

ANC 6C Minutes
Thursday, October 13, 2016, 7 pm
Heritage Foundation
214 Massachusetts Avenue N.E.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Quorum

A quorum of 4 out of 6 commissioners was present (Mr. Goodman, Mr. Miller, Mr. Price, and Ms. Wirt.) Mr. Miller announced that he had to depart at 7:30 pm, so the agenda was reorganized to address voting items first before the quorum of 4 commissioners was lost at 7:30 pm.

Approval of the Agenda

In the interest of time with the early departure of Mr. Miller, Ms. Wirt proposed postponing discussion of September minutes and the treasurer's report items until November. The Driftwood kitchen item was removed from the agenda as this was a repeat update. All voting items were moved to the front of the agenda for a vote before the quorum was lost at 7:30 pm with the departure of Mr. Miller. The amended agenda was approved unanimously. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Miller.

Voting Items

Consent Calendar

1. Wunder Garten, 150 M Street N.E.—The establishment seeks to increase serving hours by one hour, change from class D to class C, and addition of 75 people to occupancy, bringing it from 300 to 375 persons. The existing settlement agreement will need to be renegotiated.
2. The Wydown, 700 H Street N.E. – A new class C license application for a new establishment located in the Apollo Theater. The commissioners will file a protest on the basis of disturbance to the peace, order, and quiet and to work toward a negotiated settlement agreement. Designated representatives from ANC 6C are Mr. Miller and Mr. Steve O'Neal, chair of the ANC 6C Alcoholic Beverage licensing Committee.
3. 400 Florida Avenue N.E., ZC 16-10 – Application for a consolidated PUD and zoning map amendment. The commissioners recommended opposition on the basis of numerous defects of the application, including inadequate parking, insufficient retail, poor land use and transportation planning, and insufficient truck loading facilities. Mr. Goodman was designated a representative of ANC 6C to work with the developer and continue the dialog with the community.
4. 730 and 732 Third Street N.E., HPA 16-633 and 16-634 – application for concept approval for construction of two mirror-image carriage houses at the rear of the properties. The designs were found to be attractive and in keeping with the historic district by the ANC 6C Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee.
5. 1200 Third Street N.E., Central Armature Works, ZC 16-09 – Application for approval of a consolidated PUD and PUD-related map amendments. Amenities include affordable housing with reduced AMI requirements, a public plaza along M Street facing the Uline Arena, and creation of an access way at N Street under the train tracks providing better access to the Metro station. Mr. Goodman was designated representative of ANC 6C regarding finalization of amenities proffers as well as before the ZC.
6. 501 H Street N.E., public space application 180311, sidewalks, benches, bike racks, planters, landscaping, and a traffic control plan for construction vehicles. The ANC 6C

Transportation/Public Space Committee requested the benches have no backs so people could sit facing both the building and the street.

7. Memorial sign commemorating Cathy Hughes, NE corner of 4th and H Streets N.E.—Approval of a sign to honor the first African American woman to establish a radio station, Radio One, located on H Street N.E. in the current location of the Driftwood Restaurant.
8. Apollo amenities – A letter of support is needed to support amenities in the neighborhood, including the Blair men’s shelter on G Street.

The commissioners voted unanimously to support items 1-2 and 4-8, and to oppose item 3. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Goodman.

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee

1. 712 8th Street N.E., BZA 19357 – Application for variances from nonconforming structure requirements, lot occupancy requirements, and the rear yard requirements to construct a 5-ft rear deck addition to an existing one-family dwelling. Current lot occupancy for this small lot is about 72 percent and the proposed construction would take lot occupancy to 79 percent. The immediate neighbors have expressed support in writing. **Motion** to support was unanimous. Mr. Miller/Mr. Price.
2. 220 L Street N.E. (aka 1109 Congress Street), ZC 16-13, revised application for a consolidated PUD and related zoning map amendment from the C-M-1 Zone to the C-2-B Zone. The commissioners voted to support with conditions. Changes to the project include removal of the L Street curb cut and garage/parking entrance, relocation of the new alley entrance to the northernmost portion of the site, elimination of below-grade parking and replacement with at-grade spaces adjacent to the alley, and additional windows to the formerly blank east wall. Enhanced amenities include funding a bike station at Third and L Streets and donating \$10,000 to the 501(c)(3) overseeing the operation of the public dog park across L Street. Because the new proposal has not yet been filed with the ZC, ANC 6C support is contingent on the filing of plans consistent with those shown to the ANC. Support is also conditioned on negotiation of the amenities package for additional details. Mr. Goodman is designated as representative to work with the developer regarding finalization of amenities and before the ZC. **Motion:** Mr. Goodman/Mr. Miller.
3. 1511 A Street N.E.—This is a proposed BZA appeal in coordination with ANC 6A to question the legality of DCRS issuing a building permit for an 18-unit apartment house for a site downzoned in 2015 from C-2-A to R-4. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the appeal and to designate Mr. Eckenwiler as the ANC 6C representative in all matters pertaining to this appeal. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Goodman.

Non-voting Items

Brief Community Announcements

1. D.C. Statehood—Gene Solon described recent efforts to get a version of the proposed D.C. constitution ready for voting. He stated the final draft will be available for viewing Monday at 10 pm, and urged commissioners and the public to send in comments to the Council as soon as possible. The group “Statehood Yes” was in attendance and offered lawn signs regarding statehood.

2. D.C. Board of Education candidate Ashley Carter—Desmond Sercette gave background for this candidate and her goals, including increasing the D.C. graduation rate. More information on the candidate is available on Ashley.Carter.com.
3. Commissioner announcements:
 - Mr. Goodman provided an update on many residential units under construction in NoMa, together providing more than 2,000 new units. He thanked Eleanor Holmes Norton for assisting with the effort to include retail for the 150 M Street project. He announced that the NoMa underpass art project is under way for M Street, and REI has its grand opening on Friday, October 21, as well as the La Colombe coffee shop. Planned Parenthood is open without protests and the attempt at a BZA appeal has been rejected for late filing.
 - Ms. Wirt announced that the 200 through 900 blocks of E Street N.E. have new brick sidewalks and repaved streets. She also nominated Richard Merkle as her representative on the ANC 6C Transportation/Public Space Committee.
 - Mr. Price congratulated the Hill Rag on its 40th anniversary.

Transportation/Public Space Committee

Two sets of new streetscape plans, the NoMa Vision Plan and the NoMa BID Plan, will be discussed and consolidated into one plan at a community meeting October 25, 6:30 pm at Hyatt Place. The committee will address the plan at its November meeting.

Parks and Events Committee

1. The committee heard an update of improvements on the Metropolitan Branch Trail and NoMa BID Streetscape initiatives for linear parks. The Eckington Yards PUD has contributed \$25,000 for security cameras along the Met Branch Trail.

2. Friends of NoMa Dogs has been established for the park at Third and L Streets NE. The dog park will be open to all city dogs.

3. Peter May of the National Park Service discussed issues involving the NPS and the District of Columbia. Topics included the Small Parks Study, maintenance of the Columbus Circle fountains at Union Station, memorials on Capitol Hill, enforcement in NPS parks on Capitol Hill, the Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens and the Anacostia Riverwalk Trail.

Mr. Price recommended that benches in Stanton Park be retrofitted with arm rests to prevent homeless people from sleeping on the benches.

New Business

The owner of the XO Nightclub described prostitution activity in the U Haul lot across the street from his establishment, with the truck lot not locked up at night. He added that the area is dark with no street lighting. Mr. Goodman, in whose SMD the XO is located, stated he would look into the problem to see how it could be resolved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.