# ANC 6D, MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA, 12/14/2020, Virtual WebEx Meeting | MINUTES \*As approved at the January 11, 2021 Business Meeting\*

The following Commissioners were in attendance: Gail CM Fast, Andy CM Litsky, Ronald CM Collins, Rhonda CM Hamilton, Edward CM Daniels, Fredrica CM Kramer, and Anna Special Committee Head Forgie. Executive Director Shaun Carter was also in attendance.

## 1. Approval of the Agenda

Motion, CM Collins. Second, CM Kramer.

Changes...

CM Kramer: Remove 8c.

Changes... CM Hamilton follow-up to DOEE re: Vulcan project permit (8.d).

Add 8e. Letter to DDOT re: Frederick Douglass Bridge Project

Add 9i, Safeway renewal, 25% Class B license

Remove 4, moved to Jan meeting

Vote: 5-0-0

## 2. Introduction of the Commission

Introductions

3. Announcement of January Business Meeting, virtual WebEx Meeting, Mon, 1/11/21, 7pm

### 4. Approval of November and Oct Special Meeting ANC Minutes (CM Daniels)

## 5. Meeting Announcements

- Farewell Comments, outgoing CM Fast and Chair Forgie
- Intro of New Commissioners-Elect Andrew Bossi and Jared Weiss
- Capital Bikeshare for All Lester Wallace

Presentation will be on the ANC6D website. Lester's email is lester.wallace@godcgo.com

CM Fast: There may be opportunities for some events now, we can chat further. Presentation will be shared for website posting.

CM Collins: Do not forget about senior citizens when you have your special programs.

## • Talib Shakir, new MOCR

Talib Shakir (Tah-lib Sha-keer). Replacing Mikaela. Predecessor left behind a lengthy description of issues within the Ward.

Mayor's updates. Businesses encouraged to continue to telework, new phase updates. Updates available at coronavirus.dc.gov

Email is: talib.shakir@dc.gov

Open announcements from floor, 3 min each.

• Georgine Wallace, (could not hear her. Audio issues)

### 6. Public Safety Report, First District, PSA 103, 105, 106, Capt Durrough, Lt. Donigian

• Lt. Donigian:

-property crime about equal as last year. 2020 trend of stolen vehicles continue. Delivery drivers.

-a homicide in an apt, suspect was holding gun when officers entered. She was arrested.

-4 AWDW assault with dangerous weapon, 106 (two road rage)...one on freeway; 200 block m street se, another roadrage incident.

-4 robberies over last month. Week before thanksgiving; 1000 block 3<sup>rd</sup> street se, two adults arrested. 1<sup>st</sup> and M SE, robbery at ATM. 2 armed car jackings, vehicles recovered. Case still open.

-CM Daniels – salt line area, skate boarders, yards park area, no security.

Donigian – We are short-staffed dealing with downtown protests, etc, and hiring new cops is slow

CM Fast – cars broken in near amidon bowen. Are these smash and grab?

Donigian-looks like windows being smashed to grab whatever is in the car.

### 7. Consent Agenda

None

## 8. Presentations & Resolutions

### a. Follow-up letter to DDOT and DCRA confirming AH utility permits approval process (CM Fast/CH Forgie)

Following up to the November meeting regarding the transfer of process to DDOT and process that we will follow as Commissioners regarding these permits.

Motion, CM Fast. Second, CM Collins.

## Commission Questions?

- Forgie: Be clear that we are asking about ALLAH permit requests, including developers, individuals, contractors, utilities, etc.
- Kramer: Would be helpful for us to have notification of AH permits issued whether we have commented/approved/supported the permit or not.
- Litsky: We have to make sure we require the agency to make clear what constitutes an emergency.
- Forgie: We referenced that in our letter to CM Allen in last year's letter. We can re-iterate that.

### Vote: 6-0-0

## b. Letter to OP that future Buzzard Point development adheres to the SW/Buzzard Point Flood Resiliency Strategy guidelines (CM Kramer)

Follow up on the Flood Strategy to emphasize concern with Buzzard Point, as over 6,000 residents will call this area home. With the number of buildings being built out, we are losing lots of green space, which is important to the Flood Strategy.

Motion, CM Kramer. Second, CM Hamilton.

CM Hamilton: Thank you for the letter. This is one of the most flood-prone areas in the city.

CM Fast: Add a reminder to OP that the green space and parks will be the force to mitigate flooding. James Creek area is in this zone and most susceptible to flooding. Any time we can add green space is important for OP to discuss with developers.

CM Litsky: The Buzzard Point Vision Plan is supposed to be within guidance of OP's planning when it comes to resiliency.

Vote: 6-0-0

## c. Vulcan Permitting Letter to DOEE

Follow up to DOEE and invite to come to Jan meeting. When will new permit be released. Our recommendation for closure of plant.

Motion, CM Hamilton. Second, CM Kramer

Discussion:

Kramer: Within my SMD but CM Hamilton has been great in getting the key players to work on this issue.

Forgie: Send letter also to EOM.

Vote: 6-0-0

## d. Letter to DDOT re: Frederick Douglass Bridge Project (CM Hamilton)

CM Hamilton: One of the problems we're encountering is the scale of construction noise. We aren't receiving notification when the work will take place overnight. Also, lots of particulate matter being released from the uncovered field. When the old bridge comes down, we need to understand the environmental impact. Is this a good time to be taking down the bridge in the midst of Covid?

Motion, CM Hamilton. Second, CM Litsky.

Vote: 6-0-0

## 9. ABC Committee Report

## a. 33 District Square – Surfside, CA and stipulated license (CM Litsky)

Wanting 8 seats in summer garden to be increased to 22 seats.

CM Litsky: 16 seats inside and 8 seats in garden.

-C of O has 21 inside seats.

-Fast: At the ABC meeting, it was agreed seating would be 30 patrons. So Max outside would be 9. You could have provided a floorplan with outside seating during the meeting.

Bo: The number 8 was filled in incorrectly, we hadn't met with Madison Marquette. Didn't have layout of space until a week ago. Outdoor and Indoor Cert of Occ don't have anything to do with one another.

We now see that we are able to have 22 seats in the area, after meeting with Bob.

We don't need to be open at 5am. -That was initial request for 24 hours of operation.

Hours will be 10am-3am. Alcohol 10am-1am. Seven days a week. 21 seats inside and 22 seats in summer garden. Max occupancy shall not exceed 44 seats total. No entertainment endorsement.

Motion, CM Litsky. Second, CM Fast.

Vote: CA with changes discussed and stipulated license. 6-0-0.

## b. 550 C Street SW – Holiday Inn, Class CH+25% Class B license renewal (CM Fast)

Motion, CM Fast. Second, CM Collins

Vote: 6-0-0

### c. 69 Q Street SW, Cambria Hotel, 25% Class B license (CM Hamilton)

Would authorize gift shop to serve alcohol so that guests can take them to their rooms. Separate from Hotel's ABC license. Sales 6am-1am. Gift shop is 24 hour.

CM Hamilton, Motion to support. Second, CM Fast.

### Discussion:

CM Kramer: Does it mean you can't walk in off street? – Designed as amenity for hotel guests, but technically you can't stop someone from street from coming in to purchase. Location of the gift shop isn't viewable from street such that someone would know that this is there unless they are staying.

CM Forgie: Concern is that we will be running a 24-hour liquor store. If word gets out that you can get alcohol here anytime, that would be a problem. – To clarify, the sales for liquor is 6am-1am, though the shop is open 24 hours.

CM Litsky: Friendly's has single-serve prohibition. Will this create a store where we have single-sales of alcohol? -CM Hamilton: Friendly's does have single-sales.

CM Kramer: Not comfortable with the idea that 'no one knows the gift shop is there'. Do you have service inside the rooms such as mini-bar? -This is an alternative to a hotel mini-bar.

CM Collins: clerical error: Paragraph three should say "establishment" as opposed to "establish"

Vote: 6-0-0

### d. 1399 Half St SW-Friendly's Market Class B license renewal (CM Hamilton)

Motion to support, CM Hamilton. Second, CM Collins

Mr. Kim has done a lot to make sure that this store is safe and has installed additional lighting and cameras, etc.

Vote: 6-0-0

## e. 401 M Street SE – Harris Teeter: Class B license renewal (CM Daniels)

CM Daniels, Motion to support renewal and CA as it stands. Second, CM Collins.

Vote: 6-0-0

## f. 1000 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE, Cornercopia, Class B license renewal (CM Daniels)

Motion to support renewal, CM Daniels. Second, CM Fast.

Vote: 6-0-0

g. 101 H Street SE – Whole Foods, Class B & Class DR license renewal and support renewal of CA

Motion to support, CM Daniels. Second, CM Litsky

CM Daniels – We're having issues with the loading dock and loading zone that is creating public safety hazard. – CM Fast: No ABRA violations so may address through DCRA. With ABRA we only check to see if there are violations.

Vote: 6-0-0.

### h. 333 E Street SW, Simply Smiles/Residence Inn: Class B license renewal and CA (CM Collins)

Motion, CM Collins. Second, CM Kramer.

Vote: 6-0-0

### i. Safeway, SW, 1100 4th St SW, License renewal (license type?) (CM?)

ABC Committee had questions as there were incident of the security officer's guns being taken away from them. ABC Committee recommending language being inserted. No agreement on language so far.

Mr. Moore on call.

Language that was sent was to not allow firearms to be carried by their personnel.

Motion CM Litsky, extend current CA. not increase square footage. Recommending Mr. Moore, Ford, and Ray to work with ABC Committee in Jan to work on terms of security and how it would work and how that will go into the CA.

Second, CM Collins.

Vote: 6-0-0

## 10. Development, Planning, & Transportation

## a. ZC 20-28: Parcel F Design Review, 110 N Street SE, Brookfield (CM Daniels)

New office building in Yards West. Zoning hearing Feb 8. Multi-tiered office building. Recessed lighting. Interior recessed lighting. No exterior lighting that is decorative. Lighting fixtures are shining down and/or back towards the building.

Grade level retail. Flex space retail that will be either for tenants or available to local retailers, no chains. On-site loading dock that will be utilized for all deliveries. No off-street deliveries. Terra Cota exterior materials. Lots of on-site green space. Green space landscaped on each side of building, street-level.

Motion to support design review, CM Daniels. Second, CM Litsky

### Discussion:

CM Kramer: Lovely building, recessed lighting works. Love the green exterior accenting. Want to see what it's going to look like when more of the interior lights are off.

Forgie: Concern about the wall of windows on one side of windows. Is there a way to break up the huge wall of windows? -Glass on these walls will be low-reflective glass.

CM Hamilton: Want to suggest amendment to motion to request taking another look at the wall of windows.

CM Collins: Appreciate the tiered approach and green roof and subdued lighting.

CM Litsky: One of the prettier buildings in our ANC. Enjoy the tiering. The tenants will surely enjoy it.

CM Fast: Concerns with back side of building. Two sides merge, all glass. -The aren't glazed. They will be non-reflective.

CM Kramer: Is it possible to deal with Chair Forgie's concern? Could the 'accordion' look along first floor be extended upwards?

Vote: CM Fast, time-frame is for when they have to go before Zoning probably isn't going to allow an amended motion to be possible. We can always make a note or comment about it.

Vote is 6-0-0.

### b. 100 V Street SW – Large Tract Review – Akridge (CM Kramer)

Non-vote, presentation will be available online at the ANC6D website.

Parcels more than 3 acres, matter of right properties, there is no Zoning Review, but done within Office of Planning. ANC will submit comments to the O of P. Comments are record. Most development in Buzzard point is by right or Large Tract so it's been hard for ANC to get any footing when it comes to affordable housing.

Chair Forgie: Have you given more thought to park space? When it comes to loading, you say most of it will be below grade, how are you planning to enforce this? Concerns about affordability.

-Park. Yes, we are discussing park space and have started that communication with the landscape architect. Loading: We will have a dockmaster and we'll look into finding ways to mitigate on-street off-loading. It will be difficult to control FedEx, UPS, USPS, etc, but for our true-residential move in/out we will control our loading. We don't have full plan in place right now but are discussing.

CM Collins: When Audi Stadium was constructed, they had to do remediation of the soil. Will you have to do this for this area? -We've done soil testing and we will be remediating.

Of the rental units, 1100 units, how many will be affordable? – IZ units will be offered accordingly. 120 IZ units at 60% MFI.

CM Litsky – There doesn't seem to be develop for a community that is sustainable. Where is the plan for supermarket? There's no plan for sustaining a community of thousands of people. Most developers have restaurants, etc, but no one seems to be looking to sustain a community. We need community-serving retail. Hope you work with OP and with the resilience plan for SW.

CM Hamilton: Hope you work with DOEE regarding flooding that takes place in that area. There isn't sustainability planning in that area. We need grocery stores and places where people can buy supplies. Also, we need some sort of urgent care facility. Affordable housing is lacking. You have a lot of market rate housing.

DM Daniels: We have a Vision Zero plan that seems to be seldon cared about. Deliveries can not take place wherever they want. Can't take place in bike lanes, bus lanes, crosswalks, etc. We need something in writing from developers that states they will force deliveries to take place at the loading dock. It's great that you say you'll have a dockmaster. We need, however, you to make sure that these take place at the loading dock.

We need community-serving retail in this section of the neighborhood so that people will want to remain there. You're at 11% affordable housing. I will not support this unless it is at 20%. People will live there for a year and then move elsewhere when they realize they could buy instead of renting.

CM Fast: With underground loading, I assume trucks can turn around underground. If you do have a grocer on site, do you have enough capacity and loading dock tall enough to get a 55' truck in and turned around underground?

We are concerned about the resiliency plan being put forth by OP. Developers need to be aware of this plan, re: the flood plain.

Urgent care would be a good opportunity with this development.

CM Kramer: Endorse everything that everyone said before. We need more green space. When it comes to affordable housing, you need to also talk about the size of the units. You're creating instability in the community and a high-class enclave, which goes again all that we've tried for years to preserve. We want an iconic, diverse community. Parking spaces? Skybridge bothers me. The ones in Atlanta are horrible.

Any opportunity zone tax breaks? Will buildings be ADA compliant? Will you accept all vouchers? Who will be property managers? What will long-term involvement of the developer be? Voluntary clean-up?

CM Fast: We will submit comments. Are you looking for vote or do we just submit comments?

CM Kramer: We should probably put forth comments instead of motion to vote to support or not support the project.

Motion to issue comments to Office of Planning providing ANC comments and concern regarding the project (Large Track Review for 100 V Street SW). No support or non-support, just sending our comments to OP by the first week of January 2021.

Motion made by CM Kramer, Second CM Litsky.

Vote: 6-0-0

Motion by CM Hamilton, motion to send a letter to DOEE re: VCAP by Akridge at 100 V Street SW site. Second, CM Kramer.

Vote: 6-0-0

### c. 45 Q Street NW – Concept Presentation, DB Lee (CM Hamilton)

Hotel (Moxy)/Residential Project near UHaul. Currently vehicle repair shop. Presentation only, no vote tonight.

Presentation will come up for vote in January. Presentation will be available online.

Mixed-use building. 190 hotel rooms. 60 residential. 9,000 sq feet retail. 60 units will have IZ component of 16%, 10 units. Mix of IZ will be studios, two bedrooms, one bedrooms, one bedroom dens.

Two loading bays, pull in and back out.

CM Hamilton: Will email answers to questions posted in chat to the constituent to asked them. Other questions will be via email follow up.

Not sure of the overall benefit of the project to Old SW. Besides affordable housing and the market, what does this bring to the community. How does it embrace the existing character of Old SW? Why should the community embrace the project? We have another hotel directly across the street. We'd like responses to these questions and others that I've raised.

CM Fast: Commissioners please send concerns along to CM Hamilton since she's meeting with developers before the next meeting. CM Hamilton will also hold an SMD meeting for concerned residents.

## d. ZC 20-14: 5 M Street SW – Design Review – JBG Smith (CM Fast/Chair Forgie)

CM Fast: Final meeting re: design review. One more zoning hearing, Jan 14. Must have report in by Jan 7.

Updated presentation will be posted online.

CM Fast: We've been working as a negotiating team. We'll start with Commissioners who are seeing this for the first time.

CM Daniels – no questions, thanks for taking our considerations into the design.

CM Hamilton – thank you for subtle changes. Still feel like there is so much going on with the design of the building. Still looks like a warehouse, even with changes. The design is very busy. More consistency would help.

CM Collins: We've come a long way and thank you for taking our considerations into account.

Chair Forgie: Still have concerns about connection between the Reuben building and this building. Only one curb cut. How will trucks get through there, the tunnel. Like the windows below penthouse. Heritage trees – please make sure that these trees are protected during construction. South Cap is going to be brought to grade, still don't see how that will play into the design and traffic flow, etc.

CM Litsky: Concerns about hopper windows. Would rather see tiering similar to the Parcel F office building with actual setbacks. Do we have the same amount of outdoor space on M Street as before? Had 40 on M Street. No have 36 spaces on M Street.

We still don't see what it looks like at grade. – It basically looks as it would at grade if the railing on SouthCap was removed from photo. We're ready to accept the streetscape at grade with retail frontage and planning.

Currently has punch-out windows.

CM Kramer: It is better. It is still a big private building and no community space. Two ways to reference south west would the tiering at the top. Still don't understand why you're not putting in the concrete. It's a signature of SW. White brick has nothing to do with SW. Balconies – would boost number of balconies if you put a balcony on each of the 4 blocks of the 4-grid unit.

The building is so busy. Take part of the design and repeat it. It's huge and busy. Look at the buildings from the 60's to now. They have a certain design that is readable throughout the project.

JBG – our goal is similar to yours. We don't want to have too busy of a project.

CM Fast: To CM Kramer's point about having time with the Dev team. We haven't had that luxury here. I've worked with teams for years to come up with designs. We haven't had that here.

CM Fast: Balconies – reducing the four balconies to two makes the building look heavier. This doesn't help to make the building look more open. Building looks heavy from the M to South Cap view as it hangs over the sidewalk. The building needs to look airy and light. Look at the Parcel F design and it looks set back the way we'd like this to be.

-JBG: Parcel F is a commercial building, not a residential building.

-CM Fast, you use term 'setback' and keep pushing building back, but we're looking for something lighter. I don't get the pavilion.

-The frontage on South Cap is the best view. Any reason why the pavilion can't be part of the other bigger building. Can M Street side be extended out to the end. What is the deal with the Reuben

-We want the CTR and the TDM. We need those if you've already met with DDOT. -JBG: I believe those have been filed. They've been filed 60 days before the original hearing.

### Affordability

-Currently still presenting 20 units at 60% MFI.

One unit at 50% MFI and 19 units at 60% MFI, non IZ.

Equitable arrangement of the unit have been addressed with Zoning (ie, not concentrated in one corner, same finishes, not more studios or one bedrooms than our market rate units).

CM Fast: I'm still not supportive of the affordable housing component of this project.

CM Daniels - (not present on call)

CM Hamilton: Echo Chair Fast. We could use a higher number of affordable units.

CM Kramer: Cannot support this small number of units. Not part of small area plan. Not helping the housing crisis that we are experiencing in the city.

CM Litsky: Disappointed that a company like JBG can only provide 20 units. Your company is focused on building the properties to make sure that Amazon's needs are going to be met, not the needs of DC, let alone SW DC.

CM Collins: Echo colleagues.

Chair Forgie: There are people on the call who care about the community and who want to make the community affordable and diverse. This doesn't speak to those people. This says to them that they aren't welcome in the community. I know that you have to make a profit, but there has to be more room here.

I'm not going to be first to congratulate you on offering equity in the units that are affordable. That should be a given as to what you're offering.

Providing affordable housing is very important to the current commission and will be important to the upcoming commission.

CM Fast: Motion to send second letter to Zoning to re-iterate our first letter **opposing the affordable portion** of the project

Second, CM Kramer

### Vote: 5-0-0

CM Fast: Regarding design review. Motion to **take no action on design review,** giving the negotiating team the opportunity to continue discussion with 5M team. Would like to authorize 5M Negotiating team to decide to support or to oppose the project.

Second, CM Kramer.

Vote: 5-0-0

## 11. Commission Updates & Administrative Matters

- a. Chairperson's Report CM Fast
- b. Treasurer's Report-CM Collins

### 12. Community Concerns

### 13. Adjournment

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# **RE: Request for Reconsideration**

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on November 16, 2020 with a quorum being present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D ("ANC 6D" or the "ANC") voted 6-0-0 to send this correspondence regarding the exterior lighting on the "Novel" building located at 2 I St SE (hereinafter "the Novel").

ANC 6D is concerned about the proliferation of neon exterior lighting on various buildings within ANC 6D, especially with respect to lighting on buildings that mar the sightline of the U.S. Capitol.

Upon the Novel's completion in 2019, ANC 6D immediately started receiving numerous complaints from residents of neighboring buildings who indicated that the lighting on the Novel was shining into their apartments. At the time, ANC 6D was unaware that this exterior lighting which surrounds the Novel and is in the sightline of the U.S. Capitol had been included in Crescent Communities LLC and RCP Development Company's design. It was then that the ANC contacted both the Office of Zoning and DCRA in an effort to determine how (and when) the lighting had been approved since neither Crescent Communities

LLC nor RCP Development Company had brought their lighting scheme before the ANC for review.

The Office of Zoning indicated that the lighting issue was not raised in the BZA proceeding (in correspondence to the ANC, the Office of Zoning noted that the case number for the building was BZA case B1703907, however this case number has no records on IZIS). DCRA suggested that lighting was not within its purview and otherwise demurred from any further comment. The Architect of the Capitol noted references to BZA Case #19175 held on 2/09/2016 with no mention of lighting. In short, no agency seemed to be aware of exactly how this neon lighting came to be on the Novel building.

ANC 6D contacted the developer to request, at a minimum, that the building turn off the two vertical rectangular boxes extending from the top of the building to the second floor; the vertical stripe along the western façade of the building; and the horizontal stripe at the second floor of the building at 10pm every night to provide neighboring residents respite from the light. Commitment to this proposal has been haphazard at best as residents routinely point out instances in which the lighting is left on well past 10pm.

ANC 6D is, and always has been, in opposition to any lighting that detracts from the view of the U.S. Capitol. <u>Therefore, ANC 6D is requesting that the BZA bring Crescent Communities LLC and RCP</u> <u>Development Company back before the BZA, and ANC 6D, to determine an appropriate lighting scheme</u> <u>for the Novel</u>. Since the plans presented to ANC 6D in preparation for their 2/09/2016 hearing date made no mention of the lighting nor was it included in their renderings; ANC 6D is concerned that the lighting was likewise omitted from plans presented to other agencies, including the BZA.

ANC 6D also notes that similar instances of garish neon lighting exist at the Meridian on First, located at 1000 1<sup>st</sup> St SE, and at the Homewood Suites, located at 50 M St SE. Though not in the immediate sightline of the Capitol, these neon lights also raise serious aesthetic concerns.

Should you have any questions, please contact ANC 6D at 6D@anc.dc.gov.

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

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## **RE: After Hours Permits**

Dear Directors Chrappah and Marootian,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on December 14, 2020 with a quorum being present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 6-0-0 to submit this correspondence regarding the process for after-hours permits, both for utility companies (including, but not limited to, Verizon, Washington Gas, DC Water, and Pepco), as well as for construction generally.

During the November 2020 ANC 6D meeting, a representative of DCRA informed this ANC of a proposed change to after-hours permits such that responsibility for these permits will shift from DCRA to DDOT. <u>ANC 6D is</u> <u>requesting confirmation of this change and a complete summary and</u> <u>details of exactly how after hours permits will be handled between the</u> <u>two agencies going forward, both with respect to utility companies and</u> <u>in general.</u>

ANC 6D has been critical of the previous process as detailed in our series of letters beginning on January 14, 2020, when ANC 6D sent a letter to the Public Service Commission (the "PSC") requesting information as to how permits for after-hours work are authorized for utility companies and

requesting increased monitoring of these permits. *See Attachment 1*. The PSC directed the ANC to communicate with DDOT on this issue. On April 20, 2020, ANC 6D then sent a letter on the same subject to DDOT, requesting that DDOT do the following: (a) implement procedures to require ANC approval of after-hours work conducted by the utilities in all non-emergency incidents in the same way that DCRA currently requires ANC approval for after-hours work conducted within 500 feet of a residence; (b) implement a clear definition of 'emergency' and 'emergent' to prevent the utilities from categorizing all work as being of an emergent nature; (c) require utilities to provide advance notification to all impacted properties, including to all property managers and the ANC; (d) require utilities to display a copy of any after-hours work. *See Attachment 2*.

On July 14, 2020, ANC 6D sent a letter dated to Councilmember Allen requesting legislative changes to the permitting process. *See Attachment 3*.

Now that DCRA has stated that a change will be occurring. ANC 6D is requesting that DCRA and DDOT clarify exactly how after-hours permits will be processed going forward. Which agency will be responsible for these permits? Will the responding agency differ depending on whether the applicant is a utility company or a general contractor? How will 'emergency' and 'emergent' work be defined? Will the responsible agency commit to the previous process whereby ANC authorization for these permits was required for any contractor? Will the responsible agency also commit to requiring ANC authorization for any utility company to receive an after-hours permit?

We look forward to your prompt response.

Should you have any questions, please contact ANC 6D at 6d@anc.dc.gov.

Sincerely,

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

CC: Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6

# ANC 6D

# Southwest / Navy Yard / Buzzard Point Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D

# Attachment 1

January 14, 2020

Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia Attn: Chairman Willie L. Phillips 1325 G Street N.W., Suite 800 Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Chairman Phillips,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on January 13, 2020, with a quorum present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 7-0-0 to require the Public Service Commission to increase its monitoring and enforcement of utility crews operating throughout the city. This includes but is not limited to, Verizon, Washington Gas, DC Water, and Pepco, referred to hereinafter as "the utilities" or "utility crews."

We ask that you (1) implement procedures to require ANC approval of after-hours work conducted by the utilities in all non-emergency incidents in the same way that DCRA currently requires ANC approval for after-hours work conducted within 500 feet of a residence; (2) implement a clear definition of 'emergency' and 'emergent' to prevent the utilities from categorizing all work as being of an emergent nature; (3) require utilities to provide advance notification to all impacted properties, including to all property managers and the ANC; (4) require utilities to display a copy of any after-hours permit near the work site; (5) require the utilities to have a valid, timely permit for all after-hours work.

Recent events in ANC 6D represent just a sampling of the type of work and rude, dismissive behavior the utilities engage in on a daily and nightly basis. For example, while jackhammering a sidewalk at 10pm, a Verizon crew occupied half of an intersection, pushing cars into a single lane with no flaggers and no valid permit.

Far more egregious, Verizon jack-hammered a two-foot deep trench down the middle of a street occupied in part by residential buildings at 6:30pm on a Saturday night. The trench made the road impassable, yet there was no valid

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permit, no signage, no flaggers, no detours, and no warning. Cars parked on the street could not have exited had they needed to; indeed, no emergency vehicle could have traversed the street. In response to having these flagrant issues pointed out to them, the indifferent crew shrugged, laughed, and kept working. It took a prompt response from MPD to resolve the issue. Surely, MPD is much better employed elsewhere.

We urge you to take action to implement increased enforcement of permit requirements and monitoring of the utilities' work throughout the city. Proper, accurate permits coupled with advance notification to the neighborhood and ANC approval should not be residents' wish lists -- that should be standard protocol.

We ask that you provide us with your response no later than **February 10, 2020 and urge you to give our concerns great weight under law.** 

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

Sincerely,

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Gail Fast Chairperson, ANC 6D Southwest, Navy Yard & Buzzard Point

With copies to: The Honorable Muriel Bowser Office of the Mayor 1350 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington DC 20004

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# *Southwest / Navy Yard / Buzzard Point* Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D

# Attachment 2

April 20, 2020

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District Department of Transportation Attn: Jeffrey Marootian, Director 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20024

Via email: Jeff.marootian@dc.gov

Dear Director Marootian:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on April 13, 2020, with a quorum being present, a quorum being 4 Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 6-0-0 to submit this correspondence regarding after-hours permits granted to utility companies.

On January 14, 2020, ANC 6D sent a letter (**Attachment 1**) to the Public Service Commission (hereinafter "the PSC") asking for increased monitoring and enforcement of the utility companies (including, but not limited to, Verizon, Washington Gas, DC Water, and Pepco) operating throughout the city. In response, the PSC directed the ANC to contact the Department of Transportation. **See Attachment 2**.

We write therefore to ask that DDOT (a) implement procedures to require ANC approval of after-hours work conducted by the utilities in all non-emergency incidents in the same way that DCRA currently requires ANC approval for after-hours work conducted within 500 feet of a residence; (b) implement a clear definition of 'emergency' and 'emergent' to prevent the utilities from categorizing all work as being of an emergent nature; (c) require utilities to provide advance notification to all impacted properties, including to all property managers and the ANC; (d) require utilities to display a copy of any after-hours permit near the work site; (e) require the utilities to have a valid, timely permit for all after-hours work.

On a regular basis, utility crews have appeared without warning in the neighborhood, blocking intersections, closing roads, and creating impassable streets. When asked to display permits for this work, the crews have either (i) been unable to show any permit or (ii) displayed permits expiring at 3:30pm for work being done at 7pm. In response to questions, crews have indicated that

"DDOT said we could work later." The ANC understands and expects that if DDOT were planning to allow work past a time listed on a permit, the agency would simply extend the time on the permit. We assume DDOT is not providing one guideline on a permit and offering another, contradictory guideline via unofficial communications.

In many instances, it took prompt responses from MPD to resolve situations with the utility company at issue. We urge you therefore to take action to implement increased enforcement of permit requirements and monitoring of the utilities' work throughout the city. This should include prior notification to residents, ANC authorization for non-emergency utility work after-hours, penalties for utility companies that fail to abide by the terms of their permits, and denial of permits to utility companies who regularly flout traffic and parking laws, thereby putting the safety and security of all residents at risk.

We look forward to your prompt attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Gail Fast Chairperson, ANC 6D Southwest, Navy Yard & Buzzard Point

CC: The Honorable Muriel Bowser, Mayor, via email: Mayor.Bowser@public.govdelivery.com Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6, via email: Callen@DCCOUNCIL.US Council Chair Phil Mendelson, via email: PMendelson@DCCOUNCIL.US Councilmember Mary Cheh, Chair, Committee on Transportation and the Environment, via email: MCheh@DCCOUNCIL.US

# *Southwest / Navy Yard / Buzzard Point* Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D

# Attachment 3

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July 14, 2020

Councilmember Charles Allen 1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Suite 110 Washington, DC 20004

Via email: callen@dccouncil.us

Re: Request for legislative action to rectify the on-going nuisance caused by utility companies engaging in un-announced, overnight work

Dear Councilmember Allen,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on July 13, 2020, with a quorum being present, a quorum being 4 Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 7-0-0 to submit this correspondence seeking your assistance with after-hours permits granted to utility companies.

On January 14, 2020, ANC 6D sent a letter (Attachment 1) to the Public Service Commission (hereinafter "the PSC") asking for increased monitoring and enforcement of the utility companies (including, but not limited to, Verizon, Washington Gas, DC Water, and Pepco) operating throughout the city. In response, the PSC directed the ANC to contact the Department of Transportation (DDOT). *See* Attachment 2. The ANC then wrote a letter (Attachment 3) to DDOT to make the same request and asking that DDOT require utilities to have valid, timely permits for all after-hours work.

Our requests have gone unanswered and ignored.

We therefore write to ask that you consider taking legislative action to rectify the on-going nuisance caused by utility companies engaging in un-announced, overnight work.

Specifically, as we have indicated in our previous correspondence, we seek your assistance with the following: (a) the implementation of procedures to require ANC approval of after-hours work conducted by the utilities in all non-

emergency incidents in the same way that DCRA currently requires ANC approval for after-hours work conducted within 500 feet of a residence; (b) the establishment of a clear definition of 'emergency' and 'emergent' to prevent the utilities from categorizing all work as being of an emergent nature; (c) a requirement that utilities to provide advance notification to all impacted properties, including to all property managers and the ANC; (d) a requirement that utilities display a copy of any after-hours permit near the work site; and (e) a requirement that utilities have a valid, timely permit for all after-hours work.

We urge you therefore to take action to implement increased enforcement of permit requirements and monitoring of the utilities' work throughout the city. This should include prior notification to residents, ANC authorization for non-emergency utility work after-hours, penalties for utility companies that fail to abide by the terms of their permits, and denial of permits to utility companies who regularly flout traffic and parking laws, thereby putting the safety and security of all residents at risk.

We look forward to working with you on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Gail Fast Chairperson, ANC 6D Southwest, Navy Yard & Buzzard Point

CC: The Honorable Muriel Bowser, Mayor Council Chair Phil Mendelson Councilmember Mary Cheh, Chair, Committee on Transportation and the Environment

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December 15, 2020

Department of Transportation Attention: Director Jeff Marootian 55 M Street., SE Washington, DC 20003

Via email: Jeffrey.marootian@dc.gov

# **RE: Frederick Douglass Bridge Follow-up Requested and Concerns for Construction Impacts**

Dear Director Marootian,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on December 14, 2020 with a quorum present, a quorum being four commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 6-0-0 to request to send a letter to the Department of Transportation regarding our concerns on the plans to demolish the existing bridge.

ANC 6D06 Commissioner Rhonda Hamilton attends all meetings regarding the FDB and its construction. At the last months' public meeting, the bridge construction team discussed the plans for the demolition of the existing bridge. During the meeting, the topic of the releasing of contaminates and dust was discussed.

ANC 6D is very concerned about the negative impact on the surrounding community if there is the possibility of releasing contaminates and othe matter into the air. Preliminary research has indicated that exposure to particulate matter can make individuals more susceptible to health risk, including the coronavirus (COVID-19).

ANC 6D does not have to remind you about the contaminated soil and remediation at Audi Field. As for the bridge, our concerns have not been properly addressed and our request for air monitors at the bridge were not honored. Construction goes on, sometimes throughout the night, with little consideration for the neighborhood and without ANY advanced warning. No notices are ever posted and it is DDOT's responsibility to let residents know when there will be overnight work. Many in the surrounding community do not have access to email or the internet so it is imperative that DDOT post flyers in/around Old SW. Your office can coordinate with Commissioner Rhonda Hamilton, at <u>6D06@anc.dc.gov</u> and she can let you know the best places to distribute the flyers.

ANC 6D is questioning whether this is the best time to take the bridge down? The District is in the midst of the largest increase in positive coronavirus cases and, unfortunately, deaths since the pandemic began. The Mayor and the Department of Health agree that cases are going to increase (we are in the midst of the Thanksgiving surge now) and a second surge is likely, probably some time after Christmas. Isn't it better to delay demolishing the old bridge until the pandemic is under control? With a vaccine on the way, the delay would probably be minimal and by then hopefully the majority of residents will have been inoculated.

There is a scheduled follow-up meeting promised by the bridge team with the community to discuss air quality dust mitigation plans. It is our hope that DDOT will work with ANC 6D and Councilman Allen's office to get this meeting scheduled at the beginning of the new year.

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

Sincerely,

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

cc. Councilman Charles Allen

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December 15, 2020

Mr. Kokeb Tarekegn District Department of the Environment Voluntary Cleanup Program 1200 1st Street, NE Washington, D.C. 20002

Via email: kokeb.tarekegn@dc.gov

RE: Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Application Package SW Land Holder LLC c/o Akridge 100 V Street, SW Square 611 Lot 19 and a Portion of Square 609 Lot 810 Washington, DC 20024 AEC Project No. 20-238

Dear Mr. Tarekegn,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on December 14, 2020 with a quorum present, a quorum being four commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 6-0-0 to provide written comments to the Department of Energy and Environment on Case no 20-238, the filing of a voluntary clean-up by the applicant/owner of 100 V Street, SW.

ANC 6D is extremely concerned about the proposed clean-up because of the level of contaminants that were found in Buzzard Point based on DOEE assessments performed prior to soccer stadium construction, which pose a danger to all who now live in or travel in and out of the area. It is our understanding that the contaminants that need to be excavated include lead, TPH and Arsenic. Regardless of whether low levels of these chemicals have been detected, we are concerned that they are present and may be released from the site. The contaminants found in the prior assessments can be inhaled through the lungs, do damage to the respiratory system and other vital organs in the body, and pose serious risks to public health.

It is not clear why DOEE has failed to do a cumulative impact assessment of toxic chemical exposure and the safeguards in place to protect new residents in Buzzard Point and those in the adjacent community, which includes seniors and others with existing and underlying medical conditions that make them

particularly vulnerable to environmental contaminants that may be further released during environmental remediation.

Because of these circumstances, we are requesting that all steps be taken by the applicant and the environmental firm that will perform the remediation at 100 V Street SW, to protect the health and wellbeing of all residents, as well as the workers and visitors to the site where the voluntary clean-up will be performed.

ANC 6D requests that the application include the installation of stationary air quality monitors while the remediation efforts are underway in order to document the presence of dangerous vapors released from the site. The documentation from the air quality monitors will permit immediate mitigation steps to be performed to reduce the level of dangerous particulate matter from being released. We also request that silk fencing be placed around the site and that DOEE inspectors conduct regular inspections to make sure that the applicant is in compliance with the remediation plan. We want every possible precaution and safeguard taken by the applicant to protect our community and one hundred percent transparency of the remediation efforts.

Finally, it would be helpful if DOEE informed ANC 6D of applications submitted for all properties in 6D and provided us with briefings at our monthly meetings. It is also hoped that the applicant and a staff member from DOEE will come to ANC 6D's January 11, 2021 business meeting to walk us through the remediation plans that will taking place by the environmental firm prior to the work being started.

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

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December 15, 2020

Department of Energy and Environment Attention: Director Tommy Wells 1200 First Street., NE Washington, DC 20002

Via email: tommy.wells@dc.gov

RE: Recommendations for Vulcan Cement Plant and Request for attendance at January's ANC meeting to provide an update on Vulcan new air permit application

Dear Director Wells,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on December 14, 2020 with a quorum present, a quorum being four commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 6-0-0 to send a request to the Department of Energy and Environment to attend ANC 6D's January 11, 2021 business meeting.

In July, ANC 6D and the community submitted comments into the public record in response to Vulcan's permit renewal application (permit #6451) to operate a concrete batch plant at 2 S Street, SW. **ANC 6D is requesting an official fron DOEE's Air Quality Division, who is familiar with this permit application, to attend our meeting and provide ANC 6D with an update on Vulcan's permit status.** 

ANC 6D is concerned about the current upkeep and maintenance of the facility and the negative impact it is having on the community. The trucks coming and going from this site continues to expose Southwest residents to toxins from black carbon emissions. The truck do not have up-to-date equipment nor adequate safeguards to mitigate the impact of these toxins on the air our residents breathe. In addition, this facility releases a substantial amount of particulate matter through fugitive dust and research has shown that exposure to particulate matter makes people more susceptible to contracting and developing serious health complications including COVID-19.

ANC 6D is requesting DOEE's attendance on January 11 and, in the meantime, look seriously into Vulcan's operation and identify the necessary safeguard, protocols and procedures that need to be put into place should you approve their new permit.

# We are also requesting that great weight under law be applied to our recommendation to close the facility which was included in our advance comments submitted in July 2020.

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

Sincerely, pil That

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December 30, 2020

Ms. Elisa Vitale Development Review Specialist DC Office of Planning 1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington DC 20024

Via email: <u>elisa.vitale@dc.gov</u> With copy to: Kristin Connall, kconnall@akridge.com

# RE: Comments on Large Tract Review Application for 100 V St. SW (Square 609, Lot 804 and Square 611, Lots 19 ad 810)

## Dear Ms. Vitale:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on December 14, 2020 with a quorum present, a quorum being four commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 6-0-0 to provide written comments to the Office of Planning (OP) on Akridge's Application for Large Tract Review of the upcoming redevelopment of 100 V Street SW.

This large site, to be completed in two phases, will ultimately include over 2000 residences, several hotel and office spaces and a variety of retail opportunities. As such, it will dominate and largely determine the character and functioning of Buzzard Point. ANC 6D has received a full briefing by the Applicant, is excited about prospects for a well-designed and imaginative new village setting, but has raised several issues that it hopes OP and the Applicant will address.

First, while there will be a new Anacostia River Walk along the water's edge around Buzzard Point and new recreational uses of the water itself, there will be very little green space remaining as a result of the redevelopment of Buzzard Point and including this site. The 100 V St. plan calls for a park space at the southern end of the site along V St., which would cover the full block between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> streets and be about 50 feet wide from the curb to the building line. **ANC 6D is requesting that the Applicant reimagine this area and instead of the**  cacophony of uses currently planned, allow this space to remain as green space in order to reclaim some calm open space for residents and visitors. While ANC 6D acknowledges that there are several open-air seating areas envisioned within interior public spaces in the plan, plain open space will be at a premium and real greenspace will be a needed component.

ANC 6D is also concerned about flooding and drainage systems to accommodate the massive amount of new building and hardscape, the extreme increase in density and the loss of green space. ANC 6D has already sent a letter to Andrea Limauro, Senior Neighborhood Planner, at OP about how this project and others, in Buzzard Point, will meet the requirements and guidelines set forth in the SW/Buzzard Point Resilience Strategy. We will be eager to learn that the 100 V St. project complies with the strategy.

Second, ANC remains concerned that without special attention on the part of the Applicant, this new village is nearly equal in size to all of the New Southwest that was developed in the 1960s, will be solely reserved for higher income residents. Most Buzzard Point parcels have, and will be, developed as a matter-of-right, and hence below market rate housing will at best be met by the 8 to 10% Inclusionary Zoning requirement at 60% of MFI. This does not adequately contribute to ANC 6D's desire to maintain social diversity, memorialized in Southwest's award-winning Small Area Plan (SAP). The SAP was developed, in partnership with OP, and specifically outlines the need for an increase in affordable housing, which has been identified by the Mayor as a citywide crisis. <u>ANC 6D is recommending that the Applicant for this, the largest development in Buzzard Point, aim for a high of perhaps 20% affordable housing.</u> Further, to maintain social diversity, we would like to see a commitment to a range of unit sizes that will include substantial numbers of larger units to accommodate families. Rather than a preponderance of studios and small footprint units that encourage transiency, larger units ensure continuity and community stability.

One additional observation about how to support social diversity. The Applicant's design plan shows the use of sky bridges to eliminate outdoor transit between buildings in inclement weather. ANC 6D will argue that sky bridges have contributed to killing city street life in other jurisdictions and may easily work against the sort of social interaction across demographics that nurtures social diversity.

Third, we have seen no specific plans for services to support this large new community, such as a supermarket, drugstore, hair and other personal services (e.g., drycleaner, cobbler, dental), primary or emergency medical services, perhaps a small branch library or other service specifically meant for residents in contrast to visitors. Nor has there been any reference to public safety facilities, including police and fire services. The tendency to fill commercial spaces with restaurants, rather than neighborhood services, is in part a function of the size and pricing of commercial spaces. <u>ANC 6D requests</u> that the Applicant be especially mindful of the need to create spaces that will support services needed by the large number of permanent residents in Buzzard Point. Without such services the site will not help build a sustained community.

Fourth, ANC 6D is concerned about transportation and traffic management. This requires a wellarticulated plan for how the Applicant will handle such management within the site, as well as the Applicant's expectations for public and private transportation and traffic control to move residents and visitors to and from the area. The Applicant should describe what planning has been done or remains to be done and by whom. <u>ANC 6D will expect a full transportation demand management plan (TDM)</u>,

# including game day management from visitors to both Audi and Nats stadia, which will impact transportation and traffic management for the site.

As part of traffic management, the Applicant should detail the specifications for loading docks that will be needed to accommodate the large number and size of trucks that will be delivering to the multiple locations of commercial, hotel and residential units. We understand and appreciate that all loading will be below grade level but would still like to know that the specifications will avoid problems from inadequate planning that we have experienced in other new projects in 6D.

Finally, ANC 6D remains concerned about environmental hazards that may emerge during construction that affect the health and well-being of residents in the immediate area, including long-term residents to the north of the project and new residents to the south and east. We understand that the Applicant will be undertaking a Voluntary Cleanup (VCap), and has identified coal dust as the principal contaminant on the site. Since other projects in the area have identified other contaminants, ANC 6D will want to review the documents that have been generated to date, and will want to know that specific monitoring and mitigation strategies will be implemented prior to beginning and throughout construction. ANC 6D has written to the Department of Energy and Environment as well to express our concerns about the VCap effort, since many of our residents have endured continuing airborne pollution from the two concrete plants that supply concrete to the many redevelopment sites throughout Southwest. ANC 6D is also working with the Office of the Attorney General on the effects of environment toxins on our community and we will remain vigilant on this issue.

We appreciate the several meetings that the Applicant has had with the ANC on this redevelopment effort. Since this project is not required to go before Zoning and community input is critical, ANC 6D is requesting OP require the Applicant to continue working with ANC 6D throughout the project. Commissioner Rikki Kramer, whose SMD, this project is located in and Commissioner Rhonda Hamilton, whose SMD borders the project, will be ANC 6D's point persons. They can be reached at: CM Kramer, 6D05@anc.dc.gov CM Hamilton, 6D06@anc.dc.gov.

ANC 6D thanks the Office of Planning for the opportunity to express our interest and concerns. We ask that our comments be given great weight in the Office of Planning's considerations.

Should you have any questions, please contact <u>6D@anc.dc.gov</u> or 202-554-1795.

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

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December 17, 2020

Andrea Limauro Senior Neighborhood Planner DC Office of Planning 1100 Fourth St. SW Washington. DC 20024

Via email: Andrea.Limauro@dc.gov

### Dear Mr. Limauro,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on December 14, 2020 with a quorum present, a quorum being four commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 6-0-0 to request further discussion with the Office of Planning (OP) regarding OP's plans for implementation of the Southwest and Buzzard Point Flood Resilience Strategy.

At our June 2020 meeting, ANC 6D learned that the Office of Planning, in collaboration with relevant District agencies, would be engaging community stakeholders in the creation of a strategy to address climate-related flood events in Southwest and Buzzard Point, principally through the design of public parks and roadways. As a waterfront community undergoing rapid redevelopment, which is dramatically increasing population and density, we are particularly concerned that we manage new demands on flood control and groundwater drainage appropriately. We are concerned as well that flood and drainage control not negatively impact our two rivers, which are in the process of gaining in water quality and wildlife protections, as use of the waterways increase for transportation and recreation.

We understand that the Strategy is largely focused on three parks in Southwest— Randall, King/Greenleaf and Lansburgh. We think this is both an opportunity and an imperative to broaden the focus. The Strategy should dovetail the guidance in the Southwest Small Area Plan and the Buzzard Point Vision Framework.

The Southwest Small Area Plan speaks to increasing tree canopy in all new development, increasing pervious surfaces, encouraging bioretention and landscaping strategies to increase stormwater and flood water retention, and in general consider requiring flood-proofing to 500-year flood protection. The Vision Framework explicitly cites storm-absorbing infrastructure and multiuse spaces to serve as parks during good weather and accommodate flooding during highwater conditions. While some new

buildings in Buzzard Point are already incorporating flood resistant construction, we should be especially focused on the potential loss of green space as the area is redeveloped with new highrise buildings and hardscape. The Framework also notes that restoring a living shoreline and providing a natural barrier to flooding will also help restore the ecosystem along the rivers, and green infrastructure on appropriate streets should capture and filter storm water before it drains into the Anacostia River. We need to ensure that these requirements are implemented with any new development in Southwest and particularly Buzzard Point, and that they are thoroughly vetted by OP and DCRA through the review and permitting process.

In this regard, we would like to raise two specific concerns. First in reviewing the design for 100 V St. SW, we understand that there is to be a public park created along V St. between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> streets, at the southernmost portion of this large site. We would like to learn how this park will serve the objectives of the Resilience Strategy, and ensure that all recommendations are integrated into the design.

Second, the development raises the broader question of how Buzzard Point will handle significant new runoff and drainage demands in moving from a mostly undeveloped area with a few office buildings to a densely developed, largely residential area with over 6,000 new residences. A recent short but intense rainstorm forced the construction of new drainage conduits at the foot of 1<sup>st</sup> St., reminding us that this is a good time to review and understand the big picture of drainage and flood control for the whole area. We would like to understand how the runoff and drainage systems are expected to be addressed in this large site, and how the Strategy will address the recommendations in the Vision Framework.

While this site is subject to a Large Tract Review in which the ANC has limited input, we hope to continue to work closely with Akridge to ensure that the development is successful in serving the new residents in Buzzard Point, the larger Southwest community, and the many visitors who will inevitably enjoy this new community. We request that in preparation for forthcoming analyses on the Strategy and meeting with the community, that the Office of Planning meet with ANC 6D to discuss how you are planning to implement the Strategy overall for Southwest and Buzzard Point, share any current materials that will add to our understanding of the challenges, and help us consider what has been done and what remains to be done in the implementation of the Resilience Strategy and related issues going forward.

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

Sincerely,

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With copies to: Andrew Trueblood, Director, Office of Planning, <u>Andrew.Trueblood@dc.gov</u> Tommy Wells, Director, Department of Energy and Environment, <u>Tommy.Wells@dc.gov</u> Councilman Charles Allen, <u>callen@dccouncil.us</u> Elisa Vitale, Office of Planning, <u>elisa.vitale@dc.gov</u>

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December 15, 2020

Donovan Anderson, Chair c/o Martha Jenkins, General Counsel Alcohol Beverage Control Board 2000 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Suite 400 South Washington, DC 20009

RE: 3<sup>rd</sup> & K Street Market, Inc. t/a Cornercopia, ABRA # 82665

Dear Mr. Anderson,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on December 14, 2020, with a quorum present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted <u>6-0-0</u> to renew the applicant's request for a Class B license and that the ABC Board maintain the existing Order of Voluntary Agreement 2009-233, dated September 14, 2009, for 3<sup>rd</sup> & K Street Market, Inc. t/a Cornercopia.

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RE: Friendly David Market, t/a Friendly Food Market ABRA # 060722

Dear Mr. Anderson,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on December 14, 2020, with a quorum present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted <u>6-0-0</u> to support the applicant's renewal of a Class B license and that the ABC Board maintain the existing Board Orders, 2010-031 and 2010-041, for Friendly David Market, t/a Friendly Food Market.

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RE: Harris Teeter, LLC t/a Harris Teeter, ABRA # 095112

Dear Mr. Anderson,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on December 14, 2020, with a quorum present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted <u>6-0-0</u> to renew the applicant's request for a Class B license and that the ABC Board maintain the existing Order on Cooperative Agreement 2014-360, dated September 4, 2014, for Harris Teeter, LLC t/a Harris Teeter.

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RE: Federal Center Hotel Association, LLC t/a Holiday Inn (Capitol) ABRA # 109749

Dear Mr. Anderson,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on December 14, 2020, with a quorum present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted <u>6-0-0</u> to support the applicant's renewal of a Class B license and that the ABC Board maintain the existing Order on Cooperative Agreement 2018-436, dated June 11, 2018, for Federal Center Hotel Association, LLC t/a Holiday Inn (Capitol).

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December 17, 2020

Donovan Anderson, Chair c/o Martha Jenkins, General Counsel Alcohol Beverage Control Board 2000 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Suite 400 South Washington, DC 20009

RE: Simply Smiles, LLC, ABRA # 094207

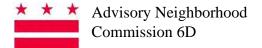
Dear Mr. Anderson,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on December 14, 2020, with a quorum present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted <u>6-0-0</u> to support the applicant's request for a Class B - Retailers license renewal and that the ABC Board accept the attached Cooperative Agreement for Simply Smiles, LLC.

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

Sincerely, Ast

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# COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

THIS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made on this 15th day of December, 2020, by and between joint ABC license applicants, Simply Smiles, LLC (together, "Applicant"), 333 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024, License #094207 and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D ("ANC"), collectively, the "Parties".

# PREAMBLE

Through this Agreement, both parties aim to create an environment in which the Applicant may operate as a viable contributing establishment in the ANC6D community.

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WHEREAS, Applicant has applied for a new Retailer's Class B Retail - Grocery license for a business establishment ("Establishment") selling beer and wine in a market located on the ground floor in the Residence Inn Marriott at 333 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024 ("Premises"). There are no endorsements for entertainment, dancing, cover charges, or sports gaming; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant is encouraged to work regularly with ANC6D and its representatives, other neighborhood organizations, and residents to ensure that the business operations facilitate the enjoyment of the surrounding neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of the ANC filing a protest against Applicant's pending ABC License application, the Parties are desirous of entering into a Settlement Agreement pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-446 for the operation and maintenance of the Establishment in such a manner as to minimize, within ANC, (1) the effect of the establishment on peace, order, and quiet, including the noise and litter provisions set forth in *§§* 25-725 and 25-726; and (2) the effect of the establishment upon residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety, and to eliminate the need for a Protest Hearing regarding the license application; and

WHEREAS, all parties believe that the statements and provisions contained in this agreement are reasonable and shall become wholly integrated into the day-to-day operation of

the Establishment. Any change from this model may be of concern to the residents and may be considered within the direction of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board ("ABC Board") to be a substantial change requiring the ABC Board's approval.

WHEREAS, the Parties have agreed to enter into this Agreement and request that the ABC Board approve the Applicant's license application conditioned upon the Applicant's compliance with the terms of this written Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the recitals set forth above and the mutual covenants and conditions set forth below, the Parties agree as follows:

- 1. *Recitals Incorporated.* The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. *Hours of Operation and Sales.* The Applicant may operate the inside of the premises between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

The Applicant's hours of alcoholic beverage sales, service, and consumption inside the premises shall be between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Provided that: (a) on days designated by the ABC Board as "Holiday Extension of Hours," Applicant may avail itself of, and the ANC will not object to Applicant's applying for, the extended hours so provided; (b) in the event the Council of the District of Columbia or the ABC Board grants licensees in general extended operating hours (such as for Inauguration), Applicant may avail itself of such extended hours; (c) on January l of each year Applicant may operate until 4:00 a.m. The ANC will not object to the Applicant applying for a One Day Substantial Change, in accordance with District law, so that it may offer entertainment until 4:00 a.m. on January 1 of each year.

- 3. *Floors Utilized and Occupancy.* The Applicant will operate its establishment on the ground floor(s) of the building. The Establishment will have no seats inside.
- 4. *Noise and Privacy.* Applicant shall comply with D.C. Official Code § 25-725 and, to that end, shall use various means, such as architectural improvements to the property, and take reasonable actions to ensure that music, noise, and vibration from the Establishment are not audible within the adjacent residential premises. If necessary, Applicant will take reasonable steps to reduce noise emanating from the Establishment by keeping the entry or exit doors closed, except for ingress and egress. Applicant shall inform its patrons by signage or other means that residences are in proximity to the Establishment and urge quiet and decorum by patrons upon exiting the Establishment.
- 5. *Parking/Public Transportation Arrangements.* It is a concern of the ANC that the Applicant's operation of the Establishment does not create or exacerbate parking

problems within the ANC boundaries. Applicant shall notify its patrons (through a website or other means) that there is limited parking in the vicinity and shall provide information about public transportation options.

- 6. **Public Space and Trash.** The Applicant shall, to the best of their ability, keep the area around the Premises clean and free of litter and shall police these areas sufficiently to assure that refuse and other materials are promptly removed. The Applicant shall either participate in the building's trash removal program or maintain a dumpster and the area adjacent to the dumpster in accordance with the remainder of this paragraph. The Applicant shall take reasonable measures to ensure that the dumpster shall be enclosed with the lids tightly closed and incapable of being entered by rodents, in order to limit odors and help control pest and rodent population. The Applicant shall take reasonable measures to ensure the area around the dumpster be clean and the dumpster shall be placed such that it does not encroach on abutting property and so that no garbage is placed on abutting property. Proper (recyclable) removal of grease and oils shall be used and grease and oils shall not be deposited for removal in dumpsters or trash cans. Regular rodent and pest (insect) abatement services shall be utilized. The Applicant shall take reasonable measures to ensure the area around the dumpsters be properly cleaned at the end of each night to ensure that no uncontained garbage or malodorous odors are present.
- 7. Security Cooperation in Stemming Illegal Drugs and Public Drinking. Applicant agrees to take reasonable, necessary steps to minimize such problems, including, at all times, having a trained employee on site; without limitation, designating a sufficient number of employees to assure adequate security and to control unruly patrons, whether inside or in the immediate outside area; monitoring for and prohibiting sales or use of illegal drugs within or about the Premises; and, maintaining contact and cooperating with MPD and other enforcement officials when known or suspected drug activities occur. Applicant shall take reasonable steps to discourage loitering in the vicinity of the Premises.

Applicant shall have adequate security cameras inside the Premises which record and store information for at least 30 days, which recordings shall be made available to representatives of ABRA or MPD upon request. ANC acknowledges that Applicant's landlord has sole responsibility for security cameras on the exterior premises.

8. *License Ownership and Compliance with ABRA Regulations.* Applicant shall abide by all Alcoholic Beverage Regulations Administration (ABRA) regulations regarding the ownership of the license and all other provisions applicable to liquor licenses and agrees that ANC shall have standing to ask the ABC Board to enforce any violations of the agreement. Any reference made to specific laws and regulations in this Agreement is meant for informational purposes only. ANC does not intend for a violation of a DC law or regulation to also be considered a violation of this Cooperative Agreement.

- 9. *Participation in the Community.* Applicant is encouraged to maintain open communication with the ANC, and the community for which the ANC acts.
- 10. *Notice and Opportunity to Cure.* In the event that any of the parties is in breach of this Agreement, it shall be entitled to reasonable notice and opportunity to cure, as a condition precedent to seeking enforcement of the Agreement. Unless the breach is of an emergency nature or is a repetition of a prior breach, reasonable notice and opportunity shall permit a cure within 30 days of the date of such notice. If Applicant or the licensee fails to cure within the 30 day period (or, with respect to a breach which reasonably requires more than 30-days to cure, fails to commence cure of such breach or diligently pursue such a cure), failure shall constitute a cause for filing a complaint with the ABC Board pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-447. Unless otherwise noted above, any notices required to be made under this Agreement shall be in writing and mailed via certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or hand delivered, to the other parties to this Agreement at the following addresses. Notice shall be deemed given as of the time of receipt or refusal of receipt:

| If to Applicant: | Simply Smiles   |
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|                  | 333 E Street, SW                                      |
|                  | Washington, DC 20024                                  |
|                  | Attn: Hmwe H Kyi                                      |
|                  | Email: hanhmwe@gmail.com                              |
|                  | Phone: 301-577-7142                                   |
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| If to ANC:       | Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D                   |
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Failure to give notice shall not constitute waiver or acquiescence to the violation, but notice shall be a prerequisite to the filing of a complaint with the ABC Board or any other enforcement action.

11. *No Protest.* Upon execution of this Agreement by the Parties and its acceptance by the ABC Board, and in reliance thereupon, the ANC shall refrain from filing a protest of the Applicant's pending ABC license application.

| Applicant: Simply Smiles, LLC                       |   |
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| Date: 12/15/20                                      |   |
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RE: Whole Foods Market Group, Inc. t/a Whole Foods Market Group, ABRA # 109870

Dear Mr. Anderson,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on December 14, 2020, with a quorum present, a quorum being four Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted <u>6-0-0</u> to renew the applicant's request for a Class B license and that the ABC Board maintain the existing Order of Settlement Agreement 2018-706, dated November 28, 2018, for Whole Foods Market Group, Inc. t/a Whole Foods Market Group.

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