

**ANC6D Monthly Business Meeting Minutes**  
**February 12, 2024**  
**Virtual Meeting held on Zoom**  
**Fredrica Kramer, Chair**

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

***Approval of the Agenda***

The Commission approved the agenda after agreeing to add to the Treasurer's Report a discussion on whether to continue funding to pay the Administrative Assistant's salary.

***Introduction of Commissioners***

***Announcement of Next Administrative and Business meetings: 3/4/24 and 3/11, respectively, both at 7 pm via Zoom***

***Review and Approval of January 2024 Minutes***

On motion of Commissioner Levine, the minutes were approved 6-0

***Community Announcements***

Commissioner Kramer reported that Commissioner Rohmer has resigned and thanked her for her service.

Commissioner Pawley reported that she and Commissioner Hamilton had been delayed in recruiting individuals to engage in follow up on the results of the Safeway survey but that they planned to move forward over the next month.

Commissioner Fast announced that there is an opportunity for members of the community to register to testify or submit written comments in connection with the various oversight hearings coming up, including for DCHA.

Commissioner Kramer provided some additional information about the upcoming DC agency oversight hearings.

Commissioner Levine made several announcements. He thanked Safeway, the SWBID, and DC Central Kitchen for stepping up to provide lunches to participants in a pilot workforce development program of DOES and Together We Rise for SW residents. He also reported that the Safeway External Area Working Group has been meeting and that the various participants in it have been working to make that area safer and will continue to do so. Finally, he happily announced that DPW had responded positively to the request for more trash cans on both sides of M Street between 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Water Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street below 395.

Jeanne Mattison announced that the C3CARES healthcare organization would be having an open house at Greenleaf on 2/16 from 10-4 and that there is an ad in The Southwester providing more details. She reported that the Secure DC Bill had passed through the 1<sup>st</sup> vote by the City Council, and that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote would be occurring soon. She also noted that the STEER Act, which Councilmember Allen had championed, had passed the City Council. Finally, she informed all people who think they should not be paying taxes that they need to and go to EITC.DC to ensure they do not leave money on the table.

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

Captain Paul Hrebenak introduced himself as the new Sector 1 Captain, stressing that he has extensive background working with youth and juveniles. He noted that MPD had a huge deployment at The Wharf for Mardi Gras. He reported also that that there were three robberies at The Wharf/Maine Avenue since the January Business meeting, and that MPD has increased patrols throughout the day on the Maine Avenue side of The Wharf, along with more foot patrols on Water Street. Thefts from autos have gone down since the same period last year. He also indicated that MPD had arrested a man in connection with an attack on a jogger around 4<sup>th</sup> and G streets—this individual has mental health issues and is currently being held.

Captain Harding reported that a fixed post is being established on the 1100 block of 4<sup>th</sup> Street. MPD is also planning joint patrols with Metro Police around that area. They are also going to have a traffic officer stationed at the intersection of

4<sup>th</sup> and M. He reported that gun violence increased between 1/27 and 2/4. The police are seeing linkages between crime incidents in Southwest. Two crime patrols have been added to the James Creek-Syphax neighborhood. The watch commander on each tour at 1D communicates with their counterpart at DCHA to determine how the two services can complement each other. Property crime is being closely monitored. He announced that an email group has been established to facilitate communication within the community.

Commissioner Link commended MPD for their efforts on Maine Avenue at The Wharf and raised concerns about the appearance of ATVs at The Wharf.

Captain Hrebenak explained how TCO availability works, pointing out that DDOT oversees this deployment, and expressed his hope that we will see more involvement of TCOs in Southwest.

### ***Presentations***

Chris Dyer from DPR made a presentation to update the community about the Agency's activities. The following were the key points:

--A community meeting to kick-off the Randall Rec project is tentatively scheduled for 3/23, and he noted that a contractor for the project has not yet been identified.

--Registration information for various DPR programs is available, and he specifically mentioned summer camp registration-- the lottery for the four summer camp sessions has just opened.

-- Another meeting re the SW Town Center Park project will be held on 2/15 at 6:30 pm at Westminster Church. He reported that 172 people had responded to the DPR survey about the project, with the most popular priority being the preservation of green space and trees. In response to ANC commissioners indicating dissatisfaction with the survey design, he indicated that feedback on it can be directed via email to him.

-- DPR has just released to the public its Ready to Play capital plan for the next twenty years.

--Maintenance problems at DPR facilities can be reported through 311.

--On 2/22, the DPR performance oversight hearing will be held by the City Council.

-- \$3M in grants is available to organizations interested in providing recreational opportunities.

## *Consent Agenda*

Upon motion of Commissioner Kramer, the Commission voted 6-0 to send a letter to DSLBD supporting the SWBID's 5-year renewal; send a letter in support of the Purple Stride 5K Walk; and to send a letter supporting the Cherry Blossom 5k.

## *Development, Planning and Transportation*

Upon motion of Commissioner Kramer, the Commission voted 5-1 to send the letter drafted by Commissioner Kramer to DDOT Interim Director Kershenbaum and Charles Tenbrook, containing suggested changes to the 2023 TOPP in anticipation of the upcoming release of the 2024 TOPP, with stronger intro language than originally drafted by Commissioner Kramer.

Upon motion of Commissioner Hamilton, the commission voted 6-0 to send a letter to DPW in support of a constituent's request for a trash can to be placed on O Street between South Capital and Half streets.

On motion of Commissioner Kramer, the Commission voted 6-0 to send a letter to the Public Space Commission, Department of Energy and Environment, and the Department of Buildings to indicate the Commission's opposition to placement of a particular statue outside the 60 I Street SW development project and the proposed lighting plan, and a letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation expressing opposition to the process by which the statue's placement on public space occurred.

## **Committee Reports**

### *Transportation*

Kirk Sander, the Chair of the ANC's Transportation Committee, reported on the progress of the Committee. He indicated that the Committee will provide a written report, as requested, to the ANC, and that he would add the TOPP, Maine Avenue delivery issues, and the Flexiposts on 4<sup>th</sup> and M to the list of items the Committee is addressing.

## *ABCA*

Chair Josh Perry reported that the Committee did not have a quorum for its last meeting. He also announced that he will be stepping down after the March Committee meeting. The Commission thanked him for his service.

There was a discussion about the Hen Quarter Cooperative Agreement. Upon motion of Commissioner Kramer, the Commission voted 4-2 to protest Hen Quarters' effort to make a substantial change to its license application in the form of an entertainment endorsement, on the basis of peace, order, and quiet.

On motion of Commissioner Pawley, the Commission voted 6-0-0 to approve the amendment to the Voluntary Settlement Agreement related to the ABCA license for Safeway on 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW. The Commission also commended Commissioner Pawley and Stephanie Eicher of the ABC Committee for their efforts to work out the CA with Safeway.

***There was no Chair's Report nor Treasurer's Report.***

Commissioner Hamilton raised concerns about how the Commission is handling the Chat function during Business Zoom sessions. The sense of the Commission is that a better procedure for allowing appropriate community participation must be decided upon before the March meeting.

*The Commission adjourned at approximately 9:42 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by Bruce Levine.*

