

**ANC6D Monthly Business Meeting Minutes**  
**January 8, 2024**  
**Virtual Meeting held on Zoom**

*The Commission convened at 7:02 p.m. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Fredrica Kramer, Bob Link, Ronald Collins, Andrea Pawley, Bruce Levine, Gail Fast, Ashton Rohmer, and Rhonda Hamilton*

***A moment of silence, led by Councilmember Charles Allen, was observed in memory of community members***

***Approval of the Agenda***

On motion of Commissioner Collins, the agenda was approved 7-0 (Commissioner Hamilton not yet in attendance) as amended to remove the Paid Family Leave Balance item from the Treasurer's Report.

***Introduction of Commissioners***

***Announcement of Next Administrative and Business meetings: 2/5/24 and 2/12/24, respectively, both at 7 pm via Zoom***

***Review and Approval of December 2023 Minutes***

On motion of Commissioner Kramer, the minutes were approved 6-0-1 (Commissioner Hamilton not yet in attendance) (Rohmer abstaining)

***Community Announcements***

Commissioner Fast announced that the DC Tutoring/Mentoring program would be hosting an event at the Southwest Library on 2/3 from 11 am-12 pm to explain opportunities for residents to volunteer as tutors and mentors.

Commissioner Pawley reported that she attended the **ABCA Roll Call hearing** on behalf of ANC 6D and has begun discussions with Safeway and Albertsons about ANC 6D's protest of their liquor license.

Commissioner Levine reported that he and Commissioners Kramer and Hamilton are following up on the pit bull incident at P and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and will be reporting on their findings about how to protect the community once they have more information.

Commissioner Kramer announced that Naomi Mitchell applied for and has received legal resources from a Georgetown Law School project to provide pro bono legal services to create a SW Coalition Community Development Corporation in Southwest and that anyone interested in playing a supportive role in helping to create it should get in touch with Naomi at naomitch@aol.com.

Andrew Lightman announced that the Hill Rag, in conjunction with Councilmember Allen and the Hill Center, will hold a forum on juvenile carjacking at the Hill Center on 1/30 from 7-9 pm.

Neal Racioppo from Shakespeare Theatre made a community announcement re: Shakespeare Theatre Neighbor Night to provide 66% discounts on tickets for Southwest residents and scholarships to Camp Shakespeare.

Georgine Wallace announced that Friends of the SW Library would be holding a book sale on February 10-11 with proceeds going to support library programming. She also stated that the next PSA meeting would be held on January 17 at 6 pm via Webex, with Doug Klein from the Attorney General's office discussing community impact statements.

### ***Public Safety Report from MPD***

Captain Harding reported on PSA 103 and PSA 105. He indicated that on December 21, there had been a quadruple shooting, with two deaths. He requested that the public contact MPD with any information about this incident, as well as all others. On 1/3, human remains were discovered in a trash can on Canal Street and the incident is being investigated by MPD's homicide branch. The victim's identity has not been confirmed. Two sex crimes occurred on

December 21, a robbery on 12/20, and two unlawful discharges of firearms. He also advised residents to keep valuables out of their cars.

Lt. Danho reported that MPD has received no update on the status of the pit bull taken by Animal Control after the recent attack on P Street. He also reported that on the 200 block of L Street SW, a dog had been struck by gunfire and was undergoing medical treatment—the SW community collected \$18K to pay for the medical procedures for the dog.

### ***Presentations***

Tamika Hayes, Supervisory Auditor from the Fair Election program of the DC Office of Campaign Finance, presented on the work of her office. She let the community know that there is 5-1 matching of funds for the offices of Mayor, AG, Councilmember and certain other offices. She indicated that a fact sheet for the program is available, and that she can be reached at [tamika.hayes@dc.gov](mailto:tamika.hayes@dc.gov).

The next set of presentations concerned the issues related to Amidon-Bowen swing space and nurse availability at the school. Commissioner Pawley indicated that Amidon-Bowen parents would talk about DCPS's effort to locate school swing space 3 miles away during the upcoming modernization instead of locating the swing space in any number of more appropriate options. The parents also would be talking about the fact there is a lack of medical support at the school that puts the health and lives of children in danger. Parent Sarah Buckley then spoke, and introduced the position of the presenting parents. Willem Dicke spoke about the Department of Health's school nursing cluster model and the resulting lack of health professionals and resulting inappropriate need for reliance on parents and volunteers. Parent Erica Walker then spoke about the impact of the medical situation on her family. Finally, parent Brian Riley articulated the parents' requests for action—the need for full-time staffing in the A-B health suite; the need for better communication to parents regarding who the health staff is; the need for increased accountability from the Department of Health; the need for the Department of Health to change the cluster model, which is not working effectively; and the need to reinstate the Public School Health Services Act.

Council Chair Phil Mendelsohn then spoke in response to the parents' presentation. He reported that the Council Committee on Health held hearings and learned that the contract for health services in the schools is not working well. He indicated that he is not sure of what the short-term solution is to resolve the lack of medical coverage but felt confident that the Council supports having full-time health personnel in each school. He also stated that he felt that over time, the swing space issue could be resolved favorably.

Councilmember Charles Allen then offered his comments in response to the parents' presentation. He opined that the cluster model doesn't work and he sees the need to engage the Executive Branch on this. He sees the proposed swing space in Columbia Heights as unworkable and he reported that he has asked DGS and DCPS to do a feasibility study of putting modular units on the field behind A-B. He also intends to continue seeking other possible sites for the swing space.

### ***Consent Agenda***

Upon motion of Commissioner Kramer, the Commission voted 8-0 to authorize Commissioner Pawley to represent the ANC at the ABCA hearing on Safeway alcohol license renewal.

### ***Development, Planning and Transportation***

#### ***Safeway Survey Update***

Commissioner Pawley, on behalf of Commissioner Hamilton, thanked the community for their participation in the survey on Safeway's performance. She shared a list of the things the community has found positive and negative about Safeway. The Commissioners will be providing periodic updates in the upcoming year on this effort. The Commissioners shared the Safeway survey results with Safeway management and anticipate continuing to work with management on this. Measures are being identified to track remediation progress. The Commissioners will be reaching out to those who completed the survey to recruit volunteers interested in ongoing monitoring over the next year. The Commissioners also welcome additional volunteers who shop at Safeway at least

once every 2 weeks. They can email the Commissioners about their interest at [6d08@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6d08@anc.dc.gov) and [6d04@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6d04@anc.dc.gov).

#### *Letter to Zoning Commission on Kinfolk Southern*

On motion of Commissioner Fast, the Commission approved 7-0-1 (Collins abstaining) holding a Special Meeting, prior to January 18<sup>th</sup>, to discuss how to respond to Kinfolk Southern's effort to obtain approval of a modification of consequence. After further discussion, the Commission agreed to hold the Special Meeting on January 17.

#### *ANC 6D Annual Report*

Commissioner Kramer moved, with no objection, to withhold final review and approval of the Annual Report until the Special Meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Letter to DDOT Public Space Committee*

On motion of Commissioner Kramer, the Commission voted 7-0-1 (Rohmer abstaining) to support sending a letter in support of the 45 Q St. Laybys.

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Transportation*

Kirk Sander, the Chair of the ANC's Transportation Committee, reported on the progress of the Committee. He indicated that different Committee members have, respectively, taken the lead on looking into the South Capitol Street redesign; the M Street redesign; the intersections of 4<sup>th</sup> and N and O; and parking on O Street and other possible locations on or near 4<sup>th</sup> Street. He indicated that meetings of the committee will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month. The Committee will keep track of responses to 311 transportation-related requests made by Southwest residents. He also invited the community to let the Committee know of concerns on an ongoing basis.

#### *ABCA*

In response to a report by Chair Josh Perry of the ABCA Committee, on the motion of Commissioner Collins, the Commission voted 8-0 to send a letter to Tiki TNT

notifying them that they are out compliance with their CA and that they must take steps to cure the violation.

Chair Perry indicated that the CA with Merchant's Marina at The Wharf was still being negotiated, along with one with Lucky Buns. He also stated that the ABCA Committee recommended approval of the draft CA with Hen Quarter.

Perry reported that Cordial Craft Wine Beer & Spirits at The Wharf is taking over the District Square location at The Wharf previously occupied by Politics and Prose. Upon motion of Commissioner Fast, the Commission voted 8-0 to authorize the ANC 6D chair to execute and submit the ABC Committee recommended letter of support and Applicant-signed Community Agreement for ABCA application #113593 for "Cordial Craft Wine Beer & Spirits" move to 70 District Square SW.

Upon motion of Commissioner Link, the Commission voted 8-0 to authorize the ANC 6D chair to submit the ABC Committee recommended letter of support for the renewal of ABCA license #120887 for "Oasis Marinas" at 658 Wharf Street SW and ask ABCA to maintain all existing Community Agreements in place as part of the stated ANC 6D support.

### ***Chair's Report***

Commissioner Kramer offered comments, this being her last meeting as Chair for 2023 before the elections, regarding her perspective on the ANC and its operations and the mutuality of interests of the Commissioners.

Upon her motion, the Commission voted 8-0 to approve the proposed 2024 calendar and to submit it to the OANC.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

Upon motion of Commissioner Collins, the Commission voted 8-0 to make application for and participate in the 2024 ANC Security Fund Program administered through the Office of the D.C. Auditor.

Also, upon motion by Commissioner Collins, the Commission voted 8-0 to authorize expenditure of \$50.00 from its budget for participation in the 2024 ANC Security Fund Program.

### **Officer Elections for 2024**

Gottlieb Simon administered the election of officers for 2024. The result of the election was:

Fredrica Kramer—Chair

Bob Link—Vice Chair

Bruce Levine—Secretary

Ronald Collins—Treasurer.

*The Commission adjourned at approximately 10:30 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Bruce Levine.*