

ANC6D Monthly Business Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2023
Virtual Meeting held on Zoom

The Commission convened at 7:00 p.m. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Fredrica Kramer, Bob Link, Bruce Levine, Ronald Collins, Andrea Pawley, Ashton Rohmer, Gail Fast, and Rhonda Hamilton.

Approval of the Agenda

On motion of Commissioner Collins, the agenda was approved as amended 8-0 with the following change: DDOT Letter discussion clarified.

Introduction of Commissioners

Announcement of Next Business meeting: 5/8 at 7 pm via Zoom

Review and Approval of March 2023 Minutes

On motion of Commissioner Levine, the minutes were approved 8-0 as amended.

Meeting Announcements

Andrew Lightman announced that The Hill Rag has published a review of the current TOPP for Southwest and Navy Yard.

Georgine Wallace announced the upcoming “Best of Southwest” author talk, 4/29 from 2-3 pm.

Donna Purchase announced that there would be a SWNA Community Meeting on 5/1 at 7 pm at Arena Stage, featuring Brandon Best, Ward 6 Board of Education Representative.

Commissioner Rohmer announced the upcoming Southwest Garden Fest and the upcoming WMATA Better Bus event.

Georgine Wallace announced that PSA 103/105 PSA would be holding a meeting on April 19 at 6 pm virtually.

Public Safety Report from MPD

Capt. Harding from PSA 105 reported on several incidents occurring since the last ANC Business meeting. He also indicated that there have been 15 motor vehicle thefts year to date, which number was an increase from the same period in 2022. He reported that the DC Council is seeking to give the Department of For-Hire Vehicles enforcement authority over delivery drivers.

Capt. Roth from PSA 103 reported that violent and property crimes were up from the same period in 2022. There have been 5 robberies in the past 30 days. He noted that incidents in the highway tunnels such as 395 are recorded as occurring in PSA 103. He advised owners of Kia/Hyundai vehicles to purchase wheel locks to stifle thefts per the Hyundai/Kia Challenge.

Community Concerns

Karthik Balasubramanian expressed his perspective on what he sees as the ANC's "car-centric" approach.

PRESENTATIONS

Department of Parks and Recreation

Chris Dyer, Community Engagement Manager for DPR, made a presentation about his role, DPR's properties in 6D's boundaries, and about the Department's programs and services, including how to register for camps and programs year-round. He specifically indicated that Randall Rec is a budgeted capital project for FY 23, and that DPR is developing a Statement of Work and that there will be community meetings—3-5 of them-- once a design firm is selected for the project. He confirmed that the budgeted money will not be eliminated in future fiscal years.

Race for Hope

Deanna Martin provided a briefing about this event, sponsored by the National Brain Tumor Society, scheduled for Sunday May 7.

Duck Pond Event

Community resident William Hardy presented his plans for a May 6 event for friends and family that will be open to the public. This event will involve music.

The Commission voted 8-0 to provide a letter of support for the event, contingent on Hardy securing a port-a-potty, and will contact the SWBID for direction on who to contact to rent the port-a-potty, and MPD if needed.

Consent Agenda

On motion of Commissioner Collins, the Commission voted 8-0 to approve the Consent Agenda, which consisted of:

Approving the plans for the Race for Hope

Update: Letter to DDOT

Commissioner Kramer led a discussion of what should be included in a proposed letter to Director Lott of DDOT regarding issues the Commission wants him to address when he appears at the May 8 Business meeting. One amendment proposed by Commissioner Rohmer was added regarding traffic safety in general and around Amidon-Bowen and Jefferson schools specifically. The amendment carried, 4-3-1.

An additional motion by Commissioner Rohmer to add language to the letter re parking accessibility was rejected by the Commission, 1-4-3.

On motion of Commissioner Fast, the Commission voted 6-2 to send the letter to Director Lott as amended to include the approved motion from Commissioner Rohmer and to remove reference to preservation of the DC Circulator from Eastern Market to L'Enfant Plaza.

Update: One K

Commissioner Kramer reported on her appearance before the Zoning Commission to testify in the Design Review of this project.

Update: Letter to DCHA

There was discussion of how to appropriately follow up re ANC concerns over the Greenleaf redevelopment and maintenance.

On motion of Commissioner Fast, the Commission voted 8-0 to send a letter to DCHA regarding Greenleaf development and maintenance issues, as amended with grammatical changes, with

copies to be sent to Councilmembers White and Mendelson and to the Council's Housing Committee's Director.

Update: Safeway

Commissioner Levine reported that he and commissioners Pawley and Hamilton were working to develop a proposal for an ad hoc committee to work with Safeway management on an ongoing basis.

ABC Report

Commissioner Link reported that the ABC Committee has one additional member, Katie Donahue, nominated by Commissioner Levine.

On motion of Commissioner Link, the Commission voted 6-0-2 to approve the ABC Committee chair's execution of a modification of Pearl Street Warehouse's liquor license to allow for increased outdoor capacity.

On motion of Commissioner Link, the Commission voted 8-0 to protest the awarding of a liquor license to Milk and Honey.

On motion of Commissioner Link, the commission voted 8-0 to protest the awarding of a liquor license to Zooz.

There was discussion about the liquor license and potential CA with Merchant's Marina at The Wharf, as well as the status of the building permit they had applied for.

Administrative Matters

Commissioner Link reported on his efforts to organize the ANC office.

On motion of Commissioner Link, the Commission voted 8-0 to authorize the expenditure of up to \$200 for open shelving for the office.

There was no Chair's Report.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Collins reported on his recent work.

On motion of Commissioner Collins, the Commission voted 8-0 to adopt the QFR for Q1 and Q2.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 10:42 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Bruce Levine