

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C
Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 7 pm
WebEx teleconference
Draft Minutes (12/17/2022)

The chair called meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Quorum

A quorum of 6 out of 6 commissioners was present (Mr. Adelstein, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Eckenwiler, Ms. Healey, Mr. Kelty, and Ms. Wirt).

Introductions

The ANC 6C commissioners introduced themselves as representatives of their respective Single Member Districts.

General Information on WebEx Teleconferencing

Mr. Courtney, who is hosting this teleconference, provided instruction on how audience participants can be recognized to speak. He stated that the meeting tonight is using a different format, the WebEx Webinar tool, rather than the WebEx Meetings tool that has been used heretofore, so he asked to be notified if there are any problems.

Approval of the Agenda

The December agenda was approved without objection. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Ms. Healey.

Approval of the November Minutes

The draft November minutes were approved unanimously. **Motion:** Ms. Healey/Mr. Eckenwiler. The December minutes, when drafted, will be posted on the website labeled as preliminary until the commissioners formally approve them at the next ANC full-Commission meeting. The procedure allows the public to see the minutes in a timely manner.

The commissioners unanimously approved the ANC 6C 2022 annual report, which Ms. Healey prepared and will send to the OANC, as required. **Motion:** Ms. Healey/Mr. Courtney.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer presented the ANC 6C report for November. The opening balance on November 1 was \$51,283.89. There was National Capitol Bank interest payment of \$2.11. The closing balance on November 30 was \$51,286.00.

Under old business Mr. Kelty mentioned that documentation is complete and has been filed with the OANC for all pending ANC 6C grants awarded in 2022.

Under new business are two new expenses: a web host fee of \$278.57 and a security fee of approximately \$90. The ANC will need to reimburse Ms. Healey for these expenses. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the expenses. **Motion:** Mr. Kelty/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Brief Community Announcements

1. Commissioner announcements—The commissioners thanked Ms. Healey, Mr. Courtney, and Ms. Wirt for their service to ANC 6C. These commissioners will not return in 2023, but will assist with the transition in January: Ms. Healey will help with the website transition; Mr. Courtney with WebEx hosting; and Ms. Wirt with January minutes. The retiring commissioners expressed their appreciation for their constituents and their colleagues. Mr. Courtney stated that

the Giving Tree, sponsored by NoMa and headed by Christopher Lynch to assist unhoused neighbors, is accepting any donations as the year draws to a close. Information is posted on the NoMa website. Mr. Eckenwiler spoke on behalf of ANC 6C about the long and invaluable service of Commissioner Wirt over 24 years.

2. Other community announcements—Declan Falls, a member of Council Chair Mendelson’s Constituent Services Team, stated that 54 bills were presented at the Council’s legislative session last Tuesday. For anyone who wants to testify, information is on the www.chairmanmendelson.com website.

Consent Calendar

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee (Steve O’Neal, chair)

1. Taqueria Rosticeria Fresca, 701 H Street NE, ABRA-104296, Class C restaurant, seeks entertainment endorsement—The committee recommended a protest regarding the entertainment endorsement on the basis of negative impact on nearby property values; on vehicle and pedestrian traffic; and on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood. Mr. O’Neal noted that the sidewalk café hours are Sunday-Thursday closing at 10 pm; Friday and Saturday closing at 10:30 pm. Mr. Kelty, in whose Single Member District the establishment is located, volunteered to represent ANC 6C at the protest hearing.

2. Elevate, 15 K Street NW, ABRA-100316, Class C tavern, renewal—The commissioners took no action on this renewal request, as the committee recommended.

Transportation and Public Space Committee (Mr. Upright, chair)

1. Metro for DC, beginning July 1—The committee voted to recommend a letter of support to Council Member Charles Allen and the mayor. Mr. Kelty questioned whether a letter is needed because the legislation has already been approved. The commissioners agreed that no letter is needed.

2. 301 Florida Avenue NE, building projections for proposed affordable residential building, TOPS #408790—The committee recommended support for this 115-unit project that is all affordable housing.

3. K Street NE, safety issues—K Street underpass, J.O. Wilson Elementary School, and the corridor generally—The committee recommended support for the project with several refinements to the design in order to improve safety, including bus islands, loading zones, and bicycle lanes extended to 8th Street NE.

4. 3rd and 4th Streets NE, truck traffic concerns—The committee recommended that the ANC send a letter to DDOT requesting that a plan be developed to reduce heavy truck traffic on those streets.

5. Hillsdale College, 219-299 Massachusetts Avenue NE, plaza alterations, TOPS #409586—The application has been postponed until January.

6. FedEx, 300 Maryland Avenue NE, knee wall to 30 inches, TOPS #186608—The application has been postponed until January.

The commissioners voted unanimously to support the Consent Calendar. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee (Mr. Eckenwiler, chair)

1. 775 H Street NE, informational presentation, zoning map amendment, change from Zone NC-16 to Zone NC-17—A notice of intent was submitted on November 14 with a minimum 45-day waiting period to file. Filing should occur in mid-January—when this property will be in ANC 6A. The proposed zoning change would allow increased density. NC-16 zoning allows a height of 50 feet, whereas NC-17 zoning allows 65 feet. No action was taken.

2. 507 Florida Avenue NE—Discussion of a potential BZA appeal from issuance of a permit issued December 2 authorizing complete removal of protected architectural features (cornice, mansard). Subsequent to the committee meeting, the PZE chair found a notice of revocation on the online DOB site and DOB staff followed up with an email confirming this. As a result, no action is needed.

3. 301 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Pupatella restaurant, HPRB application—HPRB has this item on its consent calendar for a hearing the day after the 6C meeting, December 15. The HPRB application is the same as the DDOT public space application that the ANC approved previously. The only changes are a few minor refinements added by DDOT. Due to some confusion regarding whether the item should appear on the HPRB consent calendar, the PZE Committee was unable to review the application at its December meeting, but subsequently offered several recommendations when polled by the PZE chair: the existing canopy should be removed and any plans for a perimeter fence should be included. Mr. Kelty added that the roof of the build-out seating enclosure on the Third Street side of the restaurant should be changed from a simple shed (with blank vertical sides on its north and south elevations) to a gently sloped hipped roof. This would present a more harmonious profile, especially as viewed from Massachusetts Avenue. The commissioners voted unanimously to send a letter to HPRB indicating the ANC support and including the recommendations. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Grants Committee (Victoria Lord, chair)

Environment, Parks, and Events Committee (Drew Courtney, chair)

No business this month for these two committees.

Hearing no additional business, the chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:40 pm.