

ANC6D Monthly Business Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2024
Virtual Meeting held on Zoom

The Commission convened at approximately 7:02 p.m. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Fredrica Kramer, Bob Link, Andrea Pawley, Bruce Levine, Gail Fast, Ron Collins, Chearie Phelps-El, and Rhonda Hamilton

Approval of the Agenda

The Commission approved the agenda after agreeing to delete the 2024 QFR Report; remove items 10b and 9b; move Item 9a to 11G; add Hen Quarter to Item 11 F; and remove Approval of the March 2024 minutes.

Introduction of Commissioners

Announcement of next Administrative and Business meetings: 5/6/24 and 5/1/24, respectively, both at 7 pm via Zoom

Community Announcements

Commissioner Fast reported on the tour of Randall Rec with DPR. DPR is asking SW residents to complete a survey to provide input on plans for the new center. Commissioner Fast also indicated that DPR is promoting job opportunities.

Commissioner Levine reported that the two pitbulls involved in the December attack on SW residents were determined by the Department of Health to be “dangerous dogs” within the meaning of DC law. It is not clear if both dogs have now been removed from the custody of the owner, nor is there any update on the status of the leaseholder of the unit in which the dogs were housed.

Commissioner Levine will continue to pursue additional information. He also gave notice of the community wellness walk to be held along 4th Street on April 10.

Commissioner Pawley indicated that DPR let her know there are no developments to report about SW Town Center Park. For Safeway and the ongoing survey that will last through the summer, 35 people responded and will be sent the survey in draft. The committee expects to get started in late April. Others are

welcome to participate and should email either Commissioner Pawley or Commissioner Hamilton if interested.

Commissioner Pawley reported that Safeway's renovation is scheduled to conclude in mid-May. She confirmed that CVS on 4th Street is closing on May 15. The manager-on-duty indicated that staff would likely transfer to other stores. Also, she was told that the stock in the store will probably go to other stores. She also indicated that before the May business meeting, there should be a new business opening on 4th Street – Good Company Café and Doughnuts. They will be at the corner of 4th Street and Maple Drive. GoodVets is planning to be open in June.

Commissioner Phelps-El announced that UPO would be offering a computer literacy class and mental health sessions at its office at 1200 Delaware Avenue. She also reported that she is leading a graduation prom drive to provide prom dresses to those who need them, and wanted to let the community know that she is working with DPR to put together a movie night for SW.

Commissioner Hamilton announced that there would be an Earth Day Cleanup on April 20, with food and entertainment, at 100 N Street. She also indicated that there are still after-school and summer camp slots available through DPR.

Commissioner Kramer announced that there would be a public safety walk, with MPD Commander Hall, in her single-member district on 4/18 at 6 pm.

Public Safety Report from MPD

Captain Hrebenak reported on PSA 103 and PSA 105. He introduced Captain McCall K. Tyler, who will be replacing Capt. Harding for PSAs 105 and 106. He indicated that there had been two violent crime incidents over the past 30 days and that there was a 50% decrease in AWD year-to-year over the past 30 days. He observed that the MPD aggressive deployment near Greenleaf Rec has seemed to produce good results. There have been a number of arrests by the gun unit. He also confirmed that there will continue to be 24-hour deployment of MPD on the 1100 block of 4th Street SW. The Captain indicated that he will confirm that there will be mountain bike and scooter deployment and foot patrols over Summer 24. He also noted that MPD will be focused on the area around Greenleaf Rec increasingly as the warm weather arrives; in connection with this, at the request

of Commissioner Phelps-El, Captain Hrebenak said that he will check with DPR to see about locking the gate behind the Greenleaf Senior building.

Presentations

Thomas Almquist of Solar Optics/American Freedom Pros presented on no-cost solar energy options available to DC residents.

Dan Genua, from CISA, provided information on the role of CISA in developing partnerships and a coalition to enhance preparedness. He reported that he has been working with The Wharf, military installations, etc. to develop a coalition to assess security and vulnerability in Southwest Waterfront, especially in connection with the Washington Channel. CISA offers a reimbursable grant to non-profit organizations seeking to harden their infrastructure.

Phil Jakobsburg, representing a coalition that involves the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, presented on the efforts to oppose Project Pipes, Washington Gas' forty-year accelerated pipeline replacement project, which would lock in methane gas usage. He urged ANC 6D to sign a resolution calling on the Public Service Commission (PSC) to terminate Project Pipes. Then representatives from the Office of People's Counsel (OPC), Knia Tamer and a colleague spoke to inform the community that the OPC has asked the PSC to investigate Project Pipes because leaks from pipes are actually getting worse. They encouraged the ANC to write to the PSC to ask that Project Pipes be paused.

Development, Planning and Transportation

ANC 6D Approval of April 11 Budget Hearing Testimony—Upon motion of Commissioner Collins, the Commission voted 8-0-0 to designate Commissioner Kramer to appear at the hearing of the Council Committee on Transportation and the Environment on April 11 to present testimony on behalf of ANC 6D. Further, upon motion of Commissioner Fast, the Commission voted 8-0-0 to accept the testimony as drafted by Commissioner Kramer, with the addition of certain additional items raised at the meeting.

Square 662, 1700 Half Street—Upon motion by Commissioner Hamilton, the Commission voted 7-1-0 to submit a letter to the Zoning Commission supporting a

two-year extension of the right of the developer of this project to proceed with development.

Committee Reports

Transportation

Kirk Sander, Chair of the ANC's Transportation Committee, reported on developments since the last ANC Business Meeting. He indicated that the Committee would be focusing on Wharf-related transportation issues on Maine Avenue at its upcoming meeting, and he requested that the ANC review the report prepared by Committee member Patrick Revord on the 4th Street protected bike lanes.

ABCA

Upon motion of Commissioner Link, the Commission voted 6-0-2 to approve the CA negotiated between the ABCA Committee and Philippe Chow.

Upon motion of Commissioner Hamilton, the Commission voted 6-0-2 to support renewal of the liquor license for Cap Liquors.

Upon motion of Commissioner Pawley, the Commission voted 8-0-0 to approve the voluntary settlement agreement with Good Company Doughnuts.

The Commission discussed the application of Hen Quarter and decided to request that the applicant attend the Upcoming May business meeting of the ANC.

Chair's Report

Commissioner Kramer announced that she appointed Anthony Chase to serve on the 6D ABCA Committee.

Treasurer's Report

Upon motion of Commissioner Collins, the Commission voted 7-0-1 to continue the appointment of Donna Purchase as Administrative Officer for Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D at the hourly rate of \$27.50 with an annual

performance evaluation 30 days prior to the anniversary date of her initial employment.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 9:56 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Bruce Levine.