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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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
The agenda was approved without objection. Motion: Mr. Price/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Approval of the June 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
Mr. Price presented the treasurer’s report for June, which was approved unanimously. The beginning balance was $41,096.86. There was an interest payment of $0.36 from the Bank of America. There was a DC quarterly allotment received of $3,337.28. The ending balance was $44,434.50. Motion to approve: Mr. Price/Ms. Wirt. The quarterly report for April through June was approved after correction of a typo. Motion: Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt

Two new expenses were approved unanimously: $43.89 to have commissioner name cards printed to fit the new name plate holders donated by Fanny Mae (revised amount that exceeds previously approved amount of $40.00) and $178 to renew the ANC 6C post office box for six months, a recurring expense. Motion: Mr. Price/Ms. Healey. Mr. Price asked for and received unanimous approval to pay Brianna Battle $125 for office assistance pertaining to treasurer responsibilities. Motion: Mr. Price/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Brief Community Announcements
1. Ms. Jessica Sutter, a teacher, stated she is a candidate for Ward 6 representative on the D.C. State Board of Education. She will be ringing doorbells in the ANC 6C area to introduce herself.
2. Mural design—Sharlene Castle and Mazi Mutafa asked for support from ANC 6C to provide a mural featuring a friends and neighbors theme on the rear wall of the John and Jill Ker Conway Residence for previously homeless veterans and others at 1005 North Capitol Street N.E. The commissioners voted unanimously to send a letter of support for Mr. Mutafa’s application to the D.C. Commission of the Arts and Humanities.
2. Commissioner announcements—Ms. Edelman stated that the tent encampment at First and K Streets N.E. has blocked the sidewalks, and the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services is working with the people in the tents. She also announced that the development at 22 Patterson will provide 30% of its space to affordable housing units. Mr. Miller announced that this July meeting will be his last, as he is moving to Roanoke, Virginia in two weeks, where his wife has a new job. He hopes to complete the tree box project he proposed earlier before he departs. Several commissioners noted how much they will miss
Mr. Miller and his good work for the community. Mr. Eckenwiler mentioned action on the ANC 6C appeal regarding 1125 7th Street N.E. A second revised permit was issued today, with additional action expected on the appeal in September. He also provided an update on a May meeting with DDOT regarding the vehicle blocking situation at Columbus Circle, a matter the ANC might need to revisit in September. Ms. Healey wished Mr. Miller well.

Consent Calendar
1. H Street (Hopscotch) Bridge—The recommendation from the ANC 6C Transportation and Public Space (TSP) Committee, following the recent DDOT meeting on this matter, is to write a letter to DDOT expressing concern with the lack of coordination among federal agencies and the poor public outreach to inform the public about whatever coordination is happening. The letter will request that DDOT conduct regular, duly noticed public meetings about the status of this coordination and that DDOT present to the ANC 6C TSP Committee the state of coordination among DDOT, Akridge, and the various federal agencies involved in the Union Station expansion project.
2. H Street bicycle fatality—The recommendation from the TSP is to write a letter to the DDOT director regarding the recent death at Third and H Streets of a 19-year-old bicyclist who was hit by a bus when his tire got stuck in the streetcar tracks. ANC 6C has expressed concern multiple times about bicycle safety on H Street N.E. The letter will urge the director to conduct a robust assessment of potential safety solutions, to be delivered to ANC 6C and the general public. One possible solution is for DDOT to install flaps over the streetcar tracks, a suggestion that ANC 6C has made previously.

The vote to approve the recommendations of the consent calendar was unanimous. **Motion:** Ms. Edelman/Mr. Miller.

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee
1. Alley Bar LLC, d/b/a The Little Grand, to be located at 808 7th Street N.E., ABRA-110495, new Class C tavern—The commissioners voted unanimously to protest this new license on the basis of negative impact on property values; negative impact on vehicular traffic; and disturbance to the peace, order, and quiet of the community—the usual procedure ANC 6C uses to negotiate a settlement agreement with the establishment on behalf of nearby residents. The owner, Mr. David Batista, was present and understands the process. Mr. Steve O’Neal, citizen chair of the ANC 6C Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee, is designated to represent the ANC in all matters pertaining to this application. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler. Mr. Miller offered to serve as Mr. O’Neal’s alternate, provided that the settlement agreement is negotiated within the next two weeks before he leaves D.C. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve Mr. Miller as alternate. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Price.
2. Nando’s Peri Peri, 411 H Street N.E., ABRA-97889, Class C tavern, trash issues—Mr. Eckenwiler described Nando’s poor sanitation practices that resulted in an explosion of the rat population, which spilled over to nearby residential lots. Rat abatement will continue, with the establishment offering to cover costs of eradication on private property. A letter to ABRA is in order, specifically to the ABRA board. Mr. Eckenwiler cited a similar situation at the Driftwood restaurant, where a dumpster was located on the exterior of the establishment, in violation of the settlement agreement, and it took ABRA many months to respond. The commissioners voted unanimously to send a letter to ABRA regarding both situations. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Miller. (Note: Mr. Eckenwiler subsequently clarified the ABRA response to the Driftwood situation, and will limit the letter to Nando’s situation only.)

Transportation and Public Space Committee
1. Central Armature Works, 1200 3rd Street NE, construction, application 313160, a Trammell Crow development consisting of a hotel and apartments, three buildings—The commissioners voted unanimously to support the application with the following conditions: (1) Add two loading zones on Third Street N.E., one in front of each residential entrance to the building there. (2) Add benches that face
each other to support deaf members of the community. (3) Add accommodations for pedestrian safety for crossing Third Street, such as additional crosswalks mid-block, as there will be retail on both sides of the street. The commissioners also suggest, if feasible, installing crisscrossing lights above Third Street. The truck route was discussed, as was the recommendation to establish a 24-hour hotline for residents to call to report truck problems during construction. **Motion:** Ms. Edelman/Mr. Eckenwiler.

2. Visitor parking permit bill—Council Member Charles Allen has introduced a bill to limit the number of days a person may be issued a temporary visitor parking pass (the 15-day passes from MPD, not the annual visitor pass residents can have mailed to them each year). Because for this proposal to work the District would need a modern, electronic database to effectively track visitor passes, the commissioners voted unanimously to support the spirit of the bill but reject the specific proposal as too narrow, given the number of problems in the current residential parking system. **Motion:** Ms. Edelman/Mr. Eckenwiler. Ms. Healey added a friendly amendment, which was accepted, that the letter be positive and indicate ANC 6C does not want to discourage the Council from moving forward on resolving the matter with comprehensive reforms.

3. H Street streetcar, Third Street station—Streetcar safety has been a long-standing concern of ANC 6C. The City needs to develop a safety plan, and this is an ongoing issue. Mr. Eckenwiler stated the ANC might need to revisit the matter in the fall.

4. D.C. Sustainability Plan 2.0—Both the ANC 6C TSP Committee and the Parks and Events Committee addressed this matter. Each committee voiced its concerns. One ANC 6C letter will be written expressing both committees’ recommendations. The TSP Committee strongly urges the Mayor to create an action plan based on the sustainability document that describes in detail how the District intends to fund, implement, and achieve its initiatives every year until the specific objectives are met. Problems cited were lack of specificity and long time frame to accomplish goals. The commissioners voted unanimously to include these concerns in a letter to the Mayor. **Motion:** Ms. Edelman/Mr. Miller.

**Parks and Events Committee**

1. D.C. Sustainability Plan 2.0—Because DOEE wants comments by July 15, which is an extremely short deadline, and will release a complete plan in late August, when more public comment is gathered, and because there are 143 items in the plan, some of which are not complete or carried over from the original 2012 plan, the committee recommends the following: (1) The 2.0 plan should identify each of the original 143 items and explain why each item from 2012 is not included in the 2.0 plan. (2) The District should make sure that ANC6s are given ample time and opportunity to evaluate and comment on the complete 2.0 plan. The commissioners voted to include both committees’ recommendations in a letter to the Mayor, OP, and DOEE, which would also state that ANC 6C broadly supports sustainability and wants to continue making progress toward achieving objectives. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Miller.

2. NoMa Parks Foundation—The M Street underpass has LED lights installed on the south side; two traffic signals at Delaware and M Streets N.E. have been temporarily relocated; the north side is in progress; completion is scheduled for early September 2018. Amtrak has not yet signed off on the L Street underpass. Utilities (water, electricity) are in place for Swampoodle Park, and the park should be officially opened in the next few weeks. Progress on other NoMa projects (NoMa Green, Meander, MBT improvements, streetscape guidelines, and Central Civic Plaza) will be reported at a later date.

3. Proposed Pepco Mount Vernon substation near Walker-Jones School, K and New Jersey Streets—Residents, led by Ms. Tiffany Aziz, who is an ANC 6C resident, have questions about the safety of children at this ANC 6E school if a substation is built next to it. Pepco representatives attended the ANC meeting and agreed to meet with the residents to address their concerns.
Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee

1. Bill 22-683, Substandard and Construction Relief Amendment Act of 2018 and Bill 22-684, Blighted Property Redevelopment Act of 2018—Support for both bills is recommended, with certain caveats. For Bill 22-683, areas of concern include the process by which damage would be proven, and by whom; the lack of clarity regarding the time and manner of adjacent owner notification of, and involvement in proceedings; the process for resolving disputes or noncompliance; retroactive application; and the issue of LLCs and bankruptcy as a means of avoiding liability. For Bill 22-684, concerns were that the bill overlooks other potential bases for a “blighted vacant” finding that should not be ignored by DCRA, even if windows and other openings are secured. Mr. Eckenwiler shared prepared testimony for the July 12 hearing and asked to be designated as the ANC 6C representative for these bills. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the recommendations of the committee and designate Mr. Eckenwiler as representative. Motion: Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Miller.

2. ZC 17-18, Proposed changes to zoning rules of measurement for basements/cellars and building height—The committee recommends and the commissioners voted unanimously to support the changes in the suggested revisions, including clarification of the meaning of several terms, such as “areaway,” and “exceptions to grade.” Motion: Mr. Miller/Mr. Price.

Grants Committee
No business this month.

Other Business
Ms. Wirt asked, for the sake of ANC 6C continuity, if commissioners planned to pick up petitions at the D.C. Board of Elections to run again and, if not, did they have recommendations of someone to run for their Single Member Districts. Ms. Edelman (6C04), Ms. Wirt (6C02), Mr. Eckenwiler (6C04), and Ms. Healey (6C01) have picked up petitions. Mr. Price (6C03) will not run, but said there are two candidates who will. Mr. Miller (6C05) did not know of any candidates who would run for the ANC 6C05 SMD.

The motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm was approved without objection. Motion: Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt.