

ANC 6C Minutes
Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 7 pm
Heritage Foundation
214 Massachusetts Avenue N.E.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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

Added to the agenda was 646 Sixth Street NE under Community Announcements. The agenda was approved as amended without objection. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Miller.

Approval of the Minutes

The March minutes were approved without objection, with the usual caveat that commissioners would have one week to report any inaccuracies or typographical errors before the minutes are posted on the ANC 6C website. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/ Mr. Eckenwiler.

Treasurer's Report

The March report had a beginning balance of \$41,163.49. Checks cleared were as follows: Check 1330 for \$25.00 for the ANC security fund; Check 1334 reimbursement to Ms. Healey for \$198.27 to cover ANC website-related expenses; check 1337 to Mr. Miller for \$8.00 for transportation to an ANC-related meeting. There was a Bank of America interest payment of \$0.35. The closing balance was \$40,932.57.

Mr. Price offered a revised total amount for the Little Library grant, previously approved, down from \$2,500 to \$2,383.50. The amount was approved unanimously. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Price.

Brief Community Announcements

1. At-Large Council Member Elissa Silverman provided a summary of her activities during the past two years, focusing on public safety, good education, and a City that works for everyone. She described her committee work, stated that she is available as a resource for DC citizens, and gave her contact number as (202) 724-7772.
2. Capitol Hill Montessori School at Logan—Sameena Kluck described the need for modernization improvements at Montessori School. The mayor's budget does not include money for modernization until 2023. She described problems needing attention including rats, sewage spillage, a boiler needing replacement, rusty bathroom fixtures, malfunctioning windows, and a trailer housing middle school children because of lack of space. She asked for help with the school's request for more timely modernization, specifically written testimony in support of the school and outreach to Council Members Allen, Grasso, Mendelson, Silverman, and the mayor. The commissioners voted unanimously to provide the requested support. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Miller.

3. 646 Sixth Street NE—Bob Lyons made a procedural suggestion regarding this and other zoning cases, e.g., if material omissions have been made to the ANC or by the OP or BZA the case should be referred back to the ANC for additional review.
4. Commissioner announcements—Ms. Healey announced that “alley palooza,” repair of DC alleys, begins April 20. Bikeshare placements scheduled for 2017 and 2018 are planned near the intersection of 8th Street and Massachusetts Avenue NE, and Stanton Park. DDOT plans streetlight changes on Massachusetts Avenue from Stanton Park to 19th Street. Ms. Edelman announced a meeting to discuss the NoMa park at 3rd and L Streets NE at the Hilton Garden Inn at 6:30 pm on April 13. Mr. Price announced the retirement of Tom Fenske, who for years has organized the NE Library book sales. Mr. Price asked for a letter of commendation be sent to Mr. Fenske. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the motion. **Motion:** Mr. Price/Mr. Miller. Volunteers are needed to assist with future NE Library book sales. He also announced a May 11 planting of 7 trees, supported by a grant from ANC 6C, at 3 pm on May 11 at the park bounded by Constitution Avenue, Massachusetts Avenue, and 7th Street (Reservation 84). Mr. Miller announced again that no progress has been made on improvement of the alley at 732 6th Street NE that collapsed 15 months ago.

Consent Calendar

1. 1511 A Street NE—Mr. Eckenwiler previously asked for support of an appeal of the permit for this project, which is located in ANC 6A. He now asks for authorization for intervenor status.
2. 618 Third Street NE, HPA 17-302—concept approval for front basement entrance, rear addition, and garage demolition. Letters of support were obtained from adjacent neighbors.
3. There is a DDOT application for a Uline Arena loading zone on Third Street NE for pickup and drop off, hours 8 am to 4 pm. The goal is to reduce potential congestion from Uber/taxi traffic at the building. Simple, consistent signage is recommended.

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

Alcoholic Beverage License Committee

Mr. O’Neal, citizen chair of the committee, stated that the committee approved extension of hours (from 3am to 4 am) for holidays and the XO nightclub summer garden. He added that there are few ANC 6C residents living near this nightclub at 15 K Street NE, and that if problems develop, the settlement agreement will be worded to change back to original hours. The commissioners voted unanimously to support extension of hours with the caveat added in the settlement agreement if problems arise due to the change in hours. **Motion:** Ms. Healey/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Grants Committee

Victoria Lord, citizen co-chair of the committee, presented two grants for approval. The first was for \$1,550 to support on-site medical services for the Capitol Hill Cluster School PTA/Capitol Hill Classic scheduled for May 21, 2017. The commissioners approved the grant without objection. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Healey. The second grant was for \$1,750 to support the purchase and planting of seven new trees at the park located at Reservation 84 with Casey Trees. An adjacent neighbor has agreed to water the trees. The commissioners approved the grant without objection. **Motion:** Mr. Price/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Transportation and Public Space Committee

1. A proposal to install Zipcar spaces at 263 8th Street NE and 1225 5th Street NE was turned down because the community does not want to lose parking spaces. The recommendation is for Zipcar to find parking spots that do not remove RPP spaces and the committee will work with Zipcar to do so.
2. LED streetlights—A DDOT proposal to install LED streetlights focused on the negative effects of high-blue content lights, including glare and adverse impact on health. A recommendation of 3,000 Kelvin or less was thought appropriate; lights should not shine on any residence window; lights should shine downward on the street; and no light should escape vertically. Blue-rich lights are not appropriate in the historic district. The commissioners voted unanimously to send a letter to DDOT detailing these concerns. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Price.
3. NoMa streetscape guidelines—The NoMa BID is finalizing these guidelines and will return with a final version.

Parks and Events Committee

1. Two meetings are planned regarding NoMa parks: April 13, 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1225 First Street NE, to discuss the park at 3rd and L Streets NE; and April 24, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, at the same location to discuss the NoMa Green Park along the Met Branch Trail. The M Street underpass project continues to be delayed by Amtrak. The ANC is concerned about the homeless encampments at the L and M underpasses. The timing of funding in the mayor's budget for NoMa's park project has changed to \$5 million each in FY 2018-2021.
2. Casey Trees announced its rebate program for citizens planting trees. Residents can contact Casey Trees at friends@caseytrees.org or (202) 833-4010.
3. Rock 'N Roll Marathon—Street closures this year are believed to have caused traffic tie-ups. One suggestion was to hold the race on a Sunday rather than a Saturday or rerouting the races so Capitol Hill residents have a way into and out of ANC 6C from the north or east. Mr. Price mentioned he had done ride-alongs with police officers to preview the parade route in previous years but not this year. He asked for a volunteer to continue this practice, which helps to pinpoint problems that might occur, and offered to work with the person who volunteers. Ms. Healey said she has asked to be included in the lessons-learned session the District and the Rock 'N Roll Marathon hold.

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee

1. 17 6th Street NE, BZA 19489, third story addition, roof deck, and expansion of accessory building for residential use—last-minute changes by the architect had not yet been reviewed by the neighbors. The open court fill-in was a problem for neighbors regarding light and air. The commissioners voted unanimously to oppose and to request a delay in the hearing from May 10 to May 17 to allow time for review by and negotiation with adjacent neighbors. The commissioners agreed to hold the letter of opposition to see if the matter could be resolved and be returned to the PZE Committee. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Healey.
2. 17 6th Street NE, HPA 17-298, application for rear, rooftop, and garage additions—The proposal is to construct a new third story starting at the front façade and create a new projecting two-story bay as well as reworking of the front facade fenestration. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the project with conditions: instead of the parapet wall, the applicant was considering a railing set back from the front lot line. The question was how would this relate to the parapet walls on the north and south lot lines and how would this appear from points south on 6th Street. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Healey.
3. 622 D Street NE, HPA 17-258, concept approval, rear and rooftop additions. The applicant proposes to construct a rear addition replacing an existing sleeping porch and increase the height of the attic roof. The motion to support was approved unanimously with the condition that the rear façade needs further

study, especially the window configuration and window trim on the top floor. The motion was contingent on submission of a revised rear elevation drawing. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Price.

4. Comprehensive Plan—The Office of Planning launched a process of seeking amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, which guides policy for future development in DC. Comments can be submitted until May 26. The PZE Committee will address the matter in May regarding development on Capitol Hill and NoMa portions of ANC 6C. Residents are encouraged to contact the PZE with suggestions and attend its May meeting.

5. Budget hearings—The commissioners voted unanimously to authorize testimony regarding the lack of adequate inspection and enforcement by HPO and DCRA for illegal construction. Although the hearings have already occurred on April 13, comments can still be submitted. The vote included support for additional capacity to inspect and purchase of light measuring devices. Mr. Eckenwiler was designated to provide testimony. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt.

New Business

1. Budget hearings will touch on the Incarceration to Incorporation Entrepreneurship Program and assistance to returning citizens. Mr. Eckenwiler proposes urging small businesses through Employment Services to provide jobs and for DC to provide funding for assistance through such approaches as GED programs to help grow the economy. The hearing is May 4. The commissioners voted unanimously to support this effort. The motion includes designation of Mr. Eckenwiler to provide written testimony.

Motion: Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Miller.

2. Naomi Mitchell from Council Member Charles Allen’s office announced an overview of the budget on April 24, 6:30 pm, at Jefferson Middle School in SW. The Council Member will continue his “open meeting” sessions the third Friday, next on April 20, to be held at the Pretzel Factory at 15th and G Streets NE between 8:00 and 9:30 am.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm. The motion to adjourn was unanimous. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.