

ANC 6C Minutes
Wednesday, November 9, 2016, 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, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Miller, Mr. Price, Ms. Schiffman, and Ms. Wirt).

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Goodman asked that 301 N Street NE, alley closure, be added to the consent agenda. Mr. O’Neal, citizen chair of the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee, recommended removing the Whole Foods Market license request until December and removing XO, as this item had already been addressed. He suggested moving the remaining ABL Committee items to the consent agenda. Mr. Eckenwiler recommended moving 625 E Street, concept approval, to the consent agenda. The amended agenda was approved unanimously. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Approval of the Minutes

The September and October 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 Reports

The beginning balance for September was \$48,088.50. Check #1323 was written for \$2,500 as a grant to support Logan School’s “The Story of Our Schools” project. There was an interest payment of \$0.39. The closing balance was \$45,588.50. The opening balance for October was the same \$45,588.50. Check #1327 was written for \$2,500 as a grant to support a seminar to be presented by Capitol Hill Village for the community in December. There was an interest payment of \$0.38. The closing balance was 443,089.27.

The quarterly report for July through September included receipts of \$6,276.53 in allotments and \$1.15 in interest payments. There were three disbursements; \$162 to renew the ANC 6C post box, a grant of \$2,500 for Logan School’s “The Story of our School” project, and \$14.30 for transportation to ANC meetings. The closing balance was \$45,588.89. The three treasurer’s reports were approved without objection. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Eckenwiler.

There were two new requests for reimbursement: \$2.99 for water for the Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee November 1 meeting; and \$3.50 for transportation to an ABRA roll call meeting. The new expenses were approved without objection. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Ms. Wirt.

Brief Community Announcements

Mr. Miller stated that the owner of the property next to the collapsed alley in his SMD was uncooperative, so DDOT and DCRA were exploring forcefully entering the property to fix the alley.

Mr. Goodman announced that REI had officially opened. He reported that 10 buildings offering apartments and condos are under construction in his SMD; that Heather Edelman was elected to fill his ANC 6C06 position after he leaves ANC 6C at the end of the year; that L Street between North Capitol

and First Street is now a two-way street; and that the DDOT study regarding the cycle track on M Street and crosswalk safety is ongoing.

Ms. Wirt announced that DC WASA had been in contact with information about lead in the water and that brochures were on the handout table addressing the issue.

Mr. Eckenwiler announced that the DC Zoning Administrator would be at Ebenezer's Coffee Shop on November 10 at 6:30 pm to discuss zoning nomenclature changes affecting residential property on Capitol Hill. The presentation is sponsored by the Capitol Hill Restoration Society.

Consent Calendar

1. 301-333 N Street NE—Mr. Goodman explained that this is a request for an alley closing related to a previously approved PUD for a self-storage facility.
2. Driftwood Kitchen, 400 H Street NE—This is an update, the open-windows trial period is over and will not be renewed.
3. Wunder Garten, 131 M Street NE—This is an application requesting a stipulated license to allow serving of alcohol until the ABRA hearing.
4. The Wydown, 600 H Street NE—ANC 6C will vote to oppose the new license with the intention of negotiating a settlement agreement. A stipulated license will follow once the agreement is signed. Mr. Miller and Mr. O'Neal are designated as representatives of ANC 6C in all matters pertaining to the application.
5. Taqueria Rosticeria Fresca—ANC 6C will vote to oppose the license with the intention of negotiating a settlement agreement. A stipulated license will follow once the agreement is signed. Mr. Miller and Mr. O'Neal are designated as representatives of ANC 6C in all matters pertaining to the application.
6. 625 E Street NE—This is an HPO concept approval for construction of a third-floor roof addition and rear deck. No portion of the addition will be visible from E Street.

The commissioners voted unanimously to approve all six items on the consent agenda. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Mr. Eckenwiler announced that a settlement agreement had been signed for Toscana restaurant and that it had been sent to the ABRA Board today.

Transportation and Public Space Committee

NoMa Streetscape Guidelines—The Commissioners voted unanimously to support the major goals of the set of guidelines that merges two previous versions of guidelines, but Mr. Goodman expressed concern that the sidewalks were not in continuous straight lines leading to the crosswalks, and that this was potentially dangerous for pedestrians, especially those with mobility or vision problems. A letter is to be sent to DDOT outlining the concerns. **Motion:** Mr. Goodman/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Parks and Events Committee

1. NoMa Parks update—The committee heard a report on the most recent NoMa Parks Community Conversation, during which the winning design was discussed for the NoMa Green project between Harry Thomas Way and the Metropolitan Branch Trail. The community conversation regarding this project raised issues to be addressed, including concerns that the

remediation meadow was too large; that there should be more connectivity between the building and the neighborhood; and that the dog park should be enlarged. Also discussed at the committee meeting were the type of fencing around the dog park and the possibility that contingency funds might need to be raised for the project.

2. Decibel levels at Storey Park on October 22—The noise emanating from the REI opening and block party was loud, and a neighbor complained. The executive director of the NoMa BID told the committee that this would not happen again during the time remaining when the NoMa BID has access to the property.

3. Digital Display Billboards—The Washington Nationals is seeking legislation to allow placement of ten digital display boards on the National Park Stadium. The hearing is November 14. ANC 6C should keep an eye on this development that could bring more visual pollution to DC. Mr. Price suggested that the ANC 6C Parks and the Events Committee and the Transportation/Public Space Committee work together to recommend a course of action.

Motion: Mr. Price/Mr. Miller.

4. DC Trees—DDOT's Urban Forestry Administration has new responsibilities to maintain trees in DC, including pocket parks. Calling 311 to make a request for a tree to be planted in public spaces such as tree boxes is the best way to start the process.

5. The Rock 'N' Roll Marathon will be addressed in December. The proposed date for the event is March 11, 2017.

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee

1. 108-110 8th Street NE—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, Teresa Sullivan, Nancy Simpson, Eric Terzuolo, J. Glazer). Among the concerns were the proposed size of the carriage house, access and movement through the alley where the carriage house would be built, and potential damage to a tree near the proposed construction site. The committee was concerned that a sight-line study be prepared; that the carriage house siding be brick; and that the front doors be appropriate to the historic district. A motion to support contingent on the owner negotiating in good faith with the adjacent owner to the south failed. A second motion was made to encourage the owner to request a postponement to allow the dialogue between the applicant and the neighbors to continue, and that a letter of opposition would be sent if this postponement was not requested. **Motion:** Ms. Schiffman/Mr. Miller. The motion passed, 4:2:0.

2. 434 Third Street NE—HPO concept approval to build a new two-unit residence on a vacant lot. The committee was concerned about the inadequacy of the drawings, that the sides of the structure be brick rather than stucco, and that the cornice work and façade needed clarification. There was concern about the owner's permits at the adjoining property, 229 E Street NE. The commissioners voted unanimously to encourage the owner to request a postponement to allow clarification and discussion of the issues, and that a letter of opposition would be sent if this postponement was not requested. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Goodman.

3. 111 Massachusetts Ave NW—This is a Zoning Commission application to modify a previously approved PUD to update the building's appearance and add landscaping. Concerns of the committee were that electric-car charging stations should be added to the underground garage;

that a prohibition be placed on vehicles making left turns onto H Street from the garage; that easily accessible bike storage be added at the ground floor; and that the applicant submit a drawing showing how the building would look at night. The commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the committee's recommendations. There was also concern that a tree was lopped off to allow visibility of a digital sign on the Massachusetts Avenue side. More trees would be planted according to the application, and the commissioners asked that there be no digital sign on the building. **Motion:** Mr. Goodman/Mr. Eckenwiler.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.