

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D
Minutes of Business Meeting – May 13, 2019
Held at 1100 4th St SW, Washington DC 20024
Gail Fast, Chair

As approved at the June 2019 meeting

The Commission convened at 7:03 p.m. The following Commissioners were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting: Andy Litsky, Ron Collins, Rhonda Hamilton, and Edward Daniels. Gail Fast arrived at 7:55pm, Commissioners Dale and Forgie were absent. Administrator Keara Mehlert was also in attendance.

Approval of Agenda

CM Collins moved to approve the agenda, CM Hamilton seconded. Agenda changes included removal of 8g – Letter of Opposition RE Mayor’s Resolution to Cut Grants for Commission of the Arts. Passed 4-0-0.

Introduction of Commissioners

Approval of Prior Month’s Minutes

CM Hamilton moved to approve the April minutes and CM Collins seconded. Passed 4-0-0.

Meeting Announcements

- CM Litsky announced on behalf of CM Forgie upcoming 6D02 Open House on 6/8
- CM Litsky announced inaugural Pride Parade at the Wharf 6/8
- CM Hamilton announced scholarships for the Stadium District fund open until 6/15
- Georgine Wallace announced SW PSA meeting at the DC Forensics Lab on 5/15. The June PSA meeting is 6/18.
- Andrew Lightman announced the Ward 6 Democrats meeting on 5/14 with Councilmember Allen. Also announced Ward 6 Matters event on 1224 15th Street SE.

Public Safety Report – Captain Mongal

- Summer crime prevention strategies in full swing, employing education tactics through list servs, flyers, and overall promotion for increased awareness.
- CM Collins asked about MPD patrols on scooter and foot – Capt. Mongal mentioned that they primarily use the Mountain Bike Unit and also use more foot patrols in the summer.
- CM Hamilton asked about increased patrols around Greenleaf and dealing with the increase in dump trucks on Buzzard Point – Capt. Mongal replied that patrols have increased around Greenleaf and they are adding officers to manage the traffic.
- CM Litsky asked about fireworks plan for July 4th.

Consent Agenda

7a-g. CM Litsky moved, CM Collins seconded to send the following letters:

- 2019 Prevent Cancer 5k Walk/Run, November 3, 2019
- DDOT NOI 19-78-PSD Parking Space Realignment and New Capital Bikeshare Station (Fast)
- DDOT NOI 19-79-NOA All Way Stop Installation at 2nd and Q Streets SW (Hamilton)
- Letter to DDOT RE Support for 7th Street Bus Stop in front of Jefferson Middle School (Fast)
- Letter of to Southwest BID RE Support for Annual Duck Drop (Fast)
- ZC 04-14F: Mod. of Consequence (Square 708, Lot 15) "The Maren" - Add signage to building façade (Daniels)
- Resolution Regarding WMATA late night service and for-hire ride subsidy proposal

Passed 4-0-0.

Presentations and Resolutions

8a. ABRA Presentation, Sarah Fashbaugh: gave overview and updates from ABRA. Halfway through renewal season, encouraged constituents to get in touch with commissioners about any issues with establishments in the neighborhood. The enforcement hotline number to report any issues regarding noise, trash, violation of settlement agreement, etc. is 202-329-6347, 7p-4a, 7 nights a week.

8b. Eagle Academy Charter School – Karen Alston: provided update on school's lease situation, the school can stay one more year in the current Navy Yard location. Looking for a space that can hold 150 students, around 10-15k square feet with a multipurpose room.

8c. Office of the Attorney General Community Engagement Coordinator: John Green presented the annual report and four-year agenda for OAG. Priorities include: reducing gun violence, civil rights, fighting elder abuse/protecting vulnerable populations, emoluments lawsuits. Email john.green2@dc.gov.

8d. Department of Housing and Community Development, Polly Donaldson: Director gave update on Mayor's budget – Mayor is proposed \$103 million from commercial property tax and deed and recordation tax towards affordable housing. Mentioned the need to increase overall supply across income levels and being intentional about preserving housing. The community development element is really important. Need to make housing more diverse across the Wards.

8e. DDOT Presentation RE Red Top Accessible Parking Meter program in Capitol Riverfront/SW, Benito Perez: provide an overview of the accessible parking meter program. Working on outreach to community to increase awareness of these spaces – are installing new decals on meters, upgrades to Park DC app. In the Stadium Event zone will be incorporating performance-based pricing, and will be installing around 50 accessible spaces in late 2019.

8f. DDOT Update on New Jersey Ave SE and I Street SE Intersection: Benito Perez from DDOT could not speak to this project but took questions from the Commission to bring back to DDOT.

8h. CM Hamilton moved to send a letter of support to DPR regarding the installation of pickle ball lines at King Greenleaf Rec Center, CM Collins seconded. Passed 5-0-0.

8i. CM Hamilton moved to send a letter of support to DPR regarding Family Day at Lansburgh Park on June 15, 2019. CM Daniels seconded, passed 5-0-0.

8j. CM Hamilton moved to send a letter of support to DPR regarding Paul Taylor's birthday celebration on August 24, 2019 at Lansburgh Park. CM Litsky seconded, passed 5-0-0.

Alcoholic Beverages (ABC Committee Chair Coralie Farlee)

9a. La Vie, 88 District Square, SW: support for license renewal plus recommendation to accept new/updated Cooperative Agreement. CM Litsky moved, CM Daniels seconded, passed 5-0-0.

9b. The Grill, 99 Market Square, SW: Cooperative Agreement for new CR w/ Summer Garden. CM Litsky moved, CM Daniels seconded, passed 5-0-0.

9c. Odyssey: support for license renewal on the condition that the licensee withdraws its petition to amend or terminate the existing agreement; and recommend that the ABC Board accept the updated superseding Cooperative Agreement. CM Litsky moved, CM Collins seconded, passed 5-0-0.

9d. Spirit Cruises 077414 (4 marine vessels): support for license renewal on the condition that the licensee withdraws its petition to amend or terminate the existing agreement; and recommend that the ABC board accept the updated superseding cooperative agreement. – new Cooperative Agreement. CM Litsky moved, CM Collins seconded, passed 5-0-0.

9e. Spirit Cruises 098753 (8 marine vessels): support for license renewal and recommend the ABC board accept the updated/superseding Cooperative Agreement.

Development, Planning, and Transportation

10a. *Half Street SW Public Space Application*: CM Fast moved to oppose public space application for partial street closing and highway plan amendment on Half Street SQ square 660. CM Collins seconded. Passed 4-0-1, Litsky absent for vote.

10b. CM Fast moved to support sending a letter to DDOT to release the 4th and I street SW safety study results and to request a meeting with DDOT to discuss ANC issues. CM Collins seconded. Passed 4-0-1.

10c. CM Fast moved to authorize CM Litsky to testify before DC Council RE support for the reauthorization of the SW BID. CM Collins seconded. Passed 4-0-1.

Administrative Matters

Chairperson’s Report: none

Treasurer’s Report:

11b. CM Collins moved to support the approval of the FY19 Q2 Quarterly Financial Report. CM Hamilton seconded, passed 5-0-0.

Community Concerns:

The commission adjourned at approximately 9:42 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Keara Mehlert

Attested by:  _____



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June 4, 2019

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Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration
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Attn: Sarah Fashbaugh, Community Resource Officer

Via email: sarah.fashbaugh@dc.gov

Dear Ms. Fashbaugh,

ANC 6D supports the request by Fairgrounds, LLC, operating as The Bullpen, to open two hours early at 9am on July 4, 2019 for the Washington Nationals home game on the holiday. They submitted their application and paid their fees several weeks ago, and ANC 6D supports this one-day substantial change application.

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Should you have any questions, please contact me at 6d@anc.dc.gov or 202-554-1795.

Sincerely,

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RE: 2019 Prevent Cancer 5k Walk/Run, November 3, 2019

Dear Ms. Wallach,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on May 13, 2019, with a quorum present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 4-0-0 in support of your above-referenced event.

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ANC 6D Commissioners thank you for your continuing efforts to inform constituents of your upcoming event and working to minimize potential disruption of vehicle and pedestrian traffic within our neighborhoods. The Commission wishes you much success with the event.

Sincerely,

Gail Fast

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May 17, 2019

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Via email: diana.dorsey@dc.gov

Re: Partial Street Closing and Highway Plan Amendment at Half Street SW, Square 660.

Dear Ms. Dorsey,

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At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on May 13, 2019, with a quorum present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 4-0-1 to provide comments in opposition to Steuart Investment Company's application for the Partial Street Closing and Highway Plan Amendment at Half Street SW, Square 660 due to its inconsistency with the Buzzard Point Vision Framework + Design Review Guide.

The Framework + Design Review Guide identifies Half Street and Potomac Avenue, on page 34 as, "the primary spine of Buzzard Point and as a linear park, with an activity node focused on the open space at the intersection with Potomac Avenue." Parcel 660 should be surveyed by DCRA as a pocket park that would provide a natural Segway to and from Oval Park and Audi Field.

The Framework + Design Review Guide also clearly identifies Potomac Avenue as the gateway to Buzzard Point and as such should be developed as a grand boulevard connecting the Capitol Riverfront and Nationals Park. Due to its proximity to intersection of Half and Potomac, Parcel 660 should be included as part of that Grand Boulevard and used to enhance the pedestrian experience and improve the streetscape for what is and will continue to be -- a highly traffic area.

ANC 6D is requesting the DCRA Office of the Surveyor place the Applicants request, on hold, to absorb Parcel 660 as part of their development project. This Parcel, identified in a 1934 plat as, "dedicated for highway purposes" was meant as a logical extension of the boundaries of the L'Enfant Plan and as a public right-of-way.

ANC 6D would like additional time to discuss with the District Department of Transportation and the Office of Planning how Parcel 660 can best fit with the Buzzard Point Framework + Design Review Guide.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 6D01@anc.dc.gov or 202-554-1795.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gil Fisher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gil" being more prominent than the last name "Fisher".

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Andrew Acquadro
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RE: Addition of Pickleball lines to Greenleaf Recreation Center's Tennis Court

Dear Mr. Acquadro,

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At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on May 13, 2019, with a quorum present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 5-0-0 to support the addition of Pickleball lines to Greenleaf Recreation Center's Tennis court.

It has been brought to ANC 6D's attention that there is interest in the residents who use King Greenleaf Recreation Center to have pickleball lines added to the tennis court. It is our understanding that the addition of the lines will not interfere with the use of the court to play tennis. We are glad to hear that there can be dual use of the court without one game interfering with the other. We greatly value and encourage the use of our recreational facilities by the community and support the addition of the lines.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 6D01@anc.dc.gov or 202-554-1795.

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RE: Letter of Support to Install a Bus Shelter at 7th and I Street SW (Bus Stop #1003903)

Dear Director Marootian,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on May 13, 2019, with a quorum present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 4-0-0 in support of installing a bus shelter at stop #1003903, 7th and I Streets SW.

This stop, which services the 74, 52 and Circulator buses is located at 7th and I Streets SW, in front of the library at Jefferson Middle School. There have been recent incidents where the buses (particularly the 74) have failed to stop even if residents (and students) are at the stop. This occurs rain or shine, which may be attributed to the bus drivers not seeing the stop.

Currently, Jefferson Middle School is undergoing its modernization which will be completed August 2020 and will relocate their drop off/pick up zone to the east rather than its current location to the north. This relocation and other exterior design changes will provide ample sidewalk space to install a bus shelter.

We are requesting DDOT begin the process to determine the feasibility of installing a new shelter.

Attached is a letter from DCPS in support of the shelter. DCPS has also received complaints from students echoing the failure of the buses to stop and pick up

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them up when they are standing at the Bus Stop. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 6D01@anc.dc.gov or 202-554-1795.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gene Fisher".

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May 10, 2019

Dear Director Marootian:

In addition to the rapid redevelopment happening along the Wharf just blocks away, Jefferson Middle school is also undergoing a major modernization project that will be complete in August 2020. We have been working very closely with ANC Commissioner Gail Fast to ensure that the residents in the immediate area can share in some of the mutual benefits.

There have been recent issues of buses (the 74 in particular) missing the stop on 7th and I Streets SW, even with residents standing at it. That the stop may not be particularly visible to bus drivers. Additionally, with Jefferson's new design, more of the drop-off/pick-up activity will be oriented to the east side of the campus, rather than the north.

DCPS supports Commissioner Fast's proposal to add a bus shelter at Bus Stop #1003903 in time for the newly modernized building in August 2020. This bus stop has never had a shelter and would be a great asset for students and neighbors, alike, who use the bus daily.

Sincerely,

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Catrina Felder
DDOT Permitting Center
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VIA E-MAIL: Catrina.Felder@dc.gov

RE: Letter of Support for Use of Lansburgh Park for Community Fun Day on August 24, 2019

Dear Ms. Felder,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on May 13, 2019, with a quorum present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 5-0-0 to support the use of Lansburgh Park, located at 1098 Delaware Ave SW, on August 24, 2019 for a Community Fun Day.

This annual event is coordinated by Paul Taylor, former manager of the Greenleaf Recreation Center, who has a history of hosting and organizing successful community events and gatherings in the park. ANC 6D does not anticipate any problems or concerns as Community Fun Day has always been a celebration for residents and families in the community. We look forward to this annual event happening again at Lansburgh Park.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 6D01@anc.dc.gov or 202-554-1795.

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RE: Letter of Support for Paul Taylor's Use of Lansburgh Park on Saturday, June 15, 2019.

Dear Ms. Felder,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on May 13, 2019, with a quorum present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 5-0-0 to support Paul Taylor's permit request for the use of Lansburgh Park, located at 1098 Delaware Ave SW, on Saturday June 15, 2019.

ANC 6D does not anticipate any problems or concerns with him using the park for his June event.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 6D01@anc.dc.gov or 202-554-1795.

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Date: June 5, 2019

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RE: NOI #19-19 TOA -Installation of All-Way Stop control at the intersection of 2nd & Q Street, SW

Dear Mr. Anderson,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on May 13, 2019, with a quorum present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 4-0-0 to support the installation of an All-Way Stop at the Intersection of 2nd and Q Streets SW.

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ANC 6D would like to thank DDOT for evaluating 2nd Street SW and identifying it as one of its proposed All-Way Stops. 2nd Street SW has seen an increase volume of traffic as a result of the opening of Audi Field and the All-Way Stop will promote and encourage pedestrian and bike safety. 2nd Street SW is also a major entrance and exit gate for Ft. McNair and includes a popular walking path to Buzzard Point. ANC 6D would also like to see traffic calming measures installed to make it even safer for those traveling along Ft. McNair's wall.

While adding the All-Way Stop is a great start, ANC 6D remains concerned about the traffic impacts from both Audi Field and Nats Park, and the lack of safeguards, signage and traffic calming measures on surrounding and adjacent streets leading to Buzzard Point. It is our hope that DDOT will continue its evaluation of all streets in- and around- both stadiums and make them as safe as possible for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 6D01@anc.dc.gov or 202-554-1795.

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Dear DPR Permit Review Team:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on May 13, 2019, with a quorum present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 4-0-0 to support the Southwest Business Improvement District's permit application to host the 3rd Annual Duck Drop event on Sunday, May 19 from 1-4pm. I look forward to another year of fun, food, and music as our neighborhood comes together to celebrate the arrival of spring and the refilling of the SW Duck Pond.

Last year's inaugural Duck Drop event was a huge success and we are happy that it is returning this year. Thank you for your support of this neighborhood event.

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Re: NOI #19-79 PSD, Proposed Parking Realignment and New Capital Bikeshare Station.

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on May 13, 2019, with a quorum present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 4-0-0 to support NOI #19-78 PSD, Proposed Parking Realignment and New Capital Bikeshare Station.

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ANC 6D welcomes the addition of a new bikeshare station at 4th and G Street SW. Residents have been asking for a new bikeshare station to accommodate the increase in ridership.

ANC 6D is always supportive of adding Resident Only Parking (ROP) and with the swap of ROP from the west side to the east side of 4th Street SW, residents will gain approximately 4-5 ROP spaces.

ANC 6D also supports removing the three metered spaces on the west side of 4th Street in front of the parking lot at Amidon Bowen and converting them to RPP parking. The addition of these spaces with benefit both residents and parents of children at Amidon-Bowen, who have had to, in the past, feed meters during school events.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 6D01@anc.dc.gov or 202-554-1795.

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Dear Councilman Evans,

At a duly noticed meeting of ANC 6D, held on May 13, 2019, at which a quorum was present (a quorum being four Commissioners), and by a vote of 4-0-0, ANC-6D approved the following resolution:

Resolution Opposing WMATA's Plan to Supplement Transit Service By Subsidizing For-Hire Ride Services.

WHEREAS a functioning and convenient transit system is essential to the vitality and viability of urban and metropolitan areas, especially the District of Columbia,

WHEREAS Southwest, the Navy Yard and Buzzard Point have emerged as major residential, commercial, cultural, and entertainment centers that depends heavily upon transit as a significant majority of residents, workers, and visitors do not own and/or choose to not use personal automobiles,

WHEREAS the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has proposed to continue the Metrorail early closing hours (11:00 PM on Sundays, 11:30 PM on weeknights, and 1:00 AM on Fridays and Saturdays) implemented in 2016 so as to permit greater "track time" for repairs and maintenance,

WHEREAS the earlier closing times have created significant inconvenience and unnecessary added expense for workers, residents, visitors needing to travel after the rail system closes, and has had a disparate impact on lower wage earners,

WHEREAS the earlier rail closing times adversely affect nightlife businesses at the Wharf, the Navy Yard, Nationals Stadium and Audi Field by curtailing the use of transit by patrons from other areas, or imposing the cost of a for-hire ride upon them,

WHEREAS WMATA has failed to implement a comprehensive, coordinated, and viable late-night "Owl" bus alternative continuing after rail service ends as cities such as San Francisco, Boston, Philadelphia have; and which the District formerly had,

WHEREAS WMATA has issued a Request For Proposals (RFP) to provide a \$3 discount for each of up to 10 weekly trips by on-demand for-hire transportation to enrolled late-night employees when Metrorail is closed for a one-year pilot program, capped at \$1 million,

WHEREAS the subsidy pilot would still burden passengers with the rest of the fare, which could easily exceed \$15 per trip; and all other system users would be on their own,

WHEREAS Boston's MBTA implemented a pilot program of late-night bus service which cost \$1.2 million, and is available to anyone needing to use it at the price of a regular bus fare, and

WHEREAS encouraging the further use of for-hire vehicles adds to traffic congestion, is contrary to the District's stated objectives to reduce the number of automobiles on our streets, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and encourage the use of sustainable, environmentally friendly transportation.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6D does not support and strenuously objects to WMATA's plan to supplement its transit service by subsidizing for-hire ride services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6D urges WMATA to immediately cancel the RFP and pilot program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6D urges WMATA to focus efforts on the creation of a coherent and viable late night bus operation that serves as a direct substitute for the rail routes, with a reasonable subset of the regular corridor and neighborhood bus routes, with headways of 20 minutes or less for the rail-substitute and key routes, and not longer than 30 minutes on others.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6D urges the Government of the District of Columbia to direct their nominees to the WMATA Board to insist upon implementation of the aforementioned late night bus services, and to oppose in the strongest possible terms the efforts to extend the early closing times without sufficient efforts and alternatives to minimize disruption to rail riders, except where explicitly necessary for rail system maintenance.

Sincerely,



Chair, ANC 6D
Southwest, Navy Yard, & Buzzard Point