

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C
Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 7 pm
WebEx Teleconference
Minutes Final

Call to Order at 7:05 pm

Determination of Quorum and Introduction with 6 of 7 Commissioners present: Adelstein, Eckenwiler, Goodman, Kelty, Kwan, and Merkle (Eguino absent)

General Information on Webex Teleconferencing

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as revised, ME/JK **6-0**

Approval of July Minutes

Provisionally accepted as posted on ANC website pending any correction or amendment, LM/ME/JA **6-0**

Treasurer's Report for July

Opening balance June 1 \$50,516.40, July 28 expenditure to Capitol Hill Cluster School PTA \$1,103.00, August 31 closing balance \$49,413.40.

Quarterly Reporting: OANC rejected two 2023 grants payments: a previously approved \$10,000 grant to Stuart-Hobson PTA for auditorium painting; \$341.33 to Peabody elementary for garden improvements, which may be a typo. Notice of future allotments to be withheld until monies recovered.

Motion to approve expense \$1,560, ANC ads in Capitol Hill Rag/Fagon, approved JK/ME 6-0.

Motion to approve expense \$115/6 mos. for P.O. Box with rental renewal at Chair's discretion, JK/JA **6-0**.

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget: 10/1-9/30 JKelty proposes leaving all dollar amounts at same level.

Commissioner Kwan notes FY '24 budget allotment \$19,181.06; Security Fund \$50.00, J.Kelty will make the correction. Motion to approve, JK/TG **6-0**.

Motion to approve FY 2023 Budget report, ME/JK **6-0**.

Announcements

1. Commissioner announcements – T.Goodman 6C07 news will be covered in TPS and EPE on bike lanes at 4th and M St NE. J.Kelty, no announcements. M.Eckenwiler alert Metro Red Line out of service December 18-30 from Farragut N to Judiciary. J.Adelstein, no announcement. L.Merkle, Constitution Ave. road project 2nd St to 7th St letter of support to DDOT; renewing resident only parking around Supreme Court. C.Kwan expressed appreciation to Charlotte Schwartz for serving on PZE committee for 6C01 before moving this summer; CKwan seeking 6C01 residents to serve on committees, particularly PZE, and ABC; please reach out to her.

2. Other government/organization announcements – Jen DeMayo, office of Councilmember Allen, highlighted the Councilmember’s private security camera rebate program, sexual assault kit bill, dangerous drivers bill, and a 10/5 hearing on 911 call center recruiting.

Jake Stolzenberg, Mayor’s Office of Community Relations, updated on the Back-to-School kids ride free card, Public Safety Walks with MPD, curfews for youth under 17 beginning Sept 1. Collaborative work with Commissioners Merkle and Kwan.

3. Citizen comments on problems/issues of concern

Helen Cerra Ulan – voiced opposition to K St NE bike lanes.

Shad Gohn – raised concerns over property owners who claim exemption through the Vacant Property Tax Rate, fraudulently preventing property from going back into use.

Danielle Hagen – seeking updates on H Street Festival, noting general lack of information, problems with disorderly conduct and trash during festival.

Mary O’Neill – request for guidance on violations re: construction zone set up in alley behind 1165 3rd St NE.

Lisa He – voiced opposition to bike lanes on K St. NE. Also requested additional support from MPD during H Street Festival due to strain on residents.

Consent Calendar

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

1. Noma Underpasses M and L St NE. M St south side suggested bike lanes/pedestrian walkway; north side potential seating and raised walkway. L St. playable art raised walkway. Proposed that ANC send letter to Mayor/Councilmember Allen/DDOT laying out vision and urging changes be made in a timely manner to NOMA underpasses.
2. Swampoodle Park – water supply issue; the source of lack of water has been identified and due for fix on 9/15
Proposed that ANC send letter to DGS or DPR requesting expedited water repair and NLT 9/15.

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

1. 621 Maryland Ave. NE (HPA 23-500) (opposition) – Improper roof structure, letter to HPRB in opposition and 9/28 hearing.
Several elements visible above the cornice, issue was not just about the roof structure. Beyond HPRB there appear to be construction codes and zoning regulation issues at play. The commission will rely on written opposition as no witness available that day.

Motion to approve Consent Calendar approved, ME/TG **6-0**

Plenary Agenda

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

1. Reservation 315 (park at 5th & Eye Sts. NE) (non-voting) there is a 2-year record of NPS open to transferring this space to District of Columbia control June 2021-October 2022 Conversation noted it would be unclear whether the responsible District agency would be DGS or DPR and may need involvement from the Office of the Surveyor.
CK: Mr. Soltzenberg requesting information to facilitate District letter to NPS requesting transfer of Reservation 315 at 5th and Eye St NE, details to be worked out.

Transportation and Public Space Committee (Mark Kazmierczak, on behalf of TPS Chair)

1. 4th & M NE repaving (non-voting) Garret Hannigan 300 M St NE and 4th St, Commissioner discussion - ME: DDOT must install center posts.
2. DC Smart Street Lighting (non-voting) this is strictly a lighting project, no surveillance, DDOT will notify residents ahead of schedule.
3. Bike lane – 600/700 block of K St. NE (non-voting) NOI restripe to include bike lanes remove south side parking – noted: about a dozen K street neighbors attended TPS meeting to protest the bikes lanes/loss of parking, and lack of communication regarding the process. Committee encouraged residents to voice concerns to DDOT.
4. Council street safety legislation (non-voting) Opted not to recommend support until investigating these bills thoroughly and how they would be implemented. Urge Commissioners, residents, to review in their independent and personal capacity.

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee (Drew Courtney, Chair)

No new business

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

No additional business

Grants Committee (Victoria Lord, Chair)

No new business

New Business

Comm. Kelty seeking support for letter to Mayor's office highlighting that crime is continuing to increase in the H Street corridor, public safety has deteriorated, businesses are closing. Propose sending letter to the full Council as well as the acting Chief of Police along with a copy of the original letter.

JK/ME: **5-0** (Comm. Adelstein absent)

Comm. Kelty seeking support for letter to U.S. Attorney Matthew Graves requesting aggressive prosecution of adult crime, specifically two recent arrests for distribution of controlled substances in the H Street corridor.

TG/JK: Motion to approve, **4-0-1** recusal (ME)

Meeting adjourned 9:02 pm

Next meeting on Oct. 11, 2023, 7 pm