ANC 6C Minutes  
Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 7 pm  
Heritage Foundation  
214 Massachusetts Avenue NE

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Quorum
A quorum of 5 out of 5 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: Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Approval of the October Minutes
The October 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/Ms. Healey.

Treasurer’s Report
Mr. Price presented the treasurer’s report for October. The beginning balance was $43,588.71. Check 1370 for $5.75 was written to Mr. Eckenwiler as reimbursement for postage and water for the Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee meeting. Check 1371 for $166.00 was written for ASL interpretation. An allotment of $3,337.28 was received from the D.C. government; a refund of $170.63 was received from J.O. Wilson Elementary School PTA for unused grant funds; and an interest payment of $0.38 was received from the Bank of America. The ending balance was $47,091.75. The October report was approved unanimously. Motion: Mr. Price/Ms. Wirt. The fourth quarter report of previously reported financial activity showed a beginning balance of $44,434.50 and a closing balance of $43,588.71. The quarterly report was approved unanimously. Motion: Mr. Price/Ms. Wirt.

New expenses were presented: Ms. Healey asked for up to $450.00 to pay the web designer for assistance with updating and archiving on the ANC 6C website. Ms. Wirt asked for $25.00 to prepare name plates for the three new commissioners to be sworn in before the January meeting. The new expenses were approved unanimously. Motion: Ms. Healey/Ms. Wirt.

Brief Community Announcements
1. MPD First District Captain John Knutsen and Lieutenant Daniel Dyn addressed crime and community concerns. Recent MPD boundary alignment means part of ANC 6C06 will be covered by ANC 5D. Thefts from autos are up, as is carjacking. Residents are warned not to start vehicles and leave them unattended in the cold weather and to lock car doors at gas stations while filling the gas tank. The shelter hotline, 24/7, is available to report homeless people in distress: (202) 399-7093. Questions for the officers addressed the status of PSA meetings, and
robberies by groups of teens. Ms. Healey thanked the officers for monitoring East Capitol Street on Halloween due to merchant concerns. There were no robberies reported on Halloween. Residents were advised to be watchful of snatches at Metro stations. Officers are working with schools to watch juveniles who could potentially be involved in crimes of theft.

2. Cheryl Morse of the Office of People’s Counsel described OPC as a utilities lawyer for the people. She summarized the work of several projects, including the Washington Gas merger and resident refunds, new gas pipeline replacement, moving meters to the exterior of homes, and lengthy timelines for solar installation.

3. Commissioner announcements—Mr. Price announced a new bike share station at the east end of Stanton Park, one of three bike stations he has overseen. Ms. Healey nominated Elissa McDade as an at-large member of the ANC 6C Transportation and Public Space Committee. Her background includes a degree in urban planning and serving as a presidential management fellow. The nomination was approved unanimously. **Motion:** Ms. Healey/Mr. Eckenwiler. Ms. Edelman announced the opening of Swampoodle Park on Saturday, November 18, at 11 am. She also announced that Robb Dooling was the commissioner-elect for ANC 6C06.

4. Kali Wasenko announced winners of the D.C. Commission on Arts and Humanities, including an award to Two Rivers School in ANC 6C06.

**Consent Calendar**

1. Streets Market, 51 M Street NE, ABRA-108842—The Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee (ABL) recommends approval of this license, as it is an internal location with no external entrance and trash is collected and removed internally. The request includes both approval of the license and approval of a stipulated license that permits the establishment to begin serving alcohol before its ABRA hearing.

2. Café Fili, 701 Second Street NE, ABRA-110971—The ABL Committee recommends protesting this license in order to negotiate a settlement agreement on behalf of the community on the basis of the three usual reasons: adverse impact on real property values; adverse impact on peace, order, and quiet; and adverse impact on residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety. The recommendation included designation of Mr. Eckenwiler to represent ANC 6C in all matters pertaining to this application, with Steve O’Neal, the citizen chair of the ABL Committee, as his alternate.

3. Capital Bike Share at New Jersey and F Streets NW—The Transportation and Public Space Committee (TPS) recommends approval of this bike share station based on 25 requests from Georgetown University Law School and the location close to the school.

4. Louisiana Avenue bicycle lane—The TPS Committee recommends support of this bike lane on Louisiana Avenue NW between Columbus Circle and Pennsylvania Avenue, including in the center for the entire distance, with installation by 2019. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton held a meeting on October 24 to promote approval of this lane.

5. Snow removal hearing by the DC Council’s Transportation and Environment Committee, November 16—the record will be held open until November 30. Support is recommended by the TPS, with two caveats: snow plows must not cover sidewalks with snow when plowing; and snow plows must not block sidewalk ramps at intersections or pile snow so high as to obscure visibility at intersections.
6. 1200 Third Street NE, ZC 16-09A, modification to a previously approved PUD—The Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee (PZE) recommends approval of the new material for the façade and the below-grade parking plan. Attention should be directed, however, to the unclear change in the location of the exterior door for the vehicular entry onto M Street NE. The recommendation is that the placement of the garage door be as close to the building face as possible, not moving the garage door back into the access way.

7. Proposed zoning regulation amendments, ZC 17-03, grandfathering of construction rights with respect to subsequent changes in the zoning map or regulations—Focus is on a significant event occurring between an application and permit issuance. The language of the amendments possibly creates a perverse incentive for applicants to overreach and include zoning nonconformities in applications. Moreover, the language in several sections promotes bad-faith grandfathering applications.

8. Comprehensive Plan updates, review of a recent supplemental report from the Office of Planning on the Comprehensive Plan’s Framework Element—The report details the increase in DC housing costs over the past decade and the lack of adequate affordable housing. It also suggests standards for PUDs be amended to make production of new affordable units, and the prevention of displacement of current residents, “high-priority public benefits” in the weighing of a PUD application. The PZE Committee recommends support.

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

**Environment, Parks, and Events Committee**

1. NoMa Parks Foundation update—The M Street underpass is complete; the “rain” lighting installation was finished on October 25. Amtrak gave final approval for the light installation in the L Street underpass. Completion is expected to be late 2018 or early 2019. NoMa Green construction will begin in fall 2019.

2. DPW Director Christopher Shorter will attend the December 10 commission meeting. Topics for discussion include composting, a “pay as you throw” study, recycling, street sweeping, leaf collection, and alley cleaning.

3. Rock ‘n Roll Marathon—a new route has been submitted in response to ANC 6A’s concerns. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the event with the changed route, but the letter of support should oppose requirements for removing all cars parked along the marathon route. **Motion:** Mr. Price/Mr. Eckenwiler.

**Transportation and Public Space Committee**

1. Several meetings pertaining to public space were announced: (1) A small-cell roundtable, November 19, Committee on Transportation and the Environment, 11 am, Room 412 in the Wilson Building; and (2) A Ward 6 public space panel discussion, November 15, at Hill Center. Council Member Charles Allen and Public Space Director Matthew Marcou will participate in the discussion. This latter meeting is to inform residents new to public space regulations.

2. North Capitol Street Needs Assessment—A June 2018 assessment initiated by the NoMa BID seeks to improve safety and the environment on North Capitol Street. Comments are requested
on six categories: sidewalks, roadway, signage and markings, traffic signals, design, and items needing immediate attention. DDOT will co-author the forthcoming report. Mr. Kazmierczak, the citizen chair of this committee, will be collecting comments over the next few weeks, with a goal of highlighting trouble spots.

3. 400 M Street NE, application 313139—The applicant homeowner seeks to widen a 9’ wide driveway to 12’, remove a retaining wall and add 10’ to create a patio with pervious materials. Mr. Eckenwiler stated he will oppose the application because there is a large backyard that precludes the need for an additional patio in the front of the property. Rather, he said, there is the potential for that 10’ space to be used for parking on public space. Mr. Kelty, ANC 6C05 commissioner-elect, stated that, if this project is approved, it sets a bad precedent for parking on public space. The vote to approve the project was defeated, 1:4:0. **Motion:** Ms. Edelman/Mr. Price. A motion to send a letter of opposition to DDOT was approved, 4:1:0. **Motion:** Mr. Price/Mr. Eckenwiler.

4. RPP and dockless vehicle proposed rulemaking and proposed DPW legislation—Three items were discussed: (1) RPP resident-only proposed rulemaking, for which the committee had a number of concerns regarding clarification of language. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the committee’s recommendations for clarifications and reiteration of relevant concerns raised in ANC 6C’s September 2016 comments. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Price. A separate vote was held to urge DDOT not to delay its consideration of pending applications for RPP blocks. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Healey. (2) Dockless-vehicles proposed rulemaking raised concerns for including disincentives to use alternate forms of transportation, potential privacy concerns, and material that pertains to permitting rather than rulemaking. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the committee recommendations. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt. (3) B22-752, the Warnings Before Citations Amendment Act of 2018. The bill would require the Department of Public Works to issue a warning to residents at least 7 days before issuing a citation for a violation of laws related to solid waste collection. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the committee recommendations, adding that the rules are not consistently applied. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt.

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

2 Patterson Street NE, update on RFP (request for proposals), a nonvoting item—Six applicants responded to the RFP for development of this DC-owned site. The applicants will present their respective concepts at a DMPED hearing on November 28, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Walker-Jones Education Campus, 1125 New Jersey Avenue NW. The PZE Committee will invite the applicants to present at its December and January meetings in groups of three.

**Grants Committee**

No business this month.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.