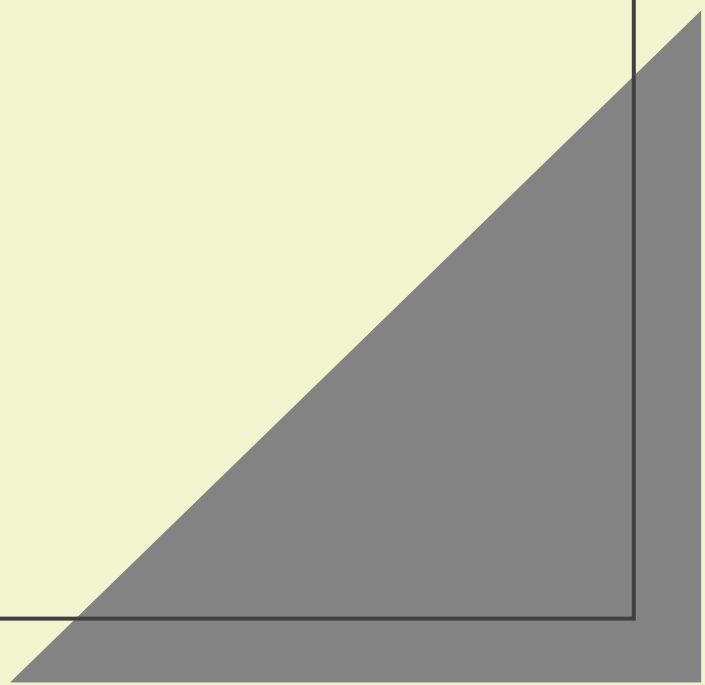


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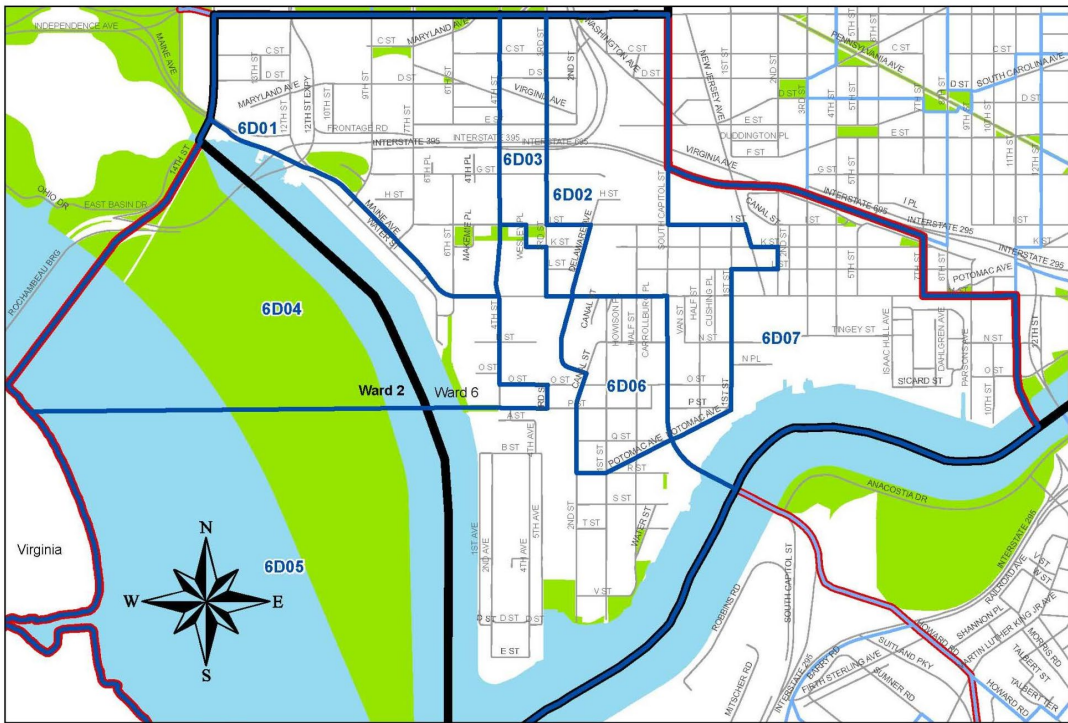
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Advisory Neighborhood
Commission **6D**



Introduction



- Commissioners:**
- 6D01 – Gail Fast, *Chair***
 - 6D02 – Anna Forgie**
 - 6D03 – Ron Collins, *Treasurer***
 - 6D04 – Andy Litsky, *Vice Chair***
 - 6D05 – Fredrica Kramer**
 - 6D06 – Rhonda Hamilton**
 - 6D07 – Edward Daniels, *Secretary***
- Executive Director – Shaun Carter**



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In Memoriam – Dr. Coralie Farlee

Dr. Coralie Farlee was ANC 6D's Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Committee Chair for 12-years. Under her unflappable leadership, this Committee reviewed every single liquor license issued by ANC 6D, negotiating community agreements that governed the operations of each license holder -- hotel, corner store, cruise ship, store, bar, tavern or restaurant.

The enormity of her Committee's work can not be ignored. During her final year as Chair (2019- January 2020), the ABC Committee had reviewed, approved, and renewed over 120 liquor licenses.



SMD01

- SMD 6D01's focus was on its schools, Amidon Bowen ES and Jefferson Middle School. Amidon Bowen's students will return to a revamped new playground with new equipment, a better playground surface and enhanced green space. Jefferson modernization, which began in 2017 was finally completed and includes a revamped cafeteria space (with outside seating) and gymnasium, an expanded library and science lab, and new art and music rooms.
- SW Duck Pond's \$1.1M renovation began this Fall with renovations to the pond, its plumbing, lighting and controls; masonry and brick repairs; a new duck habitat island; new play elements; ADA upgrades, and various site and landscaping improvements.
- 6D01's development projects included 555 E Street SW, ANC 6D's first affordable senior building; the District's first CitizenM microhotel; and 1331 Maryland Ave, a luxury rental building located at the Portals.
- The Bard, at 501 I Street SW, was scheduled to break ground, 3rd Q 2020 however due to the pandemic their schedule has been pushed back. They hope to get construction underway by 2nd Q 2021.

SMD02

The Aya

- This year, SMD 6D02 welcomed The Aya to the neighborhood. The Short Term Family Housing facility for Ward 6 residents has opened its doors to residents. Plans to include a health center are moving forward.

Randall School Redevelopment

- 2020 saw the groundbreaking of the Randall School Redevelopment project. This mixed-used project will preserve the historical buildings on I St SW, converting them to the Rubell Museum, and will incorporate a new apartment building behind the museum in a horseshoe shape along Delaware Ave and H St SW.

5M

- The ANC engaged in extensive negotiations with JBG and its design team regarding the proposed residential building at 5M, the current site of the 711 on South Capitol. The ANC fought for additional affordable units as well as a design more in keeping with the character of the SW neighborhood.

Lansburgh Park

- DGS and DPR have begun the revitalization project at Lansburgh Park which will make the park a more welcoming, inclusive place for all residents of ANC 6D.

Half St SE

- The Half St SE promenade is open for business, with new retailers, including Atlas Brewing Company, joining existing local spots such as Walters, to create a new pedestrian-friendly area for residents and fans to enjoy.

SMD02 continued

Re-Striping of 1st St SE

- In response to resident concerns regarding the safety of 1st St SE, the ANC has worked with DDOT to develop a re-striping plan that will reduce the traffic lanes to one in each direction from I St to M St and create protected bike lanes. The project will also develop parklets and small areas for art and resident seating to improve the overall pedestrian experience on the street.

Completed Projects in Navy Yard

- This year saw the completion and opening of numerous residential buildings in ANC 6D02, including the Avidian at 1210 Van St SE, the Envy at 70 N St SE, the Kelvin at 1250 Half St SE, West Half at 1201 Half St SE, 10K at 950 South Capitol, The Commons at 88 K St SE, the Meridian on First at 1000 1st St SE, and Parc Riverside phase 2 at 1010 Half St SE. We also welcomed the new NAB office building at 1 M St SE.

Current Construction in Navy Yard

- The ANC is working with developers regarding ongoing construction at 1000 South Capitol, 1299 1st St SE, 37 L St SE, and 41 L St SE (all of which will be residential buildings).

SMD03

- SMD 6D03 focused on the construction, development and streetscape of the Kiley Development Project, a large construction development project of a residential building. Problems focused on dump truck traffic, drilling, unauthorized parking, and after-hours construction
- After-hours Construction Work Permits: The SMD drafted letters and emails regarding the issuance of After-hours Work Permits in non-urgent, residential instances in neighborhoods causing disruption to peace, quiet of neighborhoods.
- Streetscape Work: SMD6D03 worked toward repaving of G Street, SW, 4th Street, Sw, D Street SW. Oversaw installation of Bike Station. And installation of protected bike lanes on 4th Street, SW.
- Greenleaf Gardens Redevelopment: SMD 6D03 participated in several planning meetings for the overall Redevelopment of the Greenleaf Gardens Public Housing Complex. Additionally, continued working with individual complaints of substandard housing issues (i.e., mold, plumbing leakages and backups, pest control, etc.) at Greenleaf Gardens Housing Complex.
- New Library: Construction proceeds on new Library with completion expected soon. Continued interaction with library staff on construction project.

SMD04

- SMD 6D04 focused much attention on construction issues regarding the second phase of the massive Wharf DC project, the largest private development project in the District of Columbia, and its impact upon the quality of life in the adjacent residential neighborhood with special emphasis on residents at Gangplank, 525 Water Street and Tiber Island. Special efforts were made to control after hours construction, vehicle activity — especially dump trucks and cement mixers — and moving vehicles off the street during early morning rush hour. Worked with DDOT to erect new signage on Maine Avenue to better control parking and eliminate tour bus disruption post COVID.
- Streetscape: Sought to preserve 45 residential parking spaces along P Street adjacent to Ft. McNair. Negotiated an agreement with DDOT to add 9 spaces of RPP on M Street east of Sixth Street that had previously been open parking. Worked with DCRA to control non-emergency late hour and weekend construction activity along Fourth Street by utility contractors and road crews.
- Other advocacy: Sought a regular COVID testing site in Southwest. Fought to maintain King Greenleaf as an Election Day polling place. Fought to keep our temporary community health center open during construction delays at The Aya.

SMD05

- The primary focus in SMD 6D05 was in Buzzard Point. Peninsula at 88 V Street, RiverPoint at 2100 First Street, and the Watermark at 1900 Half Street were completed or near completion in 2020 and have new residents.
- Two other projects, 1820 Half Street broke ground and is under construction for completion in 2022 and Akridge has submitted plans for a large seven-acre site at 100 V St., to include 2,100 residences, hotel, office and retail space.
- A lease was finalized for DC Central Kitchen to move its entire operation to one of the three commercial spaces at RiverPoint. Buzzard Point Fish House and a 20,000 sq ft food hall will occupy the other two spaces. Ground floor space for Eagle Academy, which will be located at the Watermark is near completion.
- 1001 4th Street SW at Waterfront Station, stymied by the pandemic, will finally break ground. SMD 6D05 will continue to participate in discussions to ensure PUD commitments are fulfilled for the theater, charter school and restaurant/diner tenant; to ensure landscaping plans are made, and there is a concerted effort, to save mature trees at the site's perimeter; and to reconfigure construction traffic to minimize disruption on 4th Street.
- SMD 6D05 assisted Commissioner Hamilton, 6D06, in environmental quality control efforts to limit health threats from the two concrete plants. Efforts included submitting comments on the permit renewal of the concrete plants and soliciting other assistance from the DC Department of Energy and Environment and the DC Office of the Attorney General.
- SMD 6D05 was the lead for ANC 6D on preparing, testifying and submitting comments to the Office of Planning on the Comprehensive Plan.

SMD06

- SMD 06 worked with on an array of development projects:
 - **1550 First Street, SW:** This is the first of two 100% affordable buildings being developed in 6D06. This first building should be completed early in 2021. It's sister building, **1530 First Street SW**, the second 100% affordable building, will break ground approximately 6-months after 1550 is completed.
 - **69 Q Street SW:** The new Cambria Hotel is almost completed. A grand opening is planned for February 2021. This project includes a concerted effort by Donohoe, the developer, to train and hire 6D residents for positions within the hotel.
 - **45 Q Street SW:** A development team will bring a Moxy Hotel/Residential mix to the former cab stand lot. The project is still in its preliminary stage of development and has not gone through Zoning yet.
 - **1319 South Capitol Street SW:** After three (3) years of negotiations, this project will maintain the four sanitary homes on N Street SW. These homes designed as family units will all be earmarked affordable at 60% MFI.
 - **1311 South Capitol Street SW** is in the preliminary negotiating stage.
- **New South Capitol Street Bridge-** Bridge construction is on-going and appears to be on schedule.

SMD07

Over the past year, SMD 6D07 has experienced tremendous growth and development with the completion and groundbreaking of several construction projects. We continue to experience several infrastructure growing pains as we await DDOT's installation of pedestrian crosswalks, correct parking signage, and the much sought-after traffic light at the intersection of NJ & I Street SE.

Construction & Development:

- Major projects that have been completed and occupied include residential properties of The Garrett, The Estate, The Maren, and the new Estate Hotel.
- DDOT's new headquarters at 250 M Street SE has completed exterior work and has one more month of interior build-out before their anticipated Q1 2021 opening.
- Brookfield Development began groundbreaking of the new Chemonics site, the beginning of the Yards West phase of redevelopment.

DDOT & Transportation:

- DDOT completed the installation of bus-only lanes along M Street SE between South Cap St SE and 11st Street SE.

However there are many projects still pending:

- installation of the traffic light at the intersection of NJ Ave & I Street SE.
- installation of curbside pick up and drop off zones, per the CurbFlow pilot initiated by DDOT.
- installation of high-vis crosswalks throughout the SMD. Several crosswalks were addressed. DDOT has yet to offer a time-frame for the remainder of the work and the correct signage to create a 25-foot barrier at all pedestrian crosswalks.
- Residents are awaiting re-installation of the speed camera along M Street SE between 1st St and 4th St SE.
- Residents are awaiting an update on the traffic safety study at M Street SE and 4th St SE

SMD07 continued

Parks:

- The Capitol Riverfront BID continues to perform underground lighting work at Yards Park in order to restore lighting to full capacity.
- DGS completed bridge and lighting repair at the connector bridge between Yards Park and Diamond Teague Park.
- DPR has reassured the ANC that they will continue to upkeep and monitor landscaping at Diamond Teague Park and Arthur Capper Community Center.
- Bark N Go Park at Whole Foods was re-surfaced with wood chips per resident requests. An improvement of the all-rock and dirt surface.
- The Capitol Riverfront BID installed requested signage on pet waste receptacles to include an email address such that residents could alert the clean team when the receptacles were out of bags.

Staying the Course in 2021

- ANC 6D will continue to seek community input and convene a task force of stakeholders to discuss a proposal to create a pedestrian-only zone at Half St SE between M and N in order to create an overall fan and resident experience.
- ANC 6D will continue to work with DDOT and current/future establishments to ensure that sidewalk cafes comply with public space requirements, including the proposed Kilwan's/Taphouse 99 in the Kelvin, for which Jair Lynch has signed an agreement with the ANC to remove the existing concrete benches along N St. ANC 6D is also in discussions with Somewhere on 1st St SE regarding their sidewalk café.
- ANC 6D will continue to oppose neon/LED lighting and digital signage on buildings that do not serve a safety purpose for residents. Specific concerns can be found in the Navy Yard and include the large rectangular boxes on the Novel at 2 I St SE, the check mark on the roof of the Envy/Kelvin building at 1250 Half St SE, and the vertical strips on the Meridian on First and the Homewood Suites at 50 M St SE.
- ANC 6D will continue to advocate for a permanent COVID-19 testing site in Southwest.
- ANC 6D will continue to work with the Office of the Attorney General on three different projects: ensuring their nuisance settlement agreement with James Creek and Syphax Gardens is enforced; improving the deplorable living conditions at Greenleaf, Syphax Gardens and James Creek; and mitigating the harmful dust and contaminants coming from the Vulcan and Superior concrete plants.