

ANC 6C Minutes
Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 7 pm
Heritage Foundation
214 Massachusetts Avenue N.E.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Quorum

A quorum of 6 out of 6 commissioners was present (Mr. Eckenwiler, Ms. Edelman, Ms. Healey, Mr. Miller, Mr. Price, and Ms. Wirt).

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Eckenwiler recommended moving 732 4th Street N.E. to the consent agenda. Mr. Miller recommended adding We Work, 600 H Street N.E., to the consent agenda. The agenda as amended was approved unanimously. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/ Mr. Eckenwiler.

Approval of the Minutes

The December minutes were approved 5:0:1 (with Ms. Edelman abstaining), with the usual caveat that commissioners would have one week to report any inaccuracies or typographical errors. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Miller.

Treasurer's Report

The beginning balance for December was \$43,083.13. A quarterly allotment from the Auditor was received for \$3,337.28. Check 1329 was written for \$1,500 to Stephen (Max) Kukoy, the second half of payment for developing a new design for the ANC 6C website. There was an interest payment from the Bank of America for \$0.37. The closing balance was \$44,920.78. The treasurer's report was approved without objection. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Price.

The quarterly report due to the D.C. Auditor showed an opening balance of \$45,588.89. Disbursements were \$2,500 for a grant; \$1,500 for service (redesign of the ANC 6C website); and \$6.49 for local transportation to community meetings. ANC 6C received a quarterly allotment of \$3,337.38. The closing balance was \$44,920.78. The quarterly report was approved without objection. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Price.

The commissioners unanimously approved a disbursement of \$25.00 for the ANC Security Fund.

Motion: Mr. Miller/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Ms. Wirt recommended signing a new contract with the office assistant, Ms. Susan Eads Role, with the same conditions as 2016: \$25.00 per hour and no benefits. Ms. Role has started a new business for her services, Parliamentary Services LLC, and asked that the contract be made with that company with her signing as principal. The commissioners approved signing a new contract, especially because office assistance will be needed to upload ANC 6C letters on the new website design. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Ms. Wirt recommended approving the expense of ANC business cards for the two new commissioners, at a maximum of \$100 per commissioner, plus any needed reorders for returning commissioners. The motion was approved without objection. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Miller.

Elections of ANC 6C Officers; Nominations of Committee Chairs and Committee Members

The following officers were elected unanimously: Chair, Ms. Wirt (**Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Miller); Vice Chair, Mr. Price (**Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Miller); Treasurer, Mr. Miller (**Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Ms. Edelman); and Secretary, Ms. Healey (**Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Miller).

The following committee chairs were elected unanimously: Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee chair, Mr. Eckenwiler (**Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Miller); Transportation and Public Space Committee chair, Mr. Kazmierczak (**Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Miller); Grants Committee co-chairs, Leslie Barbour and Victoria Lord (**Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Ms. Healey); Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee chair, Mr. O'Neal (**Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Miller); Parks and Events Committee chair, Phil Tahtakran (**Motion:** Ms. Healey/ Mr. Price). Mr. McGinness was elected unanimously to be vice chair of the Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee (**Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt).

The following At Large committee members were elected without objection to serve or continue to serve on their various committees: Lauren McHale, Josh Linden, Louis Stanley II, Nancy Erikson, Dan Griggs, Kim Neutzling, Caitlin La Rocco, and Daniele Schiffman. Commissioners appointed their current representative committee members with Emily Beline replacing Tom Beline on the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee, Vira Sisolak serving on the Parks and Events Committee for Ms. Healey, and Betsy Gardner resigning from the Parks and Events Committee due to business commitments.

Brief Community Announcements

First District Captain Jonathan Dorrough introduced himself and briefly touched upon PSA meetings. He addressed a constituent concern regarding tent people camping out under the K Street rail overpass, which MPD is working on together with the NoMa BID, and summarized crime in general, with a current focus on theft from automobiles in ANC 6C. Doug Klein from the U.S. Attorney's office, Ward 6 liaison, addressed recidivism, the difference between misdemeanors and felonies, crimes committed by youth, and related matters.

Mr. Price congratulated Ms. Healey on implementation of the new ANC 6C website. He announced the PSA 107 public meeting on March 2, 7:00 pm., to be held at the Northeast Library, with MPD and Doug Klein in attendance to address crime issues.

Mr. Eckenwiler announced that the Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee will begin meeting on the first Wednesday again in February at a new location, the Northeast Library. The information will be posted on the ANC 6C website.

Ms. Healey thanked everyone who helped with the new ANC 6C website, including Stephen (Max) Kukoy for his web design work and Bill Sisolak and Maxine Devilliers for their photographs of the

community. She announced that the alley between 7th and 8th Streets at A Street and Massachusetts Avenue N.E. is scheduled for alley repair in 2017.

Consent Calendar

1. 732 4th Street N.E., HPA 17-129, concept approval, third floor rear addition and rooftop deck addition, hearing January 26, 2017. The Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee voted to oppose this application based on visibility of the new construction from the street, misrepresentation in the application of nearby conditions at 337 H, corner of 4th Street N.E., and need to apply historic preservation standards to this property that is located on the historic district boundary. Other concerns were lack of plans to repair or replace the deteriorated front steps and use of inappropriate 6-over-6 windows on the front elevation. A vote of opposition is recommended.

2. We Work, 600 H Street N.E., Apollo tenant, ABRA application 104726, hearing April 12, 2017, for a retailer's class C tavern that would serve food, beverages, beer and wine to members (tenants). Total occupancy is 100, with a summer garden having 60 seats. The recommendation is for a protest vote on the basis of disturbance to the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood; disturbance to vehicular traffic; and negative effect on nearby residential property values. The commissioners would work with the applicant to negotiate a settlement agreement.

The commissioners voted unanimously to oppose the 732 4th Street N.E. application and protest the liquor license for We Work at 600 H Street N.E. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Alcoholic Beverage License Committee

1. Whole Foods, 600 H Street NE—ABRA application for a class B full-service grocery (sale of wine and beer) ABRA-104505 and an application for class D restaurant license (allowing tasting in the store), ABRA-104498. Mr. O'Neal, chair of the committee, asked the commissioners to approve an expenditure to seek legal counsel to assist with the protest hearing, as the applicant is resisting signing a settlement agreement. The commissioners unanimously approved an amount up to \$5,000 to hire an attorney.

Motion: Mr. Miller/ Mr. Eckenwiler.

2. A request from the proprietor of the XO nightclub for permission to serve alcohol during extended hours on the forthcoming Martin Luther King holiday. The commissioners cautioned the proprietor that this request should have gone to the Alcoholic Beverage License Committee for discussion and a vote. No action was taken on the matter.

Grants Committee

1. Three grants were approved unanimously to assist the community with various projects: Serve Your City, an application for \$1,080 for a college preparatory workshop targeting 12 underserved youth (**Motion:** Mr. Price/Mr. Miller); Ludlow Taylor Elementary School PTA, \$586 for reading materials for approximately 60 students kindergarten through 2nd grade (**Motion:** Mr. Price/Mr. Eckenwiler); and Capitol Hill Montessori School at Logan, \$2,400 for garden supplies that would integrate gardening and nutrition in the classrooms (**Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Eckenwiler).

2. Ms. Barbour asked for permission to publish an article in the February Hill Rag (which she had circulated earlier to the commissioners) on behalf of ANC 6C to call attention to the ANC's grant program.

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee

504 C Street N.E. HPA 17-122, concept approval, raze of existing 1981 nonconforming structure, construction of a new three-story building, and removal of a curb cut, hearing January 26, 2017. The committee voted to support with the following conditions: request HPRB to address whether the roof over the third-story porch improperly obstructs the visibility of the projecting cornice; address whether the porches and bay project into public space; address whether roof structures and tall furniture (e.g., patio umbrellas) would be visible from Stanton Park; consider adding windows to the east side of the bay; clarify the proposed material/texture to be used for the front façade; recommend use of brick on the west elevation given the potential visibility from 5th Street; request the brick banding below the windows on the front be widened to match the width of the lintels. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the committee concerns. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt.

Transportation and Public Space Committee

1. NoMa Streetscape Guidelines (nonvoting item). The NoMa BID is finalizing new streetscape guidelines. The plans in a revised draft show more straight, direct pedestrian right-of-way that aligns with crosswalks. One question was will the two streetscape surfaces (sidewalk and amenity zone) require different treatment in winter? Sidewalk cafes in the amenity zone will need to be approved on a case-by-case basis. There are special configurations of the amenity zones in food truck vending zones, with more paths to the curb and ideally more short walls for seating. Ms. Galin Brooks will return with a status update at a later time, including responses to committee concerns.

2. Washington Gateway (nonvoting item). Mr. Matthew Robinson of MRP Realty gave a presentation of the PUD project providing three mixed-use buildings at the intersection of New York Avenue and Florida Avenue N.E., part of which is adjacent to the Metropolitan Branch Trail, including an open-air "bike lobby." The project is located in ANC 5E, but the applicant wanted to inform ANC 6C, which borders ANC 5E.

Parks and Events Committee

No business this month.

New Business

Mr. Eckenwiler proposed a letter from ANC 6C to Council Member Charles Allen, who heads the D.C. Judiciary Committee, regarding juvenile crime sentencing for youths under age 22, specifically the Youth Rehabilitation Act before the D.C. Council. Mr. Eckenwiler previously circulated a draft of the letter to the commissioners. The commissioners voted unanimously to send the letter to Council Member Allen and the other Council Members. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt.

A motion to adjourn was made. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Miller.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.