ANC 6C Minutes
Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 7 pm
Heritage Foundation
214 Massachusetts Avenue NE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Quorum
A quorum of 5 out of 6 commissioners was present (Mr. Eckenwiler, Ms. Edelman, Ms. Healey, Mr. Price, and Ms. Wirt).

Approval of the Agenda
The agenda was approved without objection. Motion: Mr. Price/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Approval of the May Minutes
The May 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 May, which was approved unanimously. The beginning balance was $41,176.58. There was an interest payment of $0.35 from the Bank of America. Check 1359 was written for $463.40 to Deaf Access Solutions for ASL interpreting at the May meeting. Other expenses were check 1360 to Victoria Lord, chair of the ANC 6C Grants Committee, reimbursement for flyers for a grants seminar, $65.88; check 1361 for $2.99, reimbursement to Mark Eckenwiler, chair of the ANC 6C Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee for bottled water at the committee meeting; and check 1362 was written for $474.30 for Deaf Access Solutions for ASL interpreting at an ANC 6C Transportation and Public Space Committee meeting. There was a $10 reimbursement to the ANC 6C treasurer, Scott Price, for postage stamps, and a $30.00 stop payment charge by Bank of America for check 1357 (written to a grantee that did not cash the grant check within 60 days). There was a DC quarterly allotment received of $3,337.28. The ending balance was $43,467.64.

The treasurer’s report was approved without objection. (Note: Because of the three outstanding checks 1357, 1360, and 1363, totaling $1,042.38, the Bank of America on-line status shows $1,042.38 more than the ANC ledger as the closing balance. The Bank of America shows $44,510.02 as the closing amount.) Motion: Mr. Price/Mr. Eckenwiler.

A new expense was approved unanimously: Up to $40.00 to have commissioner name cards printed to fit the new name plate holders donated by Fanny Mae. Motion: Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt.

A motion was made to authorize payment for ASL interpretation of the June ANC and TPS Committee meetings of up to $300 and $200 respectively. Motion: Ms. Edelman/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Brief Community Announcements
1. Treasurer responsibilities—Ms. Wirt noted that the current treasurer, Mr. Price, will be stepping down as treasurer at the end of August and another commissioner would need to take on the responsibility. Mr. Eckenwiler nominated Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Price. Due to the absence of Mr. Miller, no vote was taken.
2. Commissioner announcements—Ms. Edelman announced a June 21 meeting, 6-8 pm, at the NE Library to discuss the H Street bridge repair, which will be disruptive (one lane in each direction for 2-3 years). Mr. Eckenwiler noted the Library capacity is limited and those who attend the meeting should go early. Ms. Edelman also announced the beginning of the NoMa Sunday night summer series at First and Pierce Streets NE, with a Wonder Woman theme. (Gates open at 7 pm; movies begin after sunset, about 8:40 pm.) Ms. Healey stated that the Capitol Hill Classic races on May 20 were a success; it was the best year yet in fundraising. The “Clean Routes” MPD effort did not work, and MPD decided not to ticket and tow vehicles along the race route. Ms. Wirt reported a possible squatter/homeless encampment at the former Romeo and Juliet restaurant, 301 Massachusetts Ave NE. She has been trying to locate the owner and asked for people to contact her if they observed anything at that address.

Consent Calendar
1. 637 E Street NE, HPA 18-432, concept approval for new basement entry—This is a recommendation to oppose from the ANC 6C Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development (PZE) Committee. The applicant seeks to cut into the existing historic retaining wall (granite blocks with beaded grapevine mortar, typical of walls on this entire square) to create an access way at sidewalk level and a ramp down to a new basement entrance. The proposed alteration is inconsistent with historical guidelines. The applicant did not offer a legitimate medical need that warrants an exception for a wheelchair ramp.
2. Square 750 map amendments, 2nd and K Streets, ZC 18-07—The recommendation from the 6C PZE Committee is to take no position on the set down for this request, but to ask that the Zoning Commission classify the request as a contested case rather than a rulemaking. As a contested case, earlier and better notice is given to nearby property owners and those neighbors can seek party status.
3. DOEE fixture, public bench, application 302509—The ANC 6C Transportation and Public Space Committee recommends approval of this bench in a tree box at 1200 First Street NE, to be dedicated in memory of Elizabeth Brown, a former DOEE employee who passed away in March 2018. The bench would commemorate her dedication to restoring the District’s watersheds and water bodies.
4. Liaison Hotel, 415 New Jersey Ave NW, construction, application 313137—This recommendation, also from the ANC 6C Transportation and Public Space Committee, is to support construction to relocate the main hotel entrance as well as repair and replace existing sidewalk for a new vestibule. The revolving doors will be removed, but the changes will have no significant effect on the public space.
5. Fancy Radish, 600 H Street NE, ABRA-107118, class C restaurant request to extend hours—This recommendation from the ANC 6C Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee is to support the requested extension of hours for the interior of the restaurant from 8am - 12 midnight to 8 am – 1 am to allow patrons to finish their meals.

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

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee
Union Kitchen Grocery, 538 Third Street NE, ABRA-098204—This is a request from neighbors for the ANC to send a letter to ABRA complaining that the establishment has violated noise and sanitation requirements. Mr. Keith Stevens, who lives next door to the store, asked for the ANC letter to ABRA on the basis of loud music and conversations as well as trash issues. The committee proposed two options: to oppose both trash and noise, or to address trash only. Mr. Eckenwiler, who represents this SMD, stated that the ANC would address sanitation requirements of the settlement agreement, but not noise, which has been the subject of many inquiries to various DC agencies by the neighbors. The ANC letter would be a 10-day written notice and request to the establishment for a cure. Evidence of the trash problem exists in photographs. The commissioners voted unanimously to support Mr. Eckenwiler’s motion. Motion: Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Edelman.
Transportation and Public Space Committee

1. Union Market streetscape—As the area transitions from a commercial warehouse and wholesale market district to a mixed-use activity center with piecemeal PUDs addressing parts of Union Market, pedestrian and bicycle traffic increase, but the existing streetscape does not support the changing transportation problems. Jonathan Rogers from DDOT discussed guidelines at the committee meeting that did not include ANC input, and only focus on the curb to the property line. Mr. Rogers said a resolution specifically requesting a safety assessment is needed to prompt DDOT into action. The commissioners voted unanimously to draft a resolution requesting a safety evaluation, with reiteration of the need to include ANC input. **Motion**: Ms. Edelman/Mr. Eckenwiler.

2. NoMa/Mt. Vernon Triangle Bicycle Network Study—Mike Goodno of DDOT discussed two possible east-west corridors for bicycle traffic in the area between 6th Street NW and 6th Street NE, and K and M Street. Current bicycle facilities in the NoMa area primarily follow north-south corridors, and DDOT seeks to explore ways to improve east-west connectivity through safe, convenient, and low-stress routes. The two routes are (1) K Street from 6th NW to 1st NE, then connecting to the cycle track north and continuing east on L where bikes would share lanes with cars to Florida Ave. (2) N Street from 6th Street NW to 1st Street NW, then south to M Street and east to Florida Ave. Continued protected bike lanes would be needed on M from 1st NE to 1st NW. The commissioners voted unanimously to send a letter encouraging design and installation of both priority corridors because they serve different parts of the city. In addition, DDOT should consider connections to other projects underway, including New York Ave and Florida Ave projects. **Motion**: Ms. Edelman/Mr. Eckenwiler.

3. Central Armature Works, 1200 3rd Street NE, construction, application 31316—The commissioners voted unanimously to postpone discussion of this project until July and to support the applicant’s request for a hearing delay. **Motion**: Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Price.

4. Temporary visitor parking legislation—Ms. Healey asked the commissioners to look at the proposed legislation governing visitor parking sponsored by Council Member Allen. She will send a link to the commissioners.

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee

212 A Street NE, HPA 18-426, concept approval, rear and side additions plus demolishing an existing garage and replacing it with a two-story carriage house. ANC 6C supported this same applicant’s request to make almost identical improvements to the mirror image twin row house at 214 A Street NE. The committee noted the front elevation did not depict the profile or materials proposed for the gate in front of the areaway on the west side of the primary façade. The recommendation is that this feature be clearly shown (with the suggestion that the gate be 3 ft. or less in height, 50 percent more open, and constructed of steel). The commissioners voted unanimously to support the committee recommendations. **Motion**: Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Healey.

Parks and Events Committee

1. NoMa Parks update—The M Street overpass on the south side has lighting installed and is open to pedestrians; the north side is closed, with relocation of traffic signals at M and Delaware Ave underway. The L Street overpass lighting installation is under review by Amtrak. Swampoodle Park at 3rd and L is experiencing delays due to utility work and technical issues. NoMa Parks is seeking land for a central civic plaza and is seeking a plan for future maintenance of parks such as Swampoodle Park.

2. Urban Farming—ANC 6C resident Sarah Dachos provided the committee with an overview of urban
farming in the District, including the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program that provides weekly shares of produce grown at local farms; different types of nontraditional farming such as hydroponics and vertical farming; bee keeping, and community gardens. She described legislation including the Urban Farming and Food Security Amendment Act of 2014 and the Cottage Food Amendment Act of 2017. Public investments in urban farming are needed to make it more economical. Mr. McCann, the committee chair, gave his contact information if anyone has questions: jgmccann@gmail.com.

Grants Committee
No business this month.

Other Business
1. David Batista announced he is applying for a liquor license for the Apollo on H Street NE.
2. A resident of ANC 6C06 and member of the audience asked several questions pertaining to traffic at 6th and K Streets NE and West Virginia and 8th Streets. She also asked if the city would provide help with fencing her tree box. Ms. Edelman suggested the resident send her an email with her specific concerns so that she can address them.

The motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm was approved without objection. Motion: Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt.