



Capitol Hill / Southeast

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

Regular Monthly Meeting

March 11, 2025

Held in Person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE and over Zoom

Commissioner Vince Mareino, Chair

Minutes

Approved at ANC 6B meeting April 8, 2025

Participating: Commissioners Gorman, Hughes, Krebs, Mareino, Ryder, Sobelsohn, Sroufe, and Wolanin.

Absent: Commissioner Pastore.

Commissioner Mareino called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda. At the request of the following commissioners, the proposed agenda was amended as follows:

a. Wolanin: Move revision of standing rules from the "Consent Agenda" to "ANC 6B Administration Matters."

b. Sroufe: Move support for a project at 4-5 Library Court, SE (HPA 25-90) from the Consent Agenda to the report of the Planning and Zoning Committee.

c. Sobelsohn: add to--

1) Announcements.

a) Resignation of chair.

b) Upcoming ANC meetings.

2) ANC 6B Input on Other Items: a resolution on the Council's proposed "Little *Chevron*" bill, which would expand judicial deference to DC agency decisions.

3) ANC 6B Administration Matters: before "Election of New Chair," a motion to suspend the bylaws.

d. Gorman: add, to the Consent Agenda, appointing Jamie Johnson and Katie Fobben to the Southeast Library Taskforce.

e. Krebs: add, to the Consent Agenda, appointing Sarah Robertson to the Planning and Zoning Committee

f. Hughes: add, to the--

1) Agenda, a presentation about the RiverSmart Homes program.

2) Consent Agenda--

a) Support for--

1-- Letters to DC's Department of Transportation (DDOT).

a-- With ANC 6A, supporting DDOT's Lincoln Park study.

b-- Urging erection of a stop sign at the corner of Independence Ave. and 5th St., SE.

2-- A project at 1227 Independence Ave., SE (BZA 21245).

b) Withdrawal of nomination for Historic District designation of Barney Circle.

Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Sroufe seconded to approve the agenda as modified. The motion passed 8-0.

2. Consent Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Hughes seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as modified. The motion passed 8-0. The Consent Agenda included:

a. Adoption of the proposed February 11 meeting minutes. Those minutes can be found at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/11.-February-2025-Minutes-ANC-6B.pdf>.

b. Written reports and minutes of ANC 6B committee and taskforce meetings since the February 11 ANC meeting. Those reports and minutes can be found at https://dcgovict-my.sharepoint.com/personal/6b_anc_dc_gov/_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx?id=%2Fpersonal%2F6b_anc_dc_gov%2FDocuments%2FANC6B%2FAGenda%26Packets%2F2025PacketFiles%2F02-February2025%2FFebruary2025AgendaPacket.docx.pdf&parent=%2Fpersonal%2F6b_anc_dc_gov%2FDocuments%2FANC6B%2FAGenda%26Packets%2F2025PacketFiles%2F02-February2025&ga=1.

c. Committee and taskforce appointments: to the--

1) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee: by Commissioner--

a) Gorman: Kristen Hutchens as Resident Member for ANC 6B04.

b) Hughes: Margaret Strouse as Resident Member for ANC 6B09.

2) Planning and Zoning Committee: by Commissioner Krebs, Sarah Robertson as Resident Member for ANC 6B06.

3) Public Safety Committee: by Commissioner Mareino, Kelly Waud as Resident Member for ANC 6B07.

4) Southeast Library Taskforce: by Commissioner Gorman, Jamie Johnson as Resident Member and Katie Fobben as Alternate Resident Member, both for ANC 6B04.

d. Committee recommendations: from Committees on--

1) Planning and Zoning: to--

a) Support a project at 1227 Independence Ave., SE (BZA 21245).

b) Withdraw the ANC's nomination of Barney Circle for designation as an Historic District.

2) Transportation: to send letters to DDOT.

a) With ANC 6A, supporting DDOT's Lincoln Park study.

b) Urging erection of a stop sign at the corner of Independence Ave. and 5th St., SE.

3. Announcements: by--

a. ANC 6B commissioners: Commissioner--

1) Mareino announced that--

a) ANC 6B has--

1-- Sent a letter supporting the May 18 Capitol Hill Classic run.

2-- Officially protested the application of 7th St. Love, LLC, trading as Acqua AI 2, for a new-retailer class "C" restaurant license for a restaurant at 212 7th St., SE.

b) He is resigning as ANC 6B chair, effective at the end of this meeting.

2) Krebs announced upcoming ANC meetings: of the--

a) Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Taskforce, in person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, at 7 p.m. Monday, March 17.

b) Public Safety Committee, exclusively over Zoom, at 7 p.m. Monday, March 24.

c) Executive Committee, exclusively over Zoom, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25.

d) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Committee, both in person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and over Zoom, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 1.

e) Transportation Committee, exclusively over Zoom, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2.

f) Planning and Zoning Committee, exclusively over Zoom, at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 3.

g) Southeast Library Taskforce, both in person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and over Zoom, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 7.

h) Full ANC 6B, both in person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and over Zoom, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 8.

3) Sroufe announced a meeting Wednesday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m., in Eastern Market's North Hall, 225 7th St., SE, on the future of the William H. Rumsey Aquatic Center, 635 North Carolina Ave., SE.

4) Sobelsohn announced that Doug Layer has resigned as ANC 6B07 Resident Member on the Southeast Library Taskforce.

b. Kimberly Kennedy, of the Office of Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen made the following announcements.

1) DC budget: Because DC passed a fiscal-year 2025 balanced budget, the Continuing Resolution, passed by the U.S. House of Representatives, would mean a \$1.1 billion shortfall for DC, and subsequent cutbacks in services and jobs.

2) DC's Earned-Income Tax rebate: DC expanded its rebate in 2021. Any taxpayer who files a DC return gets the rebate even without claiming it.

3) Councilmember Allen has introduced a bill to prevent banks and credit-card companies from charging merchants a "swipe fee" for use of their credit cards. Council has referred the bill to the Committee on Economic Development.

4) Councilmember Allen will lead the annual Ward 6 Clean-Up on Saturday, April 5.

c. Noah Glasgow, of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, made the following announcements.

1) Comprehensive Plan: for updates go to DC2050.com.

2) Residential street cleaning: to get your street cleaned, call 311.

3) Federal funding and employment cutbacks.

a) Continuing Resolution: Glasgow agreed that Congress's pending continuing resolution, which would reduce DC's spending of DC tax dollars to fiscal-year 2024 levels, would cut \$1.1 billion for fiscal-year 2025. He also predicted that, if Congress cuts those funds, it would probably delay renovation of the Rumsey Aquatic Center.

b) Job eliminations: 50,000 federal employees live in DC. Since the election, 7,000 have lost their jobs. DC's Chief Financial Officer estimates those lost jobs will cost DC \$1 billion in lost revenue over the next 4 years. In the meantime--

1-- DC has launched a supportive website, fedsupport.dc.gov.

2-- DC will hold a job fair March 14 to tell laid-off federal workers about openings in the DC government.

3-- DC offers unemployment insurance to anyone who worked in DC, wherever they lived. If they worked in DC under 6 months, they might have to file both in DC and in their jurisdiction of residence. Glasgow promised that the DC

Department of Employment Services would help with those filings, and invited anyone who still has problems filing to email <mailto:noah.glasgow@dc.gov>.

d. Metropolitan Police Department: MPD Captain Adam Crist announced in writing that Police Service Area 106 will meet on Microsoft Teams at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 26.

4. Presentation by Skye Webster, DC Department of Energy and the Environment, about the RiverSmart Homes Program. The program aims to reduce stormwater runoff. For \$50-100 each, auditors assess residential property. Assessment takes 20-60 minutes. The program then offers free shade trees and a DC Water discount. Anyone in a DC residence of up to four units is eligible, whether owner or tenant.

5. ANC 6B Input on Other Items of Concern.

a. Ward 6 ANC get-together. Since the previous date, March 23, elicited insufficient response, Commissioner Hughes is researching new dates for the event, as well as ethics rules regarding what, if anything, the ANC can provide, out of its own funds, for refreshments.

b. "Little *Chevron*" proposal. In 1984, in *Chevron U.S.A., Inc. v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.*, the United States Supreme Court established a rule requiring modified judicial deference to federal agencies. In *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo* (2024), the Supreme Court overruled *Chevron*. The DC Council is considering a proposal, B26-48. The bill would enshrine, in DC law, a version of *Chevron* deference, to apply to judicial review of DC agencies. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Hughes seconded to adopt a resolution (1) opposing the current DC *Chevron* bill as written, (2) urging Council to consider the differences between DC agencies and federal agencies, (3) urging Council to require that courts--before deferring--insist that the law the agency is applying be at least ambiguous, that the agency has followed all legal procedures, and that the agency has expertise in the subject matter, and (4) urging that the law not require deference on an agency's interpretations of its own regulations. Commissioner Sroufe moved/Commissioner Tyler seconded to table the motion until the ANC 6B Executive Committee meeting March 25. The motion to table passed 7-1, with Commissioner Sobelsohn opposed. For the text of the motion ultimately passed at the March 25 Executive Committee meeting, go to <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/ANC-6B-Resolution-on-B26-48.pdf>.

6. Committee and Taskforce Reports.

a. Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee. Committee chair Ellen Oppen-Weiner reported for the committee regarding the applications of--

1) Acqua AI 2, 212 7th St., SE, for a liquor license. Chair Oppen-Weiner expressed optimism about getting a committee consensus soon about this application.

2) Tobacco King, trading as Aloha, 539 8th St., SE, for a medical-cannabis license. The committee unanimously recommended protesting this application and filing two complaints about the applicant: that it's already selling cannabis without requiring a patient's medical certification, and that it's too close to a school. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Gorman seconded to protest the application because of the effect of granting it on real property values; on peace, order, and quiet; and on residential parking needs and vehicular and pedestrian safety; and to file the two complaints recommended by the committee. Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Hughes seconded to amend the motion to also include, in the protest letter, that the applicant is too close to District Montessori, 530 7th St., SE. The motion to amend passed 8-0. The motion to protest and file the complaint letters also passed 8-0. For the protest letter go to https://dcgovict-my.sharepoint.com/personal/6b_anc_dc_gov/_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx?id=%2Fpersonal%2F6b_anc_dc_gov%2FDocum

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b. Public Safety Committee. Committee chair Commissioner Gorman reported on invitations, to appear at a committee meeting, to DC Attorney General Brian Schwab and to the office of the United States Attorney for DC.

c. Planning and Zoning Committee. Chair Corey Holman reported the committee's recommendation to support, before the Historical Preservation Review Board (HPRB), the application for approval to add a second story to 4-5 Library Court, SE (HPA 25-90). Will Teass, principal of Teass Architects, presented the applicant's position. Several neighbors expressed concerns, including that the redevelopment would focus on short-term intern rentals, and that the owner started construction without a permit and rented part of the premises without a certificate of occupancy. The HPRB hearing is scheduled for March 27. Commissioner Tyler moved/Commissioner Mareino seconded to postpone consideration of the committee's recommendation to the ANC 6B Executive Committee meeting March 25. The motion passed 8-0.

d. Southeast Library Taskforce. Chair Commissioner Sobelsohn reported, for the taskforce, on his testimony February 28 to the DC Council Committee on Human Services.

e. Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee. Commissioner Pastore reported on EMCAC's appeal for enhanced security barriers at the Eastern Market.

7. ANC 6B Administrative Matters.

a. Financial report: Treasurer Commissioner Krebs reported that our bank account has accrued \$3 in interest.

b. Standing rules: Commissioner Ryder moved/Commissioner Tyler seconded to set up a working group to propose changes to the standing rules at the ANC's May 13 meeting. The motion passed 8-0. Commissioners Tyler, Sobelsohn, Mareino, Ryder, and Hughes volunteered to serve on the working group.

c. Election of new chair. Under bylaws article XII, Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Ryder seconded to suspend, until the April 8 meeting, article IV, subsection 3A, which requires that, to fill officer vacancies, the "new officer shall be elected to serve out the term of the officer vacating his or her position at the next regular meeting of the Commission." Given the resignation, at this meeting, of ANC Chair Mareino (see above, 3.a.1)b), under "Announcements"), Commissioner Mareino nominated Commissioner Ryder as chair. Commissioner Ryder was elected chair 8-0. Commissioner Ryder immediately resigned as vice-chair. Commissioner Sobelsohn nominated Commissioner Hughes as vice-chair. Commissioner Hughes was elected 8-0.

8. Adjournment. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Hughes seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.