



Minutes of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

October 10, 2023

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Regular Monthly Meeting

Held Over Zoom October 10, 2023

Commissioner Edward Stillwell Ryder, Chair

Participating: Commissioners Avery, D'Andrea, Durkit, Jayaraman, LaFortune, Mareino, Ryder, Sobelsohn, and Sroufe.

Absent: Commissioner Durkit.

Commissioner Ryder called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Meeting Agenda. At Commissioner Sroufe's suggestion, the International Society of Arboriculture's proposal for a tree-climbing competition was added to the report of the Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force. At Commissioner Sobelsohn's suggestion, a Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted, related to an error in a motion approved by the ANC at its September meeting, was added to the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to approve the agenda as modified. The motion passed 7-0. Commissioner Avery did not vote.

2. Consent Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner D'Andrea seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as modified. The motion passed 7-0. Commissioner Avery did not vote. The Consent Agenda included--

a. September 2023 Minutes as Presented. The approved September 2023 minutes are linked to these minutes.

b. Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted. As the September 2023 minutes report, as part of that meeting's Consent Agenda, the ANC approved a Planning and Zoning Committee recommendation to support an application, to the DC Council, to "Officially name, as 'Sladen's Court,' the alley previously informally bearing the name 'Sladen's Walk' at 223 8th St., SE (Square 969 [sic])." This part of the October Consent Agenda corrects the square number, replacing "969" with the accurate number, 989, and retroactively approves the letter to the DC Council, by Commissioner D'Andrea, giving the correct square number, 989, of what the ANC urges the Council officially name "Sladen's Court."

c. Committees & Taskforces.

1) Appointments: to approve, to the Public Safety Committee, the appointment, by Commissioner Sobelsohn, of Chuck Schmoyer as Resident Member and Chuck Burger as Alternate Resident Member, both for ANC 6B03.

2) Recommendations: by the committees on--

a) Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis: to support the applications of--

1-- Dae Ah LLC trading as the Capitol Supreme Market, 501 4th St., SE, for renewal of its Retailer's Class "B" Grocery Liquor license (ABRA-111567).

2-- Yes Organic Eastern Market trading as Yes Organic Market, 410 8th St., SE, for renewal of its Retailers' Class "B" Retail Grocery Liquor license (ABRA-089539).

3-- RMG, Inc. trading as World Wine and Spirits, 1453 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, to amend its current Settlement Agreement to permit it to sell individual containers of beer and ale containing under 70 ounces (ABRA-094605).

4-- Partners at 723 8th Street S.E. LLC trading as The Ugly Mug Dining Saloon/Valor Brew Pub, 723 8th St., SE, to renew its Retailer's Class "C" Restaurant license (ABRA-071793).

b) Transportation: to draft or approve letters to--

1-- The DC Department of Transportation.

a-- Supporting DDOT's Vision Zero Hardening plan for 11th St., SE and East Capitol St., SE (NOI-23-198-TESD). The letter is linked to these minutes.

b-- Requesting DDOT to instruct its employees and Department of Public Works employees to stop parking in parts of Watkins Alley, 1309 E St., SE, marked for "no parking," also to ask DDOT to install stop signs at the intersection of 13th and E Streets, SE, and to install a three-foot buffer between the residences in Watkins Alley and car-parking spots in the alley. The letter is linked to these minutes.

c-- Requesting DDOT to install a speed bump on D Street close to 7th St., SE--the third speed bump on D Street between 6th and 7th Streets, SE--and urging DDOT, in creating this and future speed bumps anywhere in DC, to consider bicycle grooves. The letter is linked to these minutes.

2-- Various DC enforcement agencies, by Commissioner Avery, in support of giving notice of violations of DDOT regulations and other DC agency regulations. The letter is linked to these minutes.

3-- Eastern High School, supporting its Homecoming Parade and 100th Anniversary celebration, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Friday, November 3, 2023. The letter is linked to these minutes.

3. Community and Commission Announcements.

a. Resignations from Public Safety Committee. Commissioner Sobelsohn announced the resignation, from the Public Safety Committee, of ANC 6B03's Resident Member Chuck Burger and its Alternate Resident Member Chuck Schmoyer.

b. MPD Barracks Row Walk. Commissioner Sobelsohn announced that First District police officer Muhammad Lewis has organized a community safety walk down Barracks Row, beginning 6 p.m. Wednesday, October 25, with Ward Six Councilmember Charles Allen, 1D commander Colin Hall, and other members of the First District Outreach Team. Commissioner LaFortune announced that officer Lewis has also organized a community safety walk at 6 p.m. Thursday, October 19, starting at 13th and I Streets, SE, near Potomac Gardens.

c. Hearing for Department of Buildings Director-Nominee. Kimberly Kennedy, of Councilmember Allen's office, announced a DC Council hearing on Wednesday, October 18, of the mayor's nomination of Brian J. Hanlon as director of the Department of Buildings.

d. Carjacking. First District MPD Captain Kevin Harding reported that most carjacked vehicles are recovered quickly, and that the First District each night has a "curfew car" to stop young people in apparent violation of the DC curfew.

4. Committee and Taskforce Reports.

a. Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee.

1) Applications of--

a) Parentco LLC, trading as Dos Toros Taqueria, 215 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-125171—DT). Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Jayaraman seconded to protest this application on the grounds of preserving peace, order, and quiet, and preventing harm to parking and to real-property values; to request an extension of the petition deadline from Tuesday, October 31 to Monday, November 20; and to attach, to both communications, the applicant's email message agreeing to the extension. The motion passed 7-0. Commissioner Avery did not vote.

b) Omakase of Barracks Row LLC, trading as Omakase at Barracks Row, 522 8th St., SE, 2^d Floor (ABRA-125827). Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Jayaraman seconded to support issuance of a stipulated license for this applicants, and to request extension of the protest deadline from Tuesday, October 17 to Friday, November 17. The motion passed 8-0.

2) Written report. A written report of the ABC Committee is linked to these minutes.

b. Transportation Committee.

1) Safe-Passage request. Commissioner LaFortune moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to send letters to the Deputy Mayors for Education and for Public Safety and Justice requesting the designation of "Safe Passage" areas for Eastern Market and Potomac Ave., SE. The motion passed 8-0. The letters are linked to these minutes.

2) Written report. A written report of the Transportation Committee is linked to these minutes.

c. Planning and Zoning Committee.

1) Applications of--

a) George Bott, on behalf of Amit and Veronique Singh, to build a two-story rear addition to an existing, semidetached, three-story principal dwelling unit, and to add a roof deck, both to 630 G St., SE (Square 877, Lot 88, RF-1 zone; HPA 23-574). Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner D'Andrea seconded to ask the Historic Presentation Office to postpone consideration of this application until its November meeting, in order to give neighbors more time to review the proposal. The motion passed 8-0.

b) Rebecca Gelwicks to repair and replace the front-entrance stairs and railings at 309-11 4th St., SE (HPA 23-575). Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner LaFortune seconded to support the application before the Historic Preservation Review Board. The motion passed 8-0.

2) Written report. A written report of the Planning and Zoning Committee is linked to these minutes.

d. Southeast Library Task Force.

1) Letter regarding remaining issues. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Ryder seconded to support the sending of a letter, to the DC Public Library director and members of the DC Council, asking for resolution of issues remaining unsettled about the closing of the Southeast library and the interim site at the Arthur Recreation Center. The motion passed 8-0. The letter is linked to these minutes.

2) Written report. A written report of the Southeast Library Task Force and recent meeting minutes are linked to these minutes.

e. Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Task Force. Taskforce chair, Commissioner Sroufe, reported on taskforce's October 9 meeting and the taskforce's plan from now on to meet a week before upcoming ANC meetings. Commissioner Sroufe also announced that, on October 20-22, the International Society of Arboriculture will hold a tree-climbing competition at Garfield Park. Since the park is in ANC 6B01, Commissioner Avery will contact ISA for details.

f. Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee. Commissioner Sroufe reported that EMCAC is enlisting community members to work on its subcommittees and that, in November, EMCAC will celebrate Eastern Market's 150th anniversary. A written EMCAC report is linked to these minutes.

5. Treasurer's Report. A written financial report is linked to these minutes. Commissioner Avery, ANC treasurer, reported that the ANC has received \$5,500 for its 2023 third-quarter allotment, and that the ANC will need a budget amendment to account for increased rental costs, in particular \$1,200 to support rental expenditures by the committees on Public Safety and Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis. From the written financial report, Commissioner Jayaraman moved to strike everything from and including the line that the ABC Committee chair "initially declined to provide justification for this (or any future) purchase" to the end of that paragraph. The motion failed for want of a second. Commissioner Avery agreed to remove that line, and to circulate the guidelines for rental expenditures. Those guidelines are attached to these minutes.

6. Other Concerns: Renaming Tyler Elementary School. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to support renaming Tyler Elementary School as Shirley Chisholm Elementary School, a letter to go to Councilmembers Allen & Mendelson, with the exact language to be drafted by Commissioners Ryder and D'Andrea. The motion passed 8-0.

7. Administrative Matters. Commissioner Ryder reported that he is close to hiring a new administrative staffperson.

8. Adjournment. Commissioner Ryder moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sobelsohn
ANC Secretary