

**ANC6D Monthly Business Meeting Minutes**  
**December 11, 2023**  
**Virtual Meeting held on Zoom**

*The Commission convened at 7:02 p.m. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Fredrica Kramer, Bob Link, Ronald Collins, Andrea Pawley, Bruce Levine, Gail Fast, and Rhonda Hamilton (Rohmer absent)*

***Approval of the Agenda***

On motion of Commissioner Collins, the agenda was approved 7-0 after amendment to add the discussion of the Annual Report as Item 10c.

***Introduction of Commissioners***

***Announcement of Next Administrative and Business meetings: 1/2/24 and 1/8/24, respectively, both at 7 pm via Zoom***

***Review and Approval of November 2023 Minutes***

On motion of Commissioner Collins, the minutes were approved 7-0.

***Community Announcements***

Commissioner Pawley announced that she and Commissioner Hamilton plan to meet with Safeway management to discuss survey results prior to the January ANC meeting. She also reported that there will be a roll call hearing on renewal of Safeway's ABCA license on 12/26.

Commissioner Fast reported that G Street residents should be receiving notice from DPW of leaf collection. She also announced that the Mayor's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Holiday Celebration will be held, for free, on 12/13/23 from 10 am-2 pm at the DC Armory. Further, Metro customers need to be aware that there will be 12/18 construction on the Red Line.

Commissioner Fast also announced that there will be a SW Town Center Park Community site walk from 12-1 1pm on 12/15 at 4<sup>th</sup> and I. She will also be urging

DPW to do another site walk at another time of day to accommodate those who cannot make the initial one.

Commissioner Hamilton announced that Winter Wonderland would occur at James Creek, with a toy giveaway and food and entertainment, at 6 pm on 12/16. She also reported that Paul Taylor's Christmas party would be held on 12/17 from 1-3 at Westminster.

Jamie Miles, Chief of Schools at Appletree, an early learning public charter school for 3-4 year olds, announced that a branch of the school will open at 1000 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW in August 2024, and that interested parties can tour the facility starting in approximately January 2024. The facility will have a playground accessible to the entire community.

### ***Community Concerns***

Jeanne Mattison from Councilmember Allen's office reported that Pamela Smith has been confirmed as new Chief of Police, and that the Council had also confirmed several new leaders of DC agencies, including DYRS and Dept. of Buildings. She indicated that Councilmember Allen has led efforts to lower fines and to speed enforcement in the Clean Lanes program. Mattison invited people to nominate individuals for Brickies awards, to be given out on 12/6 at the Atlas Theater. She reported on Allen's office hours that were held on October 24 at Christine Spencer's food distribution site, and indicated that there would be office hours on 11/17 from 4:30-6 pm at 919 5<sup>th</sup> Street NW.

Willem Dicke, on behalf of Amidon-Bowen, spoke about the concern regarding swing space during upcoming renovation of the school. He asked for support from the ANC for a plan for modular units to be placed on DPR space behind Amidon. He specifically asked that the ANC follow up to make sure that DCPS undertakes a feasibility study of this plan. Commissioner Fast expressed the concern of the ANC over the situation and indicated that the Commission would follow up regarding the feasibility plan, but also reported that the ANC is looking for other alternative swing spaces in SW.

## ***Public Safety Report from MPD***

Captain Harding reported on PSA 103 and PSA 105. He indicated that there had been a shooting outside the Westerly on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and that there had been a fight that started at Jefferson MS involving non-Jefferson students and that a mother of a student was the victim of a knifing related to it. Over the past thirty days there had been a total of 3 robberies across the two PSAs. The Captain reported on the MPD pilot program with Air Tags, not in PSA 105 or 103, which had resulted in at least one arrest. He also reported that a retail theft operation had been conducted two times at the CVS on 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW and, as a result, there had been 9 arrests.

Capt. Harding indicated that a pit bull attack had occurred earlier in the day in the 1400 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and that based on feedback from Commissioner Kramer, he will be communicating with Animal Control since this is not the first incident with the particular owner.

Captain Harding also thanked the ANC Commissioners for sponsoring community walks with MPD over recent weeks.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

Isaac Wood, who has a kindergarten student at Amidon-Bowen, spoke about his concerns regarding the DCPS plan to send Amidon students to a swing space facility in Columbia Heights while the school is being renovated. Wood instead proposes a modular solution, which would involve trailers on the field behind Amidon-Bowen. He is asking DCPS to be transparent about the assessment of the feasibility of the modular solution, which they are supposedly undertaking.

In response to Mr. Wood's presentation, Commissioner Fast requested that Commissioner Kramer invite Council Chair Mendelsohn and Chancellor Ferebee to the January ANC Business meeting to discuss planning for the temporary relocation of Amidon-Bowen students to swings pace.

Sylvia Cabus, a resident of SW and nurse at Amidon-Bowen, then spoke about her concerns over the lack of a full-time nurse at Amidon-Bowen. She told of her own son who has multiple medical issues and needs to be monitored throughout the

school day. She requested that the ANC address this alongside the swing space issue described above.

In response, Commissioner Pawley indicated that she plans to compose a letter that would be sent to DCPS from the ANC regarding these issues.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **DC Battery Recycling Program**

Carin Stuart, who works for Call 2 Recycle, with whom the District has contracted, announced the launching of the District Battery Stewardship program—this is an all-battery collection program launched on November 1, 2023. They are now looking to bring battery recycling to SW, utilizing apartment buildings as possible collection sites. Stuart requested that anyone with contacts at possible collection sites get in touch with her.

### **DMV Vision Zero**

DMV Director Gabriel Robinson presented about his agency's efforts to implement Vision Zero, which involves educating the public about safety awareness. In particular, November and December are Child Awareness Safety Month, and DMV is undertaking certain activities. Specifically, there is a testimonial wall at the DMV from 12/12-15. He also reported that as of 6/19/23, a new driver's license design went into effect which makes the credential as safe as possible. All new licenses will have this design.

### **DDOT SE/SW Freeway Project**

Karen Armendariz, Jeffrey Hollands, and Abdullahi Mohamed presented on this project. DDOT is rehabilitating the bridges on the highway from 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SW to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE, which encompasses 3 bridges and 12 ramp bridges. The project has moved past 65% of the design stage, and they are now developing a transportation management plan to deal with needed modifications to support construction. They will be keeping the ANC advised as the project moves forward.

## **OAG SNAP ALERT**

Emily Barth, of the DC Office of Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection, presented on a November 30, 2023 alert that was issued regarding illegal charges of fees for retailers accepting SNAP benefits. She wants consumers to understand the situation so they can report efforts to charge them illegally, and she wants retailers to understand what they are allowed and not allowed to do. Barth also informed the community about the OAG's consumer mediation program, which allows for resolution of consumer complaints without trial. Commissioner Fast asked Barth about the OAG antitrust case against certain DC landlords and Barth indicated she would provide the appropriate OAG contact.

## **60 I STREET PROJECT**

Rudy Knott, development manager for Foulger Pratt, presented to the Commission on the lighting design for this building. Dario Davies spoke about the statue that is being placed partially in public space. Knott indicated that lights will be white most of the time; will be on consistently; and that they are working to decrease the intensity of the lighting. The Commission engaged in a dialogue with Knott and Davies. Knott committed to providing specifics on lighting intensity, color and time of operation. He was asked about the ruling from the PSC on the request for statuary in public space and did not know whether the PSC had made a determination

## **PEPCO CAPITAL GRID PROJECT**

Jamaal Jordan reported that work on 4<sup>th</sup> Street would be concluding at the end of December, and that the work on I Street would be ending in January 2024.

## **Consent Agenda**

The Commission voted 7-0 to designate Commissioner Pawley to attend the December 26 ABCA roll call hearing on Safeway's license renewal.

## **Development, Planning and Transportation**

David Avitabile, Shawn Seaman, and Shane Dettman appeared on behalf of The Wharf to discuss the planned enclosure for the Kinfolk establishment. Several commissioners registered their disapproval of the plans.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kramer, the Commission voted 7-0 to authorize sending a letter to WMATA to seek a meeting for consideration of improvements to operation of the 74 bus line.

Commissioner Kramer indicated that the two commissioners who had not yet filed with her the annual report for their respective SMDs would be given until January to do so. Upon motion of Commissioner Fast, the Commission voted 7-0 to submit the ANC's cumulative Annual Report to the OANC by January 9, 2024 and to post it on the 6D website.

## **ABCA Report**

Commissioner Link reported that the next meeting of the 6D ABCA Committee will be 12/21 at 7 pm.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kramer, the Commission voted 7-0 to file a protest of Hen Quarter's proposed license on the basis of peace, order, and quiet.

## ***Chair's Report***

Commissioner Kramer indicated that a number of individuals had recently approached her to compliment the ANC on the efficiency of its recent business meetings.

She also reported that a revised and improved version of the 6D website would soon be online.

She also wished everyone a happy new year.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

Commissioner Collins reported that the ANC had received on December 4 its first FY allotment of \$5400. He also indicated that he had received from the bank a debit card to be used in conjunction with the ANC's bank account

*The Commission adjourned at approximately 9:59 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Bruce Levine.*