

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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

One item was added to the agenda under the Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee: rescheduling a hearing for 522-1/2 K Street N.E., BZA # 13991. The agenda as amended was approved without objection. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Price.

Approval of the Minutes

The June minutes were approved unanimously, with the usual caveat that commissioners will 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 treasurer presented two reports: the June report and the second quarterly report for 2017.

The June report shows a beginning balance of \$38,133.19. Check #1341 was written for \$3.48 to reimburse Mr. Eckenwiler for bottled water for the PZE Committee members. A deposit of \$2,400 was received from Capitol Hill Montessori at Logan because they could not spend the ANC 6C grant money on a timely basis due to summer renovations at the school. There was a Bank of America interest payment of \$0.32. The closing balance on 6/30 was \$40,530.03.

The third quarterly report for 2017 covered April through June 2017. It included an equipment purchase, a projector for ANC committee meetings, \$427.31; grants totaling \$3,300, which included a grant to the Peabody School PTA for emergency services during its race and a grant for trees in Reservation 84; a bank charge of \$30.00 to stop payment on an ANC grant check lost in the mail; and \$2,383.50 reimbursement to Mr. Price for support of the Little Library project. Total disbursements were \$6,140.81. The closing balance for the quarterly report was \$40,530.03.

The commissioners approved the two reports unanimously. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Price.

A separate vote was taken to approve reimbursing Ms. Wirt for payment of the semi-annual post box rental fee, \$178.00. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Brief Community Announcements

1. Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, HyeSook Chung, addressed removal of the homeless encampments from the underpasses on K at 1st and 2nd Streets NE. She described the June 20 cleanup preparation and implementation; the cooperation between agencies including MPD, DDOT, DCRA, and the NoMa BID; and ongoing efforts by her office to seek permanent solutions for the homeless. She provided contact information for members of the public: a 24-hour hotline for matters relating to homelessness, (202) 399-7093; and her office telephone, (202) 727-7973.
2. Commissioner announcements included Ms. Wirt's announcement that the current ANC 6C grants cycle deadline for submission of applications is August 17. Ms. Edelman announced a meeting of the Metropolitan Branch Trail Wayfinding July 13, 5-7 pm at Wunder Garten, 1st and L Streets NE to discuss signage and improvements on the trail in NoMa. Friends of NoMa Dogs will meet, open house format, from 4:30 to 7:30 pm on July 14 at TD Burger, 6th and K Streets NE ("Yappy Hour"); there will be a meeting later in July to address a mural at North Capitol and M Street NE; and a joint meeting in early August with participation by ANC 6A and ANC 6C will address the K Street traffic study, North Capitol to 12th Street. Information regarding this meeting will be on the ANC 6C website. Mr. Price offered formal commendation for the community service provided for a number of years by Gary and Leslie Barbour on the ANC 6C Transportation/Public Space Committee and the ANC 6C Grants Committee, respectively. Commendation for Leslie Barbour, **Motion:** Mr. Price/Ms. Wirt; commendation for Gary Barbour, **Motion:** Mr. Price/Mr. Eckenwiler. The Barbours are retiring and moving to Oregon. They will be sorely missed by ANC 6C. Mr. Miller announced that Fare Well restaurant on H Street has signed an ABRA settlement agreement with ANC 6C and mentioned continued delay in repair to the collapsed alley next to 732 6th Street NE.

Consent Calendar

1. 45 L Street NE, application 202900—Public space request for a new office building, including paving, landscaping, and fixtures. The proposal includes two curb cuts, three public bicycle racks, bioretention plantings, and NoMa-compliant streetscape. The traffic control plan includes a temporary covered walkway for pedestrians and flagmen. Approval is recommended.
2. 150 M Street NE—Proposed traffic control plan for a new mixed-use development currently under construction, including closure of the westbound lane of M Street NE after Delaware Avenue to allow for excavation and concrete work. The sidewalk will be closed during the work and a temporary sidewalk will be built adjacent to the property. Once excavation is complete the sidewalk will be covered and accessible 24 hours. Flagmen will be trained and monitored to direct traffic during the construction project. Approval is recommended.
3. New York Avenue Streetscape—Comments for DDOT regarding connections to the Metropolitan Branch Trail and NoMa from the New York Avenue bridge included bicycle lane marking, a ramp connecting New York Avenue to the Met Branch Trail, and examination of safety conditions at the intersection of New York Avenue and 4th Street NE. A letter to DDOT with these comments is recommended.
4. 609 Orleans Place NE, BZA 19552—This application is a request to add a rear deck to an existing single-family dwelling. The applicant proposes to construct a small rooftop addition with a deck and a rear main-floor-level deck bringing lot occupancy to just under 70%. The applicant provided letters of support from both adjacent homeowners. Approval is recommended.
5. 714 4th Street NE, BZA 19547—This application proposes to convert an accessory building (a one-story garage) into additional living space for a single-family dwelling. Neither the height nor the footprint

of the structure changes. The loss of one parking space caused by this project was not deemed a hardship in view of the proximity to multiple public transit options. Approval is recommended.

6. Proposed changes to zoning regulations, ZC 14-11D and 14-11E, zoning relief for “pop backs” extending more than 10 feet past an adjacent dwelling—These proposed rulemaking changes address whether certain permit applications should be grandfathered and exempted from the restriction. The commissioners agreed on sending a letter to DDOT opposing the proposal. No public comment was solicited by DDOT. If the ZC insists on adopting the change, the commissioners recommend language should make the order clear that the 14- 11 E amendment relates back to the effective date of the 14-11B order.

7. Ethiopic Restaurant, 401 H Street NE, ABRA-083149, occupancy increase from 47 to 71 patrons— This application seeks to rearrange tables and chairs to accommodate additional patrons. Although the restaurant would be more crowded, as long as fire code and occupancy regulations are met, the commissioners have no objections. Approval is recommended.

The commissioners adopted the consent agenda, as recommended above, without objection. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee

Mr. O’Neal, citizen chair of the committee, presented the request from Galley Foods Inc., 1100 Congress Street NE, to obtain a stipulated license that allows them to sell beer and wine with delivered food orders before the application is addressed at a formal ABRA hearing. Food is prepared on the premises and delivered to customers who place orders. No food or beverages are consumed on the property. This license is a transfer from a location in Ivy City. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the request for a stipulated license. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Price.

Grants Committee

Ms. Lord, citizen co-chair of the committee, stated that the deadline for the current cycle for submitting grant applications to ANC 6C is August 17, and that instructions for filing applications are on the ANC 6C website. She noted that schools in particular might want to submit grants for use by schools when they reopen again in September.

Transportation and Public Space Committee

Ms. Edelman presented the committee report in the absence of the citizen chair of this committee, Mark Kazmierczak. She reported on the following.

1. New Zip Car spaces in ANC 6C—Kenneth Phillips briefly outlined the request for four new Zip Car spaces: the first two spaces at 4th and M Streets NE at the northeast corner on 4th Street, and the first two spaces at 8th and C Streets NE at the southeast corner on C Street. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the request. **Motion:** Ms. Edelman/Ms. Wirt.

2. 6th Street NE bike lanes and 4th Street NE concerns—Several safety issues were addressed concerning 6th Street, including that the bike lanes appear suddenly and unexpectedly for drivers; a parking lane has been designated between the curbside bike lanes and the traffic lanes; and the southbound bike lane on the east side of 6th Street makes a sudden turn to the right, putting cyclists into either traffic that has the right of way, or the path of right-turning vehicles who are not expecting cyclists. In addition, drivers are parking in bike lanes on 4th Street. The commissioners voted unanimously to send a letter to DDOT pointing out these safety matters and asking for immediate installation of flex posts, with more substantial barriers such as bollards installed as soon as possible. Better signage is also needed to protect cyclists and alert drivers to the bike lanes. **Motion:** Ms. Edelman/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee

1. 2 Patterson Street NE—This is a nonvoting, informational presentation on a forthcoming RFP (request for proposals) for a lot of 42,000 square feet currently used for surface parking. The mayor's office plans to offer this DC-owned parcel for mixed-income and affordable housing later this month. Submissions will be due about 3 months later, with final selection expected in winter 2017/2018.
2. 501 C Street NE, application of MGM Public Policy LLC for concept approval for alterations to the façade and the rear addition – Changes were made to the plans between the time the committee met and the ANC Commission meeting. The developer also held a meeting for concerned neighbors to have their concerns addressed. The revised concept eliminates the roof deck on top of the one-story addition on the southern portion of the site. Several neighbors had expressed concern about the potential for parties and noise from this deck. The elevator tower was moved closer to the taller main building and lowered below its cornice. Several windows on the south side of the taller building will be removed so that the potential for construction of a door to the deck is eliminated. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the revised concept. **Motion:** Mr. Price/Mr. Miller.
3. 522-1/2 K Street NE, BZA 13991-A, This is an application pertaining to Old City Market, with a hearing date initially scheduled for September 20. The PZE Committee chair requests a rescheduling because he will be absent on the scheduled date and suggests October 18 for the hearing or some other date that is mutually agreeable. Sending a letter requesting rescheduling was approved without objection. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Edelman.

New Business

Mr. Miller requested a direct expense be approved to purchase hosta plantings for 5-7 tree boxes on the 700 block of 6th Street and environs. He will purchase necessary materials and plant and maintain the tree boxes. Mr. Price suggested that a standard should be established for the purchase of plantings for tree boxes; for example, \$1.00 per foot of tree box space. The commissioners approved the direct expense up to a maximum of \$700 for this project. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Price. Ms. Lord suggested that a block party could be planned for the affected block(s) to engage residents to take ownership of the tree boxes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.