

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E
Virtual Public Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2022**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Michael Eichler (Chair), ANC 6E01
Alex Lopez (Secretary), ANC 6E02
Rachelle Nigro (Vice Chair/Treasurer), ANC 6E04
Patrick Parlej, ANC 6E05
Kevin M. Rogers, ANC 6E07

Absent:

Denise Blackson, ANC 6E06

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Michael Eichler with a quorum of 5 out of 6 Commissioners present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded to approve the Agenda as submitted. The Motion **passed** 4 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. [Commissioner Lopez had not yet joined the call].

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[Commissioner Lopez joins the call].

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded to approve the Minutes of the **November 1, 2022 ANC 6E Public Meeting** with any edits to be submitted to the Recording Secretary. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

4. PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 1D

Captain Justin Roth stated over the last 30 days is down 35% and for the year down 8%. YTD Violent Crime down 5%, Property Crime down 1%. 1D was hit hard with robberies in the H Street corridor; 4 arrests made; closed 26 cases. There was an unarmed carjacking near Walmart – 4 arrests made; 3-4 carjackings/robberies in 9 minutes – made 9 arrests, recovered 8 firearms

(arrests were for carjackings, 7 were juveniles). Robbery at dry cleaners – 400 block of K Street NW today – arrest made. MPD is trying to focus on Robberies and Motor Vehicle thefts. More security needs to be added around rental car lots.

A question-and-answer period followed. A question was asked if there were any updates regarding two car accidents at 3rd and Massachusetts Avenue.

Jeanne Mattison added the Council passed legislation that would allow food delivery drivers to be ticketed.

5. PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 3D

Captain Chris Moore reported on crime for the last 30 days. There has been an increase in Robberies and MPD is trying to position officers in these areas. 11/10/22 – ADW – 1201 5th Street NW – shooting – victim was struck, but not killed – found a suspect (17-year-old) – case closed; 11/8/22 – Robbery at 413 R Street NW – armed carjacking – stolen vehicle stopped on 11/12/22 – arrest made – charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle; 11/15/22 – robbery – 460 N Street NW – two suspects approached victim – stole goose down jacket and purse; 11/17/22 – 420 N Street NW – another robbery in a stolen BMW with a handgun – stole jacket and sneakers from victim – case still open; 11/17/22 – 1646 3rd Street NW – robbery – stole Mazda SUV – case still open; 11/20/22 – 1739 7th Street NW – robbery – stole Louis Vuitton shopping bag with purse inside.

30 arrests made in the past month; seized 275 guns; have 3 foot beats: **(1)** New York Avenue to Florida Avenue; **(2)** New Jersey Avenue to 6th Street NW; **(3)** 6th to 8th Street, M to P Streets NW.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- Any news on shooting of a teen in alley on N Street? Case still being actively investigated.
- Commissioner Nigro: Status of two shootings in co-op parking lot on 11/5/22? Case still open; 1100 block of 6th Street – reported out later – 400 block of N Street 10/30 – reported out November 27th – timing issue? We don't see any foot patrols – need more at Dunbar High School!
- Loud high-pitched noise around Shaw – could this be an anti-loitering device possibly?

6. REPORT OF MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND SERVICES (MOCRS)

Jasmine Coulton reported the following:

- On Saturday, December 3, 2022, Mayor Muriel Bowser hosted the Together DC! Big Challenges & Bigger Ideas Engagement Forum for residents to share their ideas for confronting the District's biggest challenges.
- DC is hiring. The District of Columbia's Department of Human Resources (DCHR) is hosting a Winter Hiring Fair on Thursday, December 8, 2022 and Friday, December 9, 2022 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact the DC Department of Human Resources via email at dchr@dc.gov
- Office of Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) – Public Hearing regarding 427 New Jersey Avenue on 12/7/22 from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm at DC Fire & EMS Museum, 439 New Jersey Avenue, NW, 3rd Floor. Looking for public opinion on what this building should be used for.

7. REPORT FROM COUNCIL CHAIR MENDELSON'S OFFICE

Declan Falls reported the following:

- On 12/6/22 Committee of the Whole met to consider the following measures:
 - “Safe Streets for Students Amendment Act of 2022” – Approved unanimously.
 - “Metro for DC Amendment Act of 2022” – Metro Bus riders in DC can ride free.
 - “Schools First in Budgeting Amendment Act of 2022” – use current year funding as a pipeline for next year's budget for schools.
- Council Chair Mendelson still trying to find a date for a monthly Town Hall – check the Chair's social media accounts for a date and time.

A question-and-answer period followed. Commissioner Nigro stated the “Safe Streets for Students” Act is not working – she has a meeting tomorrow with her constituents.

8. REPORT FROM WARD 2 COUNCILMEMBER PINTO'S OFFICE

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Brian Romanowski, Constituent Services Director, bromanowski@dccouncil.gov

Brian Romanowski stated the following:

- Today is one of the busiest legislative days of the year, with votes expected to continue until close to midnight. Some of the highlights include:
 - The emergency bill to reshape the DCHA bill, which Councilmember Pinto planned to vote against, was withdrawn by the Chairman. Councilmember Pinto believes reforms should go through the hearing process and include community input, especially from people with lived experience as DCHA tenants. I'll post a link to her statement on this in the chat.
 - Councilmember Pinto's bill, the BEST Act, which simplifies the business licensing process by reducing licensing categories from over 100 to just 11 and reducing licensing fees across the board, also passed unanimously.

- Councilmember Pinto's bill, the RECOVERY Act, had its first hearing last month. This bill is an economic recovery package aimed at revitalizing our downtown, including incentivizing office to housing conversions. This bill will likely be marked up and reintroduced next year and will hopefully be voted on shortly after that.
- If you have ideas for the 2024 budget, we will be announcing our Ward 2 budget forums in the near future, so please start thinking of what you'd like to see included in the budget for your neighborhood.
- We want to ask you all to please shop local this holiday season! If you are getting packages delivered, please know that the longer it is left the less likely it will be there when you go to retrieve it, so think of alternatives to standard delivery or ask neighbors to bring packages in for you if possible!
- If you are curious about leaf collection, there is a map where you can search to see real time progress of DPW's work. I'll post a link to the map in the chat.
- I want to thank all of the Commissioners who are retiring at the end of this term. I know how much work and stress the position entails, and your neighbors are lucky that you served.

A question-and-answer period followed. Commissioner Nigro asked whether Councilmember Pinto will be hosting any community meetings.

9. REPORT FROM WARD 6 COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN'S OFFICE

Jeanne Mattison reported the following:

- Councilmember Charles Allen will be presenting the 16th Annual Brickies Awards to celebrate the Ward 6 neighbors, organizations, groups, and businesses that go above and beyond to make Ward 6 a great place to call home. The event will be held December 7, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Hill Center, 921 SE Pennsylvania Avenue.
- Metro for DC Amendment Act -- this is a really proud day for us -- free bus rides!
- District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) -- Commissioner Blackson will remain on the Board of DCHA. She put together a phenomenal safety walk about a month ago -- had violence interrupters and others; really need to engage the Perry School.
- Budget season is coming up -- get engaged in the Budget Oversight Hearing process.
- Excited to be working with MVT CID on a couple of projects -- hope this will become a model. Commissioner Parlej requested she keep the incoming cadre of commissioners in the loop on this.

10. PRESENTATION FROM PEPSCO ON THE STATUS OF THE CAPITAL GRID PROJECT

Representatives Present: Jamaal Jordan
Travis Culpeper
Juwann Cheeks
Jeff Miller

Juwann Cheeks narrated a slide presentation on the status of the Capital Grid Project that focused on Construction Activities, Coordinated Construction, Transmission Construction, and Stakeholder Engagement.

*Full presentation can be found on ANC 6E website.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- Commissioner Lopez – **(1)** expressed concern about removal of pavement markings between Warner Street and Florida Avenue NW; also removed the bike lane markings; he asked if the protective bike lane barriers could be restored. He was informed these issues will be rectified by the end of the week; **(2)** stated he has not seen anything on the Mount Vernon Connected Community Road Map and asked if there were any updates. He was informed there is a meeting coming up on December 8, 2022 and they are looking to release a document by the end of December.

11. PRESENTATION FROM DANTE'S PARTNERS ON PARCEL 42 PARKS DESIGN

Representatives Present: Buwa
Eugene Tull, Development Manager, Dante's
Partners
Yasmine Montgomery

A slide presentation was presented. The project will consist of 110 units of luxury affordable housing, a fitness room, club room and terrace on the rooftop, a first-floor lounge area, bike room, management office, ground floor retail, and 16 at-grade parking spaces. There will be an outdoor art sculpture with an inspirational wall containing quotes.

*The full presentation can be found on the ANC 6E website.

A question-and-answer period followed.

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved that ANC 6E support the design for Lot 803 with the recommendation that the quotes on the inspirational wall focus on quotes of current and former residents of the Shaw neighborhood and DC at large. The Motion **failed** for lack of a second.

12. SUPPORT FOR NEW ISSUANCE OF RETAILER’S CLASS “A” LIQUOR STORE LICENSE FOR DISTRICT CHAMPAGNE – 1301 9TH STREET, NW (ABRA-122949) [6E03]

Alex Padro, Chair of the ABC Licensing Committee, stated the Committee met last Thursday and recommended ANC 6E support for this new application, subject to the signing of a Settlement Agreement that lays out the basic terms, i.e., maintaining the exterior, required signage, keep area clear of trash, ice and snow.

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded that ANC 6E **support** the new issuance of a Retailer’s Class “A” Liquor Store License for District Champagne, 1301 9th Street NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA.

Commissioner Lopez offered a friendly amendment to remove the second bullet in the Settlement Agreement under “Loitering and Other Criminal Activity.” The friendly amendment was not seconded.

The original Motion **passed** 4 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Lopez).

13. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS C TAVERN LICENSE FOR THE ROASTED BOON CO. – 1018 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE NW (ABRA-116937) [6E01]

Representative Present: Henok Melke

Alex Padro, Chair of the ABC Licensing Committee, stated the licensee has no investigative history. The Committee heard a presentation and recommended full Commission support for the renewal.

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Class C Tavern License renewal for Roasted Boon Co., 1018 Rhode Island Avenue NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

14. SUPPORT FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS D TAVERN LICENSE FOR DOLCI GELATI CAFÉ – 1420 8TH STREET NW (ABRA-098384) [6E01]

Representative Present: Gianluigi Dellacio, Owner

Alex Padro, Chair of the ABC Licensing Committee, stated the Committee met and recommended full Commission support for the renewal.

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded that ANC 6E **support** the Class C Tavern License renewal for Gelati Café, 1420 8th Street, NW, and that said support be communicated in writing to ABRA. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

15. REQUEST FOR DDOT TO REINSTALL BENCHES ON 400 BLOCK OF K STREET NW [6E05]

MOTION: Commissioner Lopez moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded that ANC 6E requests that DDOT replace the four benches that were removed from the 400 block of K Street NW; further, that ANC 6E requests that DDOT consult with ANC 6E whenever benches are contemplated for removal or relocation. The Motion **passed** 4 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Nigro).

16. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

FY 23 Budget

MOTION: Commissioner Nigro moved and Commissioner Lopez seconded to approve the ANC 6E FY 23 Budget as discussed with the values in Column C, reflecting a total budget of \$92,506.00. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

17. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

MOTION: Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Nigro seconded to approve the following expenses: **(1)** payment of invoice in the amount of \$250.00 submitted by Karen Jehle for Minutes of the December 6, 2022 ANC 6E Public Meeting/Website Updating; and **(2)** reimbursement of \$99.63 to Commissioner Eichler for the Zoom invoice. The Motion **passed** unanimously 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Nigro stated Events DC is hosting the US-Africa Leaders Summit December 13-15, 2022 with 45 world leaders. There will be street closures and fencing installed.
- Commissioner Lopez expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Eichler for being administrator of ANC 6E for the last two years.
- Chris Hart, a new incoming commissioner, expressed his appreciation to the outgoing 6E commissioners. He asked if there is a plan for records management for the incoming 6E commissioners.
- Commissioner Nigro was thanked for filling the gap of Treasurer.

19. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, January 10, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

20. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Eichler moved and Commissioner Parlej seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The Motion ***passed*** unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
(Transcribed from Recording)

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