goal of "traffic calming through cycling."

10. Livable Community no August meetings or reports.

11. Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (EMCAC). Commissioner Sroufe noted that the Committee had not met in August, but that music programming in the Eastern Market Metro Plaza Park had been planned for each weekend in September.

12. Capitol Hill Business Working Group. No August Meeting, no report.

13. Finance Report. Treasurer Corey Holman requested approval of Quarterly Report that had been submitted in July. The QR, showing a balance of \$17,617 for the 3rd quarter, was approved unanimously (Holman/Horn). Commissioner Holman noted that the annual budget would be considered by the ANC at the October meeting, following review by the Executive Board at its September 28 meeting.

14. ANC6B Administrative Matters. Chairman Ready said that our Executive Director had agreed to serve in an interim capacity until such time as her replacement was selected. His recommendation to proceed with this appointment under these terms was approved unanimously (Ready/Sroufe).

15. Commissioner Oldenburg adjourned the meeting with unanimous support at 9:54 pm. The ANC6B will meet next on October 12. It will be a virtual meeting.

