ANC 6C Minutes  
Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 7 pm  
Heritage Foundation  
214 Massachusetts Avenue NE

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

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
Three changes were made to the agenda: Allure Lounge, 711 H Street, settlement agreement was removed; two applications for 732 4th Street NE were moved to the consent calendar; and ZC 17-33, rulemaking to change definitions of “attached,” “detached,” and “semi-attached” was removed. The agenda was approved without objection. Motion: Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Approval of the March Minutes
The March 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
Mr. Price presented the treasurer’s report for March. The beginning balance was $46,695.27. There was an interest payment of $0.42 from the Bank of America. Check 1335 was written for $557.48 to Deaf Access Solutions for ASL interpreting at the March meeting. A previously written check 1352 to J.O. Wilson PTA for $2,355.12 (a grant for Screen on Green) was not cashed. The ending balance was $48,493.33. The treasurer’s report was approved without objection. Motion: Mr. Price/Mr. Eckenwiler. The treasurer’s quarterly report for January through March was also approved unanimously. Motion: Mr. Price/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Ms. Wirt asked for approval of two expenditures, which were approved unanimously: $600, if needed if there is a request to provide sign language interpretation at the forthcoming ANC 6C Grants Committee seminar on April 21 (Motion: Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler); and $1,495.50 for 2018 ANC 6C ads in the Hill Rag and annual guide (Motion: Ms. Wirt/Mr. Miller).

Brief Community Announcements
1. 501 C Street NE—Ayesha Molino, representative of MGM, provided an update on matter-of-right construction at this address.
2. Commissioner announcements—Ms. Edelman announced the name Swampoodle Park has been approved for the park at 3rd and L Streets NE. She stated that she has been working to establish a separate fund in the DC budget for ASL interpreting that can be used by all ANCs. Ms. Healey said that Council Member Charles Allen and DC Water have scheduled a town hall to discuss Ward 6 water issues. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 17, 6:30-8:30 pm at Payne Elementary School.

Consent Calendar
1. Red Bear Brewing Company, 1130 3rd Street NE, ABRA 109096—Recommend protesting this new license with the intention of negotiating a settlement agreement. The protest is on the basis of three
negative effects: on property values; on the peace, order, and quiet of the neighborhood; and on residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety. Once the settlement agreement is signed, a stipulated license will be approved. Steve O’Neal and Commissioner Edelman are authorized to negotiate on behalf of ANC 6C.

2. A new vice chair is recommended to serve on the ANC 6C Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee, Mr. Jason Starr. Mr. Starr has been a long-standing member of this committee.

3. 219 E Street NE, BZA 19730—Sons of Italy Foundation requests continuation of nonprofit use. Two conditions would accompany ANC approval: No more than five employees would work on the premises, and no events or conferences would be held on premises. Mr. Eckenwiler will testify on behalf of the ANC at the hearing on May 2.

4. NoMa farmer’s market—to be held Sundays from May to October, 9 am to 1 pm at First and Pierce Streets NE. Parking spaces for 15 farmer’s trucks would be provided on First and Pierce between 7 am and 2 pm on market days. Approval is recommended.

5. Buredo, 111K Street NE, application 10599573 for an unenclosed sidewalk café—Approval is recommended with two conditions: trash receptacle(s) will be provided and a barrier will be set up (e.g. with rope or chains) to separate the sidewalk from the adjacent parking garage driveway.

6. Unit block of M Street NE, removal of rush-hour parking (4 pm to 6:30 pm) on the north side of the street and allowing metered parking from 7 am to 6:30 pm. Approval is recommended.

7. 732 4th Street NE, HPA 18-248—concept approval for rear and rooftop additions. Opposition is recommended based on jumble of materials, brick, HardiPlank, etc., inappropriate proportions of windows, lowering the ceiling and introducing substantial structural alterations, and lack of photographs or drawings accompanying the application. Mr. Eckenwiler will testify on behalf of ANC 6C. (Note: the application was subsequently delayed until May.)

8. 732 4th Street NE, BZA 19742—special exception from lot occupancy requirements to construct a three-story addition. Opposition is recommended based on same arguments presented in the HPA 18-248 above application. Because this application is scheduled for expedited consideration, ANC 6C will need to send a letter to BZA requesting the application be removed from the expedited calendar and considered at a regularly scheduled hearing. Mr. Eckenwiler will testify on behalf of ANC 6C.

The vote to approve the consent calendar was unanimous. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

**Grants Committee**

Ms. Lord, chair of the Grants Committee, announced two grants recommended for approval. Both were approved unanimously: Capitol Hill Village, a grant of $2,500 to support a seminar on health and housing options for seniors (**Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Eckenwiler); and Ludlow-Taylor School, a grant of $966.50 to support Chrome notebooks and a cart that will allow teachers of the third grade to monitor student progress on digital projects. Parents will have access to Internet through this project. ANC 6A has already voted to support half of this latter grant (**Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Eckenwiler.)

Ms. Lord again announced a spring ANC 6C Grants Committee seminar to provide information to the community on how to apply for ANC 6C grants. The event will be on April 21, 9:30 am to about 12:00 noon at the Anthropology, 625 H Street NE. Council Members Charles Allen and Elissa Silverman will be in attendance.

**Transportation and Public Space Committee**

1. Cava Grill, 523 H Street NE, application 10574315, unenclosed sidewalk café—Because the applicant did not appear at the April committee meeting, despite several notifications, there was no opportunity for the community to have input. The commissioners voted unanimously to request that DDOT postpone its
hearing until May to allow the applicant to appear before the committee. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Edelman. Two representatives for this application were in the audience and agreed to a postponement.

2. DDOT budget oversight hearing, April 9—With the record open until April 23 for comments, the commissioners voted unanimously to send comments, including setting a goal of more than 10 percent more bike lanes, setting a higher goal than 3 percent increase per year in Capitol Bikeshare uptake, and coordinating the bus rapid transit study for New York Avenue with the projects for redesign of the virtual circle at the Florida Avenue intersection and the New York Avenue streetscape project. Most important, DDOT should staff, fund, and support activities surrounding collection and public distribution of Vision Zero data, such as number of injuries and number of intersections improved. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Mr. Eckenwiler.

3. The committee will address Union Station expansion issues at its May meeting. The expansion plans will be posted on the ANC 6C website.

**Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee**

1. 1139 6th Street NE, BZA 19674—special exception from the lot occupancy requirements to construct a rear and third-story addition to an existing one-family dwelling. The committee voted to oppose the application because the addition could substantially and adversely impact the character, scale, and pattern of the uniform and largely intact row of houses on this block. This decision is consistent with past votes of the ANC for other projects subject to this same standard (including projects in the 600 block of F, 1100 block of Abbey Place, and the 600 block of Orleans Place). The commissioners voted 5:1:1 to oppose the application. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Miller. The vote included authorizing Mr. Eckenwiler to testify on behalf of ANC 6C at the April 25 hearing.

2. B22-669, Department of Buildings Establishment Act of 2018—Ten of thirteen DC Council Members support splitting DCRA into two separate agencies, with the new Department of Buildings responsible for construction and zoning permitting and inspections as well as enforcement of the housing code. Ms. Healey made a number of comments, including specific mention and support of “green” buildings; changing the name from Office of Compliance to Construction Standards Office; and clarification of residential versus nonresidential inspections by the Office of Buildings. The commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the committee’s report, including Ms. Healey’s comments. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Miller. The vote included authorizing Mr. Eckenwiler to testify on behalf of ANC 6C at the April 19 hearing.

**Parks and Events Committee**

1. Update on NoMa parks—The M Street NE overpass is projected to be completed by spring 2018; the L Street NE overpass, by the end of spring 2018, with Amtrak review required; and the park at Third and L Streets NE, with delays because of utility work, by spring 2018. NoMa Parks Foundation is conducting a survey to determine a name for the park now called NoMa Green in Eckington, with completion scheduled for spring 2019. There will be a DC temporary library at 1st and L Streets NE as well as summer movies on the Wonder Woman theme; another Pow Wow mural event; and the farmers market in NoMa.

2. The Sierra Club—which works for zero waste, clean energy, environmental justice, and smart growth—supports two legislative initiatives: the Save Good Food Amendment Act of 2017, B22-0072, which would provide up to $2,500 nonrefundable tax credit for food donations; and the Residential Composting Incentives Act of 2017, B22-501, a home composting program that would provide up to $75 for purchase of a composting bin on residential property and require in-person training. The latter legislation was voted on by the Council March 29. The commissioners voted unanimously to send a letter
to the DC Council supporting the Save Good Food Amendment Act and asking that the legislation be brought to a Council vote before October. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Ms. Healey. Possible new issues for the committee include solar co-ops to purchase solar panels, a merger for Washington Gas, and residential payment for more than one filled trash bin.

**Other Business**
Jamaal Jordan, with PEPCO Governmental and External Affairs, introduced Jasmin Huff, who will serve as a Pepco ambassador by attending community meetings such as ANC meetings as part of Pepco’s outreach effort.

The motion to adjourn at 8:31 pm was approved without objection. **Motion:** Mr. Miller/Ms. Wirt.