The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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
Ms. Wirt made a motion for two changes to the agenda. Elevate Club, 15 K Street NE was removed because the settlement agreement was filed. The application for 224 C Street NE, BZA 19956, was removed because the applicant withdrew due to neighbor opposition. Verizon illegal construction was moved to the consent calendar. The agenda as amended was approved without objection. Motion: Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Approval of the February Minutes
The February 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. The minutes were approved without objection. Motion: Ms. Wirt/Ms. Healey.

Treasurer’s Report for February
Mr. Kelty presented the treasurer’s report for February. The opening balance was $45,512.13. There was an interest payment deposit of $0.34 from Bank of America. Check 1375 was written for $25.00 for the ANC security fund. Check 1376 was written to Mr. Eckenwiler to reimburse for drinking water at the ANC 6C PZE Committee meeting. Check 1377 for $178 was written to Christine Healey to reimburse for website maintenance. Check 1378 was written to Ludlow Taylor PTA for $2,930, a grant to improve literacy in grades 3-5. Check 1379 was written to Capitol Hill Community News for $1,522.50 to cover ANC 6C advertising of meetings and committees for 2019. Checks paid totaled $4,658.69. The closing balance was $40,853.78. The February report was approved without objection. Motion: Mr. Kelty/Mr. Eckenwiler. A new expense of $15.16 for web domain fees was approved without objection. Motion: Mr. Kelty/Ms. Wirt.

Brief Community Announcements
1. Jessica Sutter, Ward 6 member of the DC Board of Education, presented an update of her activities, including updating social studies standards and work on the DC Curriculum Committee.
2. DC Sun, solar panel installation—Michaela Meehan described a program for low- to moderate-income homeowners to receive grants for solar energy installation, with options for renters and schools. Solar can cut monthly energy bills by 50 percent. Besides the grants program, any homeowner with the ability to self-finance is welcome to apply. She provided information on the handout table.
3. Commissioner announcements—Ms. Healey announced a program to support wildlife cameras/motion detectors to observe feral cat activity sponsored by the Humane Rescue Alliance and the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute. The goal is to perform a citywide cat census. Citizens can have cameras placed at a home or business for one month by contacting erobinson@humanerescuealliance.org. She also announced she is resigning from the ANC 6C Transportation and Public Space Committee, to be replaced by David Abernethy.
4. Mr. Dooling asked NoMa resident, Tiffany Aziz, to report on a new civic organization in NoMa. The first meeting of the group will be April 9, 7:00-8:30 pm at the Walker Jones education campus. Council Members Elissa Silverman and Anita Bonds will attend, as will a representative from the Mayor’s office. Local businesses have offered space for future meetings.

3. Other brief announcements—David Krucoff addressed the DC Statehood issue by proposing a new entity be established called Douglass County, Maryland (name chosen to honor Frederick Douglass), which would represent the 700,000 residents of the District of Columbia. He is executive director and founder of the Douglass County Maryland organization. He advocated economies of scale if DC would merge with Maryland.

4. Brittny Pinto, a representative from the Mayor’s office, announced Mayor Muriel Bowser’s State of the District address Monday, March 18, 5:30 pm, at the University of the District of Columbia theater. In addition, trash and recycling information has been posted on the Mayor’s website. The Mayor’s spring cleanup effort scheduled for April 6, whereby residents are encouraged to clean up trash in neighborhoods and support recycling efforts.

Consent Calendar

1. Café Fili, 701 2nd Street NE, Public Space application 10712570 for an unenclosed sidewalk café—Currently submitted drawings for ADA-compliant seating are not accurate. The recommendation is to support the application, but to withhold the ANC 6C letter of support until revised drawings with the appropriate ADA seating have been submitted.

2. 2019 Council oversight hearings, topics for ANC 6C testimony—This matter pertains to the DCRA oversight hearing scheduled for March 27. Three areas of concern are (1) stop-work orders and enforcement; (2) the certificate of occupancy issued to 707 H Street NE; and (3) interpretation by the DC Zoning Administrator of zoning regulations. Ms. Healey recommended a fourth concern, commercial encroachment in residential zones. The recommendation is for ANC 6C to testify at this hearing, with authorization given to Mr. Eckenwiler to testify on behalf of the ANC.

3. Verizon facility, 120 7th Street NE, illegal construction issues—Two recommendations are to ask Verizon to identify a contact who will engage with nearby residents to discuss and seek to resolve noise concerns and to send a letter to the Historic Preservation Office asking why the permit received HPO approval despite the apparent lack of photographs.

4. 707 H Street NE, potential BZA appeal, certificate of occupancy CO1901156 in apparent violation of the maximum 1.5 FAR in the NC-16 Zone—This item includes a request to reimburse Mr. Eckenwiler, who the ANC authorizes to testify on behalf of ANC 6C, for $75 in FOIA fees. [Note: Subsequently the fees were waived.]

The consent calendar was approved unanimously. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Dooling.

Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee

Brothers Burger Bar, LLC d/b/a Aroma, 707 Street NE, new restaurant application—In the absence of the Committee chair, Mr. O’Neal, Mr. Kelty presented the ABL Committee report. Despite several attempts to contact the applicant, he failed to attend either the committee meeting or the full-Commission meeting tonight. A number of residents attended the committee meeting in opposition to the application. The commissioners voted unanimously to protest the license on the basis of (1) effect of the establishment on property values; (2) effect on the peace, order, and quiet; and (3) effect on residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety. The motion included designation of Mr. O’Neal to represent the ANC, with Mr. Kelty as his alternate. **Motion:** Mr. Dooling/Mr. Eckenwiler.
Transportation and Public Space Committee
1. Greater Greater Washington, bus priority resolution—This is a resolution to improve bus reliability and ability to move residents to locations in DC, submitted by Mr. Dooling. It was on the February Transportation and Public Space Committee (TPS) agenda. The resolution urges the Mayor and DDOT to implement a citywide network of priority bus corridors. Mr. Eckenwiler urged better enforcement of bus-only lanes. The motion passed 5:1:0. **Motion**: Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Dooling.

2. Verizon, 120 7th Street NE, parking—This building is used for telecommunications equipment. Contractors have been driving trucks over curb and unpaved public space to the parking area near the building. Neighbors support keeping the loading zone in front of the property; otherwise trucks will double park and block traffic. The recommendation is to call DDOT to request a representative attend the April TPS Committee meeting to discuss options such as bollards and bicycle racks, a fence, or tree box protection as options to block trucks from traversing public space. If the call is not effective, ANC 6C will send a formal letter. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the committee recommendation. **Motion**: Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Dooling. Ms. Healey said she could not attend the April meeting but will be monitoring the situation nonetheless.

3. Folger Shakespeare Library, 201 East Capitol Street NE, entrance and accessibility improvements—The Library is in ANC 6B, across the street from ANC 6C. The two-year project includes below-grade construction, creation of exhibition space, new entry ramps and gardens, public seating, and bicycle racks. A Second Street curb cut will be eliminated. Melanie Fetske, a representative of the Library spoke, as did John Collins, a resident, both in favor of the improvements. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the project. **Motion**: Ms. Healey/Mr. Dooling.

4. Proposed rulemaking in bicycle lanes—This is Vision Zero/Bicycle-Lane Safety Proposed Rulemaking (66 DCR 1906). ANC 6C strongly supports the objectives of this rulemaking and adds several technical comments: a grammatical error in Sec. 2405.2, addition of a penalty provision in Sec. 2405.7, and a deletion of a penalty in Sec. 2600.1. The motion passed unanimously. **Motion**: Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Healey.

5. K Street Corridor update—Mr. Kazmierczak, citizen chair of this ANC 6C committee, reported that neighbors along K Street sent a petition to the Mayor, Council Member Allen, and DDOT requesting a halt to the installation of bike lanes and other roadway improvements. The committee noted that many of the signatures were from households on blocks that will not get bike lanes, and that it is likely many of the signees are unaware of the beneficial modifications of the road diet. Discussion included statements from residents who do not want to lose parking spaces and want a study of the impact of less parking. There was also a letter from 45 residents supporting safe bicycle lanes. The commissioners support the safety improvements as the overriding concern that will benefit pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles. It was suggested that ANC 6C send a letter to the Mayor stating the 6C position supporting safety. **Motion**: Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Adelstein. The vote was 5:0:1.

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development
2 Patterson Street NE, update—The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) reported on the best and final offers from proposed developers, six plus two alternatives, total 8 proposals. It was decided that ANC 6C will take no further action, as DMPED already has 6C priorities (support for affordable housing and opposition to hotel use). Mr. Eckenwiler will convey this to DMPED.

Environment, Parks and Events Committee
In the absence of the committee chair, Mr. McCann, Ms. Wirt presented the Environment, Parks, and Events Committee report. The Capitol Hill Classic Run will be May 19. There is no change in course.
The biggest concern is no parking on the route according to Clean Routes policy. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the event with the caveats that DDOT signage be in place throughout the event, that DDOT put signage up 72 hours in advance of the event, and that the Mayor’s office coordinate with MPD to mitigate the effects of the Clean Routes policy if it is implemented this year. A request should be made to fix pot holes along the route. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Kelty.

**New Business**

Initiative 77, Board of Elections error—This is legislation addressing the tip wage. DC Superior Court judge killed this legislation, but adequate notice was not given to the public by the Board of Elections, and the process broke down. The commissioners voted 4:0:2 to send a letter to Charles Allen and the D.C. Judiciary Committee recommending that the statute describing the referendum process should be amended. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Dooling.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.