

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E
Virtual Public Meeting
Thursday, February 27, 2025**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Thursday, February 27, 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 7 out of 7 Commissioners present.

Present:

Chrystal J. Watts, ANC (6E02)
Kevin Rogers, ANC 6E03
Ahmad Abu-Khalaf, Chair, ANC 6E05
Nate Coffman, ANC 6E06
Davina Carson, Treasurer, ANC 6E07
Dale Prince, Secretary, ANC 6E08
Ritanch Hans, Vice Chair, ANC 6E09

*ANC 6E01 Vacant

*ANC 6E04 Vacant

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: The Commission APPROVED (7 yeas - 0 nays – 0 abstentions) the agenda as submitted (Motion by Commissioner Abu-Khalaf, Second by Commissioner Prince).

3. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2025 MINUTES

MOTION: The Commission APPROVED (7 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions) the Minutes of the January 30, 2025 ANC 6E Virtual Public Meeting as submitted. (Motion by Commissioner Abu-Khalaf, Second by Commissioner Coffman).

4. UPDATES FROM WARD 6 COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN'S OFFICE

POC: Jeanne Mattison, Constituent Services Coordinator,
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Jeanne Mattison provided updates from Councilmember Allen's Office relating to: **(1)** Continuation of Performance Oversight Hearings at the Council; **(2)** Enforcement of Councilmember Allen's STEER Act; **(3)** Councilmember Allen's Fair Swipe Act of 2025; **(4)** the Fair Housing Practices Amendment Act of 2025; **(5)** Department of Employment Services (DOES) increase in unemployment filings; **(6)** Federal and District of Columbia Earned Income Tax Credit; **(7)** Small and local businesses in the District should check and see if they're eligible for a \$10,000 tax rebate based on property taxes; **(8)** the Golden Rule Plaza newly-formed Tenants Association. A question-and-answer period followed.

Commissioner Abu-Khalaf raised the topics of holding an ANC 6E Virtual Town Hall with a focus on issues in residential buildings and also getting Councilmember Allen on the calendar for ANC 6E's April Meeting.

**5. UPDATE FROM MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND SERVICES (MOCRS) –
Marcus Manning**

Commissioner Abu-Khalaf shared an email update from Marcus Manning relating to:
(1) Department of Buildings (DOB) and Office of Tenant Advocate (OTA) representatives' inspection at Tyler House Apartments to address tenants' concerns;
(2) Budget Engagement event at Kennedy Recreation Center, Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

**6. PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 1ST DISTRICT
Capt. Paul Hrebenak**

Capt. Paul Hrebenak reported on past and upcoming events in the District that have or will require additional MPD deployment, road closures, etc. He reported on crime in the area and stated MPD has increased patrols in the Union Station area. Thefts from Auto and Stolen Autos are still a challenge. He encouraged people to get tracking devices for their vehicles. A question-and-answer period followed.

7. PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 5TH DISTRICT

Not present.

**8. PRESENTATION FROM DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SENTENCING COMMISSION
POC: Brittany Bunch, Outreach Specialist**

Slide presentation provided. Topics covered: (1) Mission; (2) Membership & Staff; (3) Commission Services; (4) History of Sentencing in the District, and (5) the DC Sentencing Commission Logo Competition where submissions are being accepted (due date: March 17, 2025, 11:59 p.m.) for its new logo design contest aimed at engaging youth. Visit: www.sentencing.dc.gov. A question-and-answer period followed.

**9. PRESENTATION FROM DC DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) –
UPDATE ON 25 E STREET NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER
POC: David J. Ross, DHS Chief of Staff, david.ross@dc.gov
Tyler Edge, Special Assistant, tyler.edge1@dc.gov
Anthony Newman, Deputy Administrator**

Slide presentation provided. Topics covered: (1) DHS Overview; (2) DHS Mission; (3) About the Project; (4) Low Barrier vs. Bridge Housing; (5) Bridge Housing; (6) Program Overview; (7) Project Timeline; (8) Community Engagement; and (9) DHS Points of contact. A question-and-answer/comment period followed. A follow-up meeting(s) between DHS, the ANC, the community, and other stakeholders will be scheduled.

10. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR MODIFYING BZA RELIEF FOR 500 NEW JERSEY AVENUE NW
POC: David Avitabile

Slide presentation provided.

MOTION: The Commission AGREED (7 yeas - 0 nays – 0 abstentions) to SUPPORT the zoning relief requirements requested for 500 New Jersey Avenue NW (Application #16930-A) to allow them to modify the prior approval to: **(1)** remove the outdoor loading area; and **(2)** remove the service delivery area, and to convey that support to the BZA. (Motion by Commissioner Prince, Second by Commissioner Rogers).

11. APPROVAL OF FY25, Q1 FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Carson presented the Financial Report for FY25, Q1 (months ending October, November, and December 2024).

MOTION: The Commission APPROVED (7 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions) the FY25, Q1 Financial Report as submitted. (Motion by Commissioner Carson, Second by Commissioner Prince).

12. OPEN FORUM

- Commissioner Carson asked to be included in an in-person meeting with ANC 6E, the DOB, the OTA, Councilmember Charles Allen, and other stakeholders to focus on tenant issues as they relate to Golden Rule Plaza.
- Nancy Rosen asked Commissioner Prince about the status of the Community for Creative Non-Violence (CCNV) youth shelter at 2nd & D Street and the \$66 million in DC's FY25 Budget to expand that homeless shelter and build a new transitional housing building. Commissioner Prince responded he believes there is some chain link fencing around it. He met a resident there yesterday and had a very informative conversation about it. He will look into the matter of what kind of budgetary support will be forthcoming from the District and will report back. On behalf of a building manager, Ms. Rosen also asked about the Central Food Kitchen located in the shelter. Commissioner Prince responded it was his understanding that the kitchen had moved out. Ms. Rosen will provide Commissioner Prince with the building manager's contact information.
- Ashley Totten asked about attendance at the monthly Zoom meetings and how to access the recordings. An explanation was provided. Her name will also be added to the monthly newsletter mailing list.
- Commissioner Prince raised the topic of ANC 6E Single Member Districts' communication with constituents and proposed to discuss best practices and how to improve pushing information out to constituents during an Executive Committee meeting, which is open to the public. Commissioner Abu-Khalaf added that other commissions mail postcards using a mailing service provider and that ANC 6E has sufficient funding to explore something like this.

Discussion followed regarding QR codes, flyers, email mailing lists and calendar invites. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

13. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 27, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: The Commission adjourned at 8:45 p.m. (Motion by Commissioner Prince, Second by Commissioner Carson).

Prepared by: Karen Jehle

Approved on:

Attested by: