

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

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

Approval of the Agenda

On motion of Commissioner Kramer, the agenda was approved as amended 8-0 with the following changes: added agenda item under Community Concerns for Amidon-Bowen PTA; added nominations of John Abowd and James Haile re the Transportation Commission; added Items 10e and 10f re testifying at DC Council re transportation legislation; and added items re the Hive and Merchant's Marina under the ABCA report.

Introduction of Commissioners

Announcement of Next Administrative and Business meetings: 10/2 and 10/16, respectively, both at 7 pm via Zoom

Review and Approval of June 2023 Minutes

On motion of Commissioner Kramer, the minutes were approved 5-1-2

Community Announcements

Commissioner Fast announced that Councilmember McDuffie would be hosting a job fair at the Anacostia Library on 9/12. She also announced that there would be a pediatric vaccination clinic offered by Medstar at the King Greenleaf Rec Center. Finally, she reported that the SW Community Center would be hosting the Mutt Strut on 10/7 from 11-3 at Lansburgh Park.

Commissioner Pawley offered a reminder to take advantage of Shakespeare Theater's Neighborhood Nights. She also announced that the contract to develop the SW Town Center Park was awarded by the Department of General Services.

Commissioner Rohmer announced that the ANC was forming the Transportation Committee. She also announced that Greater Greater Washington was organizing a Week Without Driving. She also indicated that a community walk with MPD officials would be held at 6 pm on 9/27.

Commissioner Hamilton announced that from 9/29-10/1, a World Culture Fair would be held on the National Mall.

Jeanne Mattison of Councilmember Allen's Office announced the upcoming hearings of the DC Council, and noted that SW office hours would be held by the Councilmember at James Creek's Food Distribution on 10/24 at 11:30 am.

Ben Curran announced that SWNA's Emergency Preparedness Task Force would be holding an event on 9/23 next to the Farmer's Market from 9 am-1 pm that would feature 35 environmental and emergency preparedness groups.

Public Safety Report from MPD

Lt. Danho from PSA 105 reported that the past 30 days had been notably busy for MPD, including a double homicide in the 200 block of M Street SW, the shooting of two individuals, four assaults with a dangerous weapon, and four robberies. There was an increase in stolen vehicles but a slight decrease in thefts from vehicles.

Community Concerns

Len Bechtel, representing Waterfront Village, described the work of the not-for-profit supporting older adults in SW. They host 15-20 events per month. On 10/8, they will be sponsoring the sixth annual tour of SW homes to raise money for the Waterfront Village. On 10/11, the organization will be sponsoring a vaccination clinic at St. Augustine's and on 10/12 at 1 pm at St. Matthew's church, they will host a forum on issues that are most important to older adults as the 2024 election cycle gets into full gear.

Sarah Buckley, co-chair of the Amidon-Bowen PTA Advocacy Committee, spoke about the upcoming renovation of the elementary school beginning in 2027. Meyer ES in Columbia Heights has apparently been preliminarily designated as the

swing space Amidon-Bowen families will be asked to bring their children to while the school is under construction. Ms. Buckley requested that the ANC support the efforts to find a better alternative to Meyer ES and to ensure that the Amidon-Bowen families participate in decision-making on the choice of alternative space.

PRESENTATIONS

DC Smart Lighting Project

Enora Moss and her colleagues reported that from May 2022 through May 2037, this Project will be modernizing streetlights around DC by installing LED lighting. They are now in the design and construction phase of the work. Ward 6 is scheduled to be in Group 3, which will see work being done towards the end of 2023. Conversion of the lighting to LED takes about 15-30 minutes per light, whereas rehabilitation of poles and their foundations is a multi-day process. The workers will spend no more than 14 days in SW once their work commences here.

Consent Agenda

The Commission voted 8-0 to write letters in support of the Children's Hospital 5K Race and the SW DC Community Center's Mutt Strutt.

Development, Planning and Transportation

Commissioner Link announced the appointment of Charles Yager to the new Special Committee on Transportation.

Commissioner Pawley announced the appointment of Kirk Sanders to the new Special Committee on Transportation.

Commissioner Rohmer announced the appointment of John Abowd to the new Special Committee on Transportation.

Commissioner Levine announced the appointment of James Haile to the new Special Committee on Transportation.

The Commission voted 8-0 to have Commissioner Rohmer submit written testimony on behalf of ANC6D to the DC Council in conjunction with its

consideration of four bills pertaining to safe streets and dangerous driving. The Commission also voted 8-0 to authorize Commissioner Rohmer to testify at the DC Council session at which the bills will be voted on.

ABC Report

Commissioner Link made a motion to modify Article VII, Section 1 of the ANC 6D Bylaws to rename the “Alcoholic Beverage Control” Standing Committee as the “Alcoholic Beverage Cannabis” Standing Committee. He also moved to modify Article VII, Section of the ANC 6D Bylaws to update the charter of that Standing Committee by changing the language from “to consider issues relating to liquor licenses” to “to consider issues relating to liquor and cannabis licenses.” After these proposed changes are posted on the ANC 6D website for 30 days for public comment, they will be voted on by the Commission at its next scheduled Business meeting.

Commissioner Link reported the following:

- A protest has been filed regarding Hell’s Kitchen’s application# 121424 for Substantial Change.
- Application #125248 for Hive Wharf, LLC was withdrawn
- Kinfolk Southern has executed a settlement agreement with the ABC Committee, which included withdrawal of their application to serve alcohol.
- The ABC Committee is working to negotiate a settlement agreement with the owner of Merchant’s Marina at The Wharf.

Commissioner Link made a motion to protest the ABCA license Application #125376 for Little Chicken II LLC absent a fully executed Community Agreement on the grounds of peace, order, and quiet.

The Commission discussed the fact that there is a need to approve all of the past community agreements that ANC6D has entered into with ABC applicants and that at the October Business meeting, they can be approved via the Consent Agenda.

Administrative Hiring

On motion of Commissioner Kramer, the Commission voted 7-1-0 to amend the hiring approval of Donna Purchase, ratified at the July 2023 Business Meeting , to include the rate of \$27.50/hour, not to exceed \$6000 for funds needed to cover approximately 10 hours of work in August to successfully effect the transition with Jein Park, and for up to 40 hours/month for the 6-month probationary period per our standard contract terms

There was no Chair's Report except Commissioner Kramer reported that Donna Purchase has transitioned into her administrative role.

Treasurer's Report

The Commission voted 8-0 in support of the following motion: For the period beginning October 1, 2023 and continuing until the consideration and adoption of a FY 2024 Budget, ANC 6D may continue to provide payments for legitimate invoices received and verified, conduct other financial transactions as necessary and permitted by law for the continued functioning and operation of ANC 6D business, make payments to staff, and receive funding allotments, in accordance with the approved FY 2023 ANC budget and other actions approved by ANC 6D."

The Commission voted 8-0 in support of a motion to fund additional Zoom accounts for the ABC Committee and the Special Transportation Committee, to enable them to host their own meetings, in an amount not to exceed \$300 per account per annum.

Commissioner Collins reported that the Commission did receive from the OANC its Q2 allotment in the amount of \$10,000.

Commissioner Kramer moved to clarify that Donna Purchase will be paid for her work for the Commission at an hourly rate of \$27.50, and the motion was passed 7-1.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 9:11 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Bruce Levine.