



**Minutes of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 6B**

**January 10, 2023**

**As Approved by ANC 6B February 15, 2023**

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Held Over WebEx January 10, 2023**

**Commissioner Edward Stillwell Ryder, Chair**

**Chair Edward Stillwell Ryder called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.**

**Participating: Commissioners Avery, D'Andrea, Durkit, Jayaraman, LaFortune, Mareino, Ryder, Sobelsohn, and Sroufe**

**1. Agenda.**

**With no motion or objection, the proposed agenda was amended to add asking our executive director to set up a free website-based ANC 6B telephone number and to research redesigning the ANC 6B website; to send the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions a letter urging help with setting up hybrid ANC meetings; to authorize spending up to \$500 to purchase an ANC 6B printer; to amend the bylaws to allow ANC 6B commissioners to appoint alternates to ANC 6B committees; to revive the ANC 6B Public Safety Committee; to establish a Southeast Library Task Force; to select posting on the ANC 6B website as a permissible way for ANC 6B to give notice of our meetings; to obtain seven more keyfobs for entry into 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, so each ANC 6B commissioner has one; to authorize the purchase of business cards for each ANC 6B commissioner who wants them; and to authorize the ANC 6B trea-**

sure to get an ANC 6B debit card. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Commissioner Jayaraman seconded. The motion passed 9-0.

## **2. Consent Agenda.**

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Commissioner Jayaraman seconded. The motion passed 9-0. The items on the consent agenda included:

- a. Approval of the December 2022 ANC 6B minutes as presented.
- b. Support for the following:
  - 1) Application of RRG Catering, LLC, operating Rose's at Home, 721 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE, for a new class "B" Internet retailer license to sell beer and wine online, exclusively for off-premises consumption (ABRA-123471).
  - 2) Renewal of the retailer's class "CT" tavern license of Ginza BBQ Lounge, LLC, t/a Ginza BBQ Lounge and Karaoke Spot, 526 8<sup>th</sup> St., SE (ABRA-120833).
  - 3) Request by The Italian Job LLC d/b/a Pacci's Trattoria, 106 13th St., SE, for a new class "CR" restaurant license (ABRA-123546).
  - 4) The application, with the DC Historic Preservation Review Board (HPA 23-101), of the owners of 637 A St., SE, to convert their garage into a two-story twenty-foot-high carriage house. This is separate from the owners' application for a zoning exception, BZA 20866, discussed as part of the Planning and Zoning Committee's report, reported below.

## **3. Announcements.**

Commissioner Avery encouraged interested 6B01 residents to contact him about traffic safety around school zones. Commissioners D'Andrea and Ryder encour-

aged residents of 6B04 and 6B08, respectively, to volunteer to serve as resident members on the Planning and Zoning Committee. Commissioner Jayaraman announced that Pacci's Trattoria, 106 13<sup>th</sup> St., SE, has obtained its certificate of occupancy and will open by January 24, 2023. Commissioner Sobelsohn announced that Congress has permitted, to go into effect, the DC Council's change of the name of Ellen Wilson Place to Navy Place; and that Councilmember Charles Allen's office plans a street-sign name-change ceremony for April 2023. Commissioner Sroufe announced an update, already sent out, about the work of the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee.

Kimberly Kennedy of Councilmember Allen's office announced that Councilmember Allen now chairs the Council's Transportation and the Environment Committee. Jake Stolzenberg introduced himself as the Ward Six representative of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations.

#### **4. Committees.**

##### **a. Reports of standing committees.**

##### **1) Alcohol Beverage Control Committee.**

Acting committee chair Commissioner Jayaraman reported for the committee. Without objection, the ANC accepted the committee's minutes of its last meeting as its report, without requiring an oral report. A copy of the ABC committee's minutes is attached to these minutes.

Jeff Jackson made a presentation on behalf of Harvest Tide Capitol Hill DC LLC, d/b/a Harvest Tide Steak House, 212 7<sup>th</sup> St., SE. In ABRA-118108, Harvest Tide has requested an "Entertainment Endorsement." Jackson promised that the entertainment would consist of a single guitarist playing without accompaniment or

amplification and going from table to table, all inside, as late as 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Commissioner Sroufe moved to support the application, pending receipt of a signed revised settlement agreement, between the applicant and the ANC, specifying that the entertainment must remain unamplified and indoors and end by 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with the ANC support letter not sent until after the ANC's receipt of a signed settlement agreement with those entertainment limitations. Commissioner Jayaraman seconded. The motion passed 9-0.

## 2) Planning and Zoning Committee.

Jennifer Fowler made a presentation on behalf of the owners of 637 A St., SE. In Board of Zoning Appeals case number BZA 20866, the owners seek a zoning exception that would permit them to convert their garage into a two-story twenty-foot-high carriage house, 198 square feet over the current maximum footprint, to include room to park two cars and space for an upstairs apartment they could rent without waiting five years after the apartment is ready for occupancy, as current zoning would require. The ANC 6B Planning and Zoning Committee recommended supporting approval of the application. Commissioner Sroufe moved to support approval of the application. Commissioner D'Andrea seconded. The motion passed 9-0.

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## 3) Transportation Committee.

Commissioner LaFortune summarized the committee report. A copy of that report is attached to these minutes. On request of Commissioner Jayaraman, Commissioner LaFortune agreed to add, to the next Transportation Committee agenda, a recent DC Department of Transportation regulation concerning public-school

**principals' power to obtain special parking permits for their teachers.**

**b. Proposals regarding committees.**

**1) Public Safety Committee.**

**Noting a recent increase in crime in ANC 6B, Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to establish a standing Committee on Public Safety. Commissioner Jayaraman seconded. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to amend the motion to make it a special committee. Commissioner Mareino seconded. The motion to amend passed 9-0. The amended motion passed 9-0.**

**2) Bylaw amendments.**

**Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to amend the bylaws to permit ANC 6B commissioners, in addition to appointing resident members to all ANC 6B committees, to also appoint alternates, alternates to have all the power of a resident member in the event the resident member is unable to participate in a committee meeting. A copy of the proposal is attached to these minutes. Commissioner LaFortune seconded. Noting that ANC 6B bylaws require that ANC commissioners receive a copy of any proposed bylaw amendment further in advance of a meeting than they had received of these proposed amendments, Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to table his motion until the ANC 6B meeting February 15. Commissioner Jayaraman seconded the motion to table. The motion to table to the February 15 meeting passed 9-0. The agenda for the February 15 ANC 6B meeting will include the proposed bylaw amendments.**

**5. Task Forces.**

**a. Lapsed Task Forces and Working Groups.**

**Commissioner Jayaraman advised that, under ANC 6B bylaws, task forces and working groups expire at the end of the first regular monthly ANC meeting in the year after the year they were created, and therefore, unless revived, the Hill East Task Force, the Livable Community Task Force, and the Barracks Row Working Group will no longer exist after this meeting ends.**

**b. Southeast Library Task Force.**

**Noting that, as early as June 2023, ANC 6B's only library will close for substantial renovations, and remain closed for two years, Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to establish a Southeast Library Task Force. Commissioner Sroufe seconded. Julia Strusienski, Southeast library manager, spoke about preparations for the closure and the renovations. The motion passed 9-0.**

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**6. Financial Matters.**

**a. Financial report.**

**Commissioner Frank Avery, ANC 6B treasurer, reported that, at the beginning of the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2023, October-December 2022, ANC 6B had \$48,154.29 in our bank account. Commissioner Ryder reported that we expect approximately \$25,196 from the city each year; but that the first quarter FY 2023 payment is late. ANC 6B now has \$42,619.29 in the bank. Commissioner Jayaraman moved to approve the ANC 6B Quarterly Financial Report for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2023. Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded. The motion passed 9-0. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.**

**b. Specific expenditures.**

**1) Community grants.**

**Commissioner Mareino noted that ANC 6B bylaws authorize the ANC to make community grants. Commissioner Jayaraman reported that ANC 6B had made grants in 2020, early in the COVID-19 pandemic, but that the ANC did not, before then, ordinarily award grants. Commissioners Mareino and Sobelsohn urged that the agenda for the next executive-committee meeting include the making of community grants.**

**2) Security fund.**

**Washington, DC, has a security fund protecting Advisory Neighborhood Commissions from misuse of ANC funds. Commissioner Ryder moved that ANC 6B make a \$50 payment to the DC ANC security fund for 2023. Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded. The motion passed 9-0.**

**3) Zoom subscription.**

**Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to authorize the appropriation of up to \$250 for a subscription to Zoom or to another web-based meeting platform other than WebEx, the final selection to be made by the executive committee. Commissioner Jayaraman seconded. Commissioner LaFortune moved to amend the motion to remove the dollar amount and to use budgeted funds for “communications” to subscribe to Zoom. Commissioner Jayaraman seconded. The motion to amend passed 9-0. The motion, as amended, passed 9-0.**

**4) Debit card.**

**Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to authorize the treasurer to obtain a debit card from ANC 6B's bank, if available. Commissioner D'Andrea seconded. The motion passed 9-0.**

**7. Other Administrative Matters.**

**a. Meeting calendar.**

**Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to make certain amendments to the 2023 ANC 6B meeting calendar. Commissioner D'Andrea seconded. The motion passed 9-0. The amended calendar is attached to these minutes.**

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**b. Address and telephone number.**

**Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to ask our executive director to secure a free website-based ANC 6B telephone number, to post that number on the ANC 6B website, and also to switch the official ANC 6B street address to 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE. Commissioner Sroufe seconded. Commissioner D'Andrea moved to divide the motion. Commissioner Jayaraman seconded. Without objection, Commissioner D'Andrea withdrew his motion to divide. The motion regarding the ANC 6B address and telephone number passed 9-0.**

**c. Website.**

**1) Redesign.**

**Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to ask our executive director, by the ANC's February 15 meeting, to research and report regarding the mechanics and expense of hiring someone to redesign the ANC 6B website. Commissioner D'Andrea seconded. The motion passed 9-0.**



**2) Notice of ANC 6B meetings.**

**Noting that DC law requires Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to provide, in two of four ways, public notice of ANC meetings; that the fourth way is any means chosen by the ANC and calculated to reach the public; and that the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions has advised that the fourth way can be publishing meeting details on the ANC's website, Commissioner Sobelsohn moved that ANC 6B choose publishing on the ANC 6B website as ANC 6B's fourth way to provide public notice of ANC 6B meetings. Commissioner Mareino seconded. The motion passed 9-0.**

**d. Hybrid meetings.**

**Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to send, to the director of the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, a letter urging that the director help ANCs set up hybrid meetings, meetings that would include both in-person attendance by commissioners and virtual participation over the Internet by presenters and the community. The motion failed for want of a second.**

**e. 2022 ANC 6B report.**

**Noting that DC law requires that each ANC prepare an annual report in December, and that he has not received an annual report from the outgoing ANC 6B chair, Commissioner Ryder agreed to contact outgoing ANC chair Corey Holman about the 2022 ANC 6B annual report.**

**8. Adjournment.**

**Commissioner Sobelsohn moved to adjourn. Commissioner D'Andrea seconded. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:33 p.m.**