



Minutes of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 6B

April 11, 2023

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

Regular Monthly Meeting

Held Over Zoom April 11, 2023

Commissioner Edward Stillwell Ryder, Chair

Chair Edward Stillwell Ryder called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Participating: Commissioners Avery, D'Andrea, Durkit, Jayaraman, LaFortune, Mareino, Ryder, Sobelsohn, and Sroufe.

1. Meeting Agenda.

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioners Mareino and Avery seconded to approve the agenda as modified. The motion passed 9-0.

2. Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Jayaraman seconded to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 9-0. The Consent Agenda included approval of:

a. Minutes of ANC 6B's March 14, 2023 meeting. The approved March 14 minutes are linked to these April 11 minutes.

b. Committee and taskforce appointments: to the--

1) Committee on Transportation, by Commissioner LaFortune (6B09): Joshua Peacock, as Alternate Resident Member.

2) Special Committee on Public Safety, by Commissioner Ryder (6B08): Cinnamon Butler, as Alternate Resident Member.

3) Task Force on Public Parks & Recreation Spaces, by Commissioner Sobelsohn (6B03).

a) Alessandro A. Milio, as Resident Member.

b) Ana Unruh Cohen, as Alternate Resident Member.

c. Committee recommendations.

1) Alcohol Beverage Control Committee: to support a stipulated license and extend the protest deadline for a permanent license to May 12, in two separate cases.

a) Lola's, LLC, 711 8th St., SE (ANC 6B03): an entertainment endorsement to Lola's Retailer's Class "C" Tavern license (ABRA-086141).

b) Mason & Greens DC, LLC, 400 8th St., SE (ANC 6B04): a Retailer's Class "B" Full-Service Grocery Store license (ABRA-123414).

2) Planning & Zoning Committee.

a) 1236 Walter St., SE (BZA 20870 & HPA 23-253): to support construction of a two-story rear addition, to an existing principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone (square 1015, lot 226).

b) 1323 E St., SE: To continue the previously authorized action to support rezoning of 1323 E St., SE and to authorize committee vice-chair Corey Holman to represent ANC 6B in this matter.

3) Transportation Committee.

a) DDOT letters: To send letters to the DC Department of Transportation regarding traffic-safety measures at the--

1-- I-695 offramp at I St., SE.

2-- Intersection of 6th & E Streets, SE.

These two letters are linked to these minutes.

b) Traffic-safety resolution: To adopt a resolution urging the DC Council to move legislation under which a certain level of traffic violations would cause (1) automatic addition of points to the driver's record, (2) automatic reporting of those violations to insurance companies, and (3) a requirement of remedial lessons before renewal of a

driver's license or vehicle registration. The resolution's full text, which also urges adoption of specific other traffic-safety measures, is linked to these minutes.

d. Financial matters.

- 1) Second quarter Fiscal Year 2023 Quarterly Financial Report.
- 2) Monthly financial report.

Both reports are linked to these minutes.

3. Presentations: from--

a. Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen. Councilmember Allen reported that the DC Council's current consideration of the 2024 Fiscal Year budget will conclude by the end of May. The reduced value of downtown commercial properties, combined with general price inflation and the recent approval of twelve collective-bargaining agreements, have strained the city's finances. Councilmember Allen pledged to hold a hearing this spring on traffic safety; to block any change in current zone parking; and to push for more police cameras, for a new Ward Six recreation center, and for all rec centers to stay open weekends.

b. DC Water's Lead Free DC Communications & Outreach Manager Sean Moore. DC Water hopes to eliminate all of DC's 28,000 lead-service lines by 2030. DC has responsibility for eliminating lead and galvanized steel pipes on public space, where the city's pipes connect to the pipes that come out from private homes. Residents have responsibility to replace lead pipes on their private property. But DC Water has a by-block program to pay for private-side replacement, and funds are also available, even outside the program, to subsidize 50-100% of the cost of private-side pipe replacement. For further information, including learning the composition of pipes for particular addresses, residents should go to dcwater.com/lead, which has a map of the city, or call the lead hotline at 202-787-4044.

4. Announcements.

a. Along with appointing her as an alternate to the Task Force on Public Parks & Recreation Spaces--see Consent Agenda, above--Commissioner Sobelsohn announced Ana Unruh Cohen's resignation as that taskforce's ANC 6B03 Resident Member. Commissioner Sobelsohn also announced postponement of the unveiling of Ellen Wilson Place's new name, Navy Place.

b. Jake Stolzenberg, who covers Ward Six for the Mayor Office of Community Relations & Services, discussed funds in the mayor's budget for Ward Six, and promised to work to

get the DC Library's director, Richard Reyes-Gavilan, to meet with the ANC 6B Southeast Library Task Force.

5. Committee and Taskforce Reports.

a. Planning & Zoning Committee. Committee chair Commissioner D'Andrea reported for the committee. On behalf of property owner Academy Holdings, LLC, architect Will Teass made a presentation in favor of the owner's application for special exceptions to convert tax lot 818 to a record lot and to combine two record lots, 817 & 28, into a single record lot, all in ANC 6B02 in the RF-3 zone (Square 788, Lots 28 and 817, 4-5 Library Court, SE) (BZA 20834). Garages currently occupy 4 and 5 Library Court. The owner does not plan any imminent physical changes, but wants the option eventually to convert the garages into a single-family dwelling with parking. Commissioner Sroufe moved/Commissioner Avery seconded to support the application to convert tax lot 818 to a record lot and to combine lots 817 and 28. The motion passed 8-0, with Commissioner Jayaraman abstaining. A complete Planning & Zoning Committee report is linked to these minutes.

b. Transportation Committee. Committee chair, Commissioner Matt LaFortune (6B09), moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to oppose elimination, in Mayor Bower's proposed budget, of the DC Circulator route between L'Enfant Plaza and Eastern Market. The motion passed 9-0. A letter reflecting that motion is linked to these minutes, as is a complete Transportation Committee report.

c. Alcohol Beverage Control Committee. Committee chair, Commissioner Jayaraman (6B06), reported on the response of Harvest Tide Steak House, 212 7th St., SE, to the notice to cure authorized by the ANC at its February 15 meeting and subsequently submitted to the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (formerly ABRA). The notice to cure specified violations of settlement-agreement provisions requiring that Harvest Tide limit trash collection to indoors and prevent its staff, vendors, and contractors from parking in the alley behind the restaurant. Commissioner Jayaraman reported Harvest Tide's efforts to cure those violations, including its promises to assign one staffperson per shift to monitor trash pickup, and to require its grease-removal contractor to park on Harvest Tide's own parking pad, not in the alley. Commissioner Jayaraman agreed to circulate, to the other ANC 6B commissioners, neighbors' emailed support for Harvest Tide's efforts to cure its violations, and to submit, to ABCA, both the neighbors' supporting email messages and Harvest Tide's response to the notice to cure.

A complete Alcohol Beverage Control Committee report is linked to these minutes.

d. Public Safety Committee. A complete committee report is linked to these minutes.

e. Southeast Library Task Force. Taskforce chair Commissioner Sobelsohn reported on a meeting March 31 between a taskforce delegation and Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen, and on plans for six ANC commissioners to testify at the April 13 Council budget hearing of the Committee on Recreation, Libraries & Youth Affairs. The text of

Commissioner Sobelsohn's delivered testimony is linked to these minutes. Commissioner Sobelsohn also announced that the taskforce will next meet, at the Southeast library, 403 7th St., SE, on Sunday, April 23, from 1-2:30 p.m.

1) Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Durkit seconded to send, to each member of the DC Council, a letter of support for funding for interim library services during the years the Southeast library will close for renovations. The motion passed 9-0. A sample of those letters is linked to these minutes.

2) Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Jayaraman seconded to designate Commissioners D'Andrea, Durkit, Mareino, and Sobelsohn to testify, on the ANC's behalf, at the April 13 budget hearing of the DC Council Committee on Recreation, Libraries & Youth Affairs. The motion passed 9-0.

f. Public Parts & Recreation Spaces Task Force. Taskforce chair Commissioner Sroufe announced that he plans to hold the taskforce's first meeting around May 14.

g. Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee. Commissioner Sroufe reported that EMCAC plans to broaden participation by including representatives of neighborhood organizations, starting with the Capitol Hill Village.

6. Financial Report. Treasurer Commissioner Avery presented a draft set of Standard Operating Procedures for commissioner purchases. That draft set of procedures is linked to these minutes. Commissioner Avery also reported on an erroneous 2014 statement of unemployment insurance from the Department of Employment Services, with which he is working to get that bill voided.

7. Administrative Matters.

a. Committee meeting dates.

Commissioner D'Andrea moved/Commissioner Jayaraman seconded to change the ANC's 2023 calendar so that, starting in May, the Alcohol Beverage Control Committee will meet on the first Tuesday of each month except August, and the Planning & Zoning Committee will meet on the first Thursday of each month except August. The motion passed 9-0.

Commissioner Ryder announced that the ANC Executive Committee would next meet, over Zoom, on Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m.

b. Website. Commissioner Ryder agreed to upload a recording of this meeting to the ANC website, and to post, on the website, the current ANC bylaws, as amended at the

ANC's February 15 meeting. Commissioner Durkit agreed to prepare revision of the ANC's standing rules to reflect revisions approved to the ANC's bylaws.

8. Adjournment. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.