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. Courtney, 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 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/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Treasurer’s Report
Mr. Kelty presented the treasurer’s report for November. The opening balance was $50,277.71. Deposits include the D.C. government allotment, $3,337.28 and $4.44 from the bank, interest income for October. Check 1387 for $3,000 was written for a PTO grant to Ludlow Taylor Elementary School. The closing balance was $50,619.43. A new expense was presented by Ms. Healey for an additional $400 to the cost of website improvements. It was approved without objection. Motion: Ms. Healey/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Brief Community Announcements
Commissioner announcements—Mr. Eckenwiler announced new DDOT drop-off/pickup parking signs on the south side of the 200 block of G Street NE. Ms. Healey announced an OANC requirement to submit an annual report in December, and stated she plans to send our monthly minutes in response. Mr. Kelty described a kind act of Trent Smith Development staff at the Apollo, who responded to a constituent with health issues who needed parking by making a parking spot available at no charge. Mr. Kelty also announced there is a 6C05 constituent who is on the verge of homelessness because he does not qualify for and cannot find affordable housing. It is a single male seeking a basement or studio apartment. If anyone has any leads, please let Mr. Kelty know. There were no other community announcements.

Consent Calendar
1. Petition for installation of speed bumps on the 900 block of 7th Street NE—Residents of this block have submitted a request for speed bumps because of increased vehicular traffic due to ride hailing and navigation apps now directing drivers to use 7th Street NE; moreover, southbound drivers speed up to make it through a traffic signal at 7th and K Streets with short timing. The recommendation is to support the petition.
2. 901 H Street NE, ZC 10-03D, PUD modification of significance to permit veterinary hospital use—The applicant seeks to include a ground-floor veterinary use, including sale of pet supplies. There will be
no overnight boarding. Soundproofing will prevent noise from disturbing other building occupants. The recommendation is to support the application.

3. Council hearing to implement regulations for short-term rentals—The Committee of the Whole will hold a hearing November 21 on Law 22-307, the Short-Term Rental Regulation Act of 2018. The law governs short-term rentals (STRs) such as Airbnb. The recommendation is for ANC 6C to provide testimony on four points: (a) The significant increase in administrative and regulatory duties for this legislation are beyond DCRA’s existing, and often unmet, responsibilities, and thus DCRA should be split in two; (b) Complaints should be manned by a hotline as well as 311; (c) It is important to create public awareness of enforcement and legal regulations; (d) Transparency is needed for planned enforcement efforts by making available a database of complaints received (with reference to individual host addresses) and actions taken or declined. The recommendation includes designation of Mr. Eckenwiler to present testimony on behalf of ANC 6C.

4. Public school zoning regulations, ZC 19-11—The recommendation is to oppose Section C-702, which would reduce the school parking requirements by 50 percent in R and RF zones. Suggested instead is allowing the minimum parking requirement to be met not only by parking within the lot boundaries, but also by adjacent curbside parking authorized through the process created by the Daytime School Parking Zone Amendment Act of 2017. The recommendation includes designation of Mr. Eckenwiler to present testimony on behalf of ANC 6C.

The commissioners voted unanimously to support the consent calendar recommendations. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

**Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee**

1. King Street Oyster Bar, 22 M Street NE, new license, ABRA-114984—The commissioners voted unanimously to protest the license on three grounds: effect on peace, order, and quiet; effect on property values; and effect on residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety. The intent is to reach a settlement agreement with the establishment with ANC 6C representing the community. A stipulated license is approved contingent upon successful completion of a settlement agreement. The motion included designation of Mr. Courtney to represent ANC 6C on all matters pertaining to the license, with Mr. O’Neal, chair of the ANC 6C Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee, as his backup. **Motion:** Mr. Courtney/Mr. Eckenwiler.

2. ABRA license renewals—Mr. O’Neal announced the committee’s policy of only protesting liquor licenses if there are community concerns. Fourteen establishments are up for renewal this month: Allure Lounge, Bar Elena, Big Board, Columbus Club, the Dubliner, Elevate, Hamilton’s, Irish Times, Laos in Town, Lounge 21, We Work, Red Bear, Solid State Books, and Wunder Garten. Of these, only Allure Lounge, 711 H Street NE, received a motion to protest due to complaints from the community. The commissioners voted unanimously to protest the license on three grounds: effect on peace, order, and quiet; effect on property values; and effect on residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety. The motion included designation of Caroline Quat, a citizen member of the ANC 6C Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Committee, to represent ANC 6C on all matters pertaining to the license, with Mr. O’Neal as the backup. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Courtney.

3. Mr. Kelty asked that a letter be sent to ABRA detailing the problems on the 700 block of H Street NE based on violations reported by neighbors, including noisy patrons, trash, alley defecation, and one adjacent house hit by loading vehicles in the alley. The 700 block of H is the only block in ANC 6C where residences directly abut establishments serving alcohol. Mr. Kelty tabled the item until he has a chance to draft a letter for the commissioners to review.
Transportation and Public Space Committee
1. Community outreach by Revel moped service—Non-voting item. This was an informational presentation by Revel, an all-electric shared moped service that recently began a four-month pilot operation in DC. Mopeds have a speed maximum of 30 mph. Users must be 21 years old and have a safe driving record. Helmets are provided, with disinfectant program every two days. Mopeds cannot be parked on sidewalks or in bicycle lanes, but must park at curbside with automobiles. Each moped has a GPS tracker and a sticker on the windshield with contact information so that any issues can be reported. They also have a hotline to report any problems. Mr. Khalid of Revel reported that 85 percent of concerns are remedied within two hours.

2. Safety improvements at the Kaiser Permanente 700 Second Street NE parking garage—In October the sidewalks along Second Street NE were striped to indicate the continuation of the Metropolitan Branch Trail. However, one person experienced a collision while bicycling southbound along the new markings with a vehicle driving northbound that turned left to enter the parking garage at 700 Second Street NE. ANC 6C sent a letter to DDOT describing the situation in 2012, with a number of suggestions for safety improvements. However, improvements were not fully implemented due to reluctance from the property owners. The commissioners voted unanimously to send another letter to DDOT and property owners reiterating the need for safety improvements. At the 6C committee meeting Mr. Michael Alvino, DDOT bicycle specialist, also recommended “speed stars” at the outer edge of the parking garage driveway to encourage drivers to slow down before entering and exiting the driveway. Motion: Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Adelstein. Mr. Eckenwiler added that DDOT should have given ANC 6C the required 30-day notice before marking the sidewalk.

3. Union Station Expansion and Burnham Place Projects—A community meeting hosted by three ANC 6C commissioners was held on October 29 to discuss these projects. Based on community input, the recommendation was to send two letters: (a) to the mayor and all council members with copies to FRA and USRC noting the projects are great opportunities for DC, but leadership is needed to ensure that DC neighborhood concerns are addressed (e.g., no traffic study was reported); (b) to DDOT, USRC, National Capital Planning Commission, State Historic Preservation Office, DC Office of Planning, the Architect of the Capitol, Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton, USDOT, FRA, WMATA, Amtrak, Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transportation, and the Maryland Transit Administration noting the sentiments contained in the first letter. The second letter would stress that additional communication and inclusion into the process is needed. Both letters would attach the ANC 6C letters from May 2018 to the FRA, July 2018 to DDOT, and May 2019 to the FRA. Based on the fact that a new meeting set up by FRA and USRC under the Section 106 process is scheduled for November 19 to present yet another alternative, a motion was made to send only the first letter to the Mayor and Council with copies to FRA, USRC, and Representative Norton. The motion to send the letter passed unanimously. Motion: Ms. Healey/Mr. Courtney.

Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development
Draft amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, comments and work plan—The committee adopted the following plan to ensure timely submission of ANC 6C comments on the Comprehensive Plan: (a) November 2019: introduction, implementation, land use, and urban design. (b) December 2019: transportation (to be reviewed also by the ANC 6C Transportation and Public Space Committee), housing, economic development, historic preservation, and community services and facilities. (c) January 2020: Capitol Hill, Central Washington, and Upper Northeast, and the two maps.
Comments on the November issues: Land Use—Strengthen language pertaining to illegal commercial uses in residential neighborhoods and underscore the need for more vigorous enforcement than currently exists; Urban Design—Emphasize the importance of public parking on green space between buildings and sidewalks; promote the elimination or reduction of highway and railroad barriers obstructing the street grid and posing challenges to pedestrians and cyclists; promote the creation of play/public spaces, especially in small scale to serve local neighborhoods; and avoidance of security barriers in public space. Because review of the Comprehensive Plan is ongoing, the committee recommends all 6C recommendations be reviewed in a master vote on the plan in January before the deadline for submission. [Note: After the ANC 6C meeting, the commissioners learned of an effort by other ANCs to press for extending the Comprehensive Plan deadline for comments; 6C will vote on joining this effort at its December meeting.] No vote is needed at this time.

Environment, Parks, and Events Committee
1. National Park Service—Diana Bramble, chief of maintenance for National Capitol Parks East, answered questions and discussed maintenance of Stanton Park, including fountain, playground, benches, lighting, trees, dogs, and police. The fountain was hit by an automobile last year and NPS is working to fix it. The Park Police 24/7 dispatch number is 202-610-7500.
2. Park at Fifth and I Streets NE—As part of a PUD at 6th and H Streets NE, Insight Property Group agreed to make improvements and maintain the park at Fifth and I for three years. Now that the term has expired, National Park Service is to maintain the park, which includes mowing 10-14 times a year. An arborist inspects trees on a quarterly basis. The future of the park was discussed. If ANC 6C wants to explore, it must first decide what it wants in that park: a community garden? 6C can ask for guidance on the process of changing ownership of the park with Council Members Mary Cheh and Charles Allen. The committee will consider future scenarios. A Pepco grid prohibits some uses of the park. No vote was taken.
3. It was announced that Verizon has given a grant of $2,500 to the Capitol Hill Garden Club. It will be used to beautify several locations, not necessarily the Verizon location on Capitol Hill.
4. Call boxes project—A letter will be prepared by the committee addressing a maintenance plan for the call boxes inventoried by the committee.
5. Comprehensive Plan review—The committee will review the Parks and Open Space portion of the plan at its December 3 meeting, and the Environmental Protection portion as well as the Arts and Culture portion at its January 7 meeting.

Grants Committee
No business this month.

With no additional business to address, the commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:30 pm. **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.