

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D
Minutes of Business Meeting – October 17, 2016
Held at 1000 4th St. SW, Washington DC 20024**

Andy Litsky, Chair

**As approved at the November 14th Public Business meeting*
Correspondence sent after the October meeting also attached.*

The Commission convened at 7:00 p.m. The following commissioners were in attendance at the beginning of the meeting: Roger Moffatt, Stacy Cloyd, Meredith Fascett, Rachel Reilly Carroll, Marjorie Lightman, Andy Litsky (chairing), and Rhonda Hamilton.

Approval of Agenda

CM Litsky moved to approve the agenda, and CM Cloyd seconded. The Randall Recreation center resolution, Takorean entry in the ABC section, and the resolution about Leaton Dialysis were all removed. With those changes, the agenda was approved 7-0-0.

Moment of Silence for Former Commissioner Ron McBee

Introduction of Commissioners

Meeting Announcements

- The next meeting is Monday, November 14 at 200 I St. SE.
- CM Hamilton: AARP Community Health Fair on Wednesday from 10am-2pm at River Park
- CM Litsky: Pumpkin-pa-looza at the Wharf Saturday 10/22
- CM Litsky: Eleanor Holmes Norton is holding a Congressional Roundtable on Wednesday at 6pm in this room about halfway houses
- CM Moffatt: Early voting starts Saturday at 441 4th St NW and soon after at King Greenleaf. Voter registration is closed but you can register at the polls on election day with proof of residency.
- Andrew Lightman: Hill Rag is 40 years old in November and will be publishing a special issue. The Hill Rag reported that the School Street location of the proposed halfway house is off the table.
- Marty Welles: Amidon-Bowen Elementary is the beneficiary of a 5K fun run sponsored by the Mandarin Oriental on 10/29. Funds raised will go to buying computers.
- Perry Klein: SWNA is hosting an ANC candidates' forum at Arena Stage on 10/24 from 7-9pm. The candidates have also been invited to submit short statements to the Southwester.
- Kelly Jeong: She is the new Mayor's Ward 6 liaison: Community meeting about Age-Friendly DC 11/2 at 5:30 pm at the SW Library, Office of Planning meeting 11/3 6pm at Jefferson Academy.
- Georgine Wallace: 11/30 meeting at SW Library about the renovation of the MLK library headquarters at 6:30pm. Also, design money for renovating SW library has come in.
- CM Moffatt: PSA 105 is meeting 7pm on 11/19 at SW Library.

Public Safety Report

Lt. Williams is the new 105 lieutenant. She is an 18-year veteran of MPD. She worked on patrol and special events including the Nationals stadium when she was a sergeant. She supervised traffic operations at the Nationals Park. She is a DC resident and public safety is very important to her. She has committed to having more officers out on patrol and being visible in the community.

In the first district, violent crimes are down compared to last year, with property crimes also down but not as much. MPD is working on plans as more people move to the neighborhood. A lot of MPD officers in the neighborhood are young, so please talk to them and help them get to know the community. Robberies are up. We're catching some of them, but not all of them. She is working with DCHA and CFSA on juvenile issues. But hiding phones and not leaving stuff in your cars can help avoid crimes. Traffic is bad here, especially when there are stadium events.

- CM Cloyd: please work with FEMS about illegal parking in front of SW library. Lt. Williams said MPD will not ticket FEMS but she will talk to them.
- CMs Lightman and Litsky: please enforce no parking in the middle of 4th St. SW. Lt. Williams says she'll talk to DPW.

Officer Azuma (7 years in 105), Sgt. Barnes (new to 105, formerly in 102 and the 6th District, Howard graduate) NPO Nasser (1st District Powershift, 105 resident) also introduced themselves.

Approval of Prior Month's Minutes

CM Cloyd moved to approve the September minutes and CM Lightman seconded. The minutes were approved 6-0-1 (Carroll abstained).

Alcoholic Beverages (ABC Committee Chair Coralie Farlee)

Updates from Dr. Farlee: the Bardo hearing scheduled for this week has been postponed at the applicant's request. The Wharf's planned establishments haven't been applying for licenses. And Takorean was removed from the agenda because the committee saw no reason to act on anything related to their renewal—they have not had any problems (the reported problem of service to minors was at a different one of their locations).

Cordial: Annotated CA + Protest Info Form

The applicant and the ABC committee/the ANC have not been able to agree to a CA. CM Litsky and Dr. Farlee will be witnesses to the protest.

Hampton Inn & Suites: Amended CA + letter to ABC board re: more seats in the sidewalk cafe

CM Cloyd moved to support the addition of 6 more seats to the original 20. The amendment would raise it to the amount authorized by the public space permit. The committee supported this proposal 4-0-1 (Dr. Farlee abstained). CM Fascett seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Artehouse: New CA, new license, and stipulated authorization

This is at 1250 Maryland Avenue SW, near the Mandarin Oriental hotel. It's a multiuse arts and culture center. CM Lightman moved to support the license with cooperative agreement, and a stipulated authorization so that they can operate by the inauguration. CM Litsky seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

Temporary Traffic Interruptions

Whitman Walker Health 30th Annual Walk to End HIV—11/12/2016

Rob Corbett said it is the usual route that starts and ends at Freedom Plaza and dips a bit into SW near Federal Center. Expecting about 10,000 participants. Setup starts at 7am, 9:15 race start time, and all clean up done by 3pm. CM Litsky moved that the ANC send a letter to the Mayor's Task Force in support of the event. CM Moffatt seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Development, Planning, and Transportation

ZC 16-02, DC Stadium LLC: Consolidated PUD

The soccer stadium is between R, Potomac, 1st, and T Streets SW. It has gone through several iterations before arriving at the current design. It has 19,000 seats. There is a transportation plan, and it envisions a high rate of transit usage, primarily from the Navy Yard metro station. They believe they have sufficient parking to meet the need by reserving parking that is used for the Nationals, since they will not have schedules that overlap. It will be a very bicycle friendly stadium, with many nearby bike lanes and a bike valet. There will be many bike racks too. Plans include drop-off zones for taxis and Ubers, emergency vehicle routes, and media vehicle parking. The street next to the stadium will be closed to vehicles when there are major events.

Community benefits update: DC United has contributed \$200k for community activities. They have adopted Jefferson Academy, doing cleanups of the campus and a school supply job and free tickets. They work with numerous schools in Ward 6 with the DC Scores aftercare program and provide summer camp scholarships. They did a Thanksgiving turkey giveaway with Sasha Bruce at Randall Rec. There is also a 2014 Community Benefits Agreement with the SE/SW Community Benefits Coordinating Council. They are investing up to \$50,000 to implement an air quality filtering and monitoring program.

- CM Lightman: how many of your programs involve women? 20-30% of DC Scores are girls. There's a girls' soccer team at Amidon-Bowen.
- CM Moffatt: can you confirm there will be no green space in the long-term? That is correct. Parcel B will be developed and the plaza will be paved.
- CM Carroll: will the plaza programming be open to the public? Yes—sometimes it will be used for queuing for stadium events or for other special events.
- CM Fascett: when the neighborhood is fully developed, how many people will come to the stadium by car? They think most people will arrive at the stadium by transit, but they will need several thousand spaces. The worst-case scenario they've planned for is 60% of people driving. That would require 3900 spaces. It's hard to predict how many people will come in a for-hire vehicle. Right now it's about 1-2%. They tend to replace transit users not people who drive their own cars. Future forecasts are that surface lots will become office buildings, which could offer parking.
- CM Lightman: I'm skeptical about the ability for the Nationals and the United to avoid simultaneous use of their stadiums—it's possible to schedule games at different times, but camps, blood drives, opera, etc. will fill up each stadium. That will create parking problems. DC United said they plan not to have any conflicting events.
- CM Hamilton: I appreciate the work with Medstar and in buying air purifiers, but we also need a best management practice plan about protecting residents' health during the excavation and remediation of the site. Residents' health needs to be the top priority. We also need an effective transportation and parking plan. Buzzard Point is isolated and the stadium can't stop up transportation between Buzzard Point and the rest of DC. There was a lot of effort here, but the transportation and health plans are insufficient.
- Cara Shockley: most disabled people don't qualify for Metroaccess. The nearest public transit is 1/3 of a mile away or more. How will you handle this? There will be a detailed operations plan for how people who need ADA access will get dropped off. Cara: but the access zone only works for people who come by car. DC United: bus routes could come closer, or there could be ADA shuttles. Team isn't sure which way they'll go but they'll figure it out.
- Mary Williams: Parking is already terrible in SW and this will make things worse. We are not going to be prisoners in our homes.

- Gene Solon: I have many concerns. One that hasn't been raised yet is splash parks. They are a slipping hazard. Please make the splash park safe.
- Bill Schickler: Are you aware whether the DC government has done a publicly-accessible transportation study and environmental impact study? DMPED said the plan has been available on DDOT's website since 2015. But CM Carroll noted that DDOT director said the plan isn't sufficiently fleshed out.
- SW resident: not everyone can walk half a mile to the stadium. And the traffic control officers at the Nationals are very disturbing with their whistles. The sidewalks aren't that wide and they have treeboxes. Where are people going to walk? People going to Nationals Park already walk on the residential streets in SW. DDOT is responsible for the pedestrian planning.
- Mr. Jefferson from Southwest: Nobody has talked about contaminants in the soil that will affect youth and the elderly. There's something in the area that makes my throat burn, and there's a lot of dust on my car. I'm concerned about my kids because things get into the house. DOEE: the soccer stadium is just one project in the area—the concrete plant is putting out most of the dust in the area. DDOE, MPD, DPW, and other groups are working on it.
- Andrew Lightman: are you going to pay for increased parking enforcement? DC United: I don't think we can pay DPW for added enforcement but we'll talk to them.
- SW resident: why isn't there any ground-floor retail at the stadium? DC United: it will be part of Parcel B. We are continuing to look at retail on First Street, along with Akridge, Western Development, and others.

CM Litsky moved to submit a resolution regarding the PUD and to allow him to testify at the PUD hearing. The resolution opposes the PUD until improved transportation and health planning is performed. CM Hamilton seconded. DC United's lawyer Kerry Gandrocheck suggested that the resolution be reworded to say that the ANC supports the stadium contingent on making the named improvements.

- Bill Schickler: should we ask outside groups about the environmental mitigation necessary? CM Hamilton: we are doing that.

Motion passed 7-0-0. CM Moffatt noted that he and CM Hamilton will testify on their own. CM Litsky will testify on behalf of the ANC and CM Moffatt will be his alternate.

Washington Nationals Signage Proposal

Gregory McCarthy: It's time to plan for how Nationals Park can attract world-class shows and events with new bells and whistles in the middle of a vibrant entertainment district. Adding electronic signs to the outside of Nationals Park will help enliven the building to draw people in. They'll help fans come early and stay late so Metro is less crowded and generate more revenue for the team and neighborhood businesses. The Nationals have a history of working with the surrounding community.

Bill Jarvis, attorney and lobbyist: The city has already been through a similar process to the Verizon Center. All of the signs are under 1200 square feet.

- CM Lightman: the Verizon Center is not a good comparison. We don't want to be like that.
- CM Litsky: I understand that Councilmember Allen is going to introduce legislation about this tomorrow. Who wrote it? Mr. Jarvis: I did. CM Litsky: are you aware of the restrictions in the zoning order about signage? Mr. Jarvis: yes, but I interpret it differently—the restrictions are just about naming rights signs; nothing else is expressly prohibited. CM Litsky: it seems like this will make more money for the team through advertising more than it will entice people to hang

out in the community. Have you talked with DDOT about driver safety on South Capitol Street? Mr. Jarvis: We've met with DDOT, DCRA, and the executive and they have some level of information from how things have worked at the Verizon Center. The traffic issue did not seem to be an issue. Gregory: the draft legislation has a proviso that DDOT needs to sign off on road safety. CM Litsky: how much profit could the Lerner's make from these signs? Mr. Jarvis: it's hard to estimate. Gregory: this isn't going to be Times Square. This might be one of the areas of DC where this type of signage is appropriate. The legislation allows for limitations on brightness, noise, timing, etc.

- CM Fascett: have you talked with the surrounding residential properties? Gregory: none of the residents in existing buildings will see the signs. Future development is a different story. But we are starting to talk with them.
- CM Carroll: what other ballparks have this kind of external signage? Gregory: LA Live, near the Staples Center. But nothing at a baseball stadium.
- CM Litsky: are you prepared to place signage of this magnitude on South Capitol Street?
- Audience member: it sounds exciting to me!
- Mary Williams: My windows face this, I was never consulted, and I oppose this. The South Capitol Gateway plan does not include anything like this. This is an abomination.
- SW resident: from an artistic point of view, it looks good.
- Cara Shockley: 7th Street by the Verizon Center is not an exit for a major highway. It will be too distracting and will increase accidents. Gregory: we'll rely on DDOT to advise us if that's the case.
- Tyler: I've really supported the Nationals but this is past the limit to me. You're going to see this as you come over the bridge. It will cause accidents. I'm from Washington State and these signs caused more accidents on I-90.
- Gene Solon: even if the signs are at an angle is going to bother residents, drivers, and others. You are inviting accidents.
- Resident: From a historic standpoint, there must be some regulations that keep electronic signs away from the view of the Capitol. We just spent a lot of money to restore the Capitol dome and I oppose this plan.

CM Cloyd moved to send a resolution opposing the proposal and CM Litsky seconded. CM Carroll stated her dismay that the councilmember would not have consulted the community before introducing legislation. CM Hamilton said that she supports the Nationals but pedestrian safety is critical. We should have been notified sooner. Gregory: we looked at the legislative calendar and we realized there wasn't much time left if we want to have the signs up for the All-Star game. Councilmember Allen wanted to start the conversation and make adjustment. There will be a hearing and markup. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Proposed Changes to Metro Operating Hours

CM Cloyd moved to send a letter to the WMATA board opposing plans for permanent reductions in Metro service hours. CM Litsky seconded. Passed 7-0-0.

ZC 03-12/03-13, PUD Extension Request for 250 M St. SE, Square 769, WC Smith Office Building

CM Fascett moved to support a 2-year extension in hopes that an office tenant can be located. CM Litsky seconded. CM Carroll asked the current use of the site: it is being used for parking. CM Fascett said it will also be used for construction staging for an adjacent parcel which makes less impact on surrounding streets. Passed 7-0-0.

DDOT #183490, Public Space Permit for 155 N Place SE

CM Fascett moved to support the permit for what will be a movie theater on the DC Water site. CM Cloyd seconded. Peter Haultons of Forest City described the landscaping, street lights, manhole covers, and other aspects of the public space plan. The theater's entrance will be on a new street called 1 ½ St. SE. The building will be 4 stories above ground parking but not below ground. CM Carroll: how did you get permission to have above-ground parking? Nobody knew but it is permitted. It does look pretty nice. Also, what's the security plan to keep eyes on the street? There is a small amount of retail on N Place, and the entry to the theater is a 4-story atrium with lots of glass. The other sides abut DC Water so they cannot control it. There will also be a lot of security cameras. And there will be more development eventually. Passed 7-0-0.

DDOT #183196, Public Space Permit for 1200-1299 Block of Half St. SE

CM Cloyd moved to not oppose the permit. CM Moffat seconded. Passed 7-0-0.

DDOT #183490, Public Space Permit for 50 M St. SE (benches for Shake Shack)

CM Cloyd moved to approve the permit if trash receptacles are also included. There is no liquor license to coordinate with. CM Hamilton seconded. Passed 7-0-0.

Paid Leave Resolution

CM Fascett moved to send a letter to Chairman Mendelson asking that there be enough time to respond to marked-up legislation and suggesting a few key topics to be in the bill. CM Litsky seconded. Passed 7-0-0. CM Fascett moved that any one of us can testify at a hearing about the bill. Passed 7-0-0.

Commission Updates and Administrative Matters

- Chair's report: Please go to meetings about the revised comprehensive plan.
- Treasurer's report: CM Fascett introduced the FY 2017 budget. CM Carroll seconded and it passed 7-0-0. CM Fascett explained the quarterly report and moved that the ANC accept it. CM Carroll seconded and it passed 7-0-0.

Community Concerns

Gene Solon: CM Litsky should have come up with more ideas to reduce traffic on 4th Street SW.

The commission adjourned at approximately 10:13 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Stacy Cloyd



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RE: Walk to End HIV to benefit Whitman-Walker Health, 2016

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on October 17, 2016, with a quorum present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 7-0-0 to send a letter in support of the Walk to End HIV to benefit Whitman-Walker Health scheduled to be held on Saturday, November 12th, 2016.

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We appreciate your outreach to inform us of the details for this event which passes through our community, and we wish you a successful race!

Sincerely,

Andy Litsky
Chairperson, ANC 6D
Southwest, Navy Yard, and Buzzard Point



Southwest + Navy Yard + Buzzard Point

A Resolution from ANC-6D Regarding the DC United Consolidated PUD

Whereas, although ANC 6D has generally supported the notion of a DC United Soccer Stadium on Buzzard Point contingent upon a clearly defined and unambiguous transportation plan, and that it enhanced the existing residential neighborhoods not only to the East but to the North and West as well, and made a strong contribution to the well-being of all the surrounding communities, and

Whereas, the DC United PUD must also be reviewed and evaluated in the context of the larger plans for Buzzard Point especially whereas the SW Small Area Plan, which enjoyed widespread community support and Council review, avoided virtually any discussion of Buzzard Point and consequent supervisory discussion by the Council. Therefore, the DC United PUD both stands alone as an independent PUD but it is also the predicate of a larger Buzzard Point Vision Plan. Consequently, ANC-6D addresses this PUD independently but also contextualizes the DC United Stadium Plan within the Buzzard Point Framework Plan Transportation Study, and

Whereas, there currently exists an insufficient Transportation Plan for the Stadium & Buzzard Point. The DC United PUD's transportation plan is not informed by and/or directly contradicts a number of transportation proposals advanced by DDOT, team consultants, Office of Planning (each of which is currently in the Case File) – and as well, and most specifically, the Buzzard Point Vision Plan, and

Whereas ANC-6D report to Zoning on this matter will include our on-going concerns about vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian routing and access, parking insufficiency, a review of faulty assumptions, inappropriate use of local streets, lack of binding agreements relating to access to adequate parking as well as contemporaneous scheduling of events in or adjacent to Nationals' Park and the proposed DC United Stadium, and

Whereas, ANC-6D has significant on-going concerns regarding access and egress for emergency vehicles and personnel to this tiny peninsula located on the most geographically isolated section of the District of Columbia, and upon which Office of Planning envisions, in addition to a soccer stadium, the inclusion of 6,000 units of housing – equal to the amount of housing now in existing new Southwest, and

Whereas, ANC-6D continues to have strong concerns about vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian routing and access, parking insufficiency, proximity of the stadium to mass transit and lack of planning thereto, a review of faulty assumptions and contradictions, ill defined planning to direct patrons to the site, inappropriate access and egress through local streets to the East, North and West, insufficient plan for alternative and mass transportation (including Uber/Lyft), lack of binding and written LOIs regarding access to long term parking facilities as well as binding LOIs prohibiting contemporaneous scheduling of events in or adjacent to Nationals' Park and the proposed DC United Stadium. As well, the DC United PUD transportation plan is not informed by and/or contradicts a number of transportation proposals by DDOT, OP, as well as the Buzzard Point Vision Plan, and

Whereas, ANC-6D also takes issue with the necessity of the 2018 deadline for completion. The implications for a delay on the transition to the Buzzard Point site pale in comparison to the implications of adopting a plan with deficient urban planning, transportation planning, and health and safety planning, and

Whereas, ANC-6D continues to have concerns about the commercial usage and the overly enthusiastic plans for the adjacent site and green space which appears to have only a one or two year lifespan at best, the lack of a plan to successfully integrate the stadium into the surrounding neighborhoods – both to the South *and* North -- on non-event days, and lack of a clearly articulated plan for street level commercial and retail spaces, and

Whereas, ANC-6D would like to see better activation plan for 2nd Street planned seating areas incorporating vendors and kiosks, as well as a safety and security plan, and

Whereas, ANC-6D specifically opposes a four lane street on the east side of the stadium that is currently being supported by adjacent property owners and which is incompatible with long-planned Anacostia Riverwalk Trail pedestrian and bicycle access along Second Street onto Buzzard Point, and

Whereas, ANC-6D is also concerned about the potential placement of full motion video signage outside of the stadium the light pollution from which would significantly impact the surrounding neighborhood. While such signage may not be allowed now, ANC-6D would request that the Applicant eschew any such signage in the future regardless of impending Council legislation, and

Whereas, ANC-6D is universally opposed to the forced removal of housing -- both public and market rate – in order to construct this stadium. If there is a de facto plan to remove any existing housing between the Stadium and M Street, SW in order enter and access Buzzard Point – as seems indicated in the Buzzard Point Plan that instructs the CTR -- that fact needs to be articulated now by OP, DGS, DMPED and Mayor Bowser. This is especially concerning since Half Street is not sufficiently wide to become “the Transportation Spine” to DC United Stadium and a neighborhood of 6,000 units of housing, and

Whereas, ANC-6D recognizes that the near Buzzard's Point residential community is a close knit neighborhood currently facing definite health consequences as a result of the excavation and remediation of the soccer stadium site. Although a great deal of preliminary work has been on-going for months to prepare this extraordinarily contaminated site for future development, including tearing down and removal of structures that contained asbestos and many other hazardous materials, little or no effort has been directed toward preparing community residents to deal with the enormous environmental impact that the removal of all of the chemicals and contaminants may have on their health. Significant vapor contamination from dust, gases and fumes is inevitable on site since the clean-up plan includes removal of such contaminated soil both on and below the surface, and

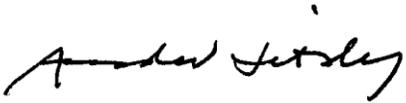
Whereas, ANC-6D requests that the District of Columbia and the Applicant halt the Voluntary Cleanup of the proposed stadium site, slated to begin on December 1st, until we are assured that these efforts meet best management practices and the requirements outlined in the environmental concerns described in the Community Health and Safety Study (CHASS) recently conducted by the DC Department of Health that makes the following recommendations:

- Improve program coordination to include all project components and construction projects to minimize impacts upon the surrounding community.
- Enhance community engagement and notification with respect to program and project developments through regularly scheduled public meetings.
- Provide proactive development, prevention and control measures as well as a written plan to enforce policies and regulations for dust control.
- Create on-going field monitoring of soil, water and air quality by an independent entity, and

Whereas, that ANC-6D recommends that

- There be a written agreement with DC DOH requiring them to monitor the health status of residents living adjacent to the stadium throughout construction.
- There be established a Health Advocate to conduct oversight of the implementation of the safety plan, with the vested authority to stop construction in the event of health and safety violations, provide real time monitoring and oversight of the site construction and report to the IG's Office to avoid conflicts of interest. This would finally create a standard going forward for all projects being developed on contaminated sites throughout the District of Columbia.
- There be immediate distribution of preventative remediation measures, including the distribution of air purifiers, HEPA (dust) mats and vacuums for residents living south of M St., east of Delaware, west of S. Capitol Street; and
- The District of Columbia, through its Department of Health or another approved FQHC, provide an optional baseline health assessment for all residents living in the area adjacent to the proposed stadium.

Therefore, at a duly noticed meeting of ANC-6D, held on October 17, 2016, at which a quorum was present (a quorum being four Commissioners), and by a vote of 7-0-0, the Commission unanimously opposed the approval of the DC United Consolidated PUD until the issues as stated above are sufficiently addressed by the Applicant and District Departments in coordination with the ANC and the Community. The ANC will withhold its approval until it is presented with a revised PUD that adequately addresses our above stated concerns. We urge that the DC Zoning Commission and the relevant District Agencies – in particular, Office of Planning, Department of Transportation, Department of Public Works, Department of General Services and the members of the Council of the District of Columbia give our concerns great weight under the law.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Litsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

Andy Litsky
Chairman, ANC-6D
Southwest, Navy Yard & Buzzard Point

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To the Attention of: Mayor Bowser, DCRA Director Bolling, DDOT Director Dormsjo, DC Office of Zoning and Zoning Commission, DC Council, Events DC President O'Dell, Capitol Riverfront BID President Stevens, NCPC Executive Director Acosta

RE: Proposed Video Signage at Nationals Park

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on October 17, 2016 with a quorum being present, a quorum being 4 Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 7-0-0 to send this resolution in opposition to the Washington Nationals' plan to install video signage in, on, and around Nationals Park.

Whereas, the Washington Nationals propose installation of 12 digital displays on the exterior of their stadium, on the concourse leading into the stadium, and on adjacent parking garages, and

Whereas, the proposed digital displays can use LED technology to play video, rotate through still images, or display other graphics, and

Whereas, the 12 proposed displays are as tall as 38 feet and as wide as 45 feet, with a total of 7,785 square feet of video display area (7,035 excluding the two in the concourse area) and

Whereas, the planned digital displays will face South Capitol Street and other roads, as well as the Anacostia River and

Whereas, the proposed displays will be directly across the street from several existing or planned residential buildings (with Dock 79, 1250 Half Street, and Yards Parcel H the most directly affected) and the Hampton Inn hotel, and

Whereas, the proposed digital displays would cause light pollution into the windows of hundreds of planned or existing residential and hotel units, and

Whereas, video, scrolling text, static images that rotate in sequence, and other graphical displays will be distracting and therefore dangerous to drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, boaters, and other users of nearby roads and rivers, and

Whereas, South Capitol Street is currently at the beginning phases of a major overhaul to create a “beautiful scenic boulevard that increases pedestrian and vehicular safety” (<http://ddot.dc.gov/page/south-capitol-street-corridor-project-frederick-douglass-memorial-bridge>), and

Whereas, ANC 6D opposed a substantially smaller and less distracting digital display when it was proposed at Van Ness Elementary: in June 2016, ANC 6D submitted comments on the school’s Public Space Occupancy Permit Request (DDOT Tracking #125075) stating that an LED sign would only be appropriate if it was “fixed, such that it does not scroll, flash, or rotate among multiple messages;” was dimmed after school hours and turned off at 8pm, and would be “further adjusted if it creates a nuisance for neighbors and hazard for drivers.” and

Whereas, viewsheds to the Capitol are important community assets and would be disturbed by the proposed digital displays, and

Whereas, the Zoning Commission order for the ballpark (ZC 06-22) discusses the importance of Capitol viewsheds along South Capitol Street and from the ballpark in paragraphs 35-37 and 42, and

Whereas, the Zoning Commission order (ZC 06-22) states that the “most significant external signage will be a naming rights sign on the Potomac Avenue elevation...the lettering proposed will be 17 feet tall” (paragraph 43) and the proposed digital displays are far more significant in size and visibility, and

Whereas, ANC 6D has long cautioned against digital displays of the type proposed by the Nationals: on June 26, 2006, Commissioner Andy Litsky testified before the Zoning Commission on behalf of ANC 6D and said “although the supplemental application states that any naming rights signage as well as exterior signage visible from the stadium will be designed so as not to cause glare or otherwise impair the vision or distract drivers passing the stadium, there is another concern. Plain and simple, the stadium is located on South Capitol Street, our grand entrance to the Nation’s Capital. ANC 6D is greatly concerned that stadium signage may overwhelm what would otherwise be a world class view of the Capitol Dome from the South....Wouldn’t it be a shame for one of the great symbols of our democracy to be visually overwhelmed by a neon advertising sign?” (06-22, exhibit 52), and

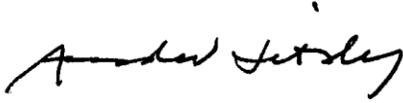
Whereas, concerns about light pollution, viewsheds, and distraction to drivers and others along streets and waterways are the same whether the proposed signs are neon or LED and whether they are for stadium naming rights or other purposes, and

Whereas, creating a vibrant entertainment district is a valid goal but must be balanced with the needs of those not merely visiting the neighborhood, and

Whereas, people’s choices about where to spend their leisure time and money is determined by many factors, with the presence of large video displays likely a minimal or even a negative factor,

Therefore, be it resolved that: ANC 6D opposes the Nationals' plan to install video signage in, on, and around Nationals Park and requests that the District not allow the Nationals to proceed with their proposal.

Sincerely,



Andy Litsky
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RE: Proposed Changes to Metro Hours

Dear WMATA Board,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on October 17, 2016 with a quorum being present, a quorum being 4 Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 7-0-0 to send this letter in opposition to all of WMATA's proposals for shortening Metro service hours.

ANC 6D, which includes the Southwest Waterfront, Navy Yard/Capitol Riverfront, and Buzzard Point areas of Washington, DC, has experienced and continues to experience development as great as any in the metropolitan area and perhaps in the nation. We have a Major League Baseball stadium and a planned Major League Soccer stadium. The Wharf development includes plans for a 6000-seat concert venue and over 2000 restaurant seats. There are thousands of housing units in the development pipeline, three museums under construction (Museum of the Bible, Spy Museum, Rubell Museum at the Randall School), Arena Stage, and numerous federal agencies and private businesses. This is not meant to be a full listing of reasons why people live in or visit our community, but highlights how busy the area is and why public transportation is so important to us.

Our neighborhood needs mass transit seven days a week, from early in the morning to late at night. Metro is necessary to transport thousands of Nationals fans and workers to and from the stadium: buses cannot accommodate such a large number of passengers. Nationals games are also unpredictable in length and at times go into extra innings or have rain delays that cause them to run quite late. The Metro also helps people in our community get to work and helps people come to work in our community, even if they are employed outside of the normal 9-5 schedule.

We know as well as any community the risks of Metro's long history of improper maintenance and inadequate operations. Carol Glover died from smoke inhalation at the L'Enfant Plaza metro station, and an arcing insulator sent a spray of fire onto the Federal Center Southwest platform. Both stations are in ANC 6D.

But WMATA's proposals to reduce the Metro system's operating hours are all unsatisfactory. Closing the Metro at midnight on weekends leaves people without adequate transportation when they go to bars, restaurants, and entertainment options. They will be more likely to drive drunk, to increase traffic, or to not go out and support our businesses at all. Closing early on Sundays is difficult for people who want to travel to or from our neighborhoods. And opening at noon on Sunday would harm people who travel for work, church, brunch, grocery shopping, Nationals games (which often begin at 1:05 pm or earlier on Sundays), or any number of other reasons.

We are especially appalled that WMATA would suggest such a degradation of service for two reasons. First, WMATA has already reduced service to our neighborhood. Ending the 70/71 at Archives and replacing it with the substantially less useful 74 bus was a difficult blow to our neighborhood. WMATA also discontinued the V7 and V8 bus routes west of the Navy Yard metro. Cutting off the 54 bus before it reached L'Enfant Plaza and changing service on the 30s line have also hurt our community; when combined with DDOT's continued failure to serve the Southwest side of our community with the promised Circulator service and the continued and planned development in the area, we are already underserved by transit. Reducing Metro service would compound these problems.

Second, we have read with alarm several Federal Transit Administration oversight reports about WMATA. They include many situations where WMATA maintenance workers were delayed in their ability to access tracks, or when they lacked the materials, scheduling, training, expertise, and supervision to perform work in an adequate and efficient manner. We believe that if WMATA improved its maintenance procedures, there would not be such a need for system closures. Until those improvements occur, we cannot support a shortening of Metro's operating hours.

Sincerely,

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Andy Litsky
Chairman, ANC 6D
Southwest, Navy Yard & Buzzard Point



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RE: Two Year Extension for Approved PUD for Property Located at 250 M St. SE (ZC 03-12/03-13)

Dear Chairman Hood:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on October 17, 2016 with a quorum being present, a quorum being 4 Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 7-0-0 for the motion to support a two year extension of time of the Approved Consolidated PUD and Zoning Map Amendment approved by Zoning Order No. 03-12/03-13 for the property located at 250 M St. SE as requested by Square 769, LCC and the District of Columbia Housing Authority.

The ANC supports this extension because it believes that the time extension will allow the Applicant additional time to find an office tenant and thus keep the property as an office building, rather than a residential building. The ANC believes that the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood needs a mix of office and residential buildings and wants 250 M St. SE to become an office building as planned.

The ANC also appreciates the Applicant's commitment to participate in a future pre-construction meeting with adjacent residents in order to prepare residents for any construction impacts and provide them with the Applicant's contact information so that the community can contact the Applicant in order to ensure the expeditious resolution of any construction-related issues. (See attached letter.)

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Andy Litsky
Chairman, ANC 6D
Southwest, Navy Yard & Buzzard Point

October 17, 2016

Via E-Mail

Meredith Fascett
ANC 6D07
1101 4th Street, SW W130
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Re: Application of Square 769, LLC and the District of Columbia Housing Authority for the Extension of Time of the Approved Consolidated Planned Unit Development (“PUD”) and Zoning Map Amendment for the Property Located at 250 M Street, SE (the “Property”) – **ZC Case No. 03-12U/03-13U**

Dear Commissioner Fascett:

On September 16, 2016, Square 769, LLC and the District of Columbia Housing Authority (“**DCHA**”) (collectively, the “**Applicant**”) filed an application with the Zoning Commission requesting a two year extension of the time period for approval of the PUD project approved by Zoning Commission Order No. 03-12/03-13, as amended and extended by ZC Order Nos. 03-12K/03-13K, 03-12N/03-13N, and 03-12S/03-13S. This application is known as ZC Case No. 03-12U/03-13U.

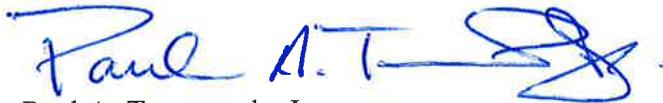
Based on our correspondence regarding this application, the Applicant agrees to take the following actions prior to the commencement of construction activity of the approved PUD project:

- The Applicant will hold a pre-construction meeting with residents of adjacent buildings (including, but not limited to, residents of the Capitol Quarter townhouses and the residents of the new building that will be constructed on the adjacent Square 769N property).
- The purpose of the meeting will be to provide residents with information regarding the various phases of the construction and the expected impacts of such construction. At that meeting adjacent residents will be provided with the point of contact information for all construction related issues.
- The Applicant will include this requirement as a condition of the Zoning Commission’s approval of the time extension request.

Meredith Fascett
ANC 6D07
October 17, 2016
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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions or comments regarding this application.

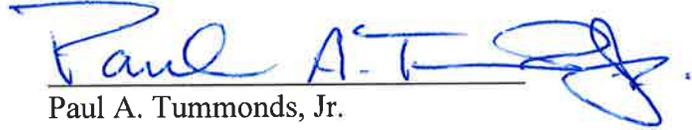
Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul A. Tummonds, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul A. Tummonds, Jr.

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I sent the foregoing document to the address below on October 17, 2016 by e-mail.


Paul A. Tummonds, Jr.

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VIA E-MAIL: catrina.felder@dc.gov

RE: Public Space Occupancy Permit for 155 N Place SE, DDOT Tracking #183490

Dear Public Space Committee Coordinator:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on October 17, 2016 with a quorum being present, a quorum being 4 Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 7-0-0 for the motion to support the public space occupancy permit application (DDOT Tracking Number 183490, postmarked September 22, 2016) for 155 N Place SE, Washington, DC 20003, for the purpose of Paving, Landscaping, Excavation, and Over Head Work.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Andy Litsky
Chairman, ANC 6D
Southwest, Navy Yard & Buzzard Point

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September 19, 2016

ANC 6D

DDOT Tracking Number 183196

Dear ANC 6D:

This is to notify you of an application to occupy public space for the purpose of Paving: ADA Curb Ramp, Paving: Curb & Gutter(s), Paving: Roadway(s), Paving: Sidewalk (porous/pervious), Paving: Sidewalk(s), Fixture: Bench(es), Fixture: Bike Rack(s), Fixture: Bollard(s) (Exception), Fixture: Street Fixture or Furniture (Exception), Fixture: Trash Receptacle(s) (Exception), Landscaping: New Tree Space(s), Landscaping: Stormwater Mgmt (serve public), Landscaping: Stormwater Mgmt (w/Curb Drain), Landscaping: Tree Fence(s), Landscaping: Tree Planting, Landscaping: Tree Space (Stormwater Mgmt) at the premises at 1200 - 1299 BLOCK OF HALF STREET SE, WASHINGTON, DC .

Enclosed are plans showing the proposed work. Please review the application and plan and return this letter to the Public Space Permit Office (PSPO) advising it whether or not ANC 6D has any objections to the application. The response must be received at the PSPO no later than thirty (30) days from the postmarked date of this letter, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. If a response is not received within that period it is assumed that ANC 6D has no objections to the application. If ANC 6D has objections, they must be provided to the PSPO in writing and with supporting details. Please provide ANC 6D's response in the space below and return this letter with any correspondence pertaining to this application to:

District Department of Transportation
Public Space Permit Office
Attn: Public Space Committee Coordinator
1100 4th Street S.W. / 3rd Floor,
Washington DC 20024,

Please Note: For ANC 6D's response to carry "Great Weight", this request must be voted on by the commission as a whole at a properly noticed meeting that is open to the public.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the assigned technician at catrina.felder@dc.gov or call (202) 442-4670 with questions. (FAX: 202-535-2221)

Attachment(s)

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS & RETURN TO THE PUBLIC SPACE PERMIT OFFICE
Date of ANC Vote: 10/17/16 (please attach any resolution, if available)

ANC 6D has no objection to this application.
 ANC 6D has the following objections to this application:

(Please attach additional pages if necessary)

Name: ANDY LITSKY Title: CHAIRMAN, ANC-6D
Signature: *Andy Litsky* Date: 10/17/16



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September 9, 2016

ANC 6D02

DDOT Tracking Number 182520

Dear ANC 6D:

This is to notify you of an application to occupy public space for the purpose of Fixture: Bench(es) at the premises at 50 M STREET SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20003.

Enclosed are plans showing the proposed work. Please review the application and plan and return this letter to the Public Space Permit Office (PSPO) advising it whether or not ANC 6D has any objections to the application. The response must be received at the PSPO no later than thirty (30) days from the postmarked date of this letter, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. If a response is not received within that period it is assumed that ANC 6D has no objections to the application. If ANC 6D has objections, they must be provided to the PSPO in writing and with supporting details. Please provide ANC 6D's response in the space below and return this letter with any correspondence pertaining to this application to:

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Attachment(s)

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Date of ANC Vote: 10/17/16 (please attach any resolution, if available)

- ANC 6D has no objection to this application.
- ANC 6D has the following objections to this application:

The benches are fine but must be accompanied by a trash receptacle if we are to support the installation of benches. (Please attach additional pages if necessary)

Name: Andy Litsky Title: CHAIRMAN, ANC 6D
Signature: ANDY LITSKY Date: 10/17/16

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RE: Universal Paid Leave Legislation

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on October 17, 2016 with a quorum being present, a quorum being 4 Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 7-0-0 for the motion to **request that the Council of the District of Columbia allow enough time for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to review and provide official comments on the mark-up of the Universal Paid Leave Bill before the DC Council votes on the proposed legislation.**

ANC 6D also voted 7-0-0 to authorize its Commissioners to speak on behalf of the ANC regarding this matter.

ANC 6D believes that a strong paid family leave and medical leave program for District residents is prudent, compassionate, affordable, and long overdue.

The ANC believes that the District's paid leave legislation should:

- 1) Include 12 weeks of paid family and medical leave;
- 2) Target a high wage replacement rate;
- 3) Not require the usage of vacation and sick leave before accessing the Paid Leave Program;
- 4) Include mental health parity; and
- 5) Use the Family and Medical Leave Act as a minimum definition for covered family members.

Given the importance of this issue and its effect on so many DC residents, ANC 6D would appreciate the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to this discussion and provide official comments on the mark-up of the legislation once it becomes available.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Andy Litsky
Chairman, ANC 6D
Southwest, Navy Yard & Buzzard Point