The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 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. Kelty presented the treasurer’s report for December. The opening balance was $50,619.43. Deposits include the D.C. government allotment, $3,946.78; and $4.41 in bank interest income for November. The closing balance was $54,570.62. A new expense was presented by Mr. Eckenwiler, $4.00 for a spare physical key to be made to the ANC 6C storage unit at 315 H Street NE. It was approved without objection. **Motion**: Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt.

**Brief Community Announcements**

1. Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington—Nick Farano gave a brief presentation of services offered since 1936, including free vision screening of schoolchildren, adult glaucoma and vision screening, low vision learning centers, aging eye and macular degeneration networks, and an eyeglasses clinic where the cost of eyeglasses is $35 or whatever the client can pay. The establishment is moving from 233 Massachusetts NE to 415 Second Street NE in February.
2. Commissioner announcements—Ms. Healey announced a DCRA outreach effort December 13 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the NE Library. She also announced she has prepared the ANC 6C annual report covering the 12 months preceding December 1, an ANC requirement. It will be posted on the ANC 6C website following a week during which commissioners can send her comments or corrections. The posting of the report was approved without objection. **Motion**: Ms. Healey/Ms. Wirt.

**Consent Calendar**

1. Menomale NOMA, 35 N Street NE, new restaurant, ABRA-112153; and Salumeria, a new full-service grocery store, ABRA-112154—The recommendation from the ANC 6C Alcoholic Beverage License (ABL) Committee is to protest both on the three grounds of effect on peace, order, and quiet; effect on property values; and effect on residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety. The goal of the protest is to negotiate a settlement agreement with the establishment. Mr. O’Neal, citizen chair of the committee, is designated to represent ANC 6C in all matters pertaining to the protests, with Mr. Courtney as his alternate.
2. Billy Goat DC, Inc., 500 New Jersey Avenue NW, renewal, ABRA-070520—There are no known problems with this establishment. No protest action is recommended by the ANC 6C ABL Committee.

3. 40 Patterson Street NE, addition of a two-vehicle passenger load/unload zone—The recommendation from the ANC 6C Transportation and Public Space (TPS) Committee is to approve this public space application 336383, a construction plan, which is unchanged since ANC 6C reviewed the plans in May 2019, except the loading area has been added, which was a recommendation from ANC 6C because of the large number of tenants in this 13-story building.

4. NBC News, 400 North Capitol NW, public space application 340122—The recommendation from the ANC 6C TPS Committee is to approve this public space application, which is to add 16 bollards and landscaping in order to make the glass-wall front newsroom more secure.

5. 55 H Street NE, public space application 19-20, Georgetown University residence hall and retail space—The recommendation from the ANC 6C Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development (PZE) Committee is to approve this application, with the condition that a depth-of-view minimum be included for the first floor, as was done for at least two PUDs in ANC 6C on H Street NE. The ground story should devote at least 50% of the surface area facing the street to display windows or pedestrian entrances having clear, low-emissivity glass. The depth-of-view minimum should ensure that the view through the display windows and pedestrian entrances is not blocked for at least 10 feet from the building face. The applicant agreed to this condition. The recommendation includes ANC seeking party status and designation of Mr. Eckenwiler to represent ANC 6C in all matters pertaining to the application.

6. 50 F Street NW, BZA 20168, penthouse addition and rooftop terrace—The ANC 6C PZE Committee recommends approving this application, with the condition that an absolute ban be imposed on the playing of amplified music on (or projected into) the site’s rooftop terrace. This condition is recommended out of consideration for nearby residents in the Capitol Plaza apartments at 35 E Street NW. The recommendation includes designation of Mr. Eckenwiler to represent ANC 6C in all matters pertaining to the application at the BZA hearing on December 18.

7. 19 4th Street (rear) NE, HPA 20-096, Hillsdale College, demolition and construction of a new structure—The ANC 6C PZE Committee recommends approval of the application on condition that the single west-facing window be outfitted with frosted glass, and support for special glazing be installed on the north side out of consideration of the privacy of adjacent structures. Ms. Healey is designated to represent ANC 6C in all matters pertaining to the application at the hearing December 19.

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

**Transportation and Public Space Committee**

1. 1212 6th Street NE, public space application 338283—This application is for a one-story addition above an existing two-story residence to create a two-family unit; electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and structural scope are included, as well as a new open porch, lead walk with steps, window well, driveway off alley, and knee wall with fencing. The commissioners had a number of concerns about this application, including inadequate information on the interior garage, driveway and parking on public space; the height of the fence and the existing grade versus the proposed grade; and unsatisfactory drawings taken from the north side (Florida Avenue, commercial) and not the east side (6th Street, residential). The motion was approved without objection to table ANC 6C action until the applicant returns in January to the ANC with additional information. It was noted that the application is not on the DDOT December calendar for a hearing. **Motion:** Mr. Adelstein/Mr. Eckenwiler.

2. Union Station Expansion and Burnham Place Projects—It was noted that the printed distribution of the slides presented in November by the project coordinators did not include the proposed traffic patterns
around Union Station. Mr. Adelstein and Mr. Courtney met with Council Member Charles Allen and requested that the Council Member write a letter to the mayor with ANC concerns about the project. Ms. Healey mentioned a January 7 meeting of ANC 6C commissioners with the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation and Federal Railroad Administration to discuss the project, as well as a January 9 meeting of the National Capital Planning Commission which will be considering the project and suggested ANC 6C testify regarding its November 16 letter. She volunteered to testify, with Mr. Courtney as her alternate. The motion to designate these witnesses to testify was approved without objection. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Ms. Wirt.

3. Comprehensive Plan, transportation element—The committee will continue its work on the plan in January.

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

1. Comprehensive Plan—The committee is continuing its work on the plan. Ms. Wirt mentioned a proposal by ANC 4D to request extension of the ANC deadline beyond January 31 to report on the Comprehensive Plan. She asked for a vote to join the effort to request an extension. In the meantime, ANC 6C will work to meet the current January 31 deadline. The motion was approved without objection: **Motion:** Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.

Ms. Healey suggested a special session, with adequate prior notice to the public, might be needed to complete ANC 6C work on the Comprehensive Plan in early January.

2. 337 H Street NE, Certificate of Occupancy, FAR issue—This is a request from the PZE Committee to appeal this maximum allowable FAR with the BZA. Mr. Eckenwiler asked to be designated the ANC 6C representative, with Mr. Kelty as his alternate. The commissioners voted unanimously to support the request. **Motion:** Mr. Kelty/Mr. Eckenwiler. The motion included approval of up to $20 for mailing expenses associated with filing an appeal.

3. Department of Buildings Act—Mr. Eckenwiler asked for ANC 6C to approve resending to DCRA his 2018 testimony regarding the split and reorganization of DCRA. The deadline for submission is December 27. His request was approved without objection. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Kelty.

4. Zoning Commission rulemaking on nonconforming structures—ANC 6C presented testimony in October regarding the incompleteness of ZC 19-14, which would amend regulations on nonconforming structures and special-exception relief. The ZC has set an extended schedule designed to allow ANC 6C the opportunity to comment. The request is to send a brief letter to the ZC stating our appreciation and our willingness to work with them to address the listed concerns in upcoming ZC 19-21. The request was approved unanimously. **Motion:** Mr. Eckenwiler/Mr. Kelty.

**Environment, Parks, and Events Committee**

Comprehensive Plan, Parks and Open Space Element—The committee will continue to work on its recommendations for the plan. Commissioners commented on a need for affordable housing and recreational space, and how both can be provided, the definition of “residential yard,” pervious surfaces, encouragement of diversity in park designs, the question of whether one large park is better than a number of smaller ones, and the need for community engagement with ANC regarding parks. A member of the audience suggested parks should reflect the “roots of the neighborhood.” The committee will take up the Arts and Culture Element and the Environmental Protection Element of the Comprehensive Plan in January.

**Grants Committee**

No business this month.
New Business
1. Marijuana on H Street—Mr. Kelty stated that his constituents near H Street are concerned about seven establishments that are “gifting” marijuana to customers when they make a purchase of another item. He mentioned undesirable behavior and crime on H Street as a result, including a gun battle on the 500 block of H, people stumbling into the street and disrupting traffic, and unsanitary behavior in the alleys. He mentioned a recent special meeting with MPD and the possibility of involving the DC Department of Health. The legislation allowing 2 ounces of marijuana needs to be revisited, and the “distribution” of marijuana versus sale should be defined and clarified. The availability of marijuana on H Street NE is drawing vehicles with Maryland and Virginia plates. There is concern that the adverse impacts on the neighborhood will drive good businesses away from H Street. Mr. Kelty asks his constituents to send him comments.

2. Homeless encampments—Mr. Courtney attended a meeting addressing encampments hosted by Street Sense. He stated that the City’s protocol for encampments is not yet established. He continues to work on solutions to the encampment problems.

With no additional business to address, the commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:55 pm. 

Motion: Ms. Wirt/Mr. Eckenwiler.