

Draft MINUTES

ANC6B Monthly Meeting

November 9, 2021

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Chair Ready called the meeting to order at 7:05. Ready welcomed guests and presenters and requested that the ANC commissioners introduce themselves and their SMDs.

The following Commissioners attended the meeting: Jennifer Samolyk (6B01); Jerry Sroufe, Secretary, (6B02) Brian Ready, Chair (6B03); Kirsten Oldenburg, Parliamentarian (6b04); Steve Holtzman, Vice Chair (6B05); Corey Holman, Treasurer (6B06); Jonathan Wright (6B07); Edward Ryder(6B08) and Alison Horn (6B09).

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Meeting Agenda was approved following discussion and modification (Sroufe/Samolyk; 7-0-0). The single modification was to add consideration of a Resolution proposed by ANC6C under heading #15, "Other Concerns."

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was approved as submitted (Oldenburg/Holman, 7-0-0). Items included on the Consent Agenda included: the October Minutes; three Planning and Zoning Applications (a) Southeast Library (HPA 21-561 and BZA 20608); (b) concept review for 1208 D (HPA 21-552); (c) and an accessory building addition at 237 8th (BZA 20574); and two letters prepared by the Transportation Committee (comments on draft regulations for educator parking zones; comments on Everett Lott proposed "fast tracking" of traffic safety measures.)

4. Presentations

The presentation anticipated by the DC Department of Health was postponed because the DOH confirmed speakers did not show. An attempt will be made to reschedule a conversation with the Food Safety and Hygiene Division to learn about their procedures for monitoring rodents in food establishments. Commissioners and residents want to know more about how often inspections are made.

5. Commissioner and Community Speak-out.

Commissioner Horn called attention to the joint meeting of Commissioners from 6A and 6B to discuss common issues arising from DDOT actions and planning on 17th Street. The virtual meeting will be held at 7:00 on Monday, November 15.

Commissioner Holtzman reviewed the status of the ongoing problem with amplified sound being directed at residents from the corner of 8th and E Street/Pennsylvania SE.

Declan Falls, a member of the DC Council Chair's constituent services staff, introduced himself and called attention to the forthcoming ANC Commissioners meeting with DC Council Chair Mendelson (11/10, 5:00 pm). Falls provided his email address: D.Falls@DCCouncil.US.

Armand Llione, Director, DC Native History, presented an overview of the Native settlements in and near Ward 6. He noted that Garfield Park had been a home to multiple tribes and called attention to several books and maps that documented this history. He urged ANC6B to work with him in providing a commemorative plaque acknowledging the settlements at Garfield Park. He may be reached at armandllionne@gmail.com.

Kevin Pham, a new Ward 6 liaison from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS), introduced himself and discussed his recent SMD meetings with Commissioners Sroufe, Holtzman, and Horn. Pham hopes to schedule similar meetings with all 6B02 Commissioners and can be reached at kevin.pham@dc.gov.

Standing Committee Reports and Actions

6. The ABC Committee had no cases to consider in November.

7. The Planning and Zoning Committee presented three cases on the Consent Agenda.

In addition, BZA 20537 was reconsidered following further effort by the owner and neighbor to reach agreement. Following modifications in the plan, the adjacent neighbor now supports the application. Following discussion, Commissioner Holman moved approval of the application, which passed unanimously (Holman/Ready).

BZA 20543 (316 2nd Street SE) is an application for a Use Variance to convert and existing, three-story, attached, principal dwelling unit and two-story accessory

building to a three-unit apartment house in the RF-3 Zone. The application was reviewed by the P&Z and forwarded to the Commission with a motion to approve, but the motion was not on the Consent Agenda. Several issues arose during the discussion, which was joined by an attorney with party status representing a neighbor and the architect and property owner. While at the outset it appeared that the question before the Commission was simply a variance to permit continued use of an apartment in an existing accessory building, it became clear that there was confusion about what was being proposed by the owner (e.g., the number of units, the amount of new construction being proposed, the impact on a protesting neighbor, and omission of a historic preservation review for modification of a contributing building. Following discussion P&Z Committee chair Holman moved the recommendation from the committee to approve the application (Holman/Samolyk) The motion to approve the variance request passed (5-3-1). It was agreed that the approval letter of transmission would indicate that the ANC voted to approve only the variance use requested for the accessory building, and had not considered a request for a special exemption to permit any construction to the main building.

8. Transportation Committee. Chair Oldenberg led a discussion of the proposed rulemaking to permit regulated on-street parking in residential areas near schools for educators working at the schools. Included in the discussion were the following topics: preference for issuing RPPs rather than setting aside specific restricted parking areas, the role of ANCs in the process, a myriad of details, including signage requirements, and sustainability considerations. Chair Oldenberg presented the TC's motion to approve, which the Commission adopted (7-1-0). ANC6B Chair Ready requested that the role of ANCs in the process be clarified in the regulations.

Task Force Reports and Actions

9. Hill East Task Force. Commissioner Horn provided a report about the District's awards for development of Reservation 13. She noted that the two awards failed to respect the preferences of the community or the recommendations of the ANC and the Capitol Hill Village.

10. Livable Community Task Force. Chair Holtzman elaborated on issues that have been confronted by Commissioners and Council Members in dealing with the punishing amplified sound that has been occurring almost nightly at 8th and Pennsylvania. He noted jurisdictional problems as one of the difficulties encountered in reaching a solution and requested a motion of support from the

ANC for convening a meeting of principals to address solutions to the problem. A motion of support for an ANC6b sponsored community meeting on this topic was passed unanimously (Oldenberg/Sroufe).

11.EMCAC Commissioner Sroufe reported that the Eastern Market Budget to be recommended by EMCAC would be voted on later in the week, and that he would prepare a report for Commissioner following its approval.

12. Financial Report

There was no financial report for November.

13. Other ANC Concerns. Encampments. Commissioner Horn briefed the Commission about the pilot programs being launched as an effort to provide a heightened level of services and housing for those in encampments. Ishan Heru (Community Connections) observed that it was becoming clear that those in pilot encampments were receiving preferential opportunities by the District (e.g., faster housing placements).

ANC6B postponed consideration of the resolution provided by ANC6C about encampments for future consideration.

14.Adjournment. Commissioner Oldenberg's motion to adjourn was adopted unanimously at 10:30 pm. The next meeting of the ANC6B Commission will be on December 14.