Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 7pm WebEx Teleconference

Introductions: Determination of Quorum and Community Welcome began at approximately 7:15 PM with 5 of 7 Commissioners present: Jeremiah Foxwell (6C01); Karen Wirt (6C02); Jay Adelstein (6C03); Mark Eckenwiler (6C04); Daniela McInerney (6C05); Commissioner Eckenwiler oriented attendees to functions of the WebEx meeting platform.

Approval of Agenda: Addition of Zoning Commission agenda item and Greeks Den grant. Motion to approve by Wirt as amended: unanimous **5-0-0**.

Treasurer's Report for April

Submitted two reports to Commissioners, March treasurer's report quiet, no change in balance, noted outstanding check for \$100 for web security yet to be cashed; reimbursement of web domain renewal sent to Eckenwiler who paid it and move to reimburse for that amount. \$15.16 reimbursement, motion to approve by Adelstein: unanimous **5-0-0**.

Treasurer report, most noteworthy expense is \$3,350 expense for communications. Motion to approve report by Adelstein: unanimous **5-0-0**.

Commissioner Goodman joins, 6 Commissioners Present For Remainder of Meeting

Commissioner Announcements

Foxwell (6C01): Office Hours at Old City Market, 9a, last Tuesday of the month, starting April 29th 9a-10a.

Wirt (6C02): Meeting scheduled with Deputy Mayor Nina Albert regarding mitigating consequences of intensive commercial development on Capitol Hill. Two letters sent previously without response.

Adelstein (6C03): Revive Stanton Park coordinating with National Park Service to begin renovations, starting with trimming bushes. NPS is accepting volunteers to assist. Bench repairs at later date.

Eckenwiler (6C04): Announcing the opening of Tango Bakery at 408 H St NE, in the old Kepra Juice Bar location, which had been vacant for ~5 years.

McInerney (6C05): No announcements this week.

Goodman (6C07): Vacant building on the corner of 4th and L NE is soon going to be Lost Sock Roasters. This is their second location, initially offering to-go, and they are expected to apply for outdoor seating at PZE committee at a later date.

Public Comment

Riversmart, Sky Webster, DOEE – Environmental Protection Specialist, Auditor Community members are advised of incentives to reduce stormwater runoff and provide retrofits with significant subsidies. For details, visit <u>doee.dc.gov/service/riversmart-homes</u>.

Lead Free DC, Sean Moore, DC Water

Update on program, DC Water's plan to remove all lead service lines in the city, to mitigate significant health consequences of lead. Special funding may be available for replacement of lead pipes on private property, in addition to broader project to replace lead in all public lines. For details, visit dcwater.com/resources/lead or contact lead@dcwater.com.

Councilmember Allen's Office, Jen DeMayo

- Thanks to community for successful Ward 6 Spring Clean, 300 volunteers at 23 sites.
- Announcement of introduction of a new bill to combat concert ticket scalping.
- Office hours ongoing at various locations. For details on future office hours, visit charlesallenward6.com.
- Still no budget, Mayor has not yet sent budget to the Council due to limitation of budget to 2024 levels, recently imposed by Congress.

Mayor's Office, Noah Glasgow

- Upcoming community cleanup opportunities and bulk trash pickup.
- Celebration of Emancipation Day announcement.
- Spring Cleanup, Mayor Bowser visiting H Street around 8th Street.

Consent Calendar

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee (Mark Eckenwiler, Chair)

1. 313 2nd St NE (HPA 25-214), Historic Preservation application of St. Joseph's Catholic Church for concept approval, renovation and expansion of carriage house, razing two structures, landscaping. Unanimously approved at committee level.

Commissioner Eckenwiler moves to approve: unanimous 6-0-0.

Plenary Agenda

Alcohol and Cannabis Licensing Committee (Committee Member O'Neil) Licensing Renewals:

- 1. Nando's Peri Peri Committee voted for unanimous protest on all three grounds. Recommended that Commissioner Eckenwiler appointed to represent ANC in negotiating the agreement. Motion by Eckenwiler to adopt ACL recommendation: unanimous **6-0-0**.
- 2. Ethiopic Restaruant Committee voted for unanimous protest on all three grounds. Recommended that Committee Member Graham Grossman be appointed to represent ANC in negotiating the agreement. Petitioner requested alternate negotiator. Commissioner Eckenwiler volunteered to negotiate due to Ethiopic's location in his single-member district. Recommended Michael Upright as backup, who volunteered in Committee and received committee support. Motion by Wirt to adopt Committee

recommendation with alternate negotiators to address petitioner's request: unanimous **6-0-0**.

3. No committee action on remainder of businesses on the agenda (Union Pub, Cane, Boiling Crab, Indigo, The 116 Club)

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee (Mark Eckenwiler, Chair)

1. 301 N St, set down, 45-day waiver. Commissioner Goodman provided an update on development of the last vacant parcel on this block. Developer is requesting changes to previously approved structure, preparing proposal to zoning commission. Requesting ANC waive 45-day notice requirement, to permit more rapid consideration of request while maintaining opportunity for community input. Commissioner Eckenwiler noted this sort of waiver is precedented and typically granted. Motion by Commissioner Wirt to waive 45-day notice period: unanimous 6-0-0.

Transportation and Public Space Committee (Michael Upright, Chair)

No business this month

Grants Committee (Victoria Lord, Chair)

No business this month

Old Business

- 1. Illegal Construction, 1165 3rd St NE, Tony Goodman. Continuously under construction for close to 20 years. Owner completed various projects while remaining vacant, some with permits and some without (e.g., pop-up, fence, gate blocking alley, actions allegedly resulting in damage to neighboring properties). Petitioning DOB to enforce permit requirements, but they did not provide a response in time for this meeting.
 - a. First neighbor near the property offered testimony. Appreciated the ANC resending the letter, but question whether DOB will respond. Concerning that neighbors are responsible for monitoring in the absence of action by the city. Alleged damage to property attributable to noncompliance with DOB regulations. Dealing with consequences of 18 years of construction without residence, including debris in back yard and rat infestation.
 - b. Commissioner Eckenwiler noted his understanding that the Executive Office of the Mayor is ultimately responsible for enforcement.
 - c. Second neighbor near the property offered testimony. Expressed concern with lax follow-through on enforcement by DOB. Appreciate initial actions to issue notice of violations and stop work orders. However, appeals to Office of Admin. Hearings are frequently delayed for years or dismissed without action.

Motion by Commissioner Goodman to resend 2023 letter to DOB regarding same property, including additional recipients, with an update through the present to address additional substantive issues including fireproofing: unanimous, **6-0-0.**

New Business

1. The Greeks Den, request for support with Deputy Mayor Planning and Economic Development grant, Tynisha Holmes. Reviewed quarterly activities with non-profits in support of application. In business since 2021, moved to H Street last year. Grant

deadline is April 14, 2025. Motion by Commissioner McInerney to draft letter to Mayor's office in support of grant application: unanimous **6-0-0**.

Approval of March Minutes

Commissioner Adelstein provided an update in the absence of Commissioner Hayes. A draft of the minutes for the March 2025 meeting was circulated for review to commissioners and posted on ANC 6C website. Motion to approve the minutes by Adelstein: unanimous **5-0-0**.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM with unanimous approval.

Next Meeting on May 14, 2025, 7pm

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In compliance with procedures specified by D.C. Official Code § 1-309.11, the minutes of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C are a record of actions taken by the Commission, not a transcript of the meeting. Accordingly, comments made by Commissioners or members of the public are not recorded in detail here. Please visit our website at ANC6C.org for a schedule of future meetings and minutes from past meetings of the Commission.

Approved on: May 14, 2025

Attested by:

Andrew R. Hayes

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