

ANC 6C Minutes
Wednesday, September 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 5 out of 6 commissioners was present (Mr. Eckenwiler, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Miller, Mr. Price, and Ms. Wirt).

Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Wirt proposed moving the RPP and tree box items under the Transportation/Public Space Committee to the consent agenda as recommended by the committee chair. Mr. Goodman added an update on the M, L, and Pierce pilot to the Transportation/Public Space Committee; Mr. Eckenwiler added an update on the H Street overlay to the Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee; and Mr. Goodman added an update on XO to the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee. With these changes, the agenda was approved unanimously. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Minutes

The July minutes were approved unanimously with the usual caveat that the commissioners will have one week to submit any corrections before the minutes are posted on the ANC 6C website. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Treasurer's Report

The report showed an opening balance from July of \$41,987.51. There were interest payments for July of \$0.37 and for August, \$0.39. There was an allotment from D.C. government of \$2,939.25. Check # 1323 was written to reimburse Ms. Wirt for \$162.00 for payment of six months of PO box rental for the ANC. Check # 1324 for \$14.30 was written to reimburse Mr. Miller for Uber transportation to ABRA meetings. There was a D.C. government allotment of \$3,337.28. The closing balance was \$48,088.50. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/ Ms. Wirt.

As per advice of Gottlieb Simon, director of the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, the 2017 budget for ANC 6C was presented. It is based on the \$13,349.12 total D.C. government allotments and includes money budgeted for communication; office supplies, equipment, and printing; purchase of service, grants, and local transportation. The budget was approved unanimously, with the caveat that budget component amounts can be amended at any time. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Eckenwiler. Mr. Price noted that some of the budget items have been preapproved: the cost of Hill Rag annual ads and redesign of the ANC 6C website (\$3,500).

Commissioner Announcements

Mr. Miller stated that no progress has been made in repair of the collapsed alley near 7th Street N.E.

Mr. Goodman reported on 7 construction projects involving 2500 apartments in ANC 6C06 and the Uline Arena project, with an REI store to open there in October. The new Planned Parenthood facility will open on September 26.

Mr. Price announced that dogs and dog waste are not permitted on Stuart Hobson school grounds and signage is in place to notify dog owners. He encouraged residents to pass this on to anyone seen dog walking on school grounds.

Mr. Eckenwiler reported that the vacant property at 350 H Street N.E. will see construction beginning October. This is the project that will include a storage closet for ANC 6C documents.

Consent Calendar

1. Capitol Hill Montessori at Logan, 2nd and G Streets N.E. The school plans a fundraiser on October 15, 2016 with a rain date of October 22. The movie “The Incredibles” will be shown on the parking lot and a donation per family will be suggested. This is the second time the school has had a movie fundraiser. A letter of support from ANC 6C is requested to be sent to the Department of General Services.
2. Two trash cans are requested from DPW by Mr. Miller: one for the northwest corner of 8th and G Streets N.E. and one for the 700 block of 7th Street N.E.
3. The applicant for public space improvements at 501 H Street was not prepared to provide site plans at the ANC 6C Transportation/Public Space Committee meeting, and thus ANC 6C will appeal to Public Space to delay its hearing on 501 H Street N.E. until October.
4. Responses to the proposed rulemaking for RPP (no “one size fits all,” rather RPP needs should be addressed on a block-by-block basis) and tree boxes (some parts too restrictive) were drafted by Mr. Eckenwiler and received unanimous support at the ANC 6C Transportation/Public Space Committee meeting.
5. The proposal to encourage D.C. government to buy Square 810 alley lots for the purpose of repairing the pavement, drafted by Mr. Eckenwiler, was approved unanimously at the ANC 6C Transportation/Public Space Committee meeting.

The commissioners voted unanimously to support all five items. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Parks and Events Committee

1. REI—The grand opening of the REI store at Uline Arena is scheduled for October 21-23, with music, outdoor school classes every hour, coffee and breakfast for people waiting in line in the morning, as well as activities in Storey Park, including food trucks, a beer garden and information from top vendors and nonprofits dedicated to outdoor activities. REI will donate to five local groups. It has been working with the Mayor’s Special Events Task Force. Bringing cars to the event is discouraged. REI requests a letter from ANC 6C to ensure safety of people walking and biking to the opening and traveling from the store to Storey Park, including the use of bike corrals and establishment of road closures on M Street N.E. between the Metro station and the store. The commissioners voted unanimously to send a letter encouraging public safety efforts and closure of Delaware and M Street to the extent possible. **Motion:** Mr. Goodman/Mr. Miller.
2. NoMa Parks update—The firm Nelson Byrd Woltz (NBW), known for its “green” projects such as the Asia trail at the National Zoo, has been chosen to design the space at NoMa Green Park. NBW will participate in the NoMa Parks Foundation’s next Community Conversation on October 18. Other park progress includes the park at 3rd and L, where permitting will begin in late fall with construction planned for late spring 2017; Amtrak issues being resolved regarding the M Street underpass; and mirrors, lighting, and signs underway on the Metropolitan Branch Trail. Other items discussed were grass at the 5th and I Streets park, the H Street Festival, and efforts to get National Park Service representatives to attend an ANC 6C Parks and Events Committee meeting.

Transportation/Public Space Committee

1. 150 M Street N.E.—This is Constitution Square, building 4, adjacent to the NoMa Metro. Developers want to close the sidewalk 10 am to 4 pm and divert pedestrians across the street during construction, adding an interim crosswalk. The commissioners voted unanimously to support a construction vehicle traffic plan that has trucks exiting 3rd Street NE to Florida Avenue and out New York Avenue to Route 50 and 395. Mr. Goodman asked that the letter encourage retail on the first floor of the building and continued regular meetings with Mr. Goodman as the designated representative of ANC 6C. **Motion:** Mr. Goodman/Mr. Eckenwiler.
2. M, L, and Pierce Streets between North Capitol and First Streets—Mr. Goodman gave an update on progress including cycle track installation and restriping of faded crosswalks. The commissioners voted unanimously to send a letter to DDOT stating ANC 6C looks forward to seeing the pilot and pedestrian enhancements soon, installation of the M Street cycle track soon, and that a long-term pilot is not needed. **Motion:** Mr. Goodman/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee

1. Historic landmark nomination of Union Market Terminal, No. 16-18—This project is in ANC 5D, and the commissioners wanted to weigh in as an adjacent ANC. The nomination is for wholesale warehouse buildings constructed between 1929 and 1931. They have classical revival features that should be preserved. The commissioners voted to support the project with a note to schedule a hearing at a convenient date for ANC 5D, with encouragement of continued meetings with business owners in the area, and with designation of Ryan McGinness as the ANC 6C representative at the hearing. **Motion:** Mr. Goodman/Mr. Eckenwiler.
2. 220 L Street N.E., ZC 16-13—This project, a consolidated PUD, is south and east of the Uline Arena, two structures to be replaced by one mixed-use building comprised of residential uses and production, distribution, and repair space. Members of the ANC 6C Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee had numerous questions about the project, including alley reconfiguration and easement, size and placement of the truck bay, and placement of an at-grade bicycle facility, and asked that the applicant return in October since the hearing is not until November 21. No motion was made at this time.
3. ZC 08-06F—Proposed rulemaking giving the zoning administrator discretion in cases of PUDs of any size, Subtitle X, Section 301.2, hearing September 22. Mr. Eckenwiler supported opposition and asked to be designated at the ANC 6C representative to attend the hearing. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Miller.
4. Rulemaking on H Street overlay—Mr. Eckenwiler reported that ANC 6A supports our position on the overlay. He is waiting to hear from the Office of Planning on a set down date for the hearing.

Alcoholic Beverage Committee

1. Toscana update—Mr. Eckenwiler reported that the ABRA board denied the establishment's efforts to dismiss the ANC 6C protest. Mr. Eckenwiler send the proprietor a draft settlement agreement. The protest hearing is scheduled for November 9.
2. Driftwood Kitchen—Mr. Miller described a proposal to change the settlement agreement. It currently states that windows on the 4th Street N.E. side of the establishment be closed at 10 pm. A pilot is proposed during which windows 4 of 5 windows on 4th Street would be closed and windows on the H Street side would be opened to allow the restaurant to serve longer hours, 10-

11 pm, Thursday through Saturday for a three-week trial period. If three neighbors complain during this period, the proposed change would not occur. The commissioners voted unanimously to send a letter to ABRA to this effect and designate Mr. Miller and Mr. O’Neal, chair of the Alcoholic Beverage Committee, to represent ANC 6C as needed in negotiating the change to the settlement agreement. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Eckenwiler.

3. XO nightclub, 15 K Street N.E.—The owner gave an update on his efforts to prevent youths from breaking in parked cars of patrons attending his establishment. He is working with ID MPD to prevent the youths from the nearby Section Quarter building from breaking in cars, Sursum Corda and Tyler House have a large number of MPD calls as well. Prostitution is down, as it has moved to a new area. The owner will be coming to the ANC in the near future with a public space application to add tiles to the front of his building.

Grants Committee

An application was received from Montessori School at Logan for a grant of \$2,500 to support an exhibit, “Story of Our Schools,” which will entail working with teachers, parents, and students to develop a project that will teach students about the history of the community and the school. The exhibit will be permanent and movable. It will include a web presence. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the grant. **Motion:** Mr. Price/Mr. Eckenwiler.

New Business

1. Omnibus Amendment of 2016 governing ANCs—The commissioners voted unanimously to designate Mr. Eckenwiler as representative of ANC 6C for the September 29 hearing on this legislation and any future business pertaining to the legislation. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt. [Note: Mr. Goodman recused himself from voting.]
2. The commissioners voted unanimously to appoint Kim Neutzling as an at-large member of the ANC 6C Alcoholic Beverage License Committee, to replace retiring Jared Alves. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Eckenwiler. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Eckenwiler.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.