Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E Virtual Public Meeting Thursday, January 30, 2025

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum of 5 out of 7 Commissioners present.

Present:

Chrystal J. Watts, ANC (6E02) (joined at 6:45 p.m.) Ahmad Abu-Khalaf, ANC 6E05 Nate Coffman, ANC 6E06 Davina Carson, ANC 6E07 Dale Prince, ANC 6E08 Ritanch Hans, ANC 6E09

*ANC 6E01 Vacant

*ANC 6E04 Vacant

Absent:

Kevin Rogers, ANC 6E03

2. ELECTION OF ANC 6E OFFICERS

Former Commissioner Chris Hart presided over the election of ANC 6E Officers. The results are as follows: [Commissioner Watts had not yet joined the call.]

Position	Nominee	Motion	Second	Vote	
				Yeas	Nays
Chair	Ahmad Abu-Khalaf	Ahmad Abu-Khalaf	Davina Carson	5	0
Vice Chair	Ritanch Hans	Ritanch Hans	Nate Coffman	5	0
Secretary	Dale Prince	Ritanch Hans	Ahmad Abu-Khalaf	5	0
Treasurer	Davina Carson	Ritanch Hans	Dale Prince	5	0

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: The Commission APPROVED (5 yeas - 0 nays – 0 abstentions) the agenda f as amended to strike the MPD Reports due to the tragic aircraft and helicopter crash. (Motion by Commissioner Abu-Khalaf, Second by Commissioner Hans). [Commissioner Watts had not yet joined the call.]

4. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2024 MINUTES

MOTION: The Commission APPROVED (4 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstention [Commissioner Coffman]) the Minutes of the December 17, 2024 ANC 6E Virtual Public Meeting as submitted. (Motion by Commissioner Abu-Khalaf, Second by Commissioner Prince). [Commissioner Watts had not yet joined the call.]

5. UPDATES FROM WARD 6 COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN'S OFFICE

POC: Jeanne Mattison, Constituent Services Coordinator, imattison@dccouncil.gov; 202-724-8072

Jeanne Mattison provided updates from Councilmember Allen's Office relating to: (1) the tragic plane and helicopter crash the night before and the tireless work of the 1st Responders. Condolences and prayers on Councilmember Allen's behalf were expressed to the families of the victims; (2) Performance Oversight Hearings and schedule; (3) Budget Oversight Hearings and schedule; (4) Cobb Park; (5) Councilmember's Office Hours at A Baked Joint, February 7, 2025, 8:30 a.m.; (6) a summary of legislative bills were placed in the Chat. A question-and-answer period followed.

(Commissioner Watts joins the call at 6:45 p.m.]

6. CORRECTION TO APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: The Commission APPROVED (6 yeas - 0 nays – 0 abstentions) the agenda as amended to correct the date of the meeting to read January 30, 2025, not 2024. (Motion by Commissioner Hans, Second by Commissioner Prince).

7. UPDATE FROM MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND SERVICES (MOCRS) –

Noah Glasgow, Ward 6 Liaison

Noah Glasgow provided updates from the Mayor's Office relating to: **(1)** 2025 DPR Summer Camp reduced rates; **(2)** Marion Barry Summer Youth Employment Program application portal closing on March 6, 2025. A question-and-answer period followed.

8. BZA CASE 20832 (1001 6^{TH} STREET NW) – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR TIME EXTENSION (SMD 6E01)

POC: David Avitabile, Goulston & Storrs Sean Sullivan, Boston Properties

MOTION: The Commission AGREED (6 yeas - 0 nays – 0 abstentions) to SUPPORT that BZA extend the validity of the order for BZA Case 20832 (1001 6th Street NW) and that this be conveyed to the BZA. (Motion by Commissioner Abu-Khalaf, Second by Commissioner Carson).

9. PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 5TH DISTRICT Lt. John Sprague

Lt. John Sprague reported on crime relative to PSAs 501/502 and answered questions from commissioners and the community.

10. CANNABIS LICENSE APPLICATION: PRODUCE (FORMERLY KINFOLK), 433 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE NW – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR ABCA APPLICATION (SMD 6E09)

POC: Ahmed Bush Bahar Alagheband

After lengthy discussion, this item was *tabled* pending additional meeting(s) with the applicant in regard to the signing of a Settlement Agreement.

11. ANNUAL ST. JUDE'S ROCK N ROLL DC HALF MARATHON AND 5K – REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT

MOTION: The Commission AGREED (6 yeas - 0 nays – 0 abstentions) to SUPPORT the Annual St. Jude's Rock N Roll DC Half Marathon and 5K as there are no issues with road closures or potential impacts on surrounding areas. (Motion by Commissioner Abu-Khalaf, Second by Commissioner Hans).

12. VOTE ON METHODS TO ADVERTISE MONTHLY MEETINGS

MOTION: The Commission AGREED (6 yeas - 0 nays - 0 abstentions) that ANC 6E use two methods as notice for regular and emergency meetings by: **(1)** transmitting or distributing notice to a list of residents and other stakeholders in the community via the monthly ANC 6E newsletter; and **(2)** in any other manner approved by the Commission, which is the website. (Motion by Commissioner Abu-Khalaf, Second by Commissioner Coffman).

13. VOTE ON MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION: The Commission AGREED (6 yeas - 0 nays – 0 abstentions) that ANC 6E schedule its monthly meetings on the 4th Thursday of every month. (Motion by Commissioner Abu-Khalaf, Second by Commissioner Hans).

MOTION: The Commission AGREED (6 yeas - 0 nays – 0 abstentions) to amend the motion above to read that ANC 6E schedule its monthly meetings on the <u>last</u> Thursday of the month. (Motion by Commissioner Abu-Khalaf, Second by Commissioner Hans).

14. VOTE TO CONTINUE MEETING MINUTES SERVICES BY KAREN JEHLE

MOTION: The Commission AGREED (4 yeas - 0 nays – 2 abstentions [Commissioners Coffman and Watts]) to continue minute-taking services by Karen Jehle for the next two years at a cost of \$250.00 per meeting. (Motion by Commissioner Hans, Second by Commissioner Prince).

15. OPEN FORUM

- Commissioner Carson raised the issue of property managers not addressing maintenance requests submitted by renters and outlined the process that renters should follow which is to first submit a work order to the rental office and get a work order number. If the property manager has not taken steps to resolve the issue, then steps should be taken to escalate whatever the issue is up to the Department of Buildings, Department of Health (rodent issues) or the Office of the Tenant Advocate.
- Commissioner Abu-Khalaf stated he has had similar complaints in his SMD about mold, flooding issues, and elevators not working and he feels coordinating with the Office of AG, Department of Buildings, and Department of Energy and Environment would be a good idea.
- Commissioner Prince stated at some point in the future he would like to exchange ideas or information about how to get resident distribution lists for 6E's SMDs. A few ideas were briefly discussed.
- Commissioner Hans stated the banking records will need to be amended to remove Chris Hart, to change Commissioner Abu-Khalaf's title from Secretary to Chair, and to add Commissioner Prince as Secretary.
- 16. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 27, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: The Commission adjourned at 8:52 p.m. (Motion by Commission Prince, Second by Commissioner Hans).

Prepared by: Karen Jehle

Approved on:

Attested by: