

ANC6D Monthly Business Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2023
Virtual Meeting held on Zoom

The Commission convened at 7:03 p.m. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Fredrica Kramer, Bob Link, Ronald Collins, Andrea Pawley, Ashton Rohmer, Bruce Levine, and Rhonda Hamilton (joined at 7:09). Gail Fast was absent.

Approval of the Agenda

On motion of Commissioner Kramer, the agenda was approved 6-0.

Introduction of Commissioners

Announcement of Next Administrative and Business meetings: 11/6 and 11/13, respectively, both at 7 pm via Zoom

Review and Approval of September 2023 Minutes

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

Community Announcements

Safeway at 1100 4th Street is renovating right now. The Commission has heard numerous community concerns about Safeway, which is a vital part of Southwest.

Commissioners Hamilton and Pawley will be collecting community input about service levels and concerns ***inside*** the store. Please know that we are also working along with Commissioner Levine and local authorities and groups to identify ways to improve conditions ***outside*** of Safeway.

If you would like to share your thoughts about service levels and service quality ***inside*** the store, please contact Commissioners Hamilton and Pawley. Our email addresses will be shared in the chat. We've also made a Google Form available to fill out. Community concerns will be brought back to Safeway management for discussion and, hopefully, for a plan to address issues.

Chat Info:

Commissioner Andrea Pawley at 6d04@anc.dc.gov

Commissioner Rhonda Hamilton at 6d08@anc.dc.gov

Google Form for Community Input About

Safeway <https://forms.gle/ytXMp7dD94VxRm4y6>

The Westerly's affordable housing is coming online. 136 units (of 449) in the building are affordable housing apartments designated for households earning up to 30 percent and up to 50 percent of the median family income (MFI). I'll link the affordable housing flyer in the chat. Please share it.

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The Westerly's affordable housing is coming online. More at

<https://www.thewesterlydc.com/housing-for-all/>

Public Safety Report from MPD

Captain Harding reported that there had been a large fight in Safeway involving juveniles but that there had been no victims so there were no arrests. He also reported that there have been 5 homicides to date in 1D. Lt. Danho from PSA 105 reported that over the past 30 days, there had been three assaults with a dangerous weapon, 1 sexual abuse situation, two robberies reported, one attempted robbery, and eh also indicated that one arrested had been made and two firearms recovered in conjunction with an incident at The Point.

Community Concerns

Jeanne Mattison from Councilmember Allen's office reported on a safety walk that had occurred earlier in the day with MPD, Councilmembers Allen and Pinto and others that did a loop that included Greenleaf Rec Center, 1st Street SW and the Living Room at the back end of the Greenleaf Senior Building. They specifically spent time looking at the area external to Safeway on 4th Street and discussing other quality of life issues. She also announced that Councilmember Allen will be having office hours behind the James Creek residential office on

October 24 at 11:30 am, in an effort to, among others, better reinforce the connections between the public housing and middle-class segments of the SW community. She also announced that the Southwest Working Group of which she is a part is continuing to hold meetings and plans to open them up to the public more in the near future

PRESENTATIONS

MPD

Commander Hall of 1D introduced himself to the ANC. He provided personal and professional background and then indicated 1D's focus will be on community engagement, including such efforts as community walks and movie nights. They plan to engage in more enforcement of laws pertaining to quality of life, such as marijuana smoking and public urination. 1D is seeking to have OAG issue more stay-away orders. Commander Hall indicated that, assuming the availability of human resources, he plans to stand up a traffic officer in Southwest and to have bike units, including MPD's swing bike unit, better engage throughout the community, including specifically by the Waterfront Metro station. He discussed MPD's recruitment efforts, and indicated that he views addressing retail theft as very important. The Commander indicated that more attention will be paid by 1D to The Wharf.

Long Bridge Project

Naomi Klein, Senior Planning Manager of VPRA, gave an update on the project. She specifically provided notice of a test-pile driving program in East Potomac park that will be occurring for 10-15 days for 3 hours per day in October and that may be heard by Southwest residents.

Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection

Xavier Morgan of the Department provided an overview of its role licensing and regulating businesses and enforcing consumer protection laws and regulations.

Consent Agenda

The Commission voted 7-0 to write letters in support of extending the timeline for development of the 5 M Street property and in support of the proposed Navy

Yard Urgent Care Center; finalizing the bylaws changes for renaming / rechartering the ABC Committee to the ABCA Committee which were introduced last meeting and posted on the Commission website; and approving previous ABCA Community Agreements executed by the Chair since January 2023.

Development, Planning and Transportation

Commissioner Kramer announced the appointment by Commissioner Fast of Patrick Revord to the new Special Committee on Transportation.

On motion by Commissioner Rohmer, the Commission voted 6-1-0 to approve the letter drafted to HPRD to support the nomination of Lansburgh Park by the DC Preservation League by her to support to have Lansburgh Park receive historic designation.

ABC Report

ANC 6D ABC Committee Chair Josh Perry reported on proceedings of the Committee. A streetery endorsement for Del Mar was approved by the ABCA; discussions are still proceeding with representatives of Merchant's marina re a CA; there is an occupancy change for Luck Buns; and consideration of a CA with Little Chicken raised questions about the definition of "summergarden." He suggested drafting a letter to the District's ABCA to seek a revised definition and Commissioner Kramer asked that the Committee provide the ANC with a draft letter for consideration.

ON motion of Commissioner Link, the Commission voted 7-0 to approve the CA with Hell's Kitchen.

On motion of Commissioner Link, the Commission voted 7-0 to approve the CA with Little Chicken.

Chair's Report

Commissioner Kramer pointed out that the Commission is working to figure out an informed response to the public safety concerns of the SW community. She indicated that she is working on convening a panel of experts but that input from community members to the ANC is welcome.

Treasurer's Report

On motion of Commissioner Collins, the Commission voted 7-0 to authorize the Treasurer to explore the possibility of getting an ANC debit card to, among other things, facilitate purchasing Zoom accounts for the Commissions' committees.

Commissioner Collins also noted that in November, the Commission will need to submit quarterly reports for the Q3 and 4 periods.

Commissioner Levine made comments thanking The Wharf on behalf of the Commission for sponsoring the tribute to Andy Litsky for his service to the community as ANC Commissioner.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Bruce Levine.