

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E
Virtual Public Meeting
Tuesday, October 3, 2023**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

George Viedma, ANC 6E02
Kevin Rogers, ANC 6E03
Denise Blackson, ANC 6E04
Dylan Forest (Secretary), ANC 6E06
Davina Carson, ANC 6E07
Ritanch Hans, (Vice Chair & Treasurer), ANC 6E09

Absent:

Chris Hart (Chair), ANC 6E01
Ahmad Abu-Khalaf, ANC 6E05

(Vacant), ANC 6E08

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Ritanch Hans with a quorum of 6 out of 8 Commissioners present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Carson moved and Commissioner Forest seconded to approve the Agenda as amended. The Motion **passed** 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Carson moved and Commissioner Viedma seconded to approve the Minutes of the September 5, 2023 ANC 6E Virtual Public Meeting as submitted. The Motion **passed** 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

4. UPDATES FROM WARD 6 COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN'S OFFICE –

Jeanne Mattison, Constituent Services Coordinator, jmattison@dccouncil.gov; 202-724-8072

- o Building Blocks DC (BBDC) has opened their grant program and we can go for money there in terms of how to fund the Northwest One Working Group. Councilmember Allen joined their meeting last night. One of the things they are doing is to deter gun violence. We have the Violence Interrupters along with the Perry School, MPD and eventually hope to get Walker-Jones. Trying to build a coalition that tackles gun violence and builds community.

- o 6E needs to wrestle with the gun violence.
- o ERAP, SNAP and legislative announcements placed in the Chat.

A question and answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Carson asked for more details regarding the coalition.
- o Commissioner Blackson will share details of her meetings.

5. UPDATE FROM MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND SERVICES (MOCRS) – Marcus Manning, Ward 6 Community Liaison, 202-538-1241, marcus.manning@dc.gov

- o Tomorrow, Wednesday, October 4 at 11 a.m., Mayor Muriel Bowser will host the Thriving Local DC Business Showcase at 924 H Street NE to highlight the impact of District investments in small and local businesses through grant programs managed by the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED). Please plan to attend.
- o He canvasses the neighborhood on Tuesdays and Fridays. Residents are invited to walk with him.
- o Thanks to Commissioner Blackson for inviting him to her event yesterday.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Jeanne Mattison stated we need to get the buy-in of the ANC 6E Commissioners to make this a community-wide effort regarding Northwest One. She would love to hear feedback from the Commissioners.

6. LIQUOR LICENSE: SALUMERIA Mariya Rusciano

Did not appear.

7. PRESENTATION: GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, 125 E STREET NW -

Representatives Present: Kelly Blevins, Assistant Vice President, Real Estate, and University Counsel, Georgetown University
Kelly Gilmour, Architect, Senior Associate, Robert A.M. Stern Architects
David Avitabile, Attorney, Goulston & Storrs

- o Presentation provided regarding 125 E Street north Connection Pedestrian Walkway Over Chews Court.
- o The pedestrian bridge will connect 125 E Street to their existing Law Center campus.
- o 125 E Street will be home to McCourt School of Public Policy. It is scheduled to open in the Spring of 2024.
- o Architect Kelly Gilmour reviewed the plans for the project.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Hans asked if the bridge can be accessed by the public and was informed yes, to anyone who has access to the quad.
- o Is the bridge wheelchair accessible? Yes.

MOTION: Commissioner Carson moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded that ANC 6E support the Public Space Permit for 125 E Street NW and that said support be communicated to the Public Space Committee of DDOT. The Motion **passed** 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

8. PRESENTATION: GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, 111 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, NW

Representatives Present: Kelly Blevins, Assistant Vice President, Real Estate, and University Counsel, Georgetown University

- o Georgetown University purchased the building in late 2021 as part of an effort to expand its academic programs. It was originally developed in the 1980s pursuant to a PUD – only office use was permitted. When Georgetown University bought the building, we sought a PUD amendment to allow university use. Both ANC 6C and 6E approved this change in use, as did the Zoning Commission. We are here tonight to show some modest exterior upgrades. Plan to add retail on the first floor as well as a restaurant at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and New Jersey Avenue and a bookstore and café along 2nd Street . Plan to activate the street level.
- o Renderings presented.
- o Filed a Modification of Consequence yesterday.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Forest asked whether the retail space will be open to the public and was informed yes. The green roof will not be accessible to the public – it is just environmental.
- o Kenyattah Robinson – **(1)** stated congratulations in advancing the concepts. In terms of timing, when will it be put into use? Response: the plan is to open in the Fall of 2025; **(2)** Census – any ideas as to the number of faculty, staff, and students? Response: No information at this time.
- o Chat: Will there be any changes to the exterior lighting, especially at the higher levels of the building? Response: Not planning any additional lighting to the exterior of the building.

MOTION: Commissioner Forest moved and Commissioner Carson seconded to support Georgetown University's PUD Modification of Consequence application and that said support be communicated in writing to the Zoning Commission. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention (Commissioner Rogers).

9. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL: THE MARKET, 400 NEW JERSEY AVENUE NW

(Announcement Only)

10. PRESENTATION: UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA UPDATE Wendy Polhaus, Director of Community Engagement, (202)252-6930 or wendy.pohlhaus@usdoj; <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/>

The difference between the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia (OAG) and the U. S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia is that the Office of the Attorney General has primary jurisdiction over juveniles and prosecuting them.

The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia is responsible for prosecuting adults in the city. The United States Attorney's Office will, under very limited consequences, charge a 16- or 17-year old as an adult. We call that Title 16. And we can only charge a 16- or 17-year-old that has committed enumerated offenses, i.e., homicide, 1st degree sex assault; attempted assault with intent to commit murder.

The United States Attorney's Office serves as both the local and the federal prosecutor for the nation's capital. On the local side, these prosecutions extend from misdemeanor drug possession cases to murders. We have violent crime in the city and we recognize it. It is prosecuting 90% of the cases (serious felony cases). Misdemeanors cases are slightly different in that each prosecuting office in the country has their own charging standard, i.e., MPD has "probable cause," but her job is a little harder. She cannot charge someone and then a month later finds there is not enough evidence. Her Office's standard is "reasonable likelihood of success at trial."

The Criminal Justice System is a vetting system. MPD has "probable cause;" she has "reasonable likelihood of success at trial". Also driving the charging decisions on misdemeanor cases is, until recently, we did not have a crime lab. She has to be able to provide proof and to do this, you have to have a lab. They have recently entered into a private contract with a lab. Part of their mission is to also try to resolve drug issues and make referrals for mental health treatment.

We do not have money bonds in DC. DC has a detention standard that favors release.

She is Director of Community Engagement. Her Office has several community outreach programs, i.e., last year we hosted "Breaking the Silence on Youth Violence" – had 500 kids attend virtually and in person. Her Office also has programs in DCPS and does a lot of training. We are in Domestic Violence Month – have a lot of youth offenders. Also have Clergy Ambassador Program.

Misdemeanor crimes are things like retail theft and unlawful entry. Her Office is partnering with the BIDs and has a three- part training series (1) overview of criminal justice system; (2) barring notices -- MPD will serve these notices; (3) training about Community Impact Statements – ANC Commissioners can write Community Impact Statements.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- Commissioner Hans asked if a Commissioner writes a Community Impact Statement, do they have to appear at the trial? Response: No.
- Criminal Justice Training, October 17, 2023, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

11. PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 5D (PSAs 501/502)

Lt. John Sprague reported on crime for the last 30 days (September 3 to October 3) compared to the same period last year.

- Everything is down; stats look good;
- 1 homicide
- Total Crime down 94 to 75
- Violent Crime down 6 to 2

- o Sex Abuse: 0 to 0
- o ADW: Down from 2 to 0
- o Robberies down from 3 to 1
- o Property Crime down from 88 to 73
- o Theft from Auto went way down from 22 to 8.

12. PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 1D (PSA 103)

Commander Hall introduced himself and provided a brief personal background.

- o 1D has focused a lot in the Chinatown area.
- o Went on a walk with Kenyattah Robinson in Mount Vernon Triangle.
- o Doing a lot of work in the Tyler House area.
- o Drug and gun arrests in the 600 block of H Street and then issued stay-aways.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- o Commissioner Hans stated the biggest issue is the shelter, even though it is closed.
Response: 1D is working with Park Police in this area.
- o Commissioner Blackson thanked Commander Hall for his willingness to work with us, his collaboration and patrolling of the area.

13. OPEN FORUM

- o Commissioner Blackson put two flyers in the Chat: (1) Movie Night October 13, 2023; (2) Community Safety Meeting, October 17, 2023.
- o Adam Elkins stated this is his first ANC meeting and would like to get involved with the Transportation Advisory Committee once it is reactivated.

14. NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 7, 2023

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Forest moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded to adjourn the meeting. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. [Commissioner Viedma had dropped from the call]. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
(Transcribed from Recording)

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