

**ANC 6C Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 7 pm**  
**Heritage Foundation**  
**214 Massachusetts Avenue N.E.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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**

Support for Washington, D.C. to remain a sanctuary city was added to the agenda under New Business. The agenda as amended was approved without objection. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/ Mr. Eckenwiler.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The January minutes were approved without objection, with the usual caveat that commissioners would have one week to report any inaccuracies or typographical errors. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/ Ms. Edelman.

**Treasurer's Report**

Because the treasurer inadvertently left paperwork at home, the treasurer's report for January was postponed until the March ANC 6C meeting.

The commissioners unanimously approved a disbursement of \$8.00 for Mr. Miller's taxi fare to a public meeting on behalf of ANC 6C. Also approved was payment of six months of the ANC post office rental for \$174.00 (a reimbursement to Ms. Wirt) an ANC ad in the Hill Rag Guide for \$310.50, and \$287.50 to Susan Eads Role, the ANC 6C office assistant, for assistance with grants application paperwork. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Price.

**Brief Community Announcements**

1. D.C. Climate Pollution—Mr. Jeremy Lowery addressed a proposal to tax big polluters in D.C. and return the money to D.C. residents, develop renewable energy with benefits for the poor, and establish a carbon tax rebate, which would extract a fee from Exelon that would be given to low-income residents and small businesses. He asked for feedback by April. A bill has not yet been introduced. He gave his contact information as [jeremy@chesapeakeclimate.org](mailto:jeremy@chesapeakeclimate.org) and (240) 475-4009.
2. Council Member Charles Allen—He announced that he now chairs the D.C. Council's Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. He will begin to serve as a member of the Economic Development Committee and will continue as a member of the Public Transportation Committee. He is looking for community input regarding his priorities. He announced a "Hands Off D.C." meeting Monday, February 13, 6:30 pm at the Atlas Theater for residents to connect to various causes such as D.C. statehood, health, sanctuary city efforts. He stated that Rep. Jason Chaffetz is pushing to end the death with dignity legislation and

change gun legislation. His remarks included announcement coming soon of the new MPD chief and the recent nomination of Antwan Wilson as the new chancellor of education.

3. DMV representative Joe Blackburne—He asked for a volunteer from Ward 6 to serve on the Citizens' Advisory Committee to the DMV to identify opportunities to promote the mission of the DMV, which is to promote public safety by ensuring the safe operations of motor vehicles. He gave his contact information as [joseph\\_d\\_blackburne@fanniema.com](mailto:joseph_d_blackburne@fanniema.com) and (703) 833-8711. Recommendations for volunteers should be sent to the DMV director.

4. Commissioner announcements—Mr. Miller announced that the alley repair near 7<sup>th</sup> Street is again delayed after 14 months because the City needs to establish whether the fault is that of D.C. or the adjacent property owner. Mr. Price announced a meeting March 2, 7 pm, at the NE Public Library with the D.C. attorney general in attendance. Ms. Edelman announced sidewalk improvement of the 900 block of North Capitol and efforts, working with the BID and the deputy mayor for health and human services to remove the homeless and their tents from the L, M, and K railroad underpasses. Ms. Healey stated the alley near 723 Massachusetts is scheduled for reconstruction on February 14.

### **Consent Calendar**

1. NoMa underpass at L Street, application 199475—This is a plan to install an art and lighting project, including chains of lights suspended above the walkway. The ANC 6C Transportation/Public Space Committee noted a need to make the light brighter.

2. D.C. Water February 28 oversight hearing by the D.C. Council—This is to designate Mr. Eckenwiler to testify at the hearing regarding D.C. Water improperly posting no parking signs for construction work as well as failure to post signs for night work.

The commissioners voted unanimously to support the consent agenda. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

### **Parks and Events Committee**

1. Capitol Hill Classic event, Sunday, May 21, 2017—This event features several races, a 10 K, 3 K, and kid's fun race. The route will be the same as last year's event and churches have been notified to avoid any disruption during Sunday services. The event was supported unanimously. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Miller.

2. Revitalization of Reservation 84, plans by nearby residents to improve the park at Constitution, Massachusetts, and 7<sup>th</sup> Street—A design plan was submitted for this triangular park, including 7 trees to be provided by Casey Trees and a cleanup of the western end of the park. The 6C Parks and Events Committee received 13 letters of support from residents. The design was approved without objection. **Motion:** Mr. Price/ Ms. Healey.

### **Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee**

1. 108-110 Eighth Street N.E., HPA 16-694, revised application for a three-story rear addition and one-story garage with attached studio—This application came before ANC 6C twice before, in November and December 2016. The current discussion is focused on the north wall and the extent of its demolition; and the proposal for the new garage. Residents Keith Bridger and Jay Glasser testified on behalf of neighborhood concerns. The commissioners voted 5:1:0 to support the project provided that the historic horse passage is re-established to the back garden; the garage is one-story, rebuilt in the existing footprint and rear-sloping with drainage to the yard; and a new sight line study is conducted showing the third-floor addition is not visible from the east side of 8<sup>th</sup> Street N.E. **Motion:** Ms. Healey/Mr. Eckenwiler.

2. 646 Sixth Street N.E., BZA 19446, third-story addition—This application seeks to remove the mansard roof, build up the third floor, remove the cornice and move it to the top. This block of Sixth Street from F to G consists of similar porch-front houses build by the same developer, although 644 Sixth does have a rooftop addition that is set back from the property line and mansard roof. The applicant has the support for the project from the two adjacent neighbors. The architect for the project presented a photograph of the existing block roof heights, which showed some variation. The commissioners voted 4:2:0 to support the application. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Ms. Wirt.
3. Council oversight hearing, Board of Ethics and Government Accountability (BEGA)—This is to designate Mr. Eckenwiler to testify on behalf of ANC 6C at the late February hearing in support of BEGA. DCRA has been criticized by BEGA for its refusal to obey District statute requiring construction permit application documents to be available to the public at no cost. The motion passed 5:1:0. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Miller. Mr. Price asked for the strong language in the proposed testimony statement to be toned down.

### **Transportation and Public Space Committee**

1. K Street traffic study (informational, nonvoting item)—The study requested by ANC 6C has been begun and preliminary results are available. Improvements include upgrades along the K Street corridor such as tree trimming, replacing hard-to-read signage; adding a traffic signal in the underpass; removing two parking spots at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to resolve conflicts with eastbound vehicles exiting from the underpass; relocating a bus stop closer to J.O. Wilson School; and adding another crossing guard at J.O. Wilson. Future updates will be given.
2. Union Station update to First Street metro entrance—DDOT and WMATA have developed designs to revamp the entrance to resolve pedestrian traffic flow. The plans place stairs and an ADA-compliant ramp on the outside of the wall to allow for expansion of fare gates inside. The commissioners objected on the basis of the resulting narrowing of the sidewalk on the outside and its negative impact on public safety. The suggestion was made to consider a new design that narrows or eliminates the ramp on the sidewalk. The commissioners cited problems solved on the inside by creating problems on the outside as the rationale to oppose. The motion to oppose passed 5:1:0. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt.
3. Vision Zero, second rulemaking—Many of the fines from the first rulemaking were substantially reduced, while maintaining an increase over current fines. New fines were proposed that cover dangerous walking and bicycling. An example is the proposed fine for “dooring” a cyclist was reduced from \$100 to \$50. The commissioners voted to oppose the proposed regulations on grounds that the fines are not proportional to the severity of the offense and are generally too low. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt.
4. 300 Maryland Avenue N.E., application 186608, application for hardscaping, landscaping, benches, knee wall, and lighting in public space. The commissioners voted 5:1:0 to oppose the application because the seat walls installed were not in the scope of the original application due to a miscommunication and because the application is not in conformance with the City plan for the Historic District. The commissioners were concerned that the current application is to retroactively receive a permit for seat walls that are already constructed. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Miller.

### **Alcoholic Beverage License Committee**

Mr. Miller announced that ANC 6C was unable to achieve agreement for a settlement agreement for the Taqueria and Rosticeria Fresca restaurant on H Street, and that a protest hearing is scheduled for February 15. Mr. Miller asked for a vote to hire an attorney, not to exceed \$5,000, to support the ANC 6C position. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the expense. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Eckenwiler.

### **Grants Committee**

Mr. Price asked for approval of a fifth Little Free Library north of Massachusetts in NoMa. Previously ANC 6C had approved construction of four LFLs at \$2,175.80. The fifth LFL will cost \$543.95. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the fifth LFL. **Motion:** Mr. Price/Mr. Eckenwiler.

### **New Business**

1. Youth Rehabilitation Act—ANC 6C passed a resolution last month regarding the failure of the current statute to meet the legitimate need for public safety. Problems include lack of adequate accountability, especially with such aspects as GPS monitoring. The motion is to designate Mr. Eckenwiler as a representative of ANC 6C to testify at the hearing tomorrow. Mr. Price added two friendly amendments: that the legislation take into consideration teenage brain development as well as the need for privacy of juveniles. The amendments were accepted. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Miller.
2. Continuation of Washington, D.C. as a sanctuary city—The commissioners voted unanimously to support a resolution, initiated by Ms. Emily Diamond Falk (a member of the ANC 6C Transportation and Public Space Committee), to support the D.C. mayor's and council's welcoming position. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Eckenwiler.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.