

ANC 6B MINUTES

July 12, 2022

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Corey Holman (6B06) welcomed ANC6B Commissioners and guests to the July meeting and provided an overview of the agenda. All Commissioners were present: Jennifer Samolyk (6B01), Jerry Sroufe, Secretary (02); Brian Ready (03); Kirsten Oldenburg, (04); Steve Holtzman (05), Edward Ryder, Treasurer (07); Peter Wright, Parliamentarian (08); Alisa Horn, Vice Chair (09); and Denise Krepp (10).

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved with no modifications of note. (Horn/Sroufe; unanimous)

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was approved with no modifications of note. (Wright/Holtzman; unanimous). Items included on the Consent Agenda related to alcohol beverage control are provided at the end of the notes.

4. Presentation by Michael Carter, Interim Director, Department of Public Works.

Carter presented a status report on the resolution of recent DPW issues in Ward 6 which was much appreciated by the Commissioners. He offered a brief discussion of specific issues and engaged in a lengthy Q and A with Commissioners. He was accompanied by other DPW directors, including those responsible for parking enforcement and waste management. Carter brought a report – to be distributed to ANC Commissioners – about the status of specific issues that had been raised by residents of ANC6B.

The bevy of questions from Commissioners concerned: mowing and maintenance of pocket parks, a street flooding issue, illegal commercial truck parking, graffiti, abandoned vehicles, street sweeping, composting, status of the trash transfer station modernization, summer youth employment, and erroneous postings of Restricted Parking signs.

Three actions were offered by Carter to address the issues raised by Commissioners:

(1) A meeting was to be arranged with Commissioner Krepp and neighbors with DPW and other agencies. MOCR Jasmine Coilton to take the lead in setting up this meeting.

(2) Commissioners were encouraged to contact Carter directly about specific issues of flooding, private apartment building trash problems, etc., if they were not resolved in a reasonable time.

(3) The status report on incidents arising in 6B that Carter had presented was to be distributed to 6B02 Commissioners via Commissioner Horn.

Selected Notes from the discussion:

- Vehicle towing has returned following Coronavirus hiatus; additional tow truck drivers are being hired.
- Grass mowing getting back on schedule.

- “Supercans” have a life expectancy of 10 years; have been on the streets 12. Lagging in repair because of supply chain issues.
- 5. Commissioner and Resident Speak-out

Commissioner Ryder called attention to a Guerrilla Gardener event on July 30, 1:00 – 4:00 at 1200 I Street, SE.

Commissioner Ready called attention to the continuing series of Plaza concert events on Fridays throughout the summer at 5:00; and to a children’s chess program on Friday at 1:00. On Saturday morning there is a physical fitness program in the park.

Commissioner Samolyk expressed appreciation for the resident alley repaving work just begun in her SMD, and called attention called to Pave DC website that includes weekly updates of street repairs.

Commissioner Sroufe called attention to the opportunity for Commissioners and residents to participate in the Community Engagement Academy of the Metropolitan Police Department and expressed willingness to share information about the program to those interested.

Commissioner Ryder called attention to the ongoing work of local residents in the Potomoc Gardens/Hopkins area to curtail crime and violence. He wondered if the group should not be financially supported by the District, and he was encouraged to communicate with one of the MOCRs.

- 6. Support for EMMS alley mural projects.

A sketch and presentation on the “Farm to Table” art proposed for the mural program of DC Humanities was provided by EMMS Executive Director, Ann Blackwell, joined by local artist, Sean Pichon. Following discussion, a motion to write a letter in support of the project to be sent to the Executive Director of Eastern Market Main Street was approved. (Sroufe/Horn, 10/0/0.) During the discussion it was suggested that EMMS consult with neighbors nearest to the alley in addition to the building owners.

- 7. Committee Discussion and Actions of Items not on Consent

Aatish On the Hill. A motion to support the renewal application was approved unanimously. The Commission wished to call attention of ABRA and the proprietor to the absence of specific reference to a sidewalk café in the existing application. (Ready/Oldenburger; unanimous.)

Tortuga – The Commission determined to take no action, understanding that this would mean the Settlement Agreement would be renewed without ANC comment.

Paradisio – Complaints from residents of this mixed- use building resulted in a proposal from the owners to have a sound test conducted. Commissioners Oldenburger and Ready are to work with owners and residents to resolve sound issues following a third party technical appraisal.

Santa Rosa Taqueria/Good Stuff Eatery/We the Pizza. Commissioners Ready and Samolyk expressed optimism about securing SAs for these three restaurants owned by the Mendelson group. During the discussion it was noted that there was no enclosed trash room at Santa Rosa and that the ANC believes it had received assurances that there would be one.

- 8. Planning and Zoning Committee Items Not on Consent Agenda

a. HPA 22-237; 323 10 SE. Following discussion among the Commissioners, the Applicant, and several neighbors, the ANC voted to recommend the project for approval as consistent with the Historic District. (Holtzman/Ryder, unanimous)

(Note: Commissioner Krepp had to leave the meeting prior to the vote so the tally on this and following unanimous votes was 9-0-0.)

b. HPA 363; 1007 SE (the Brig). Following considerable discussion among Commissioners and the Applicant, the ANC recommended approval of the application as revised. (Oldenburg/Sroufe; unanimous).

c. HPA 22-369: 409 East Capitol, SE. / (The item had been held off the Consent Agenda to permit additional time for neighbor comments; there were no additional comments from residents). Unanimous.

9. Transportation Committee did not meet in July.

Chair Oldenburg requested that Commissioners pay attention to the stripping project that has now begin on the Pennsylvania Avenue corridor.

10. Task Force Reports

a. The Hill East Task Force did not meet in July. Commissioner Horn called attention to the recent traffic calming NOI provided by DDOT impacting the 17th – 19th Potomac Areas.

b. Liveable Community task force did not meet in July and had no report.

c. EMCAC did not meet in July and had no report.

11. Finance Report

Commissioner Ryder provided a financial report for the third quarter showing a favorable balance of \$30K. He noted that the third quarter allotment had not been received and was not included. He said he had received no information from OANC about the financial implications of redistricting. The report was approved unanimously (Ryder/Oldenburg).

11. ANC6B Administrative Matters

Unanimous approval was provided for appointment of Chander Jayarama to fill Resident Member seat on the Planning and Zoning Committee for 6B08. He will be replacing Amanda Thomas who has resigned.

Chair Holman indicated that because Commissioner Wright is physically moving out of the ANC6B boundaries he will resign as Parliamentarian as of August 1. According to the ANC6B Bylaws, because of the nearness of the District-wide ANC elections, it is not necessary to hold a special election to fill the vacancy. (As able Parliamentarian, Commissioner Ryder noted that if the vacancy involved the position of Treasurer that immediate action to appoint a replacement would be required.)

12. Input on Other Concerns

Following discussion, a resolution proposed by Commissioner Horn regarding the District's continuing role in serving as a safe-haven for reproductive health services was passed (Horn/Holtzman 6-3-0). The resolution will be sent to the Mayor and members of the Council.

13. Adjournment by unanimous consent was announced by Commissioner Oldenburg at 10:58.