

## Draft MINUTES

### ANC6B COMMISSION MEETING -- October 12, 2021

1. Welcome, Introductions. Chair Ready welcomed 76 Commissioners and residents to the virtual meeting at 7:05. Commissioner Ready called attention to the fullness of the agenda and called on the ANC6B Commissioners to provide self-introductions by SMD number: (01) Jennifer Samolyk; (02) Jerry Sroufe, Secretary; (03) Brian Ready, Chair; (04) Kirsten Oldenburg, Parliamentarian; (05) Steve Holtzman, Vice-Chair; (06) Corey Holman, Treasurer; (07) Edward Ryder; (10) Denise Krepp). All Commissioners were present for the meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda. Following modifications, the agenda was adopted unanimously. (Holman/Wright). Modifications included moving several items to the Consent Agenda (September Minutes, ABRA approval for Congressional Cemetery application), adding an action item to the Hill East Task Force report at the request of Commissioner Krepp; adding approval of the quarterly report to the Finance item; switching the order of some items in the P and Z report to accommodate several participants; and changes in the order of Presentations to accommodate the schedule of CM Silverman.

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda: Following modification, the Consent Agenda was approved to unanimously (Ready/Oldenburg). The following items were approved on consent:

#### Items from the Planning and Zoning Committee:

- a. Letter to HSEMA in support of the 2021 Rock N Roll Half Marathon.
- b. BZA20581: 1241 Independence Ave SE; Special Exception to construct a roof deck addition to an existing, detached, accessory garage in the RF-1 zone (Square 1015, Lot 147).
- c. BZA 20560: 1713 D Street SE; Special Exception to construct a third story addition and a three-story rear addition to an existing, attached, two-story, principal dwelling unit rear in the RF-1 zone (Square 1102, Lot 99). Hearing Date: 11/10/21 [6B09]
- d. BZA 20534 & HPA 21-551: 152 11th Street SE; Special Exception to construct a two-story garage with accessory apartment to an existing, attached, three story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 Zone (Square 989, Lot 24); Owner(s): Edward and Lauren Kraemer; Applicant: Jennifer Fowler, [jennifer@fowler-architects.com](mailto:jennifer@fowler-architects.com); Hearing Date: 10/27/21 [6B05]

#### Items from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Committee:

- e. ABRA-.07131: 514 Partners, LLC, t/a Tortuga Caribbean Bar & Grille, 514 8th Street, SE: Request to expand existing Entertainment Endorsement to the rooftop Summer Garden; Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant; Applicant: William Sport: (202) 846-7728: Petition Deadline: 10/18/21 [6B04]
- f. ABRA-117891: Assoc. for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery, 1801 E Street, SE: Retailer's Class "CX" Multipurpose Facility; Applicant: Kimberly Sullivan: (202) 543-0530: Petition Deadline: 11/29/21 [6B09].

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4. Presentations. Because of the time constraints at the meeting, Anthony Diallo, DCRA and Kelsey Coleman, BBB will discuss the new DCRA Contractor Rating System Partnership with Better Business Bureau at the November meeting.

Presentation #1: Tatjana Savoy, Captain, MPD 1<sup>st</sup> District, discussed the uptick in burglaries and homicides and answered questions and comments from Commissioners and residents. Many were upset about two recent incidents resulting in homicides and Captain Savoy shared their frustration. She said that in both cases MPD ShotSpotters had been engaged and that officers were able to locate the weapons used in the incidents. Savoy recommended the District's camera rebate program to Ward 6 residents. Savoy encouraged Commissioners and residents to send additional questions or comments by email or telephone ([Tatjan...@dc.gov](mailto:Tatjan...@dc.gov); [202-740-4701](tel:202-740-4701).)

Chair Ready announced that plans were underway for holding an ANC community meeting about security issues that would involve Ward 6 Councilman Allen, MPD, Attorney General Racine, and Deputy Mayor for Public Safety, Chris Geldhard.

Presentation #2 Councilmember Elissa Silverman discussed the redistricting process to be followed and the role of the ANCs in the process. She noted that Ward 6, because of its growth over the last decade, would lose residents and would experience significant boundary changes. She called attention to the November 3 hearing devoted to the Ward 6 redistricting and indicated that ANC SMD boundaries would not be considered until spring of 2022. CM Silverman responded to questions and encouraged participants to explore the interactive map development tool on the DC Office of Planning website.

#### 5. Community & Commission Announcements & Speak Out

- a. Serve your community provided a letter for ANC6B consideration that urged District to provide alternative housing for homeless before removing tent cities.
- b. Commissioner Oldenburg noted the opening Virginia Avenue Park and a community and Commissioner opportunity to plant bulbs in November.

#### Committee Reports and Actions at the October 12 Meeting

6. Alcoholic Beverage Control Committee – two items were presented by the Committee and approved along with the Consent Calendar: Congressional Cemetery and Tortuga Caribbean Bar and Grill.

#### 7. Planning and Zoning Committee

In addition to items placed on the Consent Agenda, the Commission reviewed two cases referred to them without a committee recommendation.

One case was BZA 20537: 1227 E Street SE; Special Exception to construct a rear, two-story addition to an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 Zone (Square 1019, Lot 58); Owner(s): Margaret McCullough; Applicant: Michael Fowler, [mike@fowler-architects.com](mailto:mike@fowler-architects.com); Hearing Date: 11/03/21 [6B06].

The Special Exception request encountered several motions and an amendment on the way to resolution. A motion (Holman/Ready) to support the application failed (6-3-1). A motion to oppose the application (Sroufe/Samolyk) passed with a 6-4-0 vote; and, subsequently, a motion in the form of a substitute motion to support the application failed (Holman/Ready) with a vote of 4-6-0, meaning the

original motion to oppose the application on the basis of unduly effecting the light, air, and quality of life of an adjacent neighbor, would be conveyed.

A second case forwarded by the P&Z Committee without a recommendation was the request to add a second-story deck addition to the existing yard at the Brig: HPA 21-548: 1007 8th Street SE. It remained unclear as to why a non-contributing building would be required to seek HPA approval. However, HPO staff requested that the owner proceed with a permit review request from the ANC. Following discussion focused on appearance of the deck and location of the stairs, and ADA requirements, the Commission moved to approve the request by a vote of 8-2-0 (Holman/Oldenburg) The letter of transmittal is contingent on the owner implementing procedures to make the addition more closely resemble a traditional roof deck. (Owner: [mbrody8@gmail.com](mailto:mbrody8@gmail.com); Applicant: Neil Cruickshank, [ArchSoiLLC@gmail.com](mailto:ArchSoiLLC@gmail.com) [6B04])

8. The Transportation Committee report of meetings and actions was included in agenda materials for the meeting.

9. Hill East Task Force. Commissioner Krepp presented a request for ANC6B support for a resident's request to add speed cameras to control excessive speed on her block. The request highlighted the high degree of confusion regarding the current DDOT procedures for adding speed humps and cameras: Does it require a resident request accompanied by support of an individual Commissioner? Or approval by the 6B Commission? Because of the late arrival of information from DDOT this case had not been reviewed by the Transportation Committee, and several Commissioners were concerned about the obvious downside of having the Commission consider issues prior to vetting by appropriate committees. Ultimately, the motion to support the request was approved by a vote of 5-1-3, with nine members being present at the time of the vote.

10. The Livable Community Task Force had no report of meetings or actions during the past month.

11. Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee. Commissioner Sroufe called attention to report in background materials discussing the financial status of the EM and issues related to the recent election of officers. Questions were raised by several Commissioners about the possible role of the ANC in calling attention to the failure of other organizations in not adhering to their bylaws pertaining to membership and elections.

12. The Working Group on Barrack's Row had no report of actions during the past month.

13. Financial Reports and Actions

- a. ANC6B approved the FY 2022 budget developed and proposed by Treasurer Holman unanimously (Holman/Ready).
- b. ANC6B approved Quarterly Report unanimously (Holman/Ready)
- c. ANC6B approved the Financial Report, showing a balance of \$17,618 unanimously (Holman/Ready).

14. ANC 6B Administrative Matters were not considered as a separate topic at this meeting.

15. ANC 6B Input on Other Concerns included a general discussion of the apparent plan of DDOT's Acting Director Everett Lott to further the objectives of Vision Zero by reducing the amount of community

engagement with the agency. This issue was placed on the agenda of the Transportation Committee for consideration at its October meeting.

16. Commissioner Oldenburg adjourned the meeting at 11:17 with unanimous consent, to be reconvened on Tuesday, November 9. The ANC 6B Executive Committee will meet on October 26 at 7:00 PM to set the November 2021 agenda. This meeting will be a Webex virtual meeting.