

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C
Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 7 pm
WebEx teleconference

The chair called meeting to order at 7:02 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 also described a back-up plan in case of a WebEx cut-off after 40 minutes: The meeting will be reloaded on a Zoom platform after 5 minutes, with a link provided on the ANC website: www.anc6c.org.

Approval of the Agenda

The November agenda was approved without objection. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Approval of the October Minutes

The draft October minutes were approved unanimously. **Motion:** Ms. Healey/Mr. Eckenwiler. The November 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.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer presented the ANC 6C report for October. The opening balance on October 1 was \$51,389.71. There was National Capitol Bank interest payment of \$2.18. Check 1418 was cashed for \$108.00, reimbursement to Ms. Wirt for semi-annual payment of the ANC post office box. The closing balance on October 31 was \$51,283.89.

Mr. Kelty mentioned that he is working with the OANC to provide documentation for two grants: the grant to the Literary Festival at Eastern Market and the grant to the Capital Hill Garden Club. He is awaiting clearance from the OANC.

Brief Community Announcements

Commissioner announcements—Mr. Kelty addressed a rat population explosion on Capitol Hill. He has been working with a DPW inspector regarding Operation Clean Sweep, specifically the blocks between 5th and 6th Streets, F and G Streets NE. The program is designed to educate, monitor, and enforce. Regulations require bins to be put out by 6 am on pickup days. They should be put out no earlier than 6:30 pm the day before pickup days and retrieved by 8 pm on pickup days from public space. Bins cannot be left in alleys; if hit by a vehicle they are no longer useful in preventing rat infestation. Residents in an Operation Clean Sweep area will be

given a 3-week period to comply, after which they will receive a ticket with a \$150 fine. Mr. Eckenwiler mentioned a multi-agency walk on H Street for ANC commissioners that will include DOH. It will be scheduled before Thanksgiving. Ms. Healey thanked Mr. Kelty for the rat abatement information and congratulated ANC 6C commissioners elected in the 2022 election on Tuesday.

Consent Calendar

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

1. North Capitol Street Corridor Study—CAC members will tour the North Capitol Street Corridor.
2. Electrical vehicle (EV) charging sites—George Washington University students requested that the ANC participate in a one-question survey on potential locations of EV charging stations. The committee recommended recreation centers, pools, libraries, Union Station, and grocery stores in DC, not in public space.
3. Two Rivers Public Charter School, 1227 4th Street NE—School staff requests a new School Parking Zone (SPZ) for the 2002-2023 school year. DDOT requests ANC input. The committee recommends opposition because DDOT did not provide sufficient documentation, including how many parking spots are requested, what measures are taken to encourage not driving, and the impact on the affected neighborhood.
4. FedEx, 300 Maryland Avenue NE—DDOT requests ANC review of the existing curb cut for the FedEx property on the Third Street side. The committee recommends opposing the 22' curb cut and reducing the size to one automobile or one truck width.

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

1. 601 Massachusetts Ave NE, HPA 23-040—Concept approval to raze an existing one-story noncontributing building currently used as a dry cleaner to construct a three-story residential building. The applicant revised the plans to a full raze after HPO determined the building was not a contributing structure but the committee identified several deficiencies in the revised plans. The applicant could request a postponement for review by the ANC in December. If so, there is no need for a letter from the ANC at this time. Mr. Eckenwiler requested that he be authorized to testify on behalf of the ANC if needed. The committee recommends waiting for the applicant to respond.
2. 663 Maryland Avenue NE, BZA 20816—Special exception from lot occupancy requirements to construct a two-story (with basement) rear addition to an existing attached three-story (with basement) existing dwelling. The committee previously reviewed this project as an HPRB application, which it supported. The consideration is now to review for any adverse impact on adjacent properties' air, light, and privacy. The committee believes there are no such adverse impacts. If needed, Mr. Eckenwiler asked to be authorized to testify. The committee recommends support.

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

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

Renewal applications: Kelly's Irish Times, 14 F Street NW; Buffalo & Bergen, 240 Massachusetts Avenue NE; Red Bear Brewing Company, 1140-100 Third Street NE, Suite B;

The Dubliner, 4 F Street NW; Hamilton’s Bar & Grill, 233 2nd Street NE; Solid State Books, 600 H Street NE; Allure Lounge, 711 H Street NE; Bar Elena, 414 H Street NE; Big Board, 421 H Street NE.

The committee recommends no action on the applications except Allure Lounge, Bar Elena, and Big Board. For these three applications the recommendation is for opposition on all three grounds (negative effects on surrounding properties; negative effects on traffic; and negative effects on the peace, order, and quiet of neighborhoods). For Allure Lounge, authorized representatives are Graham Grossman (a member of the ANC 6C Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee) and Mr. Kelty as backup; for Bar Elena, Graham Grossman; and for Big Board, Mr. Eckenwiler with Mr. Kelty as backup. The commissioners voted unanimously on these three motions. **Motions:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

In addition, Mr. Kelty asked to serve as authorized backup for Graham Grossman on the protest for Vision Lounge because the negotiations could take some time.

The commissioners voted unanimously to support this request. **Motion:** Mr. Kelty/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development, plenary session

616 Lexington Place NE, HPA 22-486—The committee received inadequate documentation for this application before its meeting and made no recommendation. The chair alerted the applicant before the meeting but no new documentation was received. Three hours after the meeting the committee chair received new materials, but they were still deficient. The committee chair recommends renewed opposition and that he be authorized to testify on November 17. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the committee. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Kelty.

Declan Falls, Chair Mendelson’s community representative

Mr. Falls stated the current legislative session is coming to a close. The remainder of the current session includes a focus on education and chronic absenteeism/truancy. An upcoming oversight hearing of the Committee of the Whole on this subject is scheduled for November 30. Residents are encouraged to testify. Mr. Mendelson’s next townhall is Monday, November 14 at 5 pm. Mr. Kelty asked about any legislative action on illegal marijuana distribution on H Street NE, and Mr. Falls responded there were no updates. Mr. Eckenwiler referred to his previous testimony before the Council highlighting the nature of ANC 6C’s concerns regarding the distribution of marijuana.

Grants Committee (Victoria Lord, chair)

Ms. Wirt stated the message from the Grants Committee, which is that the deadline for the next grants submission is November 17 for grants to be awarded in January 2023. Details are on the ANC website, www.anc6C.org.

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