

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C
Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 7 pm
WebEx Teleconference
Final

Call to Order at 7:01 PM

Determination of Quorum with 6 of 7 Commissioners: Adelstein, Eckenwiler, Eguino, Goodman, Kwan, Merkle, with Commissioner Kelty joining by 7:10

Introductions, General Information on Webex Teleconferencing

Approval of Agenda, **ME/TG 6-0-0**

Approval of February Minutes, provisionally accepted **LM/ME 6-0-0**

Treasurer's Report for February: \$48,220.82 balance; Logan Montessori grant confirmed closed; awaiting OANC confirmation on Peabody School grant closure; Security Fund paperwork has been accepted; no other activity

Announcements

1. Commissioner announcements Comm Kwan, appreciation to MOCRS/CM Allen's offices for support during her absence, J.O.Wilson PTA April 6 yard sale 11-2, and CM Allen Ward 6 spring clean; Comm Merkle working with MOCRS on parking issues in 6C02; Comm Adelstein reminder of spring cleanup, please move cars for street cleaning, World Mission Church inquiries; Comm Eguino, DC Water contractors working at the intersection of 3rd and Constitution, NE which may affect 7th NE; Comm Goodman, 3rd/FL/M St NE breaking ground on affordable housing – will need to close bike lane – but will keep neighbors informed, a welcome sign, retailers beginning to move in.

2. Community Announcements *Comm Eckenwiler* on behalf of J. DeMayo with CM Allen: Public Safety Announcements Secure DC signed by Mayor as emergency legislation; I71 regulations – enforced spacing between shops; CM Allen's spring clean-up; EV bike rebate program for low-income residents.

Mr. Stolzenberg – reiterates Secure DC legislation; interested in organizing walkabouts with 6C residents

3. Citizen Comments

Shad Gohn, Abby Place resident – Secure DC, after 10 years, camera failing, but rebate seems to be a one-time offer, can rebate be extended?

Comm Kelty – supports rebate program, but recommends replacement of sanitation/recycling bins ahead of extending rebate program

Consent Calendar

Transportation and Public Space Committee (Michael Upright, Chair)

1. TOPS#: 439867 – 420 H St NE – Public Space Improvement, **letter recommending extension**

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

1. 638 I (Eye) St. NE – Proposed BZA appeal of permit B2308873 (alteration of rooftop architectural element) 638 I (Eye) St. NE – Discussion of proposed BZA appeal of permit B2308873 for violation of section E-204 (alteration of rooftop architectural elements).
Unanimous recommendation to appeal to BZA (Comm. Eckenwiler designated representative for purposes of the appeal)

Motion to adopt Consent Calendar **ME/JK 7-0-0**

Plenary

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee (Drew Courtney, Chair)

1. Union Pub 201 Mass Ave NE (substantial change—outdoor seating) increase outdoor seating from 56 to 84; note: current Certificate of Occupancy lists 84 seats. Recommend proprietor work with condo association re: concerns with unanimous decision **not to protest**.
2. New Leaf (update) – emphasis on no outdoor signage; extension.

Transportation and Public Space Committee (Michael Upright, Chair)

1. S.O. 24-00310 Public Alley Closure, C Street NE. Committee **recommends approval**.

Gary Robinson – Walter Alley homeowner, opposed to alley closure as presented

Derick Wallace – applicant rep, Goulston&Storrs

Topher Cushman – applicant rep, St. Joseph’s

Megan Jantzey – applicant rep, MTFA

Comm Merkle – questions related to legal parking in alley, delivery and trash trucks.

Comm Adelstein – questions relocation of utility pole.

Comm Kwan – confirming that application has been submitted and that ANC support is requested at this stage.

Comm Kelty – Verizon utility pole relocation may pose a problem; can the alley be straightened?

Comm Eckenwiler – could the pole relocation be moved above new development?

Legal observation from Comm Eckenwiler: This is not a public taking for private use. When alleys originally laid out, subdivided by developers, the land for alleys was dedicated for use but the title does not go to the U.S Govt or the District of Columbia under the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone precedent from Court of Appeals. There is a string attached to almost all alleys. When alleys are closed the adjacent owner is tugging on a string, although not technically a *reverter*; there is still a property interest. The surveyor tries to figure out an appropriate apportionment when closing an alley. In this case we have a single owner on three sides. This is not a giveaway; adjacent owner still has property interest according to D.C. law.

Motion to provide letter of provisional support in principle to Surveyors Office pending a final resolution of relocation of utility pole; friendly amendment from Comm Kwan encouraging applicant to work with DDOT-alley neighbors to harmonize alley access. **ME/LM 3-2-2**

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

No additional business

Grants Committee (Victoria Lord, Chair)

No business this month

No New Business

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM

Next Meeting Wednesday, April 10, at 7:00 PM