

ANC6D Monthly Business Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2023
Virtual Meeting held on Zoom

The Commission convened at 7:00 p.m. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Fredrica Kramer, Bob Link, Bruce Levine, Ronald Collins, Andrea Pawley, Ashton Rohmer, Gail Fast, and Rhonda Hamilton (joined at approximately 7:15 pm).

Approval of the Agenda

On motion of Commissioner Collins, the agenda was approved as amended 7-0 with the following changes: added discussion of letter of support for Taylor birthday event and changed numbering of Consent Items.

Introduction of Commissioners

Announcement of Next Administrative and Business meetings: 6/5 and 6/12, respectively, both at 7 pm via Zoom

Review and Approval of April 2023 Minutes

On motion of Commissioner Levine, the minutes were approved 8-0 as amended.

Meeting Announcements

Commissioner Rohmer reported that on Half Street in 6D05, there is a harm reduction vending machine.

Public Safety Report from MPD

Capt. Harding from PSA 105 reported that violent crime decreased 100% in the previous 30 days compared to the same time in 2022. There were five incidents of recorded gunfire in the past 30 days, including three incidents of unlawful discharge.

Capt. Roth from PSA 103 reported that violent crimes were down 80% in the previous days compared to the same period in 2022; however, property crime was up 14%; motor vehicles thefts were up 30%. He also reported on two burglaries at The Wharf.

Commissioner Fast inquired about incidents in which construction workers working at Town Square Towers had been victimized. Captain Roth recommended that ANC constituents call 911 if they see incidents.

PRESENTATIONS

Department of Transportation (DDOT)

Abraham Diallo and Director Everett Lott appeared on behalf of DDOT. Director Lott reported on the 2024 Fair Shot budget. He also indicated that DDOT is trying to partner with other District agencies to offer better enforcement in Buzzard Point specifically and noted that he would soon be meeting with Director Spriggs on DPW to discuss this. In response to requests from ANC6D, he will work to include the Commission in any meetings re Buzzard Point. The Director indicated his appreciation for the need to look more holistically at traffic across Southwest and Navy Yard. In response to questions regarding ticket enforcement, Lott indicated that there is no reciprocity between DC and MD and VA, though there are ongoing conversations. He indicated his support for an awareness of the new effort to improve bicyclist/pedestrian/auto interaction on the stretch of Maine Avenue between 395 overpass and The Wharf.

Office of the Tenant Advocate

Christopher Lucas provided an explanation of the work of this Office. He also requested that ANC6D express its concern to the Council regarding planned rent increases.

Consent Agenda

On motion of Commissioner Rohmer, the Commission voted 8-0 to write a letter in support of Paul Taylor hosting his birthday celebration and another event at Lansburgh Park during Summer 2023.

Development, Planning and Transportation

On motion of Commissioner Link, the Commission voted 8-0 to submit an application to the OANC Expert Assistance Fund in the maximum amount of \$ 5,000.00 to allow ANC 6D to secure additional planning, development, zoning, design and legal expertise to support and assist ANC 6D on critical unresolved questions related to the potential and previously ANC 6D authorized “motions for reconsideration” on pending Zoning Commission Case Files #22-06 and #22-11.

On motion of Councilmember Fast, the Commission voted 8-0 to send a letter to Council President Mendelson, with copies to Councilmember Allen and members of the Council's Committee on Transportation and the Environment, opposing elimination of the Circulator route between Eastern Market and L'Enfant Plaza.

On motion of Commissioner Link, the Commission voted 8-0 to authorize the ANC 6D to submit a Letter of Support to the Zoning Commission for the Applicant's proposed Modification of Consequence entered on April 7, 2023 related to the Cotton Annex Zoning Order #20-34 originally approved by the Zoning Commission on March 18, 2021 and supported by the previous ANC 6D.

On motion of Commissioner Levine, the Commission voted 8-0 to approve the creation by the Executive Committee of a Safeway Neighborhood Task Force to provide actionable community input to the management of the store.

ABC Report

ANC 6D ABC Committee Chair Travis Johnson reported on recent Committee action:

Agreement was reached with Milk and Honey on a CA so the recommendation was to withdraw 6D protest to ABRA;

Agreement was not yet reached with ZOOZ on a CA so the recommendation was to go forward with the protest of their license application; and

Commissioner Collins nominated Michael King to the Committee.

On motion of Commissioner Link, the Commission voted 8-0 to authorize the ANC 6D chair to execute the ABC Committee-recommended and Applicant-signed Community Agreement for ABCA application #123953 for "Milk N Honey" as well as withdraw our protest currently scheduled for the May 15th, 2023, Roll Call hearing.

On motion of Commissioner Link, the Commission voted 8-0 to proceed with the previously authorized protest of ABCA license application #124023 for "ZOOZ" unless a mutually acceptable Community Agreement is executed by the Applicant and the ANC 6D Chair prior to May 12th, 2023 and in the event this does not occur, the Chair may designate a representative to represent ANC 6D at the scheduled May 15th, 2023, Roll Call hearing.

Community Concerns

Chelsea Naylor, a 6D constituent, presented on an effort have the City Council ban foie gras from being sold in DC, and requested that the Commission issue a resolution requesting that the Council take this action.

There was no Chair's Report.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Collins reported that he completed and submitted the signed QFRs for Q1 and Q2, and indicated that the OANC will be changing the QFR process for Q3.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 9:44 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Bruce Levine