ANC 6C Minutes
Monday, December 10, 2018, 7 pm
Heritage Foundation
214 Massachusetts Avenue NE

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Quorum
A quorum of 4 out of 5 commissioners was present (Mr. Eckenwiler, Ms. Edelman, Ms. Healey, and Ms. Wirt).

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

Approval of the November Minutes
The November 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, the treasurer, was absent. The November treasurer’s report will be presented in January 2019.

New expenses were presented: Ms. Healey asked for reimbursement for her payment of host and domain fees to maintain the ANC 6C website: $24.99 to Hostgator, a web security service; $262.80 to Hostgator for web hosting; and $11.48 to Namecheap for web domain service—total $299.27. (Note: ANC 6C subsequently learned that the Namecheap fee of $11.48 is not due until March 2019, so the total reimbursement to Ms. Healey is $287.79.) The request for reimbursement was approved without objection. Motion: Ms. Healey/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Brief Community Announcements
1. Robb Dooling, ANC 6C06 commissioner-elect, presented a request for support of B22-0957, legislation requiring movie captioning, with a hearing scheduled for December 11. A motion for support was made. Motion: Ms. Wirt/Ms. Edelman. Mr. Eckenwiler and Ms. Healey both said that because they had not read the legislation they did not want to vote on it. Ms. Edelman stated that the legislation would be reintroduced in January and suggested that the vote be taken then, by which time Mr. Dooling said he would send the legislation to ANC 6C commissioners. The motion was withdrawn.

2. Commissioner announcements—Ms. Edelman noted that the opening of the dog park at 3rd and L Streets NE has raised concerns about barking. The matter will be referred to the Environment, Parks, and Events Committee. Ms. Edelman nominated Yancey Burns to serve as an at-large member of the ANC 6C Transportation and Public Space Committee. His background includes serving as a community outreach advisor for the Florida Avenue Multimodal Transportation Study and serving as an attorney for the DC Board of Ethics. He is
currently pursuing a master’s degree in Strategic Communication at George Washington University. The nomination was approved without objection. **Motion:** Ms. Edelman/Mr. Eckenwiler.

**Consent Calendar**

1. Hilton Garden Inn, 1225 First Street NE, ABRA-111948—The application proposes a kiosk near the front desk of a hotel to offer sales of beer and wine to hotel guests. The ANC 6C Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee recommends protesting based on the three usual reasons (negative impact on property values; on the peace, order, and quiet; and on vehicular traffic and pedestrian safety) in order to negotiate a settlement agreement on the part of the community. A stipulated license is also requested before the ABRA hearing. The committee recommends that alcohol sales begin at 9 am rather than the 7 am as proposed, and that Steve O’Neal, citizen chair of the ABL Committee, be designated to represent ANC 6C in all matters related to this application.

2. 910 6th Street NE, BZA 19890—Request for special exceptions in order to construct a two-story rear addition to an existing, semi-detached principal dwelling in the RF-1 zone. The addition extends more than 10 feet past the adjacent dwelling to the north. Letters of approval were received from both adjacent neighbors. The Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development (PZE) Committee recommends approval of the application.

3. 634 Lexington Place NE, HPA 19-097—Concept approval to increase the height of the third floor in order to create a basement entrance. The applicant’s agent was a no-show at the PZE Committee meeting. The committee noted deficiencies in the application documentation. There were no letters of support submitted from neighbors. The committee recommends opposition, but with the proviso that the letter of opposition be withheld if the applicant requests a postponement of the hearing (currently scheduled for December 20).

4. The Dubliner, 4 F Street NW, enclosed sidewalk café, public space application 10688976—The applicant seeks to construct a new enclosed sidewalk café using a completely removable modular system that has been approved by the Commission of Fine Arts and the Office of Planning. The windows swing open; the panels are made of fabric and can be entirely deconstructed within a 24-hour period. Construction of the café entails adjusting the grading near the alley and removal of bollards. The Transportation and Public Space Committee recommends approval of the application.

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

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

1. 2 Patterson Street NE, update on the RFP (request for proposals), a nonvoting item—Six applicants responded to the RFP for development of this DC-owned site. Four applicants presented at the December PZE meeting; the remaining two will present at the January PZE meeting, with results for all six applicants conveyed at the January 9 full-Commission meeting.

2. Square 750 map amendment, 2nd and K Streets NE, ZC 18-07—This is a proposal affecting four lots on the SE corner of 2nd and K Streets NE. The proposal is to change from PDR-1
(moderate-density commercial and production/distribution/repair) to a mix of MU-4 (moderate-density mixed use) and MU-5A (medium-density compact mixed-use development with an emphasis on residential use). A community agreement has not yet been reached. The PZE Committee recommends MU-3B, which is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Eckenwiler stated that MU-3B will be a hard sell to the Zoning Commission. Neighbors stated that height and density were the main problems (e.g., Alicia Maguire, Shadonna Logan). Opening the adjacent alley was a concern. The motion was to adopt the PZE recommendation, MU-3B, with lower density and with attention to a covenant with the potential to reopen the alley. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt. The vote was 3:0:1, with one abstention. The motion carried.

**Environment, Parks, and Events Committee**
Mr. McCann, citizen chair of this committee, introduced DPW Director Christopher Shorter, who addressed trash, recycling, and composting issues. Director Shorter stated DPW has devoted 6,000 vehicles to trash, recycling, and parking enforcement. He addressed snow management issues, including ice, freezing rain, and need for plows. Citizens can sign up for alerts regarding leaf collection. The mayor’s budget supports composting, which will be implemented in three years; research is under way, including types of containers that are rat-proof. Training classes will be part of the program to educate citizens regarding composting. A new DC-issued bin will be given to citizens who are interested in composting and take the training. Only yard waste and vegetable/fruit scraps will be collected. Questions to the Director included the multiplication of bins in alleys, the frequency of pickup, snow plows that should not push snow onto sidewalks, illegal dumping, problems with this year’s leaf collection, and failure to recycle plastics (bottles, forks, etc.) by commercial entities such as Roti restaurant.

**Transportation and Public Space Committee**
In the absence of citizen committee chair, Mark Kazmierczak, Jay Adelstein, ANC 6C03 commissioner-elect and TPS committee member, presented the results of the TPS Committee meeting:
Nonvoting item—Representatives of Washington Gas described work to replace gas pipes on Maryland Avenue NE (PROJECT pipes). Affected residents have received notification of the proposed project. Parking near the work site will be restricted, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. The work will be coordinated with the Maryland Avenue road diet project, scheduled to begin in 2019. Fancy Radish sidewalk café, 600 H Street NE, public space application 10665208—The applicant’s agent did not show up for the committee meeting. There were questions about spacing between tables. The hearing is January 3. The commissioners voted to oppose pending the applicant’s postponing the hearing in order to return to ANC 6C to answer questions, but to withhold the letter pending the owner’s request for postponement. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Ms. Healey. (Note: ANC 6C subsequently learned that the owner’s representative had been hospitalized the day of the committee meeting, and the applicant has postponed the hearing until January 19.)

Pepco will install underground power cable lines along 2nd Street NE starting at L Street to I Street NE—The lines will provide more reliable electricity to the neighborhood especially with
the numerous apartment buildings coming online. Pepco wants to work at night, 11:00 pm to 4:45 am, so that the project can be completed in one week. If work occurs during daytime hours, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, the project will take two weeks. The committee members recommend daytime work hours to allow the residents nearby to sleep, although they understand this will result in traffic problems with lanes closed. The commissioners voted unanimously to write a letter to DDOT recommending work during daytime, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Healey. It was noted that metal plates in the road need to be secured to prevent rattling as vehicles pass over them.

**Grants Committee**

Victoria Lord, citizen chair of the ANC 6C Grants Committee, asked for a vote to reissue a grant check in the amount of $966.50 to the Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School PTA. This was a grant to provide Chrome Books and a charging cart to enhance the literacy and mathematics programs for the third grade, co-sponsored by ANC 6A. The first check was not cashed within 60 days due to an error of the school PTA treasurer, so ANC 6C cancelled the check. Ms. Lord checked with Gottlieb Simon to see if a new check could be written, and he said a new check could be written, based on the initial approval of the grant by ANC 6C. The commissioners voted unanimously to write a new check. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Commissioners thanked Commissioner Edelman for her service to the neighborhood.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.