



Minutes of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 6B

March 14, 2023

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

Regular Monthly Meeting

Held Over Zoom March 14, 2023

Commissioner Edward Stillwell Ryder, Chair

Chair Edward Stillwell Ryder called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Participating: Commissioners Avery, D'Andrea, Durkit, Jayaraman, LaFortune, Mareino, Ryder, Sobelsohn, and Sroufe (through Administrative Matters).

1. Meeting Agenda.

Without objection, the agenda was amended to add, under "ANC 6B Input on Other Concerns," a resolution, proposed by Commissioner Sobelsohn, to protest Congress's overturning a DC criminal-code reform bill, to urge President Biden to veto that overturning, and to call on Congress to accept DC's statehood application. Without objection, the agenda was also amended to move "ANC 6B Input on Other Concerns" immediately before "Executive Session." Commissioner Jayaraman moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed 9-0.

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

a. Minutes of the February 15, 2023 ANC 6B meeting.

b. Committee recommendations of the--

1) Alcohol Beverage Control Committee to support the application of Hill East Burger (run by Hamburger Train, LLC) for an entertainment endorsement.

2) Planning and Zoning Committee to support--

a) A resident's request to the Department of Buildings to remedy illegal construction on 17th St., SE, in ANC 6B09.

b) Applications of--

1-- The Capitol Hill Day School, before the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA 20886), for a Special Exception to expand the private-school use of the second story of an existing, attached, three-story commercial building at 218 D St., SE (Square 763, Lot 2, RF-3 zone).

2-- Mike Fowler, before the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPA 23-179), to add a two-story screened porch to the rear of 718 North Carolina Ave SE.

3) Transportation Committee to send a letter to the DC Department of Transportation urging DDOT to recognize a School Zone on 12th St., SE, for parents to pick up and drop off schoolchildren.

3. Presentations. The ANC heard presentations from--

a. Brandon Best, Ward Six member of the DC State Board of Education, who spoke about education governance in DC, the State Board of Education's role, and the current Ward Six teacher and student attrition rate.

b. Christa Waterwiese, the Boy Scouts of America's DC representative, who spoke about different Scout categories and about the Scouts' charitable work.

c. Mike Godec, of CRYSP DC (formerly the Capitol Riverside Youth Sports Park), an EventsDC contractor, who spoke about CRYSP DC's work enhancing recreational opportunities at the RFK Campus (formerly site of the Robert F. Kennedy

Stadium), especially for significantly underserved populations such as older youth and seniors over 55. Godec invited those proposing RFK Campus recreation projects to email RFKOutreach@eventsdc.com.

4. Announcement.

Commissioner D'Andrea announced that the Alcohol Beverage Control Committee has a Resident Member vacancy for ANC 6B04.

5. Committee and Taskforce Reports.

a. Alcohol Beverage Control Committee.

ABC Committee chair Commissioner Jayaraman reported that, on March 5, the ANC sent Harvest Tide Capitol Hill DC LLC, d/b/a Harvest Tide Steak House, a Notice to Cure, and that a Harvest Tide representative has promised to respond within 30 days. Commissioner Jayaraman also reported that an ABC Committee working group on committee processes hopes to present a proposal at the ANC's April 11 meeting. A complete committee report is attached to these minutes.

b. Planning and Zoning Committee.

Mike Fowler, applicant before the Board of Zoning Adjustment for zoning relief to build a two-story rear-deck addition to 718 North Carolina Ave., SE (Square 899, Lot 49, RF-1 zone; BZA 20831), reported that he has satisfied the neighbor who had previously expressed concern about (1) the height of a privacy screen, (2) the color of a fence (Fowler's client agreed to a light color), and (3) a tree on the neighbor's side of the property line (Fowler's client agreed to get a tree company's tree-trimming recommendations). After Commissioner D'Andrea, P&Z Committee chair, reported that these were the only issues before his committee regarding this application, Commissioner Durkit moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to support the application. The motion passed 9-0. A complete committee report is attached to these minutes.

c. Transportation Committee.

Commissioner LaFortune, Transportation Committee chair, reported a special committee meeting March 2 on electric vehicles and electric bicycles. The meeting included briefings from the DC Department of Energy and Environment on electrification and from the DC Department of Transportation on charge-station plans. The committee plans to prepare testimony for upcoming DC Council hearings on electric vehicles. The committee's regular March meeting will include a report from DC Water about its work on Capitol Hill streets, and from Mark Sussman of Kidical Mass, a national movement to encourage parents and children to bike together. A complete committee report is attached to these minutes.

d. Southeast Library Task Force.

Commissioner Sobelsohn, Southeast Library Task Force chair, reported on the taskforce's first two meetings. The taskforce plans to meet with Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen and has requested a meeting with DC library director Richard Reyes-Gavilan. The taskforce will next meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at the Southeast library. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner D'Andrea seconded to send Councilmember Allen a letter urging funding for interim library services when the Southeast library is closed for renovations. The motion passed 9-0. The letter, and a complete taskforce report, are attached to these minutes.

e. Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force.

Commissioner Sroufe, Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force chair, reported that, after talking to former ANC 6B commissioners, he will schedule the taskforce's first meeting. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to send a letter of thanks to Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen for his budget request for Garfield Park Connector enhancements to add at least four pickleball courts. The motion passed 9-0. The letter is attached to these minutes.

f. Public Safety Committee.

Resident Member Lisa Matsumoto, Public Safety Committee chair, reported on the committee's first meeting. The committee will next meet over Zoom at 8 p.m. March 20.

g. Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee.

A report of the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee is attached to these minutes.

6. Financial Matters. Commissioner Avery, ANC 6B treasurer, chaired this portion of the meeting. A complete financial report, covering the ANC 6B Security Fund, monthly

financials, and a new standard operating procedure for budgeted expenditures, is attached to these minutes. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Ryder seconded to approve The Yard as an authorized vendor for ANC 6B's debit card. The motion passed 9-0.

7. Administrative Matters.

a. 2022 ANC 6B Annual Report. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Avery seconded to approve the 2022 ANC 6B Annual Report. The motion passed 9-0. The annual report is attached to these minutes.

b. Appointment of Resident Members and Alternates to Committees and Taskforces.

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to appoint the following to ANC 6B committees and taskforces: as Alternate Resident Member on the Alcohol Beverage Control Committee, Alessandro A. Milio, for 6B03; as Alternate Resident Member on the Public Safety Committee, Anne Seymour, for 6B04; and as Resident Members on the Southeast Library Task Force, Douglas Layer, Jr. for 6B07, Brian Ready for 6B08, and Nancy Geyer for 6B09. Commissioner Sobelsohn revealed that, because Alessandro Milio works for a liquor licensee on Barracks Row, Milio had agreed with Commissioner Sobelsohn to recuse himself from matters involving liquor licenses on Barracks Row. Several commissioners expressed opposition to the appointment based on that agreement. Without objection, Commissioners Sobelsohn and Sroufe withdrew their motion. Commissioner Jayaraman moved/Commissioner D'Andrea seconded to appoint all the Resident Members and Alternate Resident members to ANC 6B committees and taskforces in the prior motion, except for Alessandro A. Milio. The motion passed 8-0, with Commissioner Sobelsohn abstaining.

8. ANC 6B Input on Other Concerns: Resolution on DC Self-Government.

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Durkit seconded to approve a resolution to protest Congress's overturning a DC criminal-code reform bill, to urge President Biden to veto that overturning, and to call on Congress to accept DC's statehood application. A copy of that resolution is attached to these minutes. Commissioner Jayaraman moved/Commissioner Durkit seconded to substitute, for that motion, a different motion

not mentioning the DC criminal-code reform bill. That substitute motion is also attached to these minutes. The motion to substitute passed 6-2, with Commissioners D'Andrea and Sobelsohn opposed and Commissioner Sroufe absent. On a roll-call vote, the substitute motion passed 7-0, with Commissioner Sobelsohn abstaining and Commissioner Sroufe absent.

9. Executive Session.

At 9:55 p.m., the ANC recessed for an executive session to discuss personnel matters. At 10:45 p.m., the ANC reconvened. Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner D'Andrea seconded to authorize the Chair and the Treasurer to prepare an RFP seeking administrative-support services. The motion passed 8-0 with Commissioner Sroufe absent.

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Jayaraman seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 8-0 with Commissioner Sroufe absent. The meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.