

**ANC 6C Minutes**  
**Wednesday, December 14, 2016, 7 pm**  
**Heritage Foundation**  
**214 Massachusetts Avenue N.E.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

**Quorum**

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

**Approval of the Agenda**

Ms. Wirt, upon conferring with other commissioners, moved 18 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE and 725 L Street NE to the consent agenda, moved 1100 Delaware Avenue NE to the Transportation and Public Space Committee, and added under New Business at the end of the agenda the council Member Anita Bonds omnibus ANC bill for discussion. The agenda as amended was approved unanimously. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The November 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/Mr. Eckenwiler.

**Treasurer's Report**

The beginning balance for September was \$45,588.89. Check 1327 was written for a \$2,500 grant to Capitol Hill Village to support a seminar program for the community. Check 1328 was written to reimburse an ANC 6C committee chair for drinking water at the committee meeting. There were two interest payments from Bank of America: \$0.38 and \$0.35. The closing balance was \$45,588.89. The treasurer's report was approved without objection. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Price. The commissioners also unanimously approved payment of \$1,500, the second half of a previously approved expense to redesign the ANC 6C website, as well as expenditure of as much as \$200 for web hosting and registration of the web domain. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Eckenwiler.

**Brief Community Announcements**

Mr. Goodman reported that 10 buildings offering a total of 2,500 apartment and condo units are under construction in his SMD; that the 4<sup>th</sup> Street cycle track will be extended to 6<sup>th</sup> and K Streets NE; and that a new Trader Joe's is coming to 4<sup>th</sup> and Florida.

Mr. Miller stated that two parking places had opened up at D.C. Harvest.

The commissioners expressed their gratitude for the service of Mr. Goodman and Ms. Schiffman to the community. They will be replaced in January by Ms. Edelman and Ms. Healey, respectively.

Representatives from DDOT (Andrew Kaufmann) and DCRA (Susan Burnet, Fernando Gamba) addressed repair of the alley next to 732 6<sup>th</sup> Street NE in Mr. Miller's SMD. Because of construction nearby, the alley cannot be repaired for 8 months.

## Consent Calendar

1. 518 6<sup>th</sup> Street NE—Mr. Eckenwiler stated that the plans for this project were deficient and there was illegal demolition. Recommend opposition.
  2. Manned Bikeshare corral at Union Station—Because of the large demand for bicycle rental at morning and afternoon rush hours at Union Station, there is need for a manned station to expedite efficient flow of bicycles. ANC 6C would work with DDOT on implementation. Recommend support.
  3. 08-06F rulemaking—The Zoning Commission accepted ANC 6C recommendations regarding the Zoning Administrator’s responsibilities. Mr. Eckenwiler requested a letter of thank you be sent to the Zoning Commission. Recommend support.
  4. 18 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE—HPA 17-043, concept approval for construction of a two-story rear addition, not visible from the street. Letters of support were obtained from both adjacent neighbors. ANC 6C asked that the plans be corrected to show the cantilevered rear balcony’s materials be metal, not wood. Recommend support.
  5. 725 L Street NE—BZA 19391, proposed rear addition. The drawings are not submitted by an architect, rather an electrical engineer. The plans lack useful contextual photos, drawings, or depictions of adjacent properties and the impacts of the project on light/air/privacy as required. The application does not seek relief for extension into the existing nonconforming court. The applicant is advised to seek a postponement to rectify these problems, but had not done so at the time of this ANC 6C meeting. Recommend opposition.
- The commissioners voted unanimously to approve items 2-4 on the consent agenda and to oppose items 1 and 5. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Miller.

## Alcoholic Beverage License Committee

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. There was some discussion of delivery times and parking. The commissioners voted to oppose on the basis of disturbance to the standard three reasons for a protest with the intention of negotiating a settlement agreement between the store and the ANC on behalf of the community. The commissioners voted unanimously to protest. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/ Mr. Eckenwiler. The motion included designating Mr. Miller and Mr. O’Neal as representatives of ANC 6C for matters pertaining to these license applications.

## Grants Committee

1. Mr. Price asked for an expense for a Little Libraries project to establish four book stations north of H Street in to encourage reading in cooperation with Two Rivers public charter school. ANC 6C will provide \$2,200 for materials and Two Rivers will provide labor, maintenance, and decide on placement locations. The Little Libraries will remain the property of ANC 6C and a plaque will be placed on each to designate ANC ownership. The motion passed unanimously. **Motion:** Mr. Price/Mr. Eckenwiler.
2. Mr. Price asked for a waiver to extend the period of closing out a future grant to the Serve Our City program, a middle school college preparatory program from the standard 2 months to 6 months. He has checked with the D.C. Auditor’s office, which approved an extension pending a vote by ANC 6C. **Motion:** Mr. Price/Mr. Miller.

## **Parks and Events Committee**

1. NoMa Parks update—Updates were given for NoMa Green, 3<sup>rd</sup> and L Street, and the M Street underpass. Environmental studies are ongoing for NoMa Green, with canopy trees and green spaces planned. Discussions are ongoing regarding 3<sup>rd</sup> and L Streets among the NoMa Parks Foundation, DDOT, and the Commission on Fine Arts. Urban Forestry Administration has jurisdiction over tree management, but the NoMa BID will be doing maintenance for the park. Amtrak has informed the NoMa Park Foundation that the M Street underpass art project issues will be resolved by the end of 2016. The next NoMa community conversation is planned for late February or early March.
2. Urban Forestry Administration—This agency has jurisdiction over trees and tree boxes, with three employees having responsibility over trees in Ward 6. Citizens are urged to call 311 with a request or a complaint. Other information included planting times, pruning, fallen branch removal by private citizens, the process for planting new trees in tree boxes, removing large trees on private property, and DDOT tree goals for establishing and maintaining the DC tree canopy.
3. 2017 United Airlines Rock ‘N’ Roll marathon, March 11, 2017—The race sponsors hope to maintain the same route as last year in ANC 6C. DDOT Public Space wants the race to be on residential streets rather than on H Street. The race planners are working with the Mayor’s office to keep the race on H. ANC 6C is opposed to runners on residential streets. The planners will reimburse the City for the streetcars not running during the race, as they did last year. There was some discussion of buses turning to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from H. The commissioners voted 5:1:0 to support the race and same route as last year.  
**Motion:** Mr. Price/Mr. Eckenwiler

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

1. Update on Burnham Place, a project to build a deck over the tracks north of Union Station (non-voting item). Akridge, the developer, is currently waiting for the Federal Railway Administration to make a final recommendation regarding the Union Station expansion project. Akridge will return to ANC 6C approximately 9 months after that recommendation. Bus routing was discussed. Likely this item will be referred to the ANC 6C Transportation/Public Space Committee for vehicular traffic and parking concerns.
2. 108-110 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE—HPA 16-694, HPO concept approval for a three-story addition and a two-story carriage house. A number of neighbors voiced their concerns about the application (Keith Bridger, Nancy Simpson, J. Glazer). Among the concerns were compatibility with the historic district, the slope of the structure, opposition to demolition of the north wall, HPRB acceptance of the staff plan, and water accumulation. The PZE committee voted to support the project on condition that HPRB confirm the addition would not be visible from the opposite sidewalk, that the drawings be updated to reflect the condition of the front window well and stoops/railings, as well as the scope of work proposed on those elements. The commissioners voted 5:1:0 to support the committee report and mentioned that the changes were largely the result of the community and developer dialog. **Motion:** Mr. /Mr. Miller.
3. 434 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE—HPA 16-697, HPO concept approval to build a new two-unit residence on a vacant lot. Julie Stewart and her husband, the adjacent property owners at 432 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, voiced disapproval of construction effects on tenants who reside there, that the structure would block light from windows on the north side of their structure, and that the integrity of their structure would be in danger when digging out a basement at 434 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The PZE committee looked at the revised plans that corrects previous shortcomings but noted the applicant should eliminate the roof deck or submit revised drawings providing sight lines from the street. The commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the committee report and

encouraged the developer to work with the Stewarts to try to resolve difficulties. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Goodman.

4. 434 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE—BZA 19404, Construction of a three-story flat in the RF-3 Zone on a very small lot. No parking relief is required. There were concerns about height, but those concerns were resolved, as well as the conformance between the plat and the filed drawings with regard to the front bay and stairs. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the project. The letter to the BZA will recommend monitoring of 432 3<sup>rd</sup> Street building integrity pre, post and during construction. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Goodman.

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

1. Digital signage—ANC 6C recognizes the potential for disruption caused by digital signs and recommended strict safeguards be part of the proposed legislation, including Council separate action on any new digital signs and community input on each sign by the community. The commissioners also stated it supports other ANCs opposing digital signs at the Nationals Park. The commissioners voted unanimously to accept the committee report. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Ms. Wirt.

2. 1100 Delaware Avenue NE—The commissioners voted unanimously to request improvements on this block to improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicular traffic. Requested improvements included street repaving, removing one of the two center lines, changing Delaware to a one-way north-bound street with contraflow bicycle lane and the adjacent segment of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to two-way traffic, elimination dangerous turns from M Street to Delaware, and either metered parking or widened sidewalk on Delaware. **Motion:** Mr. Goodman/Mr. Eckenwiler.

### **New Business**

The commissioners voted 5:1:0 to oppose Council Member Anita Bonds omnibus bill to change ANC regulations. Reasons given were there are too many changes too late in the process; there is too much to try to track in a short period of time; and this haphazard process disserves both the ANCs and the public. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.