

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C
Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023, 7 pm
WebEx Teleconference
Final

Determination of Quorum and Introductions with 6 of 7 Commissioners present: Adelstein, Eckenwiler, Eguino, Kelty, Kwan, Merkle and later, Goodman

Call to Order 7:01 pm

General Information on Webex Teleconferencing

Approval of December Agenda – as amended, **ME/PE 6-0-0**

Approval of November Minutes – provisionally accepted, **LM/ME 7-0-0**

Treasurer’s Report for December – opening balance \$47,853.40, Peabody grant refund \$367.42, final balance \$48,220.82
new business: seeking final reports for Capitol Hill Montessori and Peabody Garden grants; **no vote**

Announcements

1. Commissioner announcements – Comm. Goodman: Chopsmith is open with more businesses to come along 3rd St.; attention to tree canopy this winter. Comm. Eckenwiler: Metro Red Line under repair 12/18-30. Comm. Kwan: commends Old City Market and Oven on their recent “Brickie” award; FL Ave roadwork between 2nd and 6th had substantial progress; DDOT road diet moving forward. Comm Eguino: shared shelter/hypothermia hotline.
2. Other government/organization announcements – Eric S. with Councilmember Allen’s Office highlighted STEER Act, traffic safety.
3. Citizen comments on problems/issues of concern
Lisa He – opposed to bike lanes in 600 K St NE and lack of communication from DDOT
Max – representing “DC Voters for Animals” opposing force feeding of animals
Jacobie Whitley – representing medical cannabis interests specifically along H St. NE
Tom Ulan – opposed to bike lanes, recommends a new plan or compromise
Mark Edwards – opposed to bike lanes
Shad Gohn – resident of Abby Place, appreciates Commissioner volunteer service
Ms. Lewis – opposed to bike lanes, petition of 250 neighbors in opposition to bike lanes
Michael Parker – resident of 900 blk of 6th St; reports a rat infestation
Toleathia Green – 60 yr resident of 600 blk of K St; seeking disability parking in front of residence

Consent Calendar

Transportation and Public Space Committee (Michael Upright, Chair)

1. Proposed installation of raised crosswalk in 1200 block of 4th St. NE (NOI-23-234-TESD)
Recommend approval

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee (Drew Courtney, Chair)

1. Grand Central Sports Book (new license, class D tavern) **moved to protest**, JKelty designated rep/DCourtenay alt, December 26 hearing
2. Thrive Hair Bar, 528 H St. NE (new license, class C tavern) **protest, support with stipulated license**, CKwan designated rep/JHecht alt, December 26 hearing
3. Chopsmith, 300 M St. NE (new license, class C restaurant) **protest with stipulated license**, MUpright designated rep/RKnight alt, January 2

ME /JK adoption of consent calendar and representatives as constituted, **7-0-0**

Plenary Agenda

Transportation and Public Space Committee (Michael Upright, Chair)

No additional business

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee (Drew Courtney, Chair)

1. New Leaf Smoke Shop, 416 H St. NE (new license, cannabis retailer)

Transition from I-71 to medical cannabis with on-site consumption presentation by New Leaf proprietor Issa Bannourah followed by Q&A, areas of concern:

- o outside queuing
- o security/enforcement
- o summer garden abutting residential property/air filtration
- o is proprietor a confirmed D.C. property owner?
- o unregulated I-71 vendors after January 29

JK/ME motion to protest on the three statutory grounds, towards reaching a settlement agreement, DCourtenay, rep/CKwan and JKelty alt, January 8, **5-0-2**

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

No new business

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

1. 425 4th St. NE (HPA 24-046)

- o Presentation by applicant's architect, J. Fowler
- o Comment by T. Themak, counsel for parties in opposition – CHRS Zoning and Historic committees have voted in opposition to 425 4th St NE
- o Architect for parties in opposition, M. Burns – the massing is outsized for neighborhood and should continue to be refined
- o Ms. Gonzalez, Carbery School – in opposition to current design of 425 4th St NE on behalf of Carbery residents
- o Lynne Seymour, adjacent neighbor – in opposition
- o Tom Schatz and Leslee Behar, adjacent neighbors – in opposition

TG/ME motion to support project **4-3**

Grants Committee (Victoria Lord, Chair)

No new business

New Business

1. Alley safety, 6th/7th/Eye/K Sts. (Comm. Kwan)

To improve block and alley safety, ANC letter to DOB/DPW/DDOT requesting:

- repair alley fence at 622 Eye St., NE
- installation of camera to identify culprits of constant illegal dumping
- Smart Street Lighting, more alley lighting

ME/CK propose sending letter to subject agencies, edits as suggested, **7-0-0**

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm

Next meeting on Jan. 10, 2023, 7 pm