

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E
Virtual Public Meeting
Tuesday, September 5, 2023**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E convened via Zoom Video Conference and/or Telephone on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Chris Hart (Chair), ANC 6E01
George Viedma, ANC 6E02 (was he on initially? Notes not clear)
Kevin Rogers, ANC 6E03
Denise Blackson, ANC 6E04
Ahmad Abu-Khalaf, ANC 6E05
Dylan Forest (Secretary), ANC 6E06 (joined at 6:40 p.m.)
Ritanch Hans, (Vice Chair & Treasurer), ANC 6E09 (joined at 6:45 p.m.)

Absent:

Davina Carson, ANC 6E07
(Vacant), ANC 6E08

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Chris Hart with a quorum of 5 out of 7 Commissioners present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Hans moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded to approve the Agenda as amended. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Hans moved and Commissioner Blackson seconded to approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2023 ANC 6E Virtual Public Meeting as submitted. The Motion **passed** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

4. UPDATES FROM WARD 6 COUNCILMEMBER ALLEN'S OFFICE – JEANNE MATTISON

- Central Cell Block: Councilmember Allen met with Commissioners Hart and Nigro; following up on specific issues with DOC relating to noise and transportation; nothing before the Council right now; working on some resolutions and follow up with Commissioners Hart and Nigro.
- Office of Unified Communications (OUC): Call takers that facilitate 911 calls are in serious trouble; leadership not doing enough to recruit and maintain staff; shortage of staff all over the country.
- Hearings –

- 9/18/23: Councilmember Allen bill to Expand DC's Private Security Camera System.
- Councilmember Allen introduced a bill -- Ensuring Safe Forensic Evidence Handling for Sexual Assault Survivors Amendment Act of 2023.
- 9/27/23: Hearing for MPD Chief for Acting Chief Pamela Smith.
- 9/28/23: Business and Economic Development committee Hearing for insurers to cover annual prostate exams.
- 10/5/23: Street Safety – Hearing on STEER Act (enhanced booting and towing).
- Shout out to Commissioner Blackson's Northwest One Public Safety Walk.
- Shout out to huge Back-to-School efforts – Northwest One – four backpack giveaways.
- Shout out to Mount Vernon Triangle CID for the beautiful new mural they have about climate change.

A question and answer period followed.

- Commissioner Blackson thanked Jeanne Mattison for her compliments and partnering with her.
- Commissioner Hart asked whether Jeanne has seen the letter about the OUC that ANC Commissioners have signed on to with some proposed steps for the Mayor to consider; thanks for flagging the urgency of the situation.
- ANC 2G Commissioner Rachelle Nigro asked why Councilmember Allen is not opposed to the Central Cell Block and why hasn't he issued a public statement on this? Response: Invite Councilmember Allen to the October ANC 6E Public Meeting.
- Commissioner Hart stated the answers lie with the Mayor's Office. ANC 6E has concerns about soundproofing, concerns about the temporary nature of the facility, and that there has been no approved funding for renovation of the Daly Building.
- Avi stated in lives in Mount Vernon Triangle. The Judiciary Committee said they were supportive of the move – will Councilmember Allen introduce any legislation to resolve it: look at alternative sites? Any plans to fund the existing cell block? Response: Councilmember Allen's goal is to get the DOC to respond to the community and have an open conversation with what the details are and where we are going from here. Councilmember Allen is committed to getting answers to give to the community.

5. UPDATE FROM MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND SERVICES (MOCRS) – Marcus Manning, Ward 6 Community Liaison, 202-538-1241

- September 9, 2023, 10:00 a.m., MLK Library: DOES Youth Hiring Fair for 18 to 24-year olds; bring your ID and resumes.
- Back-to-School Week last week – welcomed 100,000 students in DCPS and Public Charter Schools.
- September 9, 2023, Turkey Thicket Recreation Center: After School Fair for Children and Teens.
- Pick up ride-free cards to travel back and forth to school.
- Public Safety: (1) Adding more CCTV cameras; (2) Increasing bonuses for MPD Officers and Cadets; (3) Bringing back youth curfew pilot program.
- 20238 – Schedule of events – Office of Cable TV – show making performances.
- COVID: be mindful and wear a mask, as we are going into flu season.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- Commissioner Hart asked if the youth curfew pilot program was city-wide or in certain areas. Response: Will follow up and advise.
- Commissioner Forest asked whether the youth curfew program is effective and has he seen any data. Response: Will follow up and advise.

- Commissioner Rogers asked if he had hearing anything on the parking and was informed no, not yet.

6. PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 5D (PSAs 501/502)

Lt. John Sprague reported on crime for the last 30 days compared to the same period last year.

- Violent Crime:
 - 8/14/23: Assault of scooter rider and theft of scooter;
 - 1200 block of 1st Street NW – security guard sitting in vehicle shot in the leg.
 - 8/25/23: 1200 block of 1st Street NW – individual sitting on a bench had his cell phone stolen.
 - 8/29/23: Robbery -- Satchel stolen containing electronics.
 - 9/22/23: Robbery – New York Avenue – attempted robbery of scooter.
 - 7/4/23: Homicide closed on unit block of Patterson Street.
 - Stabbing in 100 block of M Street NW (outside of 6E) – suspect apprehended.
- Overall Crime Up for the previous 30 days: 64 to 96
 - Violent Crime up 6 to 8
 - Sexual Assault down 2 to 1
 - Homicide: 1
 - ADW: Down 3 to 2
 - Robbery: Up 3 to 4

A question-and-answer period followed.

- Commissioner Hart – (1) asked exactly where did the homicide occur in 6E?
Response: On the west side of the train tracks (outside of 6E).
- Commissioner Rogers – (1) asked for an update on the homicide by Tyler House.
Response: Record locked; (2) need to get more patrols on K Street to prevent robberies and thefts.
- Avi: Asked for an update relating to an incident in 1D: 8/20/23: Holiday Inn Express, 317 K Street NW: A man accessed a hotel room and mugged the person in the room.
Response: Will follow up and advise.

7. PSA REPORT: METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT 1D (PSA 103)

See Item 10.

8. PRESENTATION: DC SMART STREET LIGHTING PROJECT

Representatives Present: Enora Moss
Stanilas Mathieu

PowerPoint presentation provided that focused on the following points: (1) Community Benefits; (2) Project Timeline; (3) Design and Construction Phase; (4) Asset Management; (5) Outreach and Engagement;

*Full presentation on ANC 6E website.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- Commissioner Hart – (1) asked what is the process if someone would like to request new lighting on a particular block? Response: The DC Smart Lighting Project is a retrofit of existing lights. However, there is an Asset Management provision of the contract that can be used to reach out with requests such as this; (2) asked what is the plan for the temperature/coloring of the lights? Response: 2700K or 3000K (Kelvin scale).

9. PRESENTATION: CLEAN ENERGY DC 2.0 – Amanda Holloway (DOEE)

Representative Present: Jamie Donovan, Project Manager, jamie.donovan@dc.gov

- Updating the Clean Energy Plan next year; last plan published in 2018.
- The Plan makes recommendations to the DC Government and stakeholders on how we meet our energy goals.
- Targets:
 - Original Target: 50% reduction in GHG by 2032
 - New Target: 60% reduction in GHG by 2030
 - Carbon Neutrality by 2045
 - *The District has 22 years to eliminate GHG emissions.
- Highlights:
 - Overview of Green House Gas Emissions by Sector
 - Implementation of Existing Clean Energy DC Plan
 - Why is this Plan needed? (1) Climate Change; (2) Public Health; (3) Resilient, Reliable Infrastructure; (4) Local clean, affordable energy; (5) Economy and Jobs.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- Commissioner Forest – (1) stated 60% of DC residents are renters, and 100% of DC residents in his SMD are renters. What sort of incentives and programs will be available to them? Response: Working with landlords to roll out more EV charging stations; there are more opportunities for landlords through Federal acts, but it is a challenge to get property owners and landlords to do this; (2) asked if there is any plan about particulate emissions from vehicles, i.e., tires? Response: Considering a recommendation to encourage smaller vehicles to reduce the weight and, therefore, the particulate; try to get more people walking and biking.

*Full presentation on ANC 6E website.

10. DISCUSSION RE PUBLIC SAFETY AT 7-ELEVEN, 504 K STREET NW – [SMD 6E01]

Representative Present: Michael Alves, Zone Asset Protection Manager, NE Zones, 7-Eleven

Commissioner Hart provided an introduction and stated the impetus for this conversation, specifically the shooting on 7/8/23 in the early hours of the morning, is that ANC 6E would like to hear about what steps are being taken to address these concerns (while some are

outside of 7-Eleven's concerns), what can 6E do to support 7-Eleven, and how can we work with community stakeholders.

Mr. Alves responded 7-Eleven tried to do a few different things: (1) installed a live video trailer in last October. Our biggest issues are the loitering issues; additionally tried to install mood music but we were asked to turn it off; Have seen incidents decrease by 20%. It is helping but not a total fix. We have security guards from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. every night. Have a good relationship with MPD; allowed MPD to look at the live video from the trailer. The big thing is the safety of our customers and employees. The trailer has impacted the number of people loitering.

Commander Colin Hall from 1D joined the call late and provided a brief background on himself. He stated MPD has patrols in that area and has a beat going through there. MPD is working with the establishment to bar subjects. This has been a collaborative effort.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- Commissioner Hart stated he has heard about incidents happening inside the store; there is no security at night all the time and he requested that the hours at this location be revisited. Additionally, are you taking advantage of the barring and stay away orders? Response: There is security from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. every day and the store said this was working effectively. During the day, we have more employees working. Commissioner Hart raised the question as to whether the store should close at 11:00 p.m. Response: This is something that we may have to consider but it is a decision for the higher ups.
- Avi – (1) asked if the outdoor seating can be redesigned; (2) in regard to the shooting incident, 1D stated the cameras were not working or were offline. There is loitering between the camera system and the wall. Response: the live video trailer system is separate; the camera system inside was an issue but this has been corrected.
- Commissioner Nigro stated she visits the 7-Eleven at least four times a week. The store should keep up with what it has been doing and bring on additional security inside if need be. She has seen much improvement since the store opened.
- Kenyattah Robinson stated the sidewalk is being power washed and trash is being picked up. He has received some quotes to improve the public space that he will share. Regarding the circular planter, not inclined to do this. In speaking with a store employee on one occasion, she stated security did not show up.

11. PRESENTATION: UPDATE ON ARLO HOTEL, 3RD AND G STREETS NW – Robert Hendrickson [SMD 6E08]

Representatives Present: Robert Hendrickson, Quadrum DC, LLC (Owner/Developer)
Gene Weissman, Arch Incorporated (Architect)

PowerPoint presentation provided. Highlights include:

- Visuals of the project.
- Ground Floor Restaurant
- 12 stories with a rooftop penthouse; 230,000 square feet incorporating the historic building (Canterbury)
- Ground floor plan all common space
- Coffee Shop that will be open to the public.

- Historic building will also include lounges, lobby bar, meeting rooms, private dining rooms
- Incorporating cast iron columns supporting brick vaults in the historic building
- 445 keys in the building; smaller rooms;
- Fitness Center
- Small Pool for guests
- Penthouse lounge with a bar.
- LEED Certified Project.
- Projected Opening Date: Mid-August 2024

Commissioner Hart stated most of the approvals were done in ANC 2C. He asked if there are any actions needed from ANC 6E in the future. Response: Plan to submit our liquor license application in the next month or two. There will also be a sidewalk patio on 4th Street NW.

Commissioner Hans asked what type of restaurant is planned. Response: they are still working through the final details with the F&B Operator but the concept is for a Spanish restaurant.

*Full presentation on ANC 6E website.

12. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT: SPECIAL EXCEPTION RELIEF FROM LOADING REQUIREMENTS, AREA VARIANCE FROM LOADING REQUIREMENTS, AND SPECIAL EXCEPTION RELIEF FOR PENTHOUSE RESTAURANT, 917-921 6TH STREET NW – Jessica Bloomfield, John Oliver [SMD 6E01]

PowerPoint presentation provided. Highlights include:

- 117 key hotel, Mount Vernon Triangle neighborhood
- Application Overview:
 - Approval will result in the development of a 13-story lodging facility with an eating and drinking establishment on the ground floor and within the penthouse.
 - Zoning Relief Requested:

Relief	Result
The penthouse requirements of 11-C DCMR § 1501.1	Eating and drinking establishment to be located within penthouse habitable space.
The loading requirements of 11-C DCMR § 901.1	Project will not provide on-site loading facilities. All loading will occur from the alley at the rear of the property. Applicant will designate a loading manager to coordinate with vendors, schedule deliveries, monitor truck movements, and work neighbors to resolve potential conflicts.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- Commissioner Hart expressed concern about the small alley. Additionally, the 500 block of K Street is a very short block; there is a bike lane and bus stop. How can we

insure that the Loading Management Plan is going to be enforced? Response: We will submit our Loading Management Plan to DDOT and then DDOT will file a report that the loading is approved as a condition of the order.

*Full presentation on ANC 6E website.

MOTION: Commissioner Hart moved and Commissioner Forest seconded that ANC 6E support the requested special exception relief from the penthouse requirements, the loading requirements, and the area variance for 917-921 6th Street NW and that ANC 6E convey that support to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA). The Motion **passed** 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

13. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT: EXTENSION OF PUD BUILDING PERMIT DEADLINE FOR CAPITOL CROSSING CENTER BLOCK (Z.C. ORDER NO. 08-34L) – Christy Shiker [SMD 6E08]

Representatives Present: Christy Shiker, Holland & Knight
Blaire Carter, Capitol Crossing Advisors
Ted Hallinan, Capitol Crossing Advisors

Approved Second-Stage PUD for the Center Block

- Residential Building
 - Approximately 166 units, including 50 affordable housing units
 - LEED Gold and solar panels
- Hotel Building
 - Approximately 222 hotel rooms
 - Bar/restaurant use in the penthouse
 - LEED Platinum
- Shared Ground Floor Podium
 - Approximately 20,000 sf of retail
 - Residential and hotel amenity/lobby spaces
 - Outdoor Terrace

PUD Deadlines

- Z.C. Order No. 08-34L – Effective as of March 25, 2022
- Required to file building permit application for **Residential Building and Podium** no later than March 25, 2024 (two years) and start construction no later than March 25, 2025 (three years).
 - Application for a two-year extension to file building permit no later than March 25, 2026 and start construction no later than March 25, 2027.
- Required to file building permit application for **Hotel Building** no later than two years following issuance of the first Certificate of Occupancy (“COO”) for the Residential Building or Podium and start construction no later than two years following the issuance of the first COO for the Residential Building or Podium.

*Full presentation on ANC 6E website.

MOTION: Commissioner Hart moved and Commissioner Forest seconded that ANC 6E support the request for a two-year extension to the Zoning Commission Order No. 08-34L provision to file the building permit for the Second Stage PUD for the Capitol Crossing Center Block and that support be conveyed to the Zoning Commission. The Motion

passed 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

14. PRESENTATION: NEW JERSEY AVENUE ROADWAY MODIFICATIONS, D TO H STREETS NW – Will Handsfield, DDOT [SMDs 6E07, 6E08]

Representative Present: Bethany Turner, Transportation Engineer, DDOT

Bethany Turner provided a slide presentation with an update on the New Jersey Avenue Corridor Safety Project and roadway modifications from D to H Streets NW. Topics covered included: Sustainable DC goals, Vision Zero Goals, Why DC is installing Protected Bike Lanes, Project Limits: New Jersey Ave NW between Louisiana Ave and H Street NW, Existing Conditions – Roadway Characteristics, Typical Layouts, Road Diet Overview, and Crash Risk and Crash Likelihood drop significantly following a road diet.

*Full presentation on ANC 6E website.

A question-and-answer period followed.

- Commissioner Hart – (1) advocated to have northbound 1st Street come out via F Street; (2) asked in terms of protection, what is DDOT looking at? Response: Alternating concrete blocks and flex posts; (3) asked about the block between D Street and Louisiana Avenue NW? Response: That block is owned by the Architect of the Capitol.
- Commissioner Abu-Khalaf asked what is the deadline to provide input? Response: Three weeks.

15. UPDATE FROM ANC 6E WEBSITE COMMITTEE – Commissioner Abu-Khalaf

Commissioner Abu-Khalaf stated a couple of months ago ANC 6E established a special committee to look at the website. The committee is made up of himself as Chair, Commissioner Carson, and Mark Randolph, a constituent. The committee had a couple calls and sessions that resulted in a memo to Commissioner Hart on suggested steps for updating the website and to think more broadly about the outreach communications from the Commission. Specifically: A need for a revamped website that is more user friendly and since the existing platform is also dated, we suggested considering a new platform. We also recommended that ANC 6E work on a framework document to think more broadly about the information that must be included and consider hiring a part time communications officer to update the website. Also looking at additional outreach activities. Currently we do not have a monthly newsletter and the committee is thinking about a newsletter with key updates, using social media channels, and other opportunities. Moving forward, we can discuss this further about how we want to launch the website revamp, possibly issuing a request for proposals from website developers and moving forward with a website developer to create the new website. These are the main updates. One suggested idea was exploring a survey that would ask constituents about how we can improve our communication and outreach and those recommendations would help shape the website.

Commissioner Hans stated his SMD started a 6E Chinatown/Mount Vernon newsletter that may be able to be extended to the rest of 6E and also include a survey in it. Commissioner Abu-Khalaf responded that he felt one newsletter may be easier. Commissioner Hart stated he would be supportive of hiring a part-time person to do this. The money is there.

There was general consensus to have the Committee move forward with getting quotes for website developers, thinking about a new platform and managing the content, and a part-time communications officer.

16. FY24 BUDGET APPROVAL

MOTION: Commissioner Hans moved and Commissioner Forest seconded to approve the FY24 Budget for ANC 6E as presented. The Motion ***passed*** 5 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions.

17. OPEN FORUM

Commissioner Forest suggested, in the interest of reducing the length of ANC 6E's meetings, having committees deal with the presentations and ask questions, and then bring back the committee's recommendation to the next regular ANC meeting.

18. NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 3, 2023

19. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Forest moved and Commissioner Hans seconded to adjourn the meeting. The Motion ***passed*** 6 yeas – 0 nays – 0 abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
(Transcribed from Recording)

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