



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Meeting Minutes - September 2023



Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Minutes Virtual Meeting via Zoom September 14, 2023

Present: Commissioners Amber Gove, Keya Chatterjee, Roberta Shapiro, Dave Wethington, Robb Dooling, and Steve Moilanen were present. Commissioner Mike Velasquez 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 July 2023 meeting were accepted. The agenda for the September 2023 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

Community Presentations

Deputy Director Sharon Kershbaum, District Department of Transportation (DDOT)

Deputy Director of DDOT Sharon Kershbaum shared information about the Safe Routes to School program, noting that the FY 2024 budget includes a new dedicated team for safe transportation to schools and on sidewalk gaps - seven new planners and a new manager are being added to this team. The existing traffic and safety division is bringing on three new engineers. These teams will focus on 25 schools annually, but as schools continue to appear at the top of the TSI prioritization model, any asks that are within 350 feet of a school will also be looked at and bundled with other projects when appropriate. A Safe Routes to School website is being built and will feature a dashboard and other useful information for those interested. DDOT attempts to install the most effective and viable safety tools, especially at schools, and often this is a case-by-case basis; automatic traffic enforcement cameras, for example, are not always the best solution. In terms of bus priority projects, the timeline for H Street is still 2024, although there is no more definitive timeline, although several H Street businesses have been engaged in support of traffic calming and bus priority initiatives. Ms. Kershbaum encourages community members to continue submitting TSIs, which DDOT heavily relies upon, but there are also several other data sources and projects that DDOT uses to determine future projects. DDOT is planning to install an all-way stop at 11th and F Streets in Q1 FY2024, as well as a raised crosswalk at 11th and D Streets in addition to the measures already installed. More measures are necessary on 11th Street, particularly between F and H Streets, and the ANC would like to see the background data collected between Florida Avenue and East Capitol Street as well as gain insight into the decision-making process. Ms. Kershbaum noted that sidewalk repairs are important but complicated projects and DDOT is doing assessments all over the city to gather a holistic inventory of what is necessary. As part of the Pave DC plan, DDOT attempts to bundle as many areas as possible and fix the most spaces at once. The speed cameras that the ANC had asked for are still on DDOT's to-do list, specifically the westbound camera on H Street. Much more needs to be done on Florida Avenue, though the DDOT interventions are a step in the right direction. There will be a new 311 soon for public space issues. Abraham Diallo is the Ward 6 DDOT Liaison and can be reached at [Abraham.diallo\[at\]dc.gov](mailto:Abraham.diallo[at]dc.gov).

Enora Moss and Mike Fessler, DC Smart Street Lighting Project



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Enora Moss presented on the DC Smart Street Lighting Project, which will modernize 72,051 streetlights, convert streetlights to LED technology, add remote monitoring and control capabilities, reduce streetlight energy consumption, and eliminate 38,000 tons of annual greenhouse gas emissions. The timeline is as follows: project start and preparatory work in May 2022; rehabilitation work Q1 2023-May 2024; conversion work Q2 2023-May 2024; asset management through May 2037. The design and construction phase is happening in three groups - Wards 5,7,8, Wards 4,3,2, and Wards 1 and 6; work within an ANC will not last more than 14 days. By May 2024, all lights will be converted and asset management will be completed by May 2037. Community outreach and notification happens 45 days prior to start of work, 7 days prior, and 72 hours prior via emails to ANCs, door hangers, and information cards in businesses for everyone to be prepared for a temporary adjustment. These lights are not always as bright as the old lights - some are, some aren't, but the public places that need to be illuminated will be. Existing research shows that the change in lighting does not affect wildlife. For further information, community members can go to www.streetlights.dc.gov or reach the team at [info\[at\]dcsmartstreetlights.com](mailto:info[at]dcsmartstreetlights.com).

Consent Agenda

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

Alcohol Beverage Licensing (ABL)

- ANC 6A take no action with regard to the application of TPK, LLC t/a The People's Kitchen at 816 H Street NE (ABRA-124821) for a Class C Restaurant License, and that the Chair of the ABL Committee and the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC represent the ANC in negotiating a settlement agreement with The People's Kitchen.

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

- ANC 6A send a letter requesting that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), in a timely fashion, perform an evaluation of the 11th and F Street (NOI # 23-157-TESD) and 10th and F Street intersections, meet with the staff of School within Schools @ Goding to discuss traffic safety, and make a proposal for raised crosswalks and other traffic calming measures.
- ANC 6A send a letter of support to DDOT in response to NOI 23-162-TOA for the parking proposal at Maury Elementary School but requesting an adjustment of the restricted hours on the east side of the 200 block of 12th Place NE to 8:00 pm instead of 10:00 pm.

Officer Reports:

1. The September 2023 Treasurer's report by Commissioner Steve Moilanen reviewed the four expenditures accrued in July and August: \$765.89 for webmaster services, \$250.00 for notetaking, \$58.29 for Zoom Premium, and \$22.00 for web hosting for the year (checks #2067-#2070). The opening uncommitted funds available were \$32,484. After disbursements and accounts payable totaling \$1,527,67, the closing available checking balance is \$30,911.33. 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.
2. Commissioner Moilanen moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the 2023 Q3 quarterly report. Revenue for the quarter was \$4,064.57 and expenses were \$3,080.94. The motion passed 6-0.



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Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach

3. The July 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
4. Next meeting - September 27, 2023 (4th Wednesday, 4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage Licensing

1. The September 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 26, 2023 (4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space

1. The September 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 18, 2023 (3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning

1. The June 2023 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Robb Dooling seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) in support of a request for a Special Exception pursuant to Subtitle H § 1107.1(e)(2) and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the matter-of-right uses of Subtitle H § 1103 to construct a side and rear addition, and permit a fast food establishment use, to an existing, attached, two-story commercial building in the NC-14 zone at 1244/1246 H Street NE (BZA #20960). The motion passed 6-0.
3. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Dooling seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to BZA in support of a request for a Special Exception pursuant to Subtitle C § 703.2 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the minimum vehicle parking requirements of Subtitle C § 701 to construct a new, attached, six-story with roof deck, 30-unit, mixed use building in the NC-15 zone at 1371/1375 H Street NE (BZA #20967). Christopher Martin noted that this is the site of Atlas Doghouse and a year ago the applicants submitted an initial request to incorporate 1365 H Street which was not accepted. They have now worked with neighbors and Atlas Doghouse to present a new plan for a facility with high standards of cleanliness and a five floor, 30-unit building on top of that. The unit sizes are increased to appeal to families and there are several environmentally friendly changes incorporated into the new design. The property is unable to provide the required parking because of access limitations but is well served by mass transit and neighborhood amenities. The applicant will include a transportation demand management plan approved by DDOT at least 30 days prior to the public hearing and the requested relief will not adversely affect surrounding areas. Atlas will be enclosed and soundproofed and produce no noise or odor objectionable to nearby properties and animal waste will be placed in closed, qualified waste disposal containers to be collected at least weekly. The letter will be amended to include 609.1A special exception for dog use porting. The motion passed 6-0.
4. Commissioner Moilanen moved and Commissioner Roberta Shapiro seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to BZA in support in support of a request for a special exception pursuant to Subtitle E § 205.5, Subtitle E § 5201, and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 205.4 to construct a two-story with cellar, rear addition, to an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1



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zone at 314 9th Street NE (BZA #20947). The homeowners are asking for support for a two-story rear addition; currently there is an existing rear deck which will be removed and built over. The only relief being asked for is for a fifteen-foot addition; it is well below occupancy percentage. The goal is to fit another bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen. There is very little impact in the sun study between the proposed plan and the matter of right, most of which is in the yard. Several letters of support from neighbors including the two adjacent. The motion passed 6-0.

5. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, September 20, 2023 (3rd Wednesday)

New Business

Commissioner Gove moved and Commissioner Keya Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter to Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) in support of Eastern High School's proposal for their annual homecoming parade on Friday, November 3, 2023. Eastern High School is proposing having the parade before the game on Friday rather than on Saturday; November 3, 2023 is the day the homecoming game takes place and it is the school's 100th anniversary. There is no school that day, hoping to increase attendance. The motion passed 6-0.

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Chatterjee (6A01) is ready for the H Street festival this Saturday and reminded community members of road closures. The Commissioner reflected on and urged the need for intentional racial justice work, especially as this festival is an event in a historically Black neighborhood.

Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) praised Margaret Charles, the Department of Health (DOH) rodent inspector, for working diligently on the rodent problem in 6A03. The Commissioner met with a vacant properties inspector and got a great response on several infractions at 1100 F Street NE, which has been reclassified as blighted. The Commissioner also recognized Colin Hall, the new commander for the Metropolitan Police Department First District (MPD 1D) who has been responsive to the neighborhood on several issues including safety and noise violations.

Commissioner Gove (6A04) recognized Colin Hall and attended National Night Out as well as two safety walks and highly recommends the community walks to meet MPD and public safety team officials - there is one coming up this Friday starting in Lincoln Park, followed by the new Spiderman movie at 8:00 pm. The Commissioner was able to support the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) block closure at Maury Elementary School for children to practice safe bike riding. There are now six speed humps behind Eastern High School and a 20 mph sign on East Capitol Street. President Biden and Jill Biden visited Eliot-Hine Middle School and shook all the students' hands on the first day of school.

Commissioner Dave Wethington (6A05) is grateful for the support of Chair Gove and outgoing commissioner Laura Gentile and for the warm welcome of the Commission. The Commissioner has introduced himself to the community and participated in a safety walk and encourages community members to join the safety walk this Friday.



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Commissioner Dooling (6A06) is learning about ANC best practices, especially Adams Morgan nightlife practices, hoping to bring that expertise and racially equitable practices to H Street NE, a historically Black neighborhood. There was unfortunately a break-in at a new business, but the Commissioner is looking forward to this weekend's H Street Festival which will be a fantastic opportunity to learn about and support the area's small and local businesses. The Friends of the Street Car is hosting a discussion on October 18, 2023 and community members can RSVP here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeb6oT9Ap4Xhyf6gsRfolsJR0H_RWbKnTOjuB-6sd0ORcOkDw/viewform?pli=1 The Commissioner is now able to participate in the safety walk tomorrow and looks forward to seeing fellow Commissioners and community members there.

Commissioner Moilanen (6A07) is excited for the safety walk and movie tomorrow. There will be a 10th Street NE block party on the 200 block on Saturday September 30, 2023 and a celebration of the late Mr. Outlaw as well as a community service activity in the morning in his honor. The Commissioner is grateful for the years-long commitment to school modernization across the city, especially as his son has just started at School within School @ Goding (SWS) and recognizes there is still work to be done.

Community Comment

Ward 6 representative of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) Jake Stolzenberg also highly recommends the safety walk and Spiderman movie tomorrow and noted several upcoming events: Mayor Bowser is hosting the National Maternal and Infant Health Summit as well as 202 Creates, highlighting the creative community; Hispanic Heritage Month starts tomorrow and it is currently theater week. For more information about any of these events, Mr. Stolzenberg can be reached at [jake.stolzenberg\[at\]dc.gov](mailto:jake.stolzenberg[at]dc.gov) or (202) 341-3659. A curfew was implemented earlier this month for those under 17 years of age. Parents of schoolchildren should visit www.backtoschool.dc.gov to learn about programs across the city. Mr. Stolzenberg will be doing community walks again and Commissioners should reach out if they would like a mayor's representative to attend any event.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm.



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Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Minutes Virtual meeting via Zoom Special meeting - September 28, 2023

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

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

Chair Amber Gove called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. The agenda for the September 2023 special meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Steve Moilanen moved and Commissioner Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the FY23 2nd quarter report. Receipts for the quarter are \$1 and the opening balance was \$37,322.44. Disbursements total \$3,982.14 and the quarter's ending balance is \$33,341.30. The savings account balance is \$100.04.

The motion passed 6-0.

Commissioner Robb Dooling recommended and Commissioner Keya Chatterjee seconded the motion that ANC 6A oppose the application of B.A.R. LLC t/a Bloom at 1402 H Street NE (ABRA-125601) for a Class C Tavern License unless a settlement agreement is entered into prior to the protest date, and further that the Chair of the ABL Committee and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ANC and Commissioner Dooling represent the ANC in this matter.

This is a standard motion for a new establishment and Mr. Cameron Mixon represented Bloom, noting that it is an LGBT-friendly tavern serving tapas and comfort food. There are no plans to provide entertainment in the summer garden space and this area will be closed at either 10:00 or 11:00 pm. The applicant has plans for security on premises at all times and is open to installing new floodlighting but would need condo approval to do so. Commissioner Mike Velasquez recommended that the security plan ensure that the kitchen is inaccessible from the outside by anybody other than staff.

Commissioner Gove recommended security cameras on the outside of the establishment as encouraged by MPD. The owner of Bloom is a 32-year-old LGBTQ woman of color and has served as a bartender at Bidwell in Union Market and is now seeking to create a safe, vibrant space on H Street. The protest deadline is October 10, 2023.

The motion passed 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Community Presentations





Commission Correspondence of September 12, 2023 Meeting



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
PO Box 15020
Washington, DC 20003



September 15, 2023

Re: ANC 6A Support for Raised Sidewalks and Other Appropriate Traffic Calming at 10th and F Streets NE

Dear Director Lott,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on September 14, 2023, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), in a timely fashion, perform an evaluation of the 10th and F Street intersections, meet with the staff of School within a School @ Goding to discuss traffic safety, and make a proposal for raised crosswalks and other traffic calming measures. [Note: Associated TSIs are TSIs 23-00473076 and 23-00473078.]

The corner of 10th and F Streets NE, where the School Within School (SWS) at Goding is located is a busy and often chaotic intersection during school drop-off and pick-up hours. SWS is home to 320 students, over 90% of whom use 10th and F St intersection to access the school, this includes 4th and 5th graders who are allowed to travel to school without adult supervision. Additional foot traffic includes students and families headed to University for Kids Daycare and Preschool (8th and F Streets NE), Ludlow Taylor (7th and G Streets NE) and Stuart Hobson (4th/5th Streets, 4th and E/F Streets NE).

During the same school pick-up and drop-off hours noted above, F Street NE and the 10th and F Street intersection in particular have a high volume of traffic, including emergency vehicle traffic, rolling through the intersection, headed to/from the schools, Maryland Avenue, Union Station and north/southbound streets that access 695/395. Accordingly, the leadership of the School Within School has requested traffic calming in the 10th and F Streets NE vicinity to make it safer for students and other pedestrians, bikers, drivers and scooters in this area.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at 6A04@anc.dc.gov or Commissioner Shapiro at 6A03@anc.dc.gov.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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PO Box 15020
Washington, DC 20003



September 15, 2023

Re: ANC6A Support for NOI 23-162-TOA

Dear Jason Meggs,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on September 14, 2023, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to express our support for the above-referenced Notice of Intent, including the proposed School Parking Zone signage changes for Maury Elementary School, with one requested modification: that the restriction for parking along the east side of the 200 block of 12th Place NE be changed from 10 pm to 8 pm to allow residents returning home from work to park their vehicles after school hours.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at 6A04@anc.dc.gov.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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PO Box 15020
Washington, DC 20003



September 15, 2023

Mr. Chris Rodriguez, Director
District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA)
2720 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20032

Re: ANC6A Support for November 3rd, 2023 Eastern High School Homecoming Parade

Dear Director Rodriguez,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on September 14, 2023, our Commission voted 6-0-0 to express our support for the November 3, 2023 Eastern High School Homecoming Parade.

Eastern High School is celebrating its 100-year Anniversary in 2023. The Homecoming Parade is an annual tradition that showcases the Homecoming Court, Band (Blue and White Marching Machine), and Fall Athletic Teams and Clubs. The parade organizers are seeking approval from HSEMA and the Mayor's Special Events Task Group to host the event on Friday, November 3rd, 2023 from 3 PM to 3:45 PM, with parking restrictions from at least 2 PM to 4 PM. This proposed time and day would facilitate participation by students (it is a Records Day/Professional Development for all DC Public Schools) and would take place just prior to the football game versus HD Woodson High School. Our Commission commits to supporting the event by notifying residents via our various social media channels.

The street closures/no parking requested include the following blocks:

- Unit-200 blocks of 19th Street NE
- 1600-1900 C Street NE
- 1300-1600 North Carolina Ave NE
- 1100-1900 East Capitol Street (including around Lincoln Park)
- Unit blocks of 13th Street NE and SE

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at 6A04@anc.dc.gov.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove

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Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



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District of Columbia Government
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October 10, 2023

Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 20967 (1371/1375 H Street, NE)

Dear BZA,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on September 14, 2023, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for a Special Exception pursuant to Subtitle C § 703.2 and Subtitle X § 901.2 from the minimum vehicle parking requirements of Subtitle C § 701, and Subtitle H § 6009.1a for designation of use as a dog boarding facility to construct a new, attached, six-story with roof deck, 30-unit, mixed use building in the NC-15 zone.

The design has taken measures to ensure that the addition is in the character of the neighborhood and it will not disrupt the privacy, air and light of neighbors. The owner has proven that the special exception criteria have been met through submission of architectural elevations and discussions with neighbors. The ANC believes that this development will not substantially visually intrude upon the character, scale, and pattern of houses in the neighborhood.

Please be advised that Brad Greenfield, Commissioner Chatterjee, and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, Commissioner Dooling at 6A06@anc.dc.gov and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at brad.greenfield@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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Consent Agenda



Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

Recommendation: ANC 6A send a letter of support of ANC 7D's resolution for the honorary renaming of the 1300-1600-blocks of A Street NE to recognize the Eastern High School Blue & White Marching Machine.



Consent Agenda



October XX, 2023

The Honorable Charles Allen
Councilmember, Ward 6
1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20004

Councilmember Vincent Gray
Councilmember, Ward 7
1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20004

Re: ANC 6A Support for ANC 7D Resolution for the Honorary Renaming of the 1300- to 1600-blocks of A St NE to recognize the Blue & White Marching Machine

Dear Councilmembers Allen and Gray,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on October 9, 2023 our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support ANC 7D's Resolution for the Honorary Renaming of the 1300- to 1600-blocks of A St NE to recognize Eastern High School's Blue & White Marching Machine. Eastern High School is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Their Blue & White Marching Machine regularly enliven the 1300- to 1600-blocks of A St NE with marching, dance, drum, and music practice, and the students and alumni take great pride in contributing to and celebrating the academics, arts, and athletics of this important and historic District institution.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, and Transportation and Public Space Committee Co-Chairs Lynch and Rogger can be contacted at 6ATPSChair@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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Officer Reports - Treasurer



Treasurer's Report October 2023

				Period	
		October 1, 2023	September 1, 2023	July 1, 2023	June 1, 2023
Assets					
Type	Description				
Cash	Checking Account	\$ 30,911.33	\$ 32,484.00	\$ 34,324.93	\$ 30,868.00
Cash	Savings Account	\$ 100.05	\$ 100.05	\$ 100.05	\$ 100.05
Cash	Petty cash	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Liabilities					
Type	Description				
Current Liabilities	Accounts Payable	\$ 1,074.18			
Balance		\$ 29,962.20			

Individual/Organization	Expense	Amount	Check No.	Status
Irene Dworakowski	Administrative services Sept '23	\$ 765.89	2071	Unpaid
Anna Tsaur	Administrative services Sept '23	\$ 250.00	2072	Unpaid
Robb Dooling	Zoom Premium Sept '23	\$ 58.29	2073	Unpaid
		\$ 1,074.18		



Officer Reports - Treasurer



Expenses

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total	Average
Monthly totals:	\$1,074	\$1,074	\$2,174	\$1,074	\$1,074	\$2,174	\$1,074	\$1,074	\$2,174	\$1,074	\$1,074	\$2,174	\$17,290	\$1,441
Grants			\$1,000			\$1,000			\$1,000			\$1,000	\$4,000	\$1,000
Personnel	\$1,016	\$1,016	\$1,016	\$1,016	\$1,016	\$1,016	\$1,016	\$1,016	\$1,016	\$1,016	\$1,016	\$1,016	\$12,191	\$1,016
Software	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$699	\$58
Misc.			\$100			\$100			\$100			\$100	\$400	\$100



Committee Reports

Community Outreach Committee (COC)



Minutes

ANC 6A Community Outreach Committee (COC) of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Virtual Meeting via Zoom Regular Meeting - September 27, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

COC members present: Adina Wadsworth (Chair), Gail Sullivan, Elizabeth Corinth

COC members absent: Stephanie Myers, Angelique Dorazio Sanders, Clare Dougherty

Discussion:

Approved COC's contribution to the ANC 6A annual report. It is as follows (a copy will be sent to ANC 6A)

- Community Outreach Committee Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report
 - Held 8 public meetings covering public education, safety of sex workers, cooperation with the attorney general's office, public safety in general, composting in the city, and the future of the fields at RFK.
 - Voted to forward recommendations to ANC 6A commemorating two outstanding community members (the late William Outlaw and Edna Jane "EJ" Truax)
 - Did not process any grant applications, thus did not distribute any grant funding.

October meeting suggestion: There is confusion in the community regarding the new restaurant service charges. COC will invite representatives from the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection division to discuss restaurant responsibilities and consumer rights.

November meeting: Will focus on DCPS education, inviting principals from all ANC 6A schools to participate.

December meeting: Will be canceled due to the conflict with holidays and other ANC 6A meetings.

New COC Chair: Chair Wadsworth's term ends in December. Will need to select new chair and induct new members to the committee.

Committee Comments

Community member and J.O. Wilson parent, Paul Spires, introduced himself to the committee. He is the founder of numerous non-profits, including Kids' Crank, a Go-Go centered organization that helps children in D.C. thrive. He is looking for support for local businesses, offering his services to fund-raise and "Fix the Six," as he put it. He was directed to the Economic Development committee, and to the ANC6A grant page.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.



Committee Reports

Alcoholic Beverage and Licensing (ABL)



Minutes

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 7:00 pm Virtual Meeting—Held on Zoom

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Committee (“Committee”) of ANC 6A was held commencing at 7:00 pm ET on September 26, 2023, on a publicly posted Zoom event.

Committee Members Present: Erin Sullivan, Erin Blumenthal, Joe Krisch
Committee Members Absent: Kara Hughley
Commissioners Present: Roberta Shapiro, Robb Dooling
Establishment Representatives Present: Cameron Mixon

- I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes
 - Chair Erin Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
 - The minutes from the August 22, 2023, meeting of the Committee were approved without objection.
 - The agenda was approved without objection.
- II. Community Comment
 - Chair Sullivan asked if any members of the community in attendance wanted to make any comments not related to the establishment on the agenda. There were no community comments.
- III. New Business
 - Discussion of application by B.A.R LLC t/a Bloom at 1402 H Street NE, Suite C-1 (ABRA-125601) for a Class C Tavern License
 - Cameron Mixon (of Veritas Law Firm) described Bloom as intending to be a moderate size tavern serving comfort food and small plates. They are seeking dancing and sidewalk café with extended hours on holidays. He noted they will have a DJ or band with space for people to dance.
 - Chair Sullivan commented that the prospective business looks like a great addition to the neighborhood from owners’ social media and asked if there has been discussion with the condo residents of the building about music or live entertainment.
 - Mixon came to this client after the application was filed but believes that condo was consulted by owners, but not sure.
 - Chair Sullivan asked about any sound mitigation or security that the ownership has planned. Mixon notes that he has not been in touch with the operator on this but imagines they have been. He notes the establishment intends to have a cover charge with ID and security checks.
 - Commissioner Robb Dooling noted he was in touch with two condominium owners who have indicated they are excited and are eager for LGBTQ establishment on H Street.
 - Chair Sullivan discussed standard settlement agreement and Mixon indicated he would be glad to share that language with owners.



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- Committee Member Erin Blumenthal noted the recent shooting at a nearby nightclub that also came to the committee for a license indicating they would be serving small plates and urged Mixon to encourage his clients to produce robust security plan.
- Mixon indicated that his law firm encourages all clients to take security seriously and encourages the use of additional security and encourage applications to participate in MPD reimbursable detail subsidy program.
- Chair Sullivan noted that the Tavern license necessitates increased security over restaurant license.
- Commissioner Roberta Shapiro inquired about the music and dancing outside, and indicated she would like the settlement agreement to include an operating plan that acknowledges the DC noise ordinance. Mixon said he would discuss the outdoor plans with the owners.
- Commissioner Dooling shared his email with Mixon and expressed excitement to help the owners succeed in their business.
- Dooling noted that the protest deadline is October 10, 2023 ahead of next ANC meeting (on October 12, 2023). A special ANC meeting is scheduled for this Thursday (September 28, 2023) at 7:00 pm and this matter could be added in the next 24 hours, which he would do.
- Committee member Joe Krisch moved to recommend that the ANC protest the application unless a settlement agreement is signed before the October 10th deadline and that the Chair of the ABL Committee and the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC represent the ANC in the matter of negotiating a settlement agreement with Bloom.
 - Committee member Krisch seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.



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Minutes

ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting

Monday, September 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. Introductions & Announcements.
Committee members present: Shaun Lynch (Co-Chair) and Caitlin Rogger (Co-Chair), Jeff Fletcher, Mark Sussman
Commissioners present: [Amber Gove](#) (ANC 6A Chair, 6A04), [Keya Chatterjee](#) (6A01)
- III. Old Business.
 - A. District Department of Transportation (DDOT) update on the [Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project](#). Mr. [Jerrell Johnson](#) (Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project Outreach Team) updated the committee and community on progress on the Florida Avenue NE Streetscape Project. Gas line work is predicted to be completed December 2023, with all other repairs and installations lasting into spring to fall 2024.
 - i. Commissioner Keya Chatterjee queried whether Washington Gas contractors would be finished with the project in December, and whether that indicated that DDOT contractors only would be engaged in the project from January 2024, noting that contractors from this agency had been less cooperative and seemingly less concerned with safety. Mr. Johnson affirmed this.
 - ii. Commissioner Chatterjee also queried why the sidewalk repairs were taking as long as they are. Mr. Peyton Manning (Project Outreach Team) and Mr. Nandlal Gevaria (Project Manager) alluded to a number of challenges with the sidewalk work, namely sidewalk widths and existing utilities underground, noting that future progress would depend to some extent on winter weather. Mr. Gevaria also highlighted a number of augments to the project to improve the cycling facilities.
 - iii. Co-Chair Shaun Lynch thanked the project team for their updates and continued cooperation and affirmed the importance of their continued participation in ANC 6A meetings.
- IV. New Business.
 - A. Honorary Renaming of the 1300-1600-Blocks of A Street NE to recognize the Eastern High School Blue & White Marching Machine. ANC 7D requested the support of ANC 6A for their recent resolution requesting the honorary street renaming. ANC 7D Vice-Chair Brian Alcorn informed the Committee that the 7D ANC had resolved at its previous meeting to honorarily rename the block something along the lines of Blue and White Marching Machine Way or BWMM Way or BW Band Way, compliant with DDOT regulations, to be developed in consultation with DDOT and the community.

Commissioner Gove made the motion recommending: That ANC 6A ANC 6A send a letter of support of ANC 7D's resolution for the honorary renaming of the 1300- to 1600-blocks of A St NE to recognize the Eastern High School Blue & White Marching Machine. **Committee Member Jeff Fletch seconded the motion.**

The motion passed unanimously, with all Commissioners and TPS Committee Members present voting yes.



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- B. Public Space Construction Permit Application #419662 at 1101 H Street NE (Commissioner Mike Velasquez). Co-Chair Lynch noted that the timeframe for offering comment on this process had lapsed. Commissioner Gove explained that this matter had previously been before the Committee and had been “re-upped”.
 - C. TPS Committee contribution to the ANC 6A Annual Report. Co-Chair Lynch explained the process by which the report needs to be completed and asked for volunteers to help populate it. Commissioner Gove explained that the previous annual report could be populated with current data. Co-Chair Lynch clarified that the annual report had to cover the fiscal year, therefore October 2022-September 2023, and a draft would need to be ready for review by the October 2023 TPS meeting.
- V. Community Comment.
- A. Elizabeth Nicholas, community member, registered concerns about the effects on individual blocks (specifically an 8th Street block) of major construction projects. Similarly, Monica Gonzalez-Conic requested advice on getting a walk-through of the 8th Street DDOT bus project, raising concerns about the bollards creating safety issues, and asked if the bus priority team could be brought back to explain their value. Co-Chair Lynch offered to relay the concerns to the DDOT community representative, and Commissioner Gove suggested asking the bus priority project team to return for another Committee meeting. Another community member, Kisha Salters, echoed concerns about the reduced police presence and reduced parking spaces.
 - B. Commissioner Chatterjee noted that many of her constituents had reported significant benefits to their bus journeys, specifically bus journeys had improved in efficiency.
 - C. Community Member Patrick Bloomstein echoed support for the 8th Street bus project and queried whether safety improvements could be made to Atlas Court. Commissioner Chatterjee commented that she had had discussions previously with DDOT and had not been offered any support for slowing down traffic in the alley. She offered to try again. Committee Member Sussman suggested that the Committee to try to incorporate proposed safety changes to the H Street bus priority project, based in part on concerns around cars moving into the alleys to avoid the bus lanes.
 - D. Committee Member Mark Sussman suggested bringing the Vision Zero hardening team back to an upcoming committee meeting. Co-Chair Lynch agreed to invite them.
- VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.



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October xx, 2023

Abraham Diallo
District Department of Transportation

Via email and the ANC Resolutions Website

Re: ANC6A Support for NOI-23-198-TESD

Dear Mr. Diallo:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on October 12, 2023, our Commission voted X-X-X (with X Commissioners required for a quorum) to express our support for the above-referenced [Notice of Intent](#). As noted in your letter dated September 8, 2023:

“Vision Zero Hardening is a DDOT program that upgrades existing tactical safety improvements to Permanent. Tactical safety improvements are temporary and often consist of semi-permanent materials such as flex posts, striping, and rubber wheel stops. DDOT installs these to address safety concerns quickly, and the Vision Zero Hardening program identifies high-priority locations to upgrade annually.

The proposed design will extend the existing curb and provide a large pedestrian refuge island at 11th Street NE and East Capitol St NE. The curb extensions will improve visibility for drivers so pedestrians waiting to cross will be seen easily. Also, the proposed design will shorten the crossing distance, improving safety for pedestrians and reducing vehicle turning speeds. The extension of the refuge island will increase dwell space for given the large pedestrian volume. The traffic signal will also be updated to improve pedestrian safety.”

We appreciate DDOT’s efforts to convert flex posted/painted areas to more permanent infrastructure under this Vision Zero Hardening program-- both for the improved safety aspects as well as the improvement to aesthetics through the removal of what are meant to be temporary flex posts. We note in particular our support for the proposed curb extension on the south side of East Capitol Street, which eliminates a no-parking curb lane (essentially an extension of the bus stop) that can currently be used to make an illegal right turn, endangering drivers in the travel lane as well as customers at the nearby outdoor café.

Our Commission has the following observations and recommendations.

1. **Raise the Crosswalks and Expand the Pedestrian Refuge.** Please consider making the crosswalks across East Capitol Street raised. Raising the crossing here would help to reduce driver speeds. Drivers turning right from 11th Street to East Capitol frequently take the turn at high speeds. There is high pedestrian density at this intersection. The “up and down” nature of 4 curb cuts in a row would slow down people using strollers, scooters, bicycles or wheelchairs. A raised crosswalk gives those crossers an easier trip. While we understand the curb extensions would help to slow vehicles, a

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raised crossing would also slow vehicles and be safer for all road users. This would also help to increase the size of the pedestrian refuge space which is frequently crowded/overflowing with people. The version presented at the 6B Transportation Meeting included narrow passageways at street level - for the reasons stated above we feel this design is insufficient and strongly recommend a complete at-grade crossing.

2. **Clarify/Improve navigation for people using micromobility/bicycles.** The additional curb extensions on the north side of the roadway will narrow the vehicle travel lane and may hamper the ability of micromobility/bicycle users turning right onto East Capitol from 11th Street NE to access the painted/unprotected bike lane. Can DDOT please clarify the recommended travel path for micromobility/cyclists traveling in this direction? Should they take the middle of the turn lane? Is there space to create a protected intersection/path for micromobility users similar to that at New Jersey and I Streets Southeast? Please consider adding a bicycle box and/or signage in front of the stop bar and behind the crosswalk at East Capitol on the south side of the intersection to allow micromobility users to turn right safely ahead of vehicles—similar to the one between the stop bar and the crosswalk on East Capitol NE at 11th Street NE, northeast corner of the intersection).
3. **Remove slip lane and reduce turn radius from 11th St. to East Capitol westbound.** DDOT should consider reducing the turn radius from 11th Street. to East Capitol to be similar to its parallel counterpart on the south side of the intersection. Not only would this reduce the speed of vehicles traveling through the intersection when combined with the already-proposed hardening projects, it would force drivers to think of the 11th Street/East Capitol St intersection as an actual intersection with different modes of transportation instead of a merge area to blow through. If the turn radius for the southern side of the intersection is good enough for DDOT, then there should be no problem in reducing the radius of the westbound turn.
4. **Consider bioswales and other green infrastructure.** Did DDOT consider green infrastructure such as bioswales for this location? If bioswales are not possible, would the addition of planters, maintained by the community, be an option that DDOT would consider adding?
5. **Conduct a comprehensive review of pedestrian and vulnerable road user safety around the entirety of Lincoln Park.** According to DDOT's Traffic Safety Input dashboard, there are at least 19 TSIs that have been submitted under the new TSI process for the blocks abutting Lincoln Park: 6 are pending installation, 6 are classified as completed, and another 7 are for future consideration. As DDOT is well aware, the multiple-threat crosswalk configuration is one of the most dangerous designs for pedestrians—there are 6 such crosswalks at this location. We respectfully request that DDOT study the Lincoln Park corridor in its entirety, rather than through piecemeal TSI responses examining one intersection at a time. Our Commission welcomes a thorough review of all of the options that will improve safety for pedestrians and other vulnerable users. This is a heavily used pedestrian gathering space with two schools within one block—we urgently need to make access to the park safer for all.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at 6A04@anc.dc.gov and Commissioner Moilanen at 6A07@anc.dc.gov.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A



Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Transportation



d. Traffic Engineering and Safety Division

September 8, 2023

Commissioner Edward Ryder
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B
700 Pennsylvania Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20003
Via Email: 6B08@anc.dc.gov

NOI# 23-198 TESD

Re: Vision Zero Hardening at 11th Street SE & East Capitol Street SE

Dear Chairperson Ryder,

Pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Amendment Act of 2000” D.C. LAW 13-249 (48 DCR 3491 April 20, 2001), the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is required to give a written notice of our intent (NOI) to modify traffic and/or parking requirements. This letter is being forwarded to you for the purpose of notification and solicitation of comments on our intent to implement the following in your jurisdiction:

Vision Zero Hardening is a DDOT program that upgrades existing tactical safety improvements to permanent. Tactical safety improvements are temporary and often consist of semi-permanent materials such as flex posts, striping, and rubber wheel stops. DDOT installs these to address safety concerns quickly, and the Vision Zero Hardening program identifies high-priority locations to upgrade annually.

The proposed design will extend the existing curb and provide a large pedestrian refuge island at 11th Street NE and East Capitol St NE. The curb extensions will improve visibility for drivers so pedestrians waiting to cross will be seen easily. Also, the proposed design will shorten the crossing distance, improving safety for pedestrians and reducing vehicle turning speeds. The extension of the refuge island will increase dwell space for given the large pedestrian volume. The traffic signal will also be updated to improve pedestrian safety.



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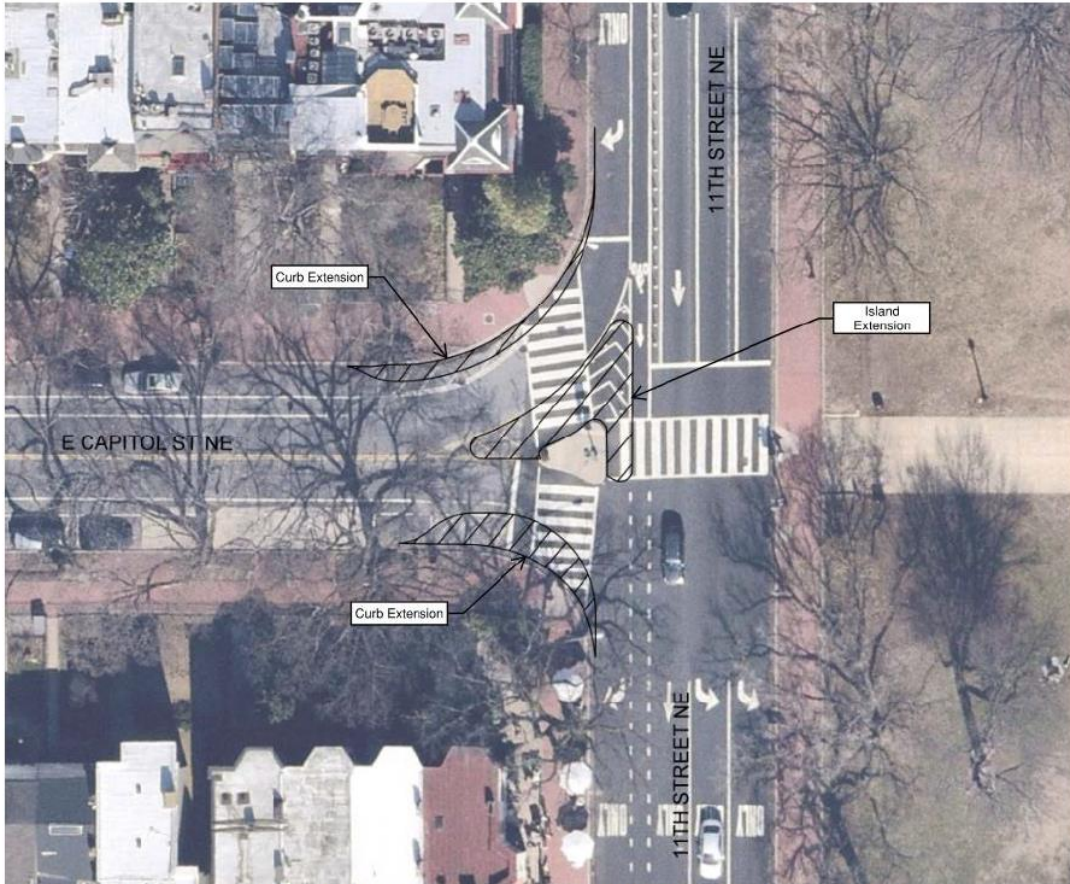


Figure 1- Proposed curb and Island Extension at 11th Street NE and E Capitol ST NE Intersection

All comments on this subject matter must be filed in writing by October 20th, with the District Department of Transportation, Transportation Operations Administration, 55 M Street, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003. If you would like to check the status of this Notice of Intent (NOI), please visit DDOT's website at <http://ddot.dc.gov/DC/DDOT/Services/Notice+of+Intent>. If you are having any trouble accessing the NOI site or are unable to do so, please contact the DDOT Customer Service Clearinghouse at 202-671-2800.

Sincerely,

Bethany Turner
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Transportation Engineering Manager



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CC: Kasi Durkit, ANC 6B05
Stephen Moilanen, ANC 6A07
Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council
Jeanne Mattison, Constituent Services Coordinator, Office of Councilmember Allen
Kimberly Kennedy, Constituent Services Coordinator, Office of Councilmember Allen
Jennifer DeMayo, Constituent Services Coordinator/Scheduler, Office of Councilmember Allen
Jake Stolzenberg, Mayor’s Office of Community Relations & Services (MOCRS)
Marcus Manning, Mayor’s Office of Community Relations & Services (MOCRS)
Abraham Diallo, Ward 6 Community Engagement Specialist, DDOT
Kelly Jeong-Olson, Community Engagement Manager, DDOT

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Committee Reports Economic Development and Zoning Committee



MINUTES

ANC 6A Economic Development & Zoning Committee Meeting
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, September 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Present:

Members: Brad Greenfield (Chair), Joal Mendonsa
Commissioners: None

Introductions of Committee Members and Commissioners

Previously Heard Cases

There was no discussion of previously heard cases.

Old Business

1. Annual Report of Activities: Discuss requirement to submit a summary of our economic development and zoning activities for the year. Designate a writer to draft your Committee contributions.

The committee members discussed the generation of the annual report. They decided that Mr. Mendonsa will draft the initial content, and Mr. Greenfield will edit/revise the content. The draft will be reviewed at the October 2023 EDZ meeting, and will be incorporated into a formal report to the ANC at that time.

Next Scheduled ED&Z Committee Meeting:

Wednesday, October 19, 2023

7:00-9:00 pm

Zoom information to be posted on ANC 6A website



New Business



Suggested Motion: ANC 6A send a letter of support to DC Councilmembers for the Open Movie Captioning Requirement Act of 2023. (Dooling)



New Business



October XX, 2023

Chair Phil Mendelson, Councilmembers Anita Bonds, Kenyon McDuffie, Vincent Gray, and Trayon White
1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20004

Via email and the ANC Resolutions Website

Re: ANC 6A Request for Support of the Open Movie Captioning Requirement Act of 2023

Dear Chair Mendelson, Councilmembers Bonds, McDuffie, Gray and White:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting³ on October 12, 2023, our Commission voted X-X-X (with X Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the Open Movie Captioning Requirement Act of 2023.

In February 2023, an Open Movie Captioning Requirement Act for DC was re-introduced by 8 of 13 Councilmembers. This legislation would require open captioning in just 12% of showings at DC movie theaters. The DC Deaf Moviegoers Group led by Erik Nordlof, Reema Bogin, and Brianne Burger has advocated for this legislation since 2018 following the success of similar legislation in Hawaii and New York City. Open captioning benefits young children, English learners, senior citizens, military veterans, and other individuals, both with and without hearing loss. The UK Office of Communications found that 80% of captioning users have no hearing loss at all, which underscores that accessibility is universal.

The legislation will have no cost for DC movie theaters because open captioning is available but deactivated in current showings.

Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing citizens have made invaluable contributions to the ANC 6A community, including:

- Gallaudet University hosted the ANC 6A website, www.anc6a.org, and provided technical support to ANC 6A for 10 years from 2003 to 2013.
- ASL Trivia DC, co-founded by a Deaf ANC 6A resident in 2014, regularly brought 100-200 customers to small businesses on H Street NE on Monday evenings throughout the 2010s.
- Mozzarella at 1300 H Street NE in ANC 6A is the first Deaf-owned-and-operated restaurant in DC and a source of neighborhood pride.

ANC 6A asks all 13 Councilmembers to support this legislation. Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of this Commission. I can be contacted at 6A04@anc.dc.gov, and Commissioner Dooling can be reached at 6A06@anc.dc.gov.

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New Business



On behalf of the Commission,

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