ANC 6C Minutes
Wednesday, February 13, 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).

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

**Approval of the January Minutes**
The January 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 for January and First Quarterly Report for FY 2019**
Mr. Kelty reported on the treasurer’s report for January. The opening balance was $45,511.74. There was an interest payment deposit of $0.39 from Bank of America. There was a check 1375 written for $25.00 for the ANC security fund, but the check has not yet cleared. The closing balance was $45,512.13. The January report was approved without objection. **Motion**: Mr. Kelty/Ms. Healey. The 1Q report covering October through December 2018 was approved without objection. **Motion**: Mr. Kelty/Mr. Dooling.

Several other motions pertaining to the treasurer were approved unanimously: **Motion** to change the ANC 6C bank from Bank of America at Mt. Vernon Square to National Capital Bank on Capitol Hill closer to ANC 6C, **Motion**: Mr. Kelty/Ms. Wirt; Motion to store the ANC 6C checkbook in a safe at the home of Mr. Kelty, the treasurer (because ANC 6C has no office), **Motion**: Mr. Kelty/Mr. Eckenwiler; Motion to amend the ANC 6C budget for 2019, **Motion**: Mr. Kelty/Mr. Dooling.

Checks previously approved and disbursed tonight were $2,930.00, a grant to Ludlow-Taylor Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization to enhance literacy for grades 3 through 5, approved at the December 2018 ANC 6C meeting; $3.19 for bottled water, approved at the January 2019 ANC 6C meeting, and $178.00 for six months’ rental of the ANC 6C post office box, approved at the January 2019 ANC 6C meeting.

A new expense was approved: $1,522.50 to Capital Community News, Inc., for ANC 6C 2019 monthly ads in the Hill Rag and an ad in the annual Hill Rag Guide. **Motion**: Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

**Brief Community Announcements**
2. Commissioner announcements—Ms. Healey announced she is looking for volunteers to represent her ANC 6C01 single member district on ANC 6C committees. She appointed herself to serve on the ANC 6C Transportation and Public Space Committee. Ms. Wirt appointed John Wirt to serve as her
representative on the Environment, Parks, and Events Committee. Mr. Eckenwiler stated that ABRA has approved the settlement agreement for the liquor license of Café Fili on G Street NE; that Toscano Restaurant, renamed “Duet,” will be applying for a new liquor license, with no date yet announced; and that the Rock 'n Roll Marathon will take place on March 9. Mr. Dooling announced there will be a new Bike Share station in NoMa on 8th Street NE and that a resident of NoMa, Tiffany Aziz, is planning to start a civic organization in NoMa.

3. Other brief announcements—Mr. Jamaal Jordan, Pepco, announced that a new Pepco ambassador, Ms. Asia Fetic will be attending ANC 6C meetings to respond to matters concerning Pepco.

4. Council Member Charles Allen—The Council Member provided an update on his initiatives and activities, including focusing on public safety and reduction of gun violence and gun-related crime; rethinking public space and parks for the betterment of neighbors and businesses; expanding affordable housing; ensuring equity in DC schools to address every child’s needs; monitoring illegal construction; improving transportation safety through repainting crosswalk lines and installing protective flex posts for bicycle lanes; and building trust with community/police interactions. He will announce details for a town hall meeting on budget issues soon and hold office hours for Ward 6 residents at the Pretzel Bakery, 257 15th Street SE, 8:00 to 9:30 am on Friday, February 15.

Consent Calendar

1. 224 C Street NE, HPA 19-107, revised application for concept approval, second-story garage addition—The applicant presented a revised concept adding several windows on the north, alley-facing elevation—and false windows on the eastern elevation—of the garage addition. The revision also modifies the garage door to a more historically sensitive style. Because the project has significant visibility from 3rd Street, a darker, more subdued color is recommended than the proposed off-white.

2. 918 7th Street NE, BZA 19928, special exceptions from rooftop architectural elements protection to construct a third-story addition to an existing two-story dwelling—The applicant proposes to remove an existing roof overhang on the front façade and construct a new third story with a mansard roof and dormer. This property sits next to only one twin building with the same façade design. The remainder of the block displays a variety of styles. Thus removal of the protected architectural element in this case would not have a substantial adverse impact on the “character, scale, and pattern” of the streetscape.

3. 209 M Street NE/Uline Arena, BZA 19926, special exception under the use regulations to allow VBR Brewing Corporation to host live performances in an eating and drinking establishment—The property is across the street from a residential zone but does not “abut” it. The interior space has soundproofing and the exterior entrances faces away from the residential zone. Because other major changes are expected in the neighborhood (e.g., new development anticipated for Central Armature at 1200 3rd Street NE, at 300 M Street NE, and at 301-333 N Street NE) the recommendation is for approval of live performances for a five-year period, after which the conditions could be reassessed.

4. Letter to the Zoning Commission requesting adequate time for comments from ANCs on future PUD modifications.

5. Florida Avenue Corridor—Recommendations urging immediate attention by DDOT to improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles at the Florida Avenue and 6th Street intersection including better protection for bicyclists with flex posts in the bicycle lane, adjusted timing of traffic lights, closing a curb cut to the gasoline station, adding a speed camera, and repainting crosswalk lines.

6. 2nd Street NE—A request for DDOT to study traffic on 2nd Street from Massachusetts Avenue NE to M Street NE due to the heavy commuter traffic on this corridor connecting NoMa to Capitol Hill.

The consent calendar was approved without objection. Motion: Ms. Wirt/Ms. Healey.
Transportation and Public Space Committee

In the absence of Mr. Kazmierczak, the committee chair, Mr. Adelstein presented the committee agenda.

1. K Street Road Diet—DDOT proposes changes to slow traffic on this busy commuter corridor to improve safety. Bicycle lanes will be added and parking removed, changes that have pleased some residents and caused concern for others. Sarah Dachos and Brent Huggins supported the addition of bicycle lanes. Betty Jean Logan addressed the loss of parking by residents with special needs who need access to curbside parking. Todd Hettenbach stated that the road diet will keep his family safe. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the DDOT road diet and implement it quickly, with the following recommendations: (1) Bicycle lanes need better protection, by more than flex posts; (2) the two-way cycle track in the overpass is unacceptable and needs to be readdressed; and (3) creative solutions are needed for mid-block loading/unloading for persons with special needs. Mr. Eckenwiler reinforced the need to prevent road deaths. Mr. Dooling stated that with thousands of new residents coming to NoMa in the next few years, DC must make the best use of public space to ensure public safety. Motion: Mr. Dooling/Mr. Eckenwiler.

2. 668 E Street NE, application 323991, permit to repave an existing driveway—The City cannot locate the original permit for this curb cut and driveway, which the previous owner said he obtained about 1980. The current owner bought the property in good faith that the driveway was legal. During discussion it was noted that this is not a driveway that takes a vehicle to a garage; it is essentially a parking pad. It was also noted that it is the policy of ANC 6C to oppose curb cuts. The commissioners voted to oppose the application: 4:2:0. Motion: Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Dooling.

3. D.C. Water, request to extend construction hours to repair a 66” water main at 8th and East Capitol Streets NE—DC Water states that extending permitted Monday-Friday construction hours from 9 am-4 pm to 7 am-7pm will cut the repair time significantly. There will be a detour route where traffic will be directed during the work. The traffic impact will be to close the southbound traffic on 8th Street NE during construction, with only local residents who reside on 8th Street given access. The northbound traffic on 8th Street NE and East Capitol will not be blocked. Ms. Healey noted that the ANC does not support allowing a diversion of truck traffic onto A Street NE west of Massachusetts Avenue or a detour of any vehicles onto 7th Street, as these local residential streets are not designed for truck and bus traffic or increased vehicle traffic. No additional vehicles should be detoured to the intersection of 7th Street and East Capitol NE, where sightlines are poor and many near-miss accidents occur frequently. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the extended hours, with the above-mentioned concerns to be included in the letter to D.C. Water. Motion: Ms. Healey/Mr. Eckenwiler.

4. D.C. Council Performance Oversight Hearings—Upcoming hearings will be held in February for DDOT, DPW, and several other agencies. For DDOT, concerns include (1) The need for greater urgency for Vision Zero, (2) Failure to give ANCs notice required by law, (3) Issuance of curb-space occupancy permits less than 72 hours in advance in residential districts, (4) Projects with lengthy completion times, especially on Florida Avenue, and (5) Unacceptably long repair times for fixing holes in sidewalks. Mr. Eckenwiler added incorrect issuing of RPP (parking permits) in blocks with large residential buildings. For DPW the concerns were (1) The need for upgrading the DPW ticketing system to fine vehicle owners who accumulate substantial unpaid traffic and parking fines; and (2) Spotty or nonexistent parking enforcement for violations of the 2-hour limit in RPP zones. The commissioners voted unanimously to adopt the committee recommendations and to authorize Ms. Healey to give testimony at the DPW hearing on February 15. Motion: Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Adelstein. Ms. Healey added a friendly amendment, which was accepted, to include a focus on intersection safety and regular parking enforcement particularly around the U.S. Capitol and Union Station.
Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee

1. Council oversight testimony—The commissioners voted unanimously to adopt Mr. Eckenwiler’s testimony and authorize him to testify at the Office of Zoning hearing on February 28. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Dooling.

2. Illegal construction by contractors at a Verizon switching station, 120 7th Street NE—Major construction work, including removal of portions of an exterior wall, was performed at this site with no building permits. Workers are also driving over the curb and sidewalk on 7th Street to a parking pad on the site. Ms. Healey will request Verizon attend both the ANC 6C Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development Committee and the Transportation and Public Space Committee meetings.

Other Business

Mr. Adelstein asked for an update on the ANC 6C grant to Ludlow-Taylor Parent Teacher Organization to enhance literacy for grades 3-5. Ms. Lord, the ANC 6C Grants Committee chair, stated that the OANC staff person with whom she spoke had misunderstood the law regarding the definition of grant beneficiaries. After consulting with OANC head, Gottlieb Simon, the definition was clarified and the grant language revisited to respond to the scope of the definition.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.