

ANC6D Monthly Business Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2024
Virtual Meeting held on Zoom

The Commission convened at approximately 7:04 p.m. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Fredrica Kramer, Bob Link, Andrea Pawley, Bruce Levine, Gail Fast, Chearie Phelps -El, Rhonda Hamilton, and Ron Collins.

Commissioner Collins offered acknowledgement of the passing of Charles W. Hargraves, who had served as a member of [the ANC 6D](#) and [had](#) been active in other SW civic activities, on July 5, [2024](#). He also acknowledged the passing of Marilyn Charles, another longtime SW resident.

Approval of the Agenda

The Commission approved shifting the time of Item 8(f) to 8 pm and shifting (e) and (f) to later.

Introduction of Commissioners

Announcement of next Administrative and Business meetings: 9/3/24 and 9/9/24, respectively, both at 7 pm via Zoom

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Commissioner Hamilton, the Commission approved 8-0-0 the minutes of the May 13 Business Meeting.

Upon motion of Commissioner Collins, the Commission approved 8-0-0 the minutes of the May Special Meeting.

Upon motion of Commissioner Link, the Commission approved the minutes of the June Business Meeting 7-0-1 after adding language requested by him and Commissioner Kramer.

The Secretary indicated that beginning with the minutes approved at this meeting, he will add signature lines that he will fill in before filing the minutes as “final.”

Community Announcements

Commissioner Collins announced that Alpha Phi Alpha will hold the 11th annual SW Community Day ~~atay~~ Lansburgh Park on August 10.

Commissioner Levine reported that the SWBID had gotten permission from DDOT, at his request, to refurbish the 19 call boxes remaining in SW. He thanked the SWBID for their ongoing efforts to be responsive to community needs and to improve the quality of life in SW.

Commissioner Phelps-El announced that UPO is going to offer a budgeting and financing course on July 17 and August 14, and also a computer class for which they are trying to increase enrollment.

Public Safety Report from MPD

Captain Hrbenak reported that Lt. Danho has set operational plans for the Broccoli City Festival, which will include 12 additional personnel. In PSA 103, crime was down 67% last month year-year. MPD will be focusing on 4th Street and The Wharf. He also reported that an individual causing issues at the Tides has been arrested. In PSA 105, property crime has been down in the last 30-60 days. There was a shooting at 325 P Street SW in July, and MPD has identified a person of interest. The Captain reported a burglary on June 20 in the 1900 block of Half.

Commissioner Pawley indicated that she has been trying to get lights turned on at SW Town Center Park and asked if MPD could reach out to DGS to get lights turned on for the non-functioning light poles. the string of lights fixed.

Commissioner Fast thanked MPD for paying attention to the illegal event at the Duck Pond on the 4th of July. She expressed concerns about Maple Drive thefts—in response, Capt. Hrbenak indicated that MPD will have their Focus Patrol include this area, and have the bike unit do so as well

Commissioner Hamilton asked about MPD coordination with DC Housing Police around the upcoming Broccoli City Fest, and also about particular efforts at King Greenleaf Rec Center. Lieutenant Danho indicated that MPD is paying 24/7 attention to the Rec Center, and that MPD plans extra patrols for the Broccoli City Fest.

In response to a question from Commissioner Levine, Capt. Hrbenak indicated that MPD is in touch with building management at Channel Square.

Community Concerns

Ethan Henshaw and Darius Wagner from Georgetown U. made a presentation asking the ANC to support a citywide ban on legacy admissions to higher ed.

Presentations

DDOT Road Safety Audit—Ann Welch of DDOT presented, and discussed the initiation of the effort to prioritize protected bike lanes and buses between 6th Street SW and 1st St. SE. They are currently in Phase 1, the needs assessment.

Broccoli City Festival—Danita Johnson and Deborah Stokes presented on the upcoming festival. After long discussion of the lack of notice to ANC 6D about this event, upon motion of ~~Chair Kramer~~ Commissioner Kramer, ~~upon motion of Chair Kramer,~~ the Commission voted 8-0-0 to send a letter to DC United, the organizers of Broccoli City Festival, and appropriate city agencies seeking information about the festival and expressing our concern over lack of notice. Following, upon motion of Chair Kramer, the Commission voted 7-0-0 to send a letter to ABCA opposing the issuance of an alcohol license for the Broccoli City Festival for the spaces external to Audi Field.

SWBID Bus Stop Bench Project—Jesse Himmerlich of the SWBID presented, along with Lexie Albe. Upon motion by Commissioner Link, the Commission voted 8-0-0 to send a letter of support for the proposed public art installation by the SWBID for the “Bus Stop Bench” project to be located at various locations throughout Southwest DC per their plans and proposal. ANC 6D has not received any negative

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feedback from residents, has met with the applicant and reviewed the proposed plans and is excited to bring additional public art to Southwest DC

Nicholson Project—Allison Nance presented on behalf of The Nicholson Project. She indicated that they are proposing to the DC Council on the Arts a \$125K mural project called “Song of Sons” for the building on the corner of 9th and Maine. Upon motion of Commissioner Link, the Commission voted 8-0-0 to send a letter of support for the proposed public art installation by The Nicholson Project located at 899 Maine Avenue SW. ANC 6D has not received any negative feedback from residents, has met with the applicant and reviewed the proposed plans and is excited to bring additional public art to Southwest DC.

Cathenge Public Art Project—The artist David Normal presented his plan for an art piece in the circle in front of The Salamander Hotel, for which he is seeking a grant from the DC Commission for the Arts and Humanities. Upon motion of Commissioner Link, the Commission voted 7-0-1 to send a letter of support for the proposed public art installation by Normal for “Cathenge.” The proposed installation is located within the circle at Maryland Avenue SW in the area commonly known as The Portals. While ANC 6D has not received any negative feedback from residents, the submission of our letter of support is contingent on the Applicant receiving letters of support from ARTECHOUSE and The Salamander as well as SWBID. ANC 6D has met with the applicant and reviewed the proposed plans and is excited to bring additional public art to Southwest DC.

2024 DC Bike Ride—Diane Romo Thomas presented information on this event. Upon motion of Chair Kramer, the Commission voted 8-0-0 to provide a letter of support for the bike ride.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion of Chair Kramer, the commission voted 8-0-0 to approve the consent agenda, which included a letter of support for Paul Taylor’s annual summer Lansburgh park event planned for August 24.

Development, Planning and Transportation

Upon motion of Commissioner Levine, the Commission voted 8-0-0 to submit a letter to the Department of Buildings, with copies to the DC Council, seeking an order to stop work on construction of Merchant’s Marina bar/lounge pending the outcome of the ordered upcoming hearing by the Zoning Commission on the proposed “modification of significance” to The Wharf PUD final order.

Committee Reports

ABCA

Upon motion of Commissioner Link, the Commission voted 8-0-0 to protest the ABCA license Application #128628 for Fish Shop DC (Artfarm DC, Inc.) absent a mutually executed Community Agreement, on the grounds of peace, order and quiet. Any ANC 6D Commissioner or their delegate can represent ANC 6D at the roll call hearing and protest hearing as required. The protest letter must be filed with ABCA no later than July 22, 2024.

Upon motion of Commissioner Link, the Commission voted 8-0-0 to authorize the ANC 6D chair to execute the ABC Committee-recommended and Applicant-signed Settlement Agreement for ABCA applications #127817-1 and 127817-2 for “American Cruise Lines” as well as to withdraw our protest currently scheduled for a July 17th, 2024 status hearing.

Chair Report

Commissioner Kramer thanked the Commissioners for their work.

Upon motion of Chair Kramer, the Commission voted 8-0-0 to issue the proposed RFP for migration of the ANC website.

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

Minutes prepared by Bruce Levine, Secretary

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