

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
June 12, 2024**

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove, Keya Chatterjee, Dave Wethington, Steve Moilanen, and Mike Velasquez were present. Commissioners Robb Dooling and Roberta Shapiro were 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 May 2024 meeting were accepted and the agenda for the June 2024 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

The community received notice via listservs, the Hill Rag, ANC6A.org, X and Facebook.

Consent Agenda:

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

- ANC 6A draft a resolution urging the DC Council, DDOT, and the Mayor to support a 5-8% increase in the FY2025 budget for the maintenance of sidewalks, to implement a more effective system for sidewalk repair and monitoring, and to allow experimentation with alternative sidewalk materials and that ANC 6A authorize the Commission to testify regarding sidewalk improvements at any upcoming DC Council hearings.

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

- ANC 6A send a letter of support to the HPRB to construct a two-story with cellar, rear addition, to an existing, attached, three-story, principal dwelling unit at 235 10th Street NE (HPA #24-274) in the RF-1 zone)

Officer Reports:

1. The June 2024 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Steve Moilanen reviewed the expenditures accrued in May: \$15.90 for DocuSign, \$59.35 for Zoom Premium, \$250 for notetaking, \$771.19 for webmaster services, (checks #2109, #2106, #2017, #2108, respectively). The opening uncommitted funds available were \$32,576.85. After accounts payable totaling \$2,801.04 the closing available checking balance is \$29,775.81. The savings account opened at \$100.05, gained no interest, and closed at \$100.05, and petty cash remained at \$25. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach (COC)

1. The May 2024 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting: 7:00 pm, June 24, 2024 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)

1. No report. ABC did not meet in May 2024.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 25, 2024 (4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

1. The May 2024 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Keya Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to WMATA consolidating and summarizing comments from residents regarding the impacts of the proposed 2025 Better Bus network. Many students in the community depend on the 96 bus, which would be eliminated in the current redesign of the network. Given the population growth of NoMa, it seems shortsighted to reroute a bus away from this neighborhood. Commissioner Chatterjee would like to add to the letter that the current bus routes provide access to green space and to request a route that replicates the X1, from H Street to Foggy Bottom. The motion passed 5-0.
3. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Dave Wethington seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT in support of the 17th Street NE Multi-Modal study (NOI-24-127-TESD), including engineering, enforcement, and education (signage) for the safety of drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. The ANC supports DDOT's use of the road diet to improve safety but ask that they restore and renovate sidewalks, particularly around Rosedale Recreation Center and install automated traffic enforcement cameras. DDOT should also educate and add signage to make sure all road users understand what is happening at any intersection and what components are designed for pedestrians and bicyclists. The motion passed 5-0.
4. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 17, 2024 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

1. The May 2024 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, June 18, 2024 (3rd Tuesday; usually 3rd Wednesday)

Commission Business

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Mike Velasquez (6A02) attended a public safety meeting with MOCR Marcus Manning, MPD representatives, and Councilmember Allen and learned that concerns seem to be consistent with past years. MPD reported that crime has gone down. The meeting identified the need for DBH and social services to be more present and the Commissioner offered to generate a letter for businesses to sign indicating their support for additional DBH services along H Street corridor. The Commissioner discussed mopeds with Captain Augustine, who noted that MPD has been paying attention to this and has been following NYPD best practices as well as starting a Ride Right campaign which entails educating operators on correct usage of the vehicles. There is a watch repair shop in the back of Stan's that the Commissioner recommends. As the weather gets warmer, there is an uptick in concerning behavior at 8th and H Streets and the Commissioner will engage with Councilmember Allen and MPD to work with different agencies to come together and address the issues.

Commissioner Moilanen (6A07) shared some public safety crime metrics from the area - violent crime is down 50% and carjackings are down 46%. With the weather warming up, public pools are going to be open on June 23rd. There has been a big push for facilities modernization and the Commissioner is looking forward to celebrating in many public pools and spaces over the summer. The Commissioner also commends Councilmember Allen for his efforts in climate and energy policy and making sure home electrification was getting financed.

Commissioner Wethington (6A05) highlighted the vacant property caucus, that the Commissioner joined a meeting for recently; they have a dashboard full of information about vacant properties. A basketball backboard fell in Kingsman park, shattering glass and remaining on the ground for over a week before DGS came to clean it up. There is a survey coming out about the dog park that ANC6A will spread.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) reported that HVAC system at Eliot-Hine is working again and Eastern High School “Blue and White Marching Machine Way” got approved between 13th and 17th. Community members should continue submitting their input about bus routes to DDOT, and also check if their residence uses lead pipes through DC Water. <https://geo.dwater.com/Lead/>. There is a ‘notes’ section in the parking enforcement 311 where community members can add notes or context.

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) will be stepping down from Commissioner of 6A01 and unfortunately the general election is soon so there won’t be a special election; the Commissioner is moving across town. There is a board of condemnation and insanitary buildings, and the Commissioner got 920 H Street NE on their agenda and they have agreed that it is unsanitary and unsafe. It has been a pleasure serving with this Committee. There is a celebration of the Healthy Homes Act this weekend <https://actionnetwork.org/events/healthy-homes-act-celebration>

Community Comment

Ward 6 MOCR Marcus Manning announced Jake Stolzenberg’s departure, who is now a at the Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs; Mr. Manning will share Mr. Stolzenberg’s new email and phone number. On Monday, June 10 Mayor Bowser announced resources for summer programs - www.summer.dc.gov. There are about 100 free summer meal sites throughout all 8 Wards; the summer program will begin June 26th through August 5th. Department of Parks and Rec is hosting their annual summer camp, June 26th through August 16th and there are still spots available for ages 11-15. DPR has boost camps focused on enrichment activities and development. On Sunday, June 23rd all DC public pools and splash parks will be open. MPD and DPR want to focus on teens and are hosting late night hype - <https://latenighthype.splashthat.com/>. Mr. Manning can be reached at 202-538-1241 or [Marcus.manning\[at\]dc.gov](mailto:Marcus.manning[at]dc.gov).

Eric Salmi from Councilmember Allen’s office conveyed gratitude for Commissioner Chatterjee’s hard work and thanked Commissioner Moilanen’s shoutout to the Council’s green energy work. The budget was finalized yesterday and there is one more vote on the Budget Support Act. WMATA’s fiscal cliff was averted through a funding deal. The pay equity fund was nearly fully restored, which supplements the salaries of childcare workers. MPD’s full ask for sworn officers was approved and Ward 6 school layoffs were avoided. The small retailer property tax credit doubled to \$10k, recognizing inflation and the increased cost of business. JO Wilson remains fully funded and modernization is well underway. Investments in H Street include a \$350k grant used to enable programmatic activities and DOB’s popup permitting centers opening along H Street. Mr. Salmi thanks residents who came to the budget town hall. Councilmembers introduced legislation on moped registration which would make it the seller’s responsibility to register the moped with the jurisdiction they’re in. Everyone is invited to Thursday’s Better Bus Town Hall at the Hill Center at 6 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Adopted on: _____

Attested by: _____