

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C
Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 7 pm
WebEx Teleconference
Final

Call to Order 7:04 pm

Determination of Quorum with 5 of 7 Commissioners present: Eckenwiler, Goodman, Kelty, Kwan, Merkle (with Adelstein joining later)

Introductions, General Information on Webex Teleconferencing with Notice of Recording

Approval of April Agenda – as revised, **ME/LM 5-0-0**

Approval of March Minutes – provisionally accepted pending edits, **LM/ME 5-0-0**

Treasurer’s 2nd Quarter Report – beginning balance \$48,220.82, one expense - \$50 for ANC Security Fund, ending balance \$48,170.82; motion to approve **JK/ME, 5-0-0**

Announcements

1. Commissioner announcements – Comm Goodman: NoMa BID has installed Cherry Blossom-themed artwork for the season; increased reports of crime/shootings; appreciate public safety updates from MPD/NoMa BID at monthly meetings. Comm Eckenwiler: Letter to Chief Building Officer regarding historic church windows at 7th & A St NE, filed and posted. Comm Merkle: planned Community Walk with MPD 1st District on 4/16, 5:30pm Stanton Park. Comm Kwan: announced sidewalk repair work on Orleans Pl./7th St between Morton and Orleans, please be alert; L St neighbors self-organized a community meeting with MPD’s 5th District Capt. Figueras, 4/15, 7pm Old City Market.
2. Other community announcements – presentation by Douglas Klein, Community Prosecutor, 1st District, U.S. Attorney’s Office, douglas.klein@usdoj.gov. 202.660.2150.
In response to ANC inquiry Klein reports two recent felony drug distribution cases resulting in one suspended sentence, second sentencing hearing scheduled May 15.
Klein further reports his office’s prosecution rate up to 53% for charging day of arrest, and a 90% charging rate for serious violent crimes day of arrest.
Misdemeanor cases “not papered” for a variety of reasons, but 90%+ violent felony cases charged same day. Mr. Klein can be reached at 202.660.2150 for follow-up questions.
Christopher.wade2@usdoj.gov Community Outreach Specialist.
CM Allen requested information on cases in question.
Comm Kelty comments on prior criminal records.
Comm Adelstein comments on Matt Graves presentation on crime. Matt Graves DCYouTube 1stD-CAC/USAO’s youtube channel.
3. Citizen comments on problems/issues of concern – none for April

Consent Calendar

Transportation and Public Space Committee (Michael Upright, Chair)

1. TOPS#: 439867 – 420 H St NE – Public Space Improvement; improvement to commercial/residential space with **committee recommendation to approve**
Motion to approve Consent Calendar, **ME/TG 6-0-0**

Plenary

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee (Drew Courtney, Chair)

No business this month

Transportation and Public Space Committee (Michael Upright, Chair)

1. Proposed letter to DDOT on Florida Avenue (Comm'r Kwan) – ANC6A/ANC5D cooperative request to add signalized crosswalks along the FL Ave corridor.
Motion to support letter to DDOT requesting reconfigured crosswalk, **ME/CK 6-0-0**

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

1. Square 780 (BZA 21112) – Application of Heritage Foundation for zoning relief to continue operation of nonadjacent parking lots in the alley complex bounded by 3rd, 4th, D and E Streets NE
C. Kadlecek, Counsel for applicant, Goulston & Storrs, on background
A. Glasow, neighbor in support of application and 10-year extension
Motion to support application renewal with a 10 year term limit letter to BZA, **ME/JK, 5-0-[1 Comm Merkle recused]** Note: May 8 hearing date; no designated witness

Grants Committee (Victoria Lord, Chair)

No business this month

New Business

Comm'r Goodman: seeks to revisit ANC 6C's interest in the adjacent Brentwood-Hamilton Field improvement requests to DPR from 2023 with letter requesting ADA accessible pathway. Motion to approve ANC letter to DPR/DOJ-OCR requesting immediate safety improvements and a planning process for future upgrades; should funds not be available in FY24 budget, request FY25 budget be revised to include, **TG/ME, 6-0-0**

CM Charles Allen spring briefing:

Ward 6 Budget Town Hall, April 29, 6-8 pm, NE Branch Library

Sinking downtown real estate, inflationary factors, collective bargaining agreements have resulted in a tight budget; capital budget is strong but operating budget facing cuts.

- Capitol One Arena deal coming together, financed through capital budget.
- WMATA facing severe budget shortfalls, Council and WMATA working together on solution by 2024-25.
- WMATA set to release new version of the Better Bus Visionary Plan on May 1 with a final version by the end of 2024.

Q&A/Comments

- C.Kwan: budget cuts to DPW will impede parking enforcement, a primary concern of 6C01 constituents.
- M.Eckenwiler: concurs with Comm'r Kwan, do not cut funding for DPW when parking enforcement can pay for itself and 6C residents observe violations throughout 6C.
- J.Kelty: With sanitation bins aging, in a state disrepair, request funds be found, even on a rotational basis, to replace outdated/damaged sanitation bins, central to controlling rodent problem.

- T.Goodman: highlights the ANC's pending letter requesting improvements and reasonable access to Brentwood-Hamilton sports fields. Requests information on recent shootings.

CM Allen response:

- Sunday last, in the unit block M St NE, 2 shooters; MPD investigating.
- N. Capitol & P St NE, gunfire between 3 in stolen vehicle/pedestrian; suspects in custody.
- Metro Platform, suspects with guns, fell onto tracks; MPD investigating.

MPD working to install more cameras, monitoring illegal parking in this area.

Meeting adjourned 8:24 pm

Next meeting May 8, 2024, 7 pm