

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A
Minutes
Zoom Meeting
February 13, 2025**

Present: Commissioners Dave Wethington, Amber Gove, Mike Velasquez, Roberta Shapiro, and Paul Spires were present. Commissioners Jeff Giertz and Stephen Kolb were absent.

The meeting convened virtually via Zoom at 7:25 pm - there was a technical Zoom glitch which caused a delay.

Commissioner Dave Wethington called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. The minutes for the ANC January 2025 meeting were accepted subject to any minor or technical corrections approved by the Secretary and the agenda for the February 2025 meeting was accepted by unanimous consent.

The community received meeting notice via listservs, the Hill Rag, ANC website, X, and Facebook.

Consent Agenda:

The following items were adopted by unanimous consent:

Community Outreach (COC) Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)

- ANC 6A protest the license application of Dumpling Hot Pot Beyond, (ABRA-126111) unless a Settlement Agreement is reached between the ANC and the license applicant prior to the protest deadline. Committee member Blumenthal is appointed to represent the ANC along with the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC.
- ANC 6A protest the license application of Dreamy DC (ABRA-130754) unless a Settlement Agreement is reached between the ANC and the license applicant prior to the protest deadline and ABCA confirms applicant is within allowed distance from another licensed establishment. Committee member Blumenthal is appointed to represent the ANC along with the Chair and Vice Chair of the ANC.
- ANC 6A send a letter to the Chair of the City Council, with copies to all members of the Council and the Mayor, requesting the city council to pass legislation creating a provision for a moratorium zone for cannabis licenses equivalent to the provision for a moratorium zone for alcohol licenses.

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT in support of the planned street closures for the 2025 Capitol Hill Classic.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting all-way stops and other traffic calming along Tennessee Ave from D/14th/E Streets.

- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting they extend the protected bike lane project at 14th and H Streets south through Maryland Avenue and also examine ways to prioritize the B2 bus in this area.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting they expand the FY25Q2 prioritization of 11th and F Street NE to re-examine traffic calming along 11th Street NE from Florida Ave to East Capitol Street.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT in support of the Maury Color The Curb project (and that the art have some connection to the color the curb from Hill Family Biking).
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT suggesting and requesting safety improvements to the 16th Street/C Street/North Carolina Avenue NE corridor.
- ANC 6A send a letter to DDOT requesting they expand the FY25Q2 prioritization of 14th Street and Ames Place NE to calm traffic along 14th Street from North Carolina Ave to East Capitol Street.

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

- Recommendation: ANC 6A to send a letter of support to the BZA re: case 21254: Request for Special Exceptions from the:
 - (a) The minimum vehicle parking requirements of Subtitle C § 701
 - (b) The rear yard requirements of Subtitle G § 207.1
 - (c) The eating and drinking establishment use requirements of Subtitle H §6007.1(e)(2)
 - (d) The fast food establishment use requirements of Subtitle U § 513.1(f) to combine five lots (2 facing H street NE, 3 facing alley) and convert to a retail and eating and drinking establishment use an existing, semi-detached, mixed use building in the NMU-4/HA and MU-4 zones.
- ANC 6A to send a letter of support to the BZA re: case 21253: Request for Special Exceptions from the
 - (a) The rear addition requirements of Subtitle E § 207.5
 - (b) The lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 210.1
 to construct a two-story plus cellar rear addition, to an existing, attached, two-story with cellar, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone.
- ANC 6A to send a letter of support to the DOB and the BZA re: case 20554A: Request for Time Extension, asking them to expedite requests associated with bringing the facility at 1022 Maryland Avenue NE into compliance with updated zoning regulations, given Sasha Bruce Youthwork's commitment to working with the community liaison committee on any ongoing plans related to the building, particularly any external work.

Officer Reports:

1. Commissioner Roberta Shapiro reported that as of February 10, the National Capital Bank signature cards are fully executed and ANC 6A will soon be able to execute electronic payments. As of February 1, OANC was withholding about

\$8,000 in allotment funds from ANC 6A due to stale or uncashed checks or lack of documentation for expenditures. Because of this, there was a discrepancy of \$1,562.65 between the bank's balance and funds reflected as available in OANC's system. After working with an OANC staff member, the Commissioner has been able to reduce the discrepancy to only \$1. OANC is withholding \$6,870 from ANC 6A's allotments due to mis-documented grants but the Commissioner believes most of that has been cleared up and will be distributed. As of February 11, the balance at NCB is \$20,734.68 and there is \$100.05 in savings. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous consent.

2. Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Amber Gove seconded the motion that ANC6A approve the Fiscal Year 2025 1st Quarter Report. The motion passed 5-0.
3. Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the amended Fiscal Year 2024 3rd Quarter Report. The motion passed 5-0.
4. Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve the amended Fiscal Year 2024 4th Quarter Report. The motion passed 5-0.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Outreach (COC)

1. The January 2025 committee report will be submitted soon.
2. Next meeting: February 24, 2025 (4th Monday)

Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis (ABC)

1. The January 2025 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. The Committee recommended and Commissioner Mike Velasquez seconded the motion that ANC 6A send a letter of support for a stipulated Class C restaurant license for Tigo's at 1322 H Street NE (ABCA-130994).

Tigo's is a Peruvian chicken restaurant that has recently changed management; the new management team does not intend to change the hours of operation or add a sidewalk café, but they do want to start selling alcohol to compliment the newly extended menu. The establishment asked for a delivery and carry-out endorsement, meaning that customers would be able to add alcoholic drinks to their to-go and delivery food orders. The motion passed 5-0.

3. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 25, 2025 (4th Tuesday)

Transportation and Public Space (TPS)

1. The January 2025 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 18, 2025 (3rd Tuesday; usually 3rd Monday)

Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ)

1. The January 2025 committee report was accepted by unanimous consent.
2. Next meeting - 7:00 pm, February 19, 2025 (3rd Wednesday)

New Business

1. Commissioner Shapiro moved and Commissioner Gove seconded the motion that ANC 6A approve edits to the ANC 6A grant application documentation, including clarification of grantee responsibilities and update to contact information.

After working to recover the distributed grant funds from last year, the Commissioner feels it would be useful to make the reporting and documentation requirements clearer to the grantee at the time of application. The 60-day report, 90-day report, interim reports and granular level of payment documentation need to be made clear, as should the stipulation that the ANC can call back the funds if this documentation is not provided. The motion passed 5-0.

2. Commissioner Wethington moved and Commissioner Paul Spires seconded the motion that ANC 6A authorize Commissioner Dave Wethington (6A05) to submit written testimony on behalf of the Commission to the DC Council Committee on Transportation and the Environment regarding sidewalk safety and other DDOT related public safety concerns in ANC 6A.

<https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings/hearings/666>

Commission Business

Single Member District reports

Commissioner Spires (6A01) reported the occurrence of petty crime, specifically on the intersection of 12th and I Streets. There is a potentially blighted property that has been damaged and package thefts continue to be a problem. There is some success with storefronts - Hiraya has a Valentines Day menu this weekend and On the Rocks will soon be opening their third floor. Sunday morning meetups are keeping the neighborhood clean and the Commissioner hopes the weather holds up for neighbors to do the cleanups outside.

Commissioner Velasquez (6A02) noted a spat of tire thefts and an arrest made for the shooting and subsequent death across from Pilgrim Baptist Church; community impact statements are being solicited. The Commissioner is impressed with DPW's trash collection after the snow, especially after their struggle during the last storm.

Commissioner Shapiro (6A03) attended a frustrating webinar with DPR; \$1.4M had been allocated over a year ago to external capital improvements at Sherwood, and after a year construction started but it is taking a very long time to complete the project. The tennis and basketball courts have been resurfaced but lines have not been repainted and they will not be open for use until May. Playground repairs are delayed until mid-March. The field surface has been redone and the soccer field is ready. The budget currently is \$1.3M, \$100K lower than the allocation, and the Commissioner hopes this will be used for landscaping. The Commissioner also reported that someone has removed 'no parking' signs that DDOT had put up on F Street to assist with a difficult alley egress; DDOT came back out to stripe the area and install new signs only to be removed again. DDOT has now come back again and installed bollards. The Commissioner is also working on having DPW do an area-wide repair or replacement of damaged or missing trash can lids to prevent rodents.

Commissioner Gove

(6A04) reported that several traffic calming measures will be installed where Ronnie Clark was killed at 16th and C Streets as well as a study of the corridor in the spring. This Saturday there will be a Hill Family Biking event from Stanton Park to Sherwood to Rosewood. MPD and DPW collaborated to find and boot a high-ticket vehicle and the Commissioner recommends all other Commissioners report these types of vehicles to DPW.

Commissioner Dave Wethington (6A05) noted that there continues to be a water problem from the snow and salt at 13th Street NE and Duncan Place NE - the water surfaces then freezes, becoming a dangerous area; Councilmember Allen has gotten involved again. The Commissioner listened to the recent ABCA training and recommends it and passed along some notes from MOCR Marcus Manning: Cedar Hill Hospital in SE DC is set to open on April 15; there are tax services available at www.disb.dc.gov; Mayor Bowser conducted a press event of the Rental Act which helps protect affordable housing and strengthen local housing.

Community Comment

Ms. Jen DeMayo announced that it is oversight season and there are several hearings still scheduled, more information here: Hearing at: <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings/>

The Council anticipates a potential increase in federal workers who might lose their employment and has been proactively checking in with the Department of Employment Services to see if the unemployment insurance portal is prepared for this potential increase and for the plethora of questions and concerns they will soon receive. There are two important tax benefits that residents and businesses should be aware of: DC parents who earn between \$50K-\$60K or less are eligible for a tax return through the Federal and DC earned income tax credit simply through filing their taxes. Small and local businesses in the district can check if they are eligible for \$10K rebate based on property taxes.

Earned Income Tax Credit info: <https://eitc.dc.gov/>

Small business tax rebate: <https://otr.cfo.dc.gov/page/small-retailer-property-tax-relief-credit-frequently-asked-questions-faqs>

This week Councilmember Allen reintroduced his fair housing practices bill, which would ban large apartment buildings from assessing common area usage fees outside of lease agreements. Ms. DeMayo can be reached at jdemayo@dccouncil.gov

Community member Ashley Blake reported that Free DC is planning a Ward 6 kickoff meeting on Sunday, March 2 and there will be more information and social media posts to come.

Community member Leigh Simms shared concerns about H Street business closures and would like more information.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.