

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C
Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 7pm
WebEx Teleconference

Introductions: Determination of Quorum and Community Welcome began at approximately 7:00 PM with 7 of 7 Commissioners present: Jeremiah Foxwell (6C01); Karen Wirt (6C02); Jay Adelstein (6C03); Mark Eckenwiler (6C04); Daniela McNerney (6C05); Andrew Hayes (6C06); Tony Goodman (6C07). Commissioner Eckenwiler oriented attendees to functions of the WebEx meeting platform.

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was updated based on updates from the PZE and TPS Committees. Commissioner Wirt removed two items from the agenda. Motion to approve by Wirt as amended: Unanimous **7-0-0**.

Approval of April Minutes: A draft of the minutes for the April 2025 meeting was circulated for review to commissioners and posted on ANC 6C website. Motion to approve the minutes by Hayes: Unanimous **7-0-0**.

Treasurer's Report for April: Submitted quarterly financial report, approved at last meeting, but OANC determined changes were necessary. Quarterly Financial Report is redone for Q1 2025, circulated to Commissioners. Ending check balance is \$67,598.89. Motion to Approve Amended Financial Report by Adelstein: Unanimous **7-0-0**.

Monthly report was circulated and bank statement is consistent with expectations. Received additional allotment April 2, 2025.

Request for reimbursement of Commissioner McNerney for business card expenses. Motion to Approve by Adelstein: Unanimous: **7-0-0**.

Update by Charles Allen: Councilmember Allen provided updates including:

- **DC Budget:** Two issues occurring at the same time.
 - First FY 2025 Budget affected by Congressional Continuing Resolution to treat DC government as though it were a federal agency, to freeze tax dollars at 2024 levels. Requirement to freeze \$1B of local tax dollars from budget year. Now on the verge of pushing forward a budget affecting current year, including cuts of hundreds of millions, with serious impacts on core services.
 - Second, FY 2026 Budget, projecting another \$1B in lower revenue. Expecting \$800 million reduction for FY 2026. Council will vote on budget over Memorial day weekend, and then begin hearings during the allowed 70-day timeframe. Budget town hall being scheduled in early June, with public hearings. Anticipating cuts to important programs, and revenue increases may be necessary through tax raises etc.
- **New Stadium:** Summarized plans to build new stadium for Commanders, expecting to kick the tires on the plan. Now, a majority of the Council does not support the proposal. Possible to get to yes with changes. For example, the current proposal requires the city to build, fund, maintain, parking garages for 8,000 parking spots. Would create parking

garages next to facility, blocking stadium, and DC would not receive any parking revenue. Also \$0 for Metro expansion. Councilmember Allen's office is fighting to make changes to parking.

- **Cannabis Legislation:** City has shut down 53 illegal shops, encouraging a move to the legal marketplace for tested cannabis.
- **Fair Swipe Act:** Prohibits charges on swipes and tips for restaurants. Credit Card companies also charge fees for sales tax and tips, but restaurant/retailer must pay for the fees for revenues they do not receive.
- **Ticket Resales:** Prohibiting buying up local tickets and reselling; working with venues on drafting legislation.

Commissioner Eckenwiler noted the absence of "sweeteners" in the current stadium proposal as compared with similar stadium projects (e.g., naming rights, taxes on concessions and sales). The RFK Campus provided for \$1 per year to Commanders, giving up property and sales taxes. Currently, e.g., in Nationals Stadium, parking revenue is split 50/50.

Friday AM office hours at Hiraya, and members of the public, for a cup of coffee.

Commissioner Announcements

Foxwell (6C01): DDOT development work on the 6th and K intersection was unable to follow-through on the ANC recommendation to remove the stoplight electrical box on NE corner blocking sidewalk. Reasoning was because it takes too much planning and too costly.

Commissioner Foxwell remains focused on getting that box removed because currently there are parents who need to get kids to school who cannot use sidewalk because they are in a wheelchair. Watching parents attempt to navigate it in current form is a priority.

Wirt (6C02): Asked to nominate someone to the North Capitol Corridor Project, Michael Upright will do that. Met with Department of Buildings, suggested a few actions including zoning amendments and information on taxing new commercial entities. Consortium mediation today for 201 Mass. Ave. Liquor license, failed after 2.5 Hours, going to protest.

Adelstein (6C03): Capitol Hill Classic, Revive Stanton Park, Bike Tour Tomorrow.

Eckenwiler (6C04): No announcements.

McInerney (6C05): No announcements, encouraged community to join the Capitol Hill Classic.

Hayes (6C06): No announcements, encouraged community to patronize the new Tango bakery.

Goodman (6C07): Councilmember Allen's efforts are appreciated with respect to 1135 3rd Street. DOB is changing their inspection and enforcement strategy to bring in a 3rd party to assist. Also 300 L Street, where the balcony had collapsed, has its owner, Washington Center, removing the balconies that are potentially next to fall, to be replaced with railings. Unfortunate loss of balconies, but that is the trade-off for safety. Lost Sock Roasters at 4th and L NE, hoping to open this month. De-designating current designee for PZE. Marriott on 1st and L NE has a new tenant,

renting to outside party promoter conducting loud dance parties through Sunday afternoon and evening, thanks to Councilmember Allen's Office and Jen DeMayo for attention to this issue.

Public Comment

None this week.

Consent Calendar

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

1. 1109 4th Street NE (BZA 21293)—Special exception from nonconforming side-yard requirements to retroactively allow an already constructed third story with roof deck and three-story rear addition to a two-story principal dwelling
 - a. Odd circumstance, adjacent buildings were built 2 feet off the lot line more than 100 years ago. Eckenwiler would be designated representative for the ANC, to support the request for a variance.
2. 1151 Abbey Pl. NE (BZA 21295)—Special exception from rear yard requirements and variance from lot occupancy requirements to retroactively allow an already constructed rear deck and staircase addition to a two-story principal dwelling.
 - a. Illegally constructed rear deck covering entire rear yard. Special exception requested for rear yard requirements. Committee voted 8-0 to oppose variance. Commissioner Eckenwiler would be designated representative for ANC.
3. 304-308 K Street NE (BZA 21209)—Special exception for residential use of an alley lot and two variances, creation of a new alley lot and subdivision into two lots, to allow construction of two semi-detached two-story dwelling units.
 - a. Commissioner Eckenwiler recommends we reserve our rights to act in case materials do not arrive on time. The recommendation for approval is to appoint Commissioner Eckenwiler as representative for the Commission, and to oppose the application for purposes of the upcoming hearing. The Commission is not making a judgment on the merits because the merits are currently unclear. The Commission may support the application based on receipt of further information.

Transportation and Public Space Committee (Michael Upright, Chair)

1. Safety concerns, 5th and C Streets NE, Stanton Park
 - a. Concern with crosswalk north of Stanton Park. Community members report cars frequently run the red light. TPS request dating back to May 2024 for improving pedestrian safety in that part of Stanton Park. Letter drafted regarding concerns and next steps.
2. 1232 4th Street NE (TOPS 44270)—Ten-story affordable housing project with no parking, public space improvements including new curb and gutter, sidewalk, closure of existing driveway, bike racks, new street trees, benches, plantings, balcony, and bay windows.
 - a. Applicants have not responded, request an extension.

Commissioner Wirt moves to approve: Unanimous **7-0-0**.

Plenary Agenda

Transportation and Public Space Committee (Michael Upright, Chair)

1. 6th Street commercial traffic—Request for relief from heavy trucks
 - a. Committee Voted to Support – with some abstentions – issues with pass-through trucks. No restrictions at present, although H Street is designated route for through-trucks.
 - b. Commissioner Foxwell reported that there are many heavy trucks using the street, including busses that use the street, dump trucks coming out of J.O. Wilson Renovations, Food Trucks, Big Rigs coming from Whole Foods and Old City Market. Unfortunate that it leads to a hill, many trucks needing to start in lowest gear. If you are on the sidewalk, you can feel it when they start. But there is no way to stop that from happening. Putting up a sign to stop a through-truck will not address the problem of trucks, because the issue is with trucks that do operate between H and FL.
 - c. Commissioner Eckenwiler reported that 4th St South of 8th has a restriction on through-trucks. Dedicated MPD unit for enforcement if so-designated.
 - d. Commissioner Goodman offered support for the Motion, truck traffic is artificially high b/c J.O. Wilson project. This would impact special truck navigation tools for larger vehicles. Grade is more shallow on 8th.
 - e. Community Member Yancy Burns expressed his opinion on this issue, and his impression that JO Wilson is not the primary source of issues.
 - f. Community Member Christy Kwan noted she submitted traffic safety input in December 2023 noting truck traffic, occurring at all hours of day and night. Signage for no through truck traffic adds to the enforcement piece.

Commissioner Eckenwiler moves to adopt the resolution of the committee supporting restriction on access to through trucks: **6-1-0**.

2. Request for zone 6 parking only—Residents seek restricted zone 6 parking at 1 and 2 Terrace Court and the 100 block of 5th Street
 - a. Motion to table by Wirt, Unanimous: **7-0-0**.
3. Update on sidewalk safety
4. 316 Massachusetts Ave NE (TOPS 11128600)—Request to allow additional furniture and equipment to the existing café. The Commission did not vote on this agenda item.

Alcohol and Cannabis Licensing Committee (Steve O’Neal, Acting Chair)

1. Papatella’s trash disposal amendment
 - a. Appoint Commissioner Wirt to negotiate with Papatella and address concerns with trash. Commissioner Eckenwiler moves to adopt: Unanimous, **7-0-0**.
2. Morrow Hotel has a rooftop bar with occasional issues as upstairs at the Morrow, now a new vendor. No settlement agreement is in place with the hotel. There was an attempt over the summer a few years ago, ANC missed deadline and was not able to get agreement in place, but it is a new operator, potential opportunity to offer comment and reach an agreement. Motion to Protest and designate Commissioner Goodman as the representative, with Chair Upright as the backup: Unanimous: **7-0-0**.

3. No action was taken on the remaining permits up for renewal:
 - a. Renewal—Café Fili
 - b. Renewals—Junction Bistro & Bar, Café Fili, Sidamo Coffee, Chopsmith, Morrow Hotel
 - c. Le Clou Vesper Upstairs, Cynthia, Shake Shack, Café Berlin, Whole Foods Market, The Monocle, Nostra Cucina. Bistro Cacao

Grants Committee (Victoria Lord, Chair)

No business this month.

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

Next Meeting on June 11, 2025, 7pm

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Prepared by: Andrew R. Hayes

Approved on: June 11, 2025

Attested by: Andrew R. Hayes

/s/ Andrew R. Hayes

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