

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 7:00 PM

WebEx Teleconference

Final

Chair Eckenwiler called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

### Quorum

Seven of 7 commissioners present: Adelstein, Eckenwiler, Eguino, Goodman, Kelty, Kwan, Merkle

### Introductions

Chair Eckenwiler introduced 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

M. Eckenwiler motion to approve agenda as corrected, (amend to reflect Q2 Treasurer's Report), by unanimous consent

### Approval of April Minutes

Distributed for review on April 28, corrections submitted by Commissioners Goodman and Kwan; amended minutes provisionally approved pending edits/corrections, M. Eckenwiler/J. Kelty 7-0

### Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Kelty reports opening balance in March \$46,010.70, deposit of D.C. allotment \$4,620.70 and closing balance in May of \$50,631.40. D.C. Security Funding deposited.

M. Eckenwiler motion to approve Q2 report 7-0

M. Eckenwiler requests reimbursement of \$115.00 for P.O. Box, motion to approve, J. Kelty seconded, 7-0

### Announcements

1. Commissioner Announcements – **Commissioner Kwan 6C01**, no announcement; **Commissioner Merkle 6C02**, following a neighbor petition, historic Frederick Douglass Alley Court will be bricked; secondly, neighbors in 6C02 are working on a petition to protest proposed bus route DC208 at a 5/17 ANC meeting hosted by WMATA – Chair Eckenwiler suggested adding this topic to future TPS and ANC meetings; **Commissioner Adelstein 6C03**, DDOT: Meeting of FL Ave Bus Priority Project on 5/25; Capitol Hill Classic on 5/21; Northeast Library outdoor concert on 5/14; alley across from library will be hosting concert on 6/11 with Jonathan Yannick; same location on 6/19, 12-4, there will be a Juneteenth celebration; **Commissioner Kelty 6C05**, continued concerns with H Street conditions; a reminder, residents required to bring in trash cans, take care of sidewalks, DPW may start writing citations; **Commissioner Eguino 6C06**, a reminder to care for bushes and shrubs that

extend into public spaces; referred constituents to her Twitter account for additional information; **Commissioner Goodman 6C07**, alley work at L & M, and Abbey & 4<sup>th</sup> NE, expected completion next Friday; DDOT will then start on the alley between Abbey & 3<sup>rd</sup> NE. During this time, DPW trash pick-up sporadic, NoMA BID movies and concerts restarting Wednesdays at sunset in Tanners Park.

2. Other community announcements

Jake Stolzenburg (Mayor Bowser's Office) – meeting with businesses burgled along H Street, as an interim measure, and on behalf of Deputy Mayor of Justice. Commissioner Goodman appreciates Jake's walkabouts; Commissioner Kwan suggested a second walkabout and mentioned loose sidewalk bricks in 600 block that need attention.

3. Citizen comments

**Mike Masuda**, Pres., Friends of NoMA Dogs; helps maintain Swampoodle dog park; following up his email to ANC regarding the gate at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, broken since October. NoMA BID identified vendor in January, but Dept of Parks and Rec has not provided a repair date or other feedback. It has been more than 6 months. They have all the necessary information. Possible for ANC to work with DPR to expedite repair? The ANC's support would be appreciated. There are two entry points to the park: the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street entry point is completely broken and NoMA BID has blocked it for now. Commissioner Goodman stated the importance of two entrances to the dog park in the event of a dog/owner confrontation. He recommended Mr. Masuda send him the details and he will pursue with appropriate agency.

**Valerie Jablow**, in a follow up to her April testimony, reports that after operating as an illegal rooming house for at least a year, the Dept of Buildings, and Dept of Licensing and Consumer Products only this week began enforcement against 101 5<sup>th</sup> Street NE, based on a complaint from University of Delaware that the property was being used to house university student interns while unlicensed. Commissioner Adelstein credits Mrs. Jablow's persistence in "shaking the branches and the trunk of the system" in bringing the problem to light. The bigger problem of commercialization of residential properties on Capitol Hill awaits another day. Commissioner Kelty wishes to point out that ANC6C has spent many years trying to bring DCRA failures to light. The commissioners are very sympathetic to Mrs. Jablow's concerns. There is a new director as of yesterday who may bring more substantive change.

**Clint Barnardo**, on Saturday, April 29 at 7:30 am, Mr. Barnardo was a victim of an armed robbery while walking his pet near Swampoodle Park. He has been working closely with local law enforcement since this incident. His question: what can we, as neighbors, do to protect ourselves and address the rise in crime. Chair Eckenwiler referred Mr. Barnardo to the 1<sup>st</sup> District Citizen's Advisory Council as one option to become more engaged with local MPD presence. Commissioner Kelty suggests sending a letter to the D.C. Council and to the U.S. Attorney's Office, sharing his personal story and encouraging aggressive prosecution of these cases; stories can be very effective.

## Consent Calendar

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

1. 214 Massachusetts Ave – Fixture, landscaping, paving projections (support)

2. H Street NE Streetscape Maintenance (proposed letter) – recommend ANC letter to Councilmember Allen and DDOT addressing the comprehensive scope of disrepair and vandalism and requesting proper remediation, and funds for ongoing maintenance
3. Sidewalk Survey from ANC 6A (support) generally support 6A efforts, no action (June 1 TPS meeting chaired by M. Kazmierczak)

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

1. 407 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE (HPA 23-324) (support) inconsistent rear gate, overall okay
2. 300 M Street NE (ZC 14-19B) (support)
3. 1232 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE (ZC 22-32) (support with conditions) changes implemented

(M.Eckenwiler/J.Kelty motion to accept consent calendar items, changes as noted ,7-0  
Commissioner Merkle recused from *TPS item 1.*)

## **Plenary Agenda**

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

1. 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE Bus Priority Project – an updated Notice of Intent from DDOT for the 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE Bus Priority Project; to improve reliability and safety along the corridor from East Capitol to Florida Ave NE. Commissioner Kwan presented updates on the NOI since March meeting noting general committee support.
  - o Commissioner Kelty – would encourage a pavement maintenance plan for bike lanes, bus lanes, and pavement markings
  - o Commissioner Adelstein – “favored light system” for WMATA buses allowing buses to get a jump on traffic at certain intersections

(C. Kwan motion for ANC letter in support of Notice of Intent for Bus Priority and Safety Improvements on 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE, as well as need for a maintenance and infrastructure plan for bus and bike lane markings; ANC letter by May 18 deadline. C.Kwan/M.Eckenwiler 7-0)

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

No additional matters

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

No new business

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

No new business

*Grants Committee* (Victoria Lord, Chair)

No new business

## **New Business**

## **Additional Citizen Comments**

Meeting adjourned 8:44 pm