



**Report of the ANC6B Public Safety Committee Meeting
Held July 22, 2024, from 6:30 – 8:00p.m, via Zoom
Submitted by Commissioner Frank Avery (6B01), Chair, ANC 6B Public Safety
Committee, for the September 9th, 2024 ANC 6B Commission Meeting**

Commissioners Present: Frank Avery, Committee Chair (6B01); David Sobelsohn (6B03); Edward Ryder (6B08)

Resident Members Present: Jody Kent Lavy, Vice Chair (6B06); Frank Boudra (6B01), John Schwab (6B03, Acting); Anne Seymour (6B04); Elliot Mamet (6B04, *Alternate*); Ann Keep (6B05); Michelle Strizever (6B07); Kelly Waud (6B08) Cinnamon Butler (6B08, *Alternate*), Eric Miller (6B09)

I. Agenda Item #1; Introductions

Introductions of Commissioners and resident members.

II. Administrative Action: Update on Public Safety Committee Chair & Appointment of Vice Chair

Chair Avery updated the committee on his recent appointment as Chair following the vacancy created by former Chair Matsumoto stepping down. As Chair, Commissioner Avery appointed RM 6B06 Member Jody Kent Lavy as new Vice Chair.

III. Guest Speaker - Misha Pettway: Potomac Gardens Representative to Discuss ANC 6B Engagement (20 minutes)

Ms. Pettway was unavailable to join. This item has been deferred to the September 2024 meeting following the ANC's August recess.

IV. Open Discussion: Next Steps on Gun Violence Reduction Strategic Plan Roundtable Event with other ANCs

Vice Chair Kent Lavy provided the Committee an update on-going discussions. She shared that she has been in contact with the entity that organized the strategic plan. She has reached out to other ANCs and has heard back from ANCs in Wards 3 and 5. She has also reached out to other states and region to get a 'best practice' example.

Commissioner Sobelsohn asked if Vice Chair Kent Lavy had a sense of the number of committees and how old they are. She shared that there appears to be about a dozen committees, but she does not have information on how long they have been established for.

No formal action was taken on this item.

V. Open Discussion: Promoting Network for Victim Recovery of DC as a Community Resource (10 minutes)

Vice Chair Kent Lavy shared the request for feedback on how we can promote. 6B07 RM Strizever shared the idea of posting information to the ANC's website. PSC Chair Avery shared that the ANC can post resources and copies of presentations to a dedicated landing page for the Committee which is already on the website. It linked here: <https://anc6b.org/committees-task-forces/special-committee-on-public-safety/>.

Vice Chair Kent Lavy asked about adding additional places for information on victim recovery / victim's advocates that the ANC could promote. 6B07 RM Strizever mentioned MPD sends an email with resources. She also shared that libraries also may be able to provide information or previously provided information. PSC Chair Avery mentioned we could ask MPD to collaborate.

6B01 RM Boudra suggested also asking MTPD and US Capitol Police to assist in promoting these resources.

No formal action was taken on this item.

VI. Open Discussion: Expanding Visibility and Engagement of ANC 6B Public Safety Committee Meetings

Vice Chair Kent Lavy shared her goal that the committee explore opportunities to continue expanding the prevalence and visibility the PSC has for issues across the community and requested input from the PSC members. RM Keep (6B05) shared the request the ANC explore establishing a PSC website with a scoreboard/dashboard. She also asked about if AG Schwalb would join the committee for a discussion. PSC Chair Avery confirmed he could invite AG Schwalb to a future meeting this year. 6B04 RM Mamet suggested the committee ask CM Allen about getting its content into the CM's newsletter. 6B08 RM Waud shared how communicating the value of the Committee can be difficult. She encouraged committee member's to share with neighbors through methods such as posting hard copy fliers in the neighborhood. PSC Chair Avery confirmed the ANC can collect emails for future email lists and, if needed, it can cover printing costs for fliers.

Vice Chair Kent Lavy asked if folks can volunteer to help with outreach. Ms. Waud suggested outreach to Capitol Hill Village. There were no additional volunteers.

No formal action was taken on this item.

VII. Community Shoutouts and September 2024 Meeting Agenda Planning

Shoutouts:

RM Waud (6B08) provided shout-outs to the Trigger Project and Brotha's Huddle.

Agenda Planning:

Committee members requested the following items:

- Invitation to Deputy Mayor of Public Safety Appiah (*Confirmed for the October 2024 ANC 6B PSC Meeting*)

- Invitation to DC Attorney General Schwalb (*Invited September 5th 2024 for any of the September-December PSC meetings*)

- Invitation to MPD Commander Hall and Captain Crist (6B08) – Deferred to later in the fall as both have recently spent extensive time with ANC 6B this calendar year.

- Ward 1 CM Nadeau on OUC / 911 Call Center Issues (*Confirmed for the ANC 6B PSC October Meeting*)

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM. The next meeting is September 23, 2024 at 6:30pm via Zoom.