ANC 6C Minutes
Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 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. Adelstein, Mr. Dooling, Mr. Eckenwiler, Ms. Healey, Mr. Kelty, and Ms. Wirt).

ANC 6C welcomed three new commissioners: Mr. Adelstein, Mr. Dooling, and Mr. Kelty.

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

Approval of the December Minutes
The December 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: Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Healey.

Treasurer’s Report for November and December
Mr. Price, the former treasurer, presented the November and December treasurer’s report. The opening balance was $47,091.25. For November there were two expenses: check 1371 to Beth Ann Garcia for ASL interpretation, $166.00; and check 1372 to Kathleen Martain for ASL interpretation, $160.00. There was an interest payment of $0.39 from Bank of America. For December there were two expenses: check 1373 to Christine Healey for reimbursement of website fees, $287.79; and check 1374 to Ludlow Tylor PTA for a previously approved grant, $966.50. There was an interest payment of $0.39 from Bank America. The closing balance was $45,511.74. The November and December treasurer’s reports were approved without objection. Motion: Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

New expenses approved were $3.19 for the drinking water at the Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee and $25.00 for the ANC security fund. Motion: Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Brief Community Announcements
1. Commissioner announcements—Ms. Healey announced an RKF Campus community stakeholders meeting January 14, to present an update on redevelopment issues. (Note: the meeting was postponed because of inclement weather on January 14.) Mr. Eckenwiler announced upcoming performance and budget hearings at the DC Council for each DC agency, and encouraged community members to submit comments and testimony.
2. Brittny Pinto from the Mayor’s office stated that on January 16, 4:00 pm, the Mayor will have a monthly walk through DC, this walk scheduled through NoMa. The starting point is 1133 North Capitol. January 17 is the beginning of registration for the DC Summer Youth Program.

Elections of Officers and Committee Chairs; Confirmation of Committee Members

The election results were as follows. All votes were unanimous.

**Officers**—ANC 6C chair: Ms. Wirt. **Motion:** Ms. Healey/Mr. Eckenwiler; vice chair: Mr. Eckenwiler. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Dooling. Treasurer: Mr. Kelty. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler (replaces Commissioner Scott Price). **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler. Secretary: Ms. Healey. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt.

**Committee Chairs**—Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee, Mr. Steve O’Neal; Grants Committee, Ms. Victoria Lord; Environment, Parks, and Events Committee, Mr. Joe McCann; Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee, Commissioner Eckenwiler; Transportation and Public Space Committee, Mr. Mark Kazmiereczak.

**Committee Members:** Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee: Caroline Quat, 6C06, was appointed by Mr. Dooling. Grants Committee: Leslie Merkle was appointed the new ANC 6C02 representative by Ms. Wirt (replacing Matt Mayeski, who moved). Kay Elsasser, 6C02, was appointed by Ms. Wirt to the Transportation and Public Safety Committee. Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee: Mary Albert, Bill Sisolak, and Lauren McHale were voted At-Large members. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler. Dan Griggs and Jason Starr were voted At-Large members on the Grants Committee. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Healey. Phil Tahtakran, Caitlin LaRocco, and Brianna Battle were voted At-Large members of the Environment, Parks, and Events Committee, **Motion:** Ms. Healey/Mr. Eckenwiler. Elissa McDade and Yancey Burns were voted At-Large members of the Transportation and Public Space Committee. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Kelty.

Consent Calendar

1. DC Live, LLC d/b/a Elevate, 15 K Street NE, ABRA-100316, new sidewalk café—The ANC 6C Alcoholic Beverage Licensing (ABL) Committee recommended protesting this application due to failure of the applicant to show up at both the ABL Committee meeting on January 7 and today’s full-Commission meeting. The protest is to be based on the usual three bases: the negative effect of the establishment on property values; the negative effect on the peace, order, and quiet; and the negative effect on residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety. Mr. O’Neal, chair of the ABL Committee, is designated as ANC 6C representative in all matters pertaining to this application.

2. 913 7th Street NE, BZA 19917, special exception to construct a two-story rear addition—The ANC 6C Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development (PZE) Committee recommended approval of this application. Letters of support were submitted from neighbors to the north and south. The proposed structure will extend 10 feet past the adjacent dwelling to the north. The committee noted the potential light and air concerns but also the affected neighbor’s assent and that the applicant will retain the existing dogleg and convert it to a closed court instead of expanding to the full width of the lot in that location.

3. 434 4th Street NE, BZA 19892, special exceptions to construct a penthouse stair enclosure at the side of the property line—The ANC 6C PZE Committee recommended approval of this
application. The commissioners agreed that the application satisfies the criteria for setback relief, and special exception is met because of the undue expense of locating the stair enclosure in the center of the building, which would require extensive interior alterations.

4. 224 C Street NE, HPA 19-107, Concept approval for a second-story garage addition—The ANC 6C PZE Committee recommended that the disparity in materials, profile, and design is too great, and the alley-facing elevation as proposed is not compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District. Mr. Eckenwiler asked to be designated ANC 6C representative at the hearing for this application.

5. Fancy Radish, 600 H Street NE, application 10665208 for a sidewalk café—The ANC 6C Transportation and Public Space (TPS) Committee recommended approval of this application. The previous application had more tables. This new application has 4 tables and 8 chairs, with 8 feet of sidewalk clearance. There will be no ropes or barriers enclosing the sidewalk café. The concern was that the tables not creep out further into public space, and the committee recommended that this concern be included in the letter to DDOT Public Space.

6. No Turn on Red Installations, NOI 18-227-TOA—The ANC 6C TPS Committee recommended approving this Notice of Intent affecting five intersections in ANC 6C (First and K NE, North Capitol and H, New Jersey and D Street NW, First, New York, and O Street NE, and North Capitol, New York, and N Street NE). The committee endorsed enforcement at these intersections and suggested adding two more: Florida Ave at New York Ave NE and Louisiana at Massachusetts Ave NE. This initiative is part of Mayor Bowser’s Vision Zero goal.

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

**Transportation and Public Space Committee**

1. Union Station expansion update—The current planning is down to five alternatives, and each one will be included in an environmental impact statement. The TPS committee is concerned about the need for coordination with related projects and regular updates on progress to ANC 6C. Traffic congestion at the front of Union Station around Columbus Circle is also a concern. ANC 6C sent a letter in 2017 describing the congestion and the need for signage and stripes to direct traffic at the entrance. USRC staff is not doing a good job of directing traffic. A second follow-up letter to DDOT is needed recommending that Jeff Marootian monitor the lack of action in controlling traffic. The commissioners voted unanimously to send the letter. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt.

2. M Street and Delaware Ave NE, nonvoting item—The committee discussed cyclist and pedestrian safety issues as well as upcoming and needed safety improvements and the possibility of making Delaware a one-way northbound street at M. ANC 6C will work with Emily Dalphy of DDOT regarding these matters. Other concerns were turns onto K Street from Second Street NE and the cycle track at M and First Streets NE, with consideration of raised cycle tracks and more painting of bike lanes on the street.

3. West Virginia Avenue NE, Triangle Park—Preliminary discussion focused on a possible park at this location, to include a bike share station and green space. DDOT is looking at options and is supportive. Two letters from ANC 6C were proposed: (1) A letter to Council Member Charles
Allen exploring design and funding; and (2) A letter to DDOT recommending a bike share station. The commissioners voted unanimously to send the letters. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

4. Announcement—A public meeting will be held January 24, 2019, 7 pm at Kaiser Permanente, 700 Second Street NE to discuss DDOT’s plans for a road diet on K Street NE.

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

1. 634 Lexington Place, NE, HPA 19-097, revised application for concept approval to alter the roofline to create a third floor and create a basement entrance—The PZE Committee was supportive in general but the drawings did not include sufficient information on (1) the guard railings at the basement entrance and (2) retention of the metal band (flashing) on the ridgeline at the top of the front façade. The owner, Ms. Gunn, stated that the flashing would be replaced in kind and railings would be installed. The commissioners voted to give conditional support with notation of the two caveats. The vote was 5:0:1 (Mr. Dooling abstaining). **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Kelty.

2. 2 Patterson Street NE, Discussion of comments on six proposals for development of this site in response to an RFP from DMPED. The six developers were Monument Realty, Level 2 Development, Jefferson Apartment Group/Argos Group/SGC Development, WC Smith/The Menkiti Group, Tishman Speyer/Thoron Capital, and Republic Properties/Urban Matters Development/Capstone Development Partners. Comments included the need for more affordable housing with more bedrooms for families and the three hotels in the area that would preclude the need for another hotel at the site. Members of the audience who spoke included Nathan Burn, Brent Anderson, and Brent Ling, as well as Pastor Mike Wilker of Church of the Reformation and Randy Keesler, Social Justice Chair of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. A number of members of the Washington Interfaith Network were also present. Comments included the importance of maximizing the amount of affordable housing provided by this project, covered bicycle and vehicle parking, connection between the site and the N Street park, community space, LEED Gold development, and a preference for owned versus rental units. The commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the PZE recommendations and other suggestions expressed by the members of the audience. These included: oppose a hotel on the site, support more affordable housing with 3 bedrooms, maintain the connection to the N Street park and its maintenance, support a courtyard and green space, explore a District subsidy, and support a LEED Gold standard. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Healey. There was an additional motion to recommend that DMPED give ANC 6C a chance to review at the next stage and provide comments. The vote was 5:0:1 (Mr. Dooling abstaining). **Motion:** Mr. Kelty/Ms. Healey.

**Environment, Parks, and Events Committee**

1. NoMa Parks update—Swampoodle Park at 3rd and L, construction is complete; DPR has authority (e.g., hours of operation) but NoMa BID maintains the park. One resident complained about barking. NoMa will attempt to mitigate noise by adding signage, introducing more plantings to absorb the noise, and installing a new gate latch to prevent access during off hours. (Hours are 9 am to 7 pm.) Construction on Tanner Park in Eckington, linked to NoMa at the Metropolitan Branch Trail is expected to begin soon, completion date, late 2019. The M Street
underpass work is complete; the expected completion date for the L Street underpass is April 2019.

2. Water main inspection and repair, 6th Street NE—DC Water began in fall 2018 inspecting and repairing a 66” water main that runs south across 6C and Capitol Hill. This water main carries 22-25 million gallons of water annually and has 10 shut-off valves along its span. Because of its age, it is weakened at various points. The water main at 6th and M leaks, so a blow-off standpipe was installed at 6th and I Streets NE. After the committee contacted DC Water, it took steps to resolve/mitigate the problems caused by the water runoff. Future work will include signage and road barriers to protect workers, and when water must be turned off, residents will be given 48 hours warning. The project is expected to run through July 2019. Additional water projects are expected in ANC 6C, including along Constitution Avenue in late fall 2020. Questions and concerns can be directed to willis.thomas@dcwater.com and (202) 787-7616. DC Water’s 24-hour emergency line is (202) 612-3400.

Grants Committee
Victoria Lord, citizen chair of the ANC 6C Grants Committee, discussed a grant application from the Ludlow Taylor Elementary School PTA for enhancement of literacy to close an achievement gap for students in the third through fifth grades. A question was raised by the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) as to whether this grant represents a benefit to all ANC 6C residents—an interpretation of the grant regulation that appears to have changed. Ms. Lord will seek clarification from Gottlieb Simon, the director of the OANC. The commissioners voted unanimously to send letters if necessary to Gottlieb Simon and to Council Member Robert White, who now heads up the committee with grants oversight. Motion: Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. Motion: Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.