

## **Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C**

Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 7:00 PM

WebEx Teleconference

Final

Chair Eckenwiler called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

### **Quorum**

Six of 7 commissioners present: Adelstein, Eckenwiler, Eguino, Goodman, Kwan, Merkle (Kelty absent)

### **Introductions**

Chair Eckenwiler introduced the commissioners as representatives of their respective single member districts

### **General Information**

Chair Eckenwiler provided guidelines for the teleconference and reminded participants and attendees that proceedings are recorded

### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda as corrected, M. Eckenwiler

### **Approval of March Minutes**

Distributed to commissioners and posted in draft on March 28 for review; provisionally approved pending edits/corrections, M. Eckenwiler 6-0-1 absent

### **Announcements**

1. Tribute to neighbor John Wirt – the ANC honored long-time neighbor and husband of former ANC 6C Chair Karen Wirt with a moment of
2. silence; John, who passed away in March, devoted years of service to the 6C neighborhood
3. Commissioner Announcements – Commissioner Kwan 6C01, expressed thanks for the JO Wilson cleanup effort; Commissioner Merkle 6C02, working with neighbors near Frederick Douglass Alley Court to confirm re-bricking of this historic alley; Commissioner Adelstein 6C03, reports neighbors in 600 block of Constitution Ave struggling with issues related to the water main replacement project; Commissioner Eguino 6C06, reminded neighbors of the 3<sup>rd</sup> street tunnel cleaning; Commissioner Goodman 6C07, NoMa BID ready to submit, asking DDOT to close outer lanes to allow proper sidewalks, may request assist from Transportation Committee; Chair Eckenwiler 6C04, reminded all that April 15 marked a transition to an online parking pass system
4. Other community announcements  
Report from Councilmember Charles Allen (Ward 6): successful April 1 Ward clean up; office hours, details on annual budget season, the shrinking downtown commercial property tax base, efforts to preserve city and public-school contracts; DC Council approved school lunches; as Chair of Transportation Committee focused on Safe Streets, WMATA and CoG. There will be federal dollars coming into the city. Focused on climate change, EV charges, encouraging people to transition from cars to transit; residential

electrification and how to use the tax code to achieve; subsidize low-income households to achieve electrification. Policing and safety strategies to reduce violence. Opening rec centers on weekends and in the evenings. In this time of lean budget learning to say no to good ideas and yes to the right ideas.

Session opened to Q&A:

Q – Eguino: asked if budget plans include limiting speeding, reckless driving on H Street NE, painting lanes for bikes I & 4<sup>th</sup>, more lighting for all on K Street? C.Allen: re: dangerous speeding, yes, at the time of driver’s license renewal, if multiple violations, no renewal. However, this measure failed. Continuing to look at enforcement strategies and changing laws, encourage Commissioner Eguino follow up afterward via direct email.

Q – Adelstein: How do we achieve reciprocity with MD/VA for parking and transportation violations? C.Allen: Requires Governor to Mayor, executive level agreement. Cannot be worked out at the council level.

Q – Goodman: Thank you for your office hours in 6C07. Thank you for supporting local businesses. DDOT DPW and the issue of cars with fake or doctored license plates, speeding and reckless driving; this deliberately evasive action and the impact to the safety of our streets, should warrant some penalty. C.Allen: agree, structural challenges due to reorganization.

Q – Eckenwiler: a rulemaking issue, illegal tags, fake tags, lack of accountability? C.Allen agreed, since DPW reorganized, they are disconnected with DDOT, the new structure poses a challenge.

Q – Kwan: regarding traffic safety, so far 82 ANC commissioners have signed onto a letter opposing the mayor’s budget moving funds from traffic safety to cover other budget shortfalls. Concerned about losing out on all funds for safety. C.Allen: DDOT partners with CoG to qualify for special funds, Safer Streets. A question of safety or revenue when dollars are reallocated to balance the budget. Funds should go into safety not general fund.

Q – Eckenwiler: What resources are available for booting; easy to find cars with thousands of dollars in violations, but there is a lack of reciprocal enforcement; C.Allen concurs, a DPW that can be nimble would be essential, can’t get MD and VA to cooperate.

Q – Upright: need to include 395 and 695 in traffic safety and enforcement; there seems to be little to no traffic enforcement along that route C.Allen: I will make a note of that.

Councilman Allen closing comments; Chair Eckenwiler extends thanks on behalf of ANC

Marcus Manning (Mayor Bowser’s Office) – reminder: Emancipation Day Parade, Saturday at 2 pm, Freedom Plaza; appreciation from Commissioner Goodman for joining him on a walkabout in 6C07.

5. Citizen comments – Valerie Jablow 6C02 reported several concerns at 101 5<sup>th</sup> Street NE, with possible unlicensed rooming house, encroachment of a commercial enterprise into a residential neighborhood

## **Consent Calendar**

*Environment, Parks, and Events Committee (Joe McCann, Chair)*

1. Capitol Hill Classic, May 21 – decades old, cluster school tradition, seeking ANC6C support.
2. Hayes Senior Wellness Center Tot-Lot Playground – rubber playground needs repair as does gate and fencing.  
(Motion to accept all committee recommendations on consent calendar, M.Eckenwiler/C.Kwan, 6-0-with 1 absent)

*Transportation and Public Space Committee* (Michael Upright, Chair)

1. 301 Florida Avenue NE – NRP Group requested a review of their proposed streetscape plan; TPS recommended ANC approve as presented  
(Motion to support with additional request for the public space plan to include a receiving curb ramp on N Street NE, M.Eckenwiler/L.Merkle 6-0-with 1 absent)
2. ~~Small cell installation, 1100 block 4<sup>th</sup> St NE~~ (removed from agenda, incorrectly assigned in TOPS)
3. Folger Library signage (in 6B, on 6C boundary) – Folger Shakespeare Library requested ANC support for installation of two digital totems (signage); one at 2nd and East Capitol, one at 3rd and East Capitol; recommend ANC support request with sensitivity for overall effect of additional light in the neighborhood, but overall defer to ANC 6B  
(Motion to approve, M.Eckenwiler/L.Merkle, 6-0-with 1 absent)
4. ~~Request for bike lanes on Massachusetts Ave NE~~ (to present in May)

*Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee* (Mark Eckenwiler, Chair)

No new business

*Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee* (Drew Courtney, Chair)

No new business

*Environment, Parks, and Events Committee* (Joe McCann, Chair)

1. L and M Street Underpass – T.Goodman reports NoMa BID and DDOT to install Jersey barriers; 300 M to make improvements, art, benches, two-way for bikes, etc.  
(Motion to support, M.Eckenwiler/T.Goodman, 6-0- with 1 absent)
2. Brentwood-Hamilton Field (in 5D, adjacent to 6C) – no ADA access to field, resolve to write letter to Mayor’s office and DPR, requesting access be installed to benches for residents of 5D and PUD housing across the way  
(Motion to support with discussion, M.Eckenwiler/J.Adelstein)

*Grants Committee* (Victoria Lord, Chair)

No new business

**New Business**

- Commissioner Kwan – working on a Florida Ave NE DDOT-Washington Gas public space for residents to report constant construction complaints as they navigate ongoing traffic congestion along Florida Ave.

- Commissioner Goodman – requesting ANC send a letter to DDOT asking that they improve the temporary lanes & accommodations on Florida Avenue during that construction project, and that they add a public-facing construction office along the street similar to what they did for H Street and other similar large projects.
- Commissioner Adelstein – What expertise may committee offer in future.
- Commissioner Adelstein – James Heche replacing Jayne Bezine on ABL Committee for 6C03.  
(Motion to approve the above, T.Goodman/M.Eckenwiler 6-0-1absent)

#### **Additional Citizen Comments**

- Anne Woodard-Lynch, 6C02, raised additional concerns re: 101 5<sup>th</sup> Street NE, noting that it is an eyesore in the neighborhood, with concerns of possible illegal activity

Meeting adjourned 8:44 pm