

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A  
Minutes  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
February 8, 2024**

**Present:** Commissioners Amber Gove, Keya Chatterjee, Roberta Shapiro, Dave Wethington, Steve Moilanen, and Mike Velasquez were present. Commissioner Robb Dooling was absent.

The meeting convened virtually via Zoom at 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Amber Gove called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. The minutes for the ANC January 2023 meeting were accepted and the agenda for the February 2024 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

### **Community Presentations**

#### **Social Housing**

John Qua and Fatoumata Keita, DC for Democracy and Metro DC DSA

Will Merrifield, Center for Social Housing

ANC 6A had sent a letter of support for social housing and this presentation served as a follow up and update to that letter. Mr. Will Merrifield from the Center for Social Housing presented on the Green New Deal for Social Housing, reviewing that social housing is publicly owned housing that rationally and efficiently meets the needs of the population, unlike what is currently happening in DC, where most new housing is luxury apartments. In social housing, there is no private developer and the landlord is the city/state and any proceeds are returned to the maintenance of the building or creation of more social housing. Units are rented at affordable rates to a range of income levels. Montgomery County has a few social housing complexes, one of which is being built at net-zero emissions. The net cost to the county for two of these complexes is \$600K/year. DC currently attempts to address issues of affordable housing in many ways, such as low-income tax credit housing, inclusionary zoning, voucher-based programs, and public housing, all of which have their own issues. The Green New Deal for Social Housing would build housing within thriving transit-connected neighborhoods so working-class DC residents can stay within the city, close to their jobs and communities. It would ensure that the largest percentage of the housing is deeply affordable so residents would pay a reasonable rate to live there; the affordability breakdown is as follows: 30% affordable for families at 0-30% area median income (AMI); 30% at 31-80% AMI; 40% at market rate. The buildings would be electrified, an integral step to moving off fossil fuels and improving public health and are retrofitted with solar panels. The bill would create a new agency, the Office of Social Housing, which would buy property and build and manage properties. Social housing coordinating councils would be formed composed of tenants and public officials and their role would be to advance the creation and maintenance of social housing. The Center would like the ANC to pass a resolution and sign the ANC Commissioner sign on letter to promote the cause. The ANC expressed concerns about creating a new government agency given their inefficiencies, but Ms. Keita and Mr. Merrifield noted that in a social housing model, the tenants would play a much larger role in the new agency.

More information here: <https://www.socialhousingcenter.org/>  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexGogQswtIz6MkxJeoTjvxyl4v0xx1Nc3IAWRvXz8JQ2tA/viewform>

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/audio/2023-12-15/odd-lots-maryland-is-building-new-affordable-homes-podcast>

### **Consent Agenda:**

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

#### **Community Outreach (COC)**

- ANC 6A approve a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Maury Elementary School PTA for the establishment of an outdoor garden.

#### **Transportation and Public Space (TPS)**

- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT in support of the Bus Priority lanes on H Street NE, along with comments including more parking enforcement and protection of the bus lanes, additional landscaping, DDOT engagement with businesses regarding parking needs, and additional signage and painting.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting prioritization of longstanding TSIs at the intersections of 13th and I Streets NE, 14th and A Streets NE, 15th NE and A Streets NE, 15th Street NE and Constitution Avenue NE, 14th Street NE and Tennessee Avenue NE and E Street NE and Tennessee Avenue NE at the next quarterly prioritization assessment.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting Automated Traffic Enforcement and reconsideration of speed tables and raised crosswalks on the 800 block of West Virginia Avenue NE, supporting the signal study at the intersection of 8th Street NE and West Virginia Avenue NE, and further requesting any form of traffic calming measures to this area.

### **Officer Reports:**

1. The February 2024 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Steve Moilanen reviewed the three expenditures accrued in January: \$771.19 for webmaster services, \$250.00 for notetaking, and \$58.29 for Zoom Premium meeting (checks #2092, 2091, and 2090, respectively). The opening uncommitted funds available were \$32,339.55. After accounts payable totaling \$2,447.55 the closing available checking balance is \$29,892. The savings account opened at \$100.05, gained no interest, and closed at \$100.05, and petty cash remained at \$25.00. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent.
2. Chair Gove moved and Commissioner Roberta Shapiro seconded the motion that ANC6A authorize an approximate \$200.00 for the upcoming in-person COC meeting at Miner Elementary to cover the security guard cost, printing, stationery and printing supplies. The motion passed 6-0.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

#### **Community Outreach (COC)**

1. The January 2024 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting: February 26, 2024 (4th Monday) - In Person Meeting at Miner Elementary School, 6:00 pm. The meeting will be focused on implementation considerations regarding the potential Maury-Miner merger.

#### **Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)**

1. Commissioner Mike Velasquez, interim ABC Chair, gave an oral report of the 2024 committee meeting. The written committee report was not accepted and will be enhanced for the next meeting.

2. Commissioner Keya Chatterjee moved and Commissioner Shapiro seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to ABCA in support of a limited term stipulated license for Smoking Pig until the ANC can consider a properly and timely submitted application for a liquor license. The owner of the Smoking Pig noted that his mother is on their liquor license and they will be changing that; he is seeking a letter of support from the ANC for a stipulated license. The motion passed 6-0.
3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 27, 2024 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)

#### **Transportation and Public Space (TPS)**

1. The January 2024 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, March 18, 2024 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

#### **Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)**

1. No report. Committee did not meet in January 2024.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 21, 2024 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)

#### **New Business**

1. Commissioner Gove moved and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve Ziad Demian (6A04) as a member of the Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ) Committee. The motion passed 6-0.

#### **Commission Business**

##### **Single Member District reports**

Commissioner Velasquez (6A02) had a great, solution-oriented public safety call with residents and Lieutenant Boyd and Captain Williams from MPD. A large pothole on G Street was fixed. The Commissioner was contacted by the new pastor's wife from Pilgrim Baptist Church who would like to plan something to observe Easter.

Commissioner Moilanen (6A07) called attention to the fact that the lottery for DCPR summer camp opens on February 12, 2024; the camp fair is happening on February 10, 2024. There has been substantial progress on 1000 C Street. There is new ownership at 7 River Mart and the Commissioner welcomes the two new owners, Dawit and Nahom.

Commissioner Dave Wethington (6A05) shared that DPR and DPS will be contributing funds towards the improvements at Kingsman Dog Park; the next steps are community meetings. Kingsman Bark has also expressed interest in fundraising. There continue to be concerns about the lack of a stop sign at 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Tennessee Avenue. The Commissioner reminds everyone that the upcoming COC meeting on February 26, 2024 will be in-person and center on the Miner-Maury merger and encourages residents to participate.

Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) reported that on January 17, 2024 there was a meeting about the \$1.4M allocated to improvements at Sherwood Recreation Center, but DPR and DPS have not communicated since then. The basketball and tennis courts will be updated; \$4M is allocated in the future towards a splash park and community garden. There was a neighborhood safety walk with Commander Hall (MPD1) and other officers. The Commissioner is among those testifying tomorrow at the DDOT performance oversight hearings on sidewalk safety. There are over 30 trip and fall claims against the city totaling millions of dollars. Finally, the Commissioner is hoping School-within-Schools @Goding (SWS) comes in with a grant request.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) recognized a great listening session at the former Argonaut space in preparation for the H Street Alliance meeting, which will take place on 7:00 pm on February 12, 2024 at the Atlas Performing Arts Center. The Commissioner encourages everyone to continue submitting 311 tickets and noted that transportation bingo is coming up.

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) reported a four-block gas outage during the year's coldest weekend, which led to a lot of water maintenance bursting. The Commissioner knocked on all neighborhood doors and provided hot water bottles and hot tea. Washington Gas then left all of the meters open and needed a separate ticket opened for each meter. The Commissioner encourages community members to buy tickets to the Atlas Performing Arts Center INTERSECTIONS festival.

### **Community Comment**

Ms. Jen DeMayo reported a productive first H Street Alliance meeting and the next one will be at the Atlas Performing Arts Center on Monday. There is a free family day at Atlas and Ms. DeMayo encourages residents to attend and see the INTERSECTIONS show. The STEER Act was passed. The Council passed on the first vote the Security See bill. To get on the H Street Alliance newsletter, email: [jdemayo@dccouncil.gov](mailto:jdemayo@dccouncil.gov)

More on the STEER act:

[https://www.charlesallenward6.com/final\\_vote\\_dc\\_council\\_approves\\_traffic\\_safety\\_bill\\_adding\\_teeth\\_to\\_automated\\_cameras\\_getting\\_dangerous\\_drivers\\_off\\_the\\_street](https://www.charlesallenward6.com/final_vote_dc_council_approves_traffic_safety_bill_adding_teeth_to_automated_cameras_getting_dangerous_drivers_off_the_street)

MOCR Jake Stolzenberg announced that the mayor signed an order of DC's AI strategic plan to redo all the websites and making them more user friendly. Yesterday DC Health and the mayor highlighted resources for Black HIV Awareness Day. Lastly, the Lunar New Year parade is on Sunday before the Superbowl in Chinatown. Mr. Stolzenberg will be assessing 311 needs throughout 6A.

<https://mayor.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-signs-order-defining-dc%E2%80%99s-ai-values-and-ai-strategic-plan>

<https://mayor.dc.gov/release/mayor-bowser-and-dc-health-highlight-resources-residents-black-hiv-aids-awareness-day-0-aa>

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.